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LOSS RUNS INTO ENORMOUS SUM

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Thirty blocks of residences and business buildings lay in ruins with the fire raging.

Sixty Percent Burned.

At midnight, at least 60 percent of the residential and business district of Paris, Tex., thirty miles from here, had been destroyed by the rapid spread of a great wall of flames, which made almost a clean sweep of that city in about six hours late this afternoon and tonight, according to reports here.

As far as is known here, there were no casualties in the Paris fire. This is regarded as unusual, but the theory is offered that the conflagration came at such time as would allow everyone to leave the danger zone.

Fifteen Houses Standing.

A hurried survey of the business district of Paris at 10:40 tonight showed only 15 out of more than 150 business buildings still standing and thus far, unmolested by the fire which swept over the city late this afternoon and tonight. The fire was still burning at that hour, having passed the public square into the northside residential district.

Many Heavy Losses. On the east side of the public square the Merrick hotel was gutted by the flames, and the fire was extended to the north side of the square by the burning of this building, north of the hotel are more business buildings of less substantial character.

Probably the heaviest loss, the disaster is Crook, Record and a large wholesale concern, which is a four-story brick building and a stock of an estimated value of \$400,000.

Hotel Threatened.

The Gibraltar hotel, a newer structure than the Merrick, which cost about \$300,000 was threatened early tonight. This is about two blocks east of the Merrick hotel, and has a chance, it is said, of escaping the flames.

Borton-Tell Drygoods company, another large wholesale concern, lost its plant and stock, valued at about \$200,000. The Smiley apartment in the residential district, completed last fall at a cost of \$300,000, was a total loss. The palatial home of R. A. Scott, completed about three weeks ago, was completely destroyed.

Large residences in the fashionable part of the city, small houses in the factory and business districts, and substantial buildings were razed by the fire, which was fanned by a brisk south wind.

This section has been without rain for more than fifty days and the frame buildings were quickly consumed. The Paris fire department was powerless to stop the onrushing flames. Scarcity of water was also an impediment.

J. J. MOE ELECTED MAYOR OF VALLEY CITY

Valley City, March 21.—The mayoralty contest came to a close here today with much excitement, and the vote for this place despite the storm, was nearly normal. There was no special issue on which the contest hinged, except each of the three men was amply qualified for the place.

The excitement revolved about who would get there first. The vote was: Peter Davidson 221, J. J. Moe 322 and Lee Combs 245—a total vote of 788.

GLEN ULLIN COUPLE CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Glen Ullin, N. D., March 21.—Between 50 and 40 relatives and old friends are gathered this evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bean at Glen Ullin to help them celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

Fire Burns a Western Ark. Town

Fears Are Held That Modoc, a Nearby Place, Will Likewise Fall Before Flames.

Topeka, March 21.—According to reports reaching Ness City, the town of Utica, in western Arkansas, has been destroyed by fire. Telephone wires are down.

Scott City has received reports that the town of Modoc, west of Utica, has also been destroyed by fire.

Dodge City has been enveloped all day in a cloud of smoke, and the local fire department was stationed at the edge of the city to contest the approach of prairie fires, which were burning in a great quarter circle in four counties to the north and west of here.

The extreme mild weather of the last few days, coupled with a high wind, has made the prairies like tinder. Many local citizens have assisted in checking the conflagration.

JAMES A. BROWN APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF CONTROL

Governor Hanna Selects Rollette County Man for Late Mr. Brewster's Place.

NEW APPOINTEE IS AN N. D. PIONEER

Late Tuesday afternoon Governor L. B. Hanna appointed James A. Brown, Rollette county, to the board of control to fill out the unexpired term of the late Fred Brewster. This appointment is one that has been awaited for some days and many eyes have been covetously turned toward the capitol by those desiring the appointment.

Well Known in Northern Section. James A. Brown came to North Dakota many years ago and has always been engaged in agriculture until the position of county auditor of Rollette county. In that place he has served for six consecutive terms. Recently he has been boomed for the office of state auditor.

Comparatively Young Man. He is only 42 years of age, married, and has four children, three boys and one girl. He was at one time engaged in school teaching and also proved up on a homestead in Rollette county.

Was in City. Mr. Brown, who has been in the city for a few days, has accepted the appointment and as soon as his resignation is accepted to the auditor's position, he will come to Bismarck and make this his home. He left for home yesterday.

WANT DAILY SERVICE

Dun Center, N. D., March 21.—A petition for the establishment of an exclusive passenger service on this branch of the Northern Pacific has been presented to the state rail commission.

The petition is liberally signed by residents of the section, who maintain the present mixed service is inadequate.

FAMOUS BANDIT OF CIVIL WAR DAYS, DEAD IN MISSOURI HOME

Lees Summit, Mo., March 21.—Cole Younger, famous outlaw of border days, but of late years a devout church attendant and good citizen, died tonight on the farm where he was born, 71 years ago. For several weeks he had been hovering between life and death and the end came tonight.

Younger had been out of prison 13 years, after serving a quarter of a century behind the bars of the Minnesota penitentiary for the Northfield bank robbery in 1876. His brother, Ebb, died in the prison.

Thomas Coleman Younger, to give his full name, became an outlaw because his father was killed as a result of his opposition to the war. He joined Quantrell's band of guerrillas and was present in the memorable raid on Lawrence, Kan., in which its garrison of federal troops was put to death by the guerrillas.

The depredations of the James boys were attracting attention about the time the war ended and as feeling against the Youngers was still running high as a result of their activities, they were blamed for many of the acts of the James' gang. Prior to this time, however, neighbors had started a story that the Youngers had been implicated in an Iowa bank robbery. Cole Younger went to Florida and lived under an assumed name, in order to get away from a reputation he had not earned. Unable to obtain amnesty for what he had done during the war, Cole Younger finally conceived the robbery of the Northfield, Minn., bank as a means of ob-

HAY ARMY BILL ONLY IMPORTANT MATTER IN HOUSE

Senate Passed Tillman Munitions Measure and Voted \$11,000,000 for Plants.

VOTED ON FORMER MEASURE TODAY

Many Amendments Made to the Matter Which Is Up for Consideration.

Washington, March 21.—Although rapid progress was made in the house today with the Hay army increases bill, it was found impossible to reach a vote before adjournment. It may be passed tomorrow, it having been set on Wednesday's calendar for uninterrupted consideration.

In the senate, Chairman Chamberlain of the military committee, now plans to call up his army bill tomorrow. He had expected the house bill to be completed today, and was waiting for it, but concluded tonight that time would be saved by attempting to take up the senate measure at once.

Several Important Amendments. Several important amendments were made to the Hay bill during the day. With one exception, they were approved by Chairman Hay of the military committee. After defeating a proposal by Representative Kahn, ranking minority member of the committee, to permit efficient, regular soldiers to be discharged into the reserves in one year on recommendation of their commanders or in two years on their own motion, the house reversed its action and put through a similar amendment by Representative Gardner of Massachusetts, over Representative Hay's opposition.

Reserve Officers Training. The most important amendment was the inclusion of the reserve officers' training scheme, proposed by Representative Gard of Ohio, democrat, which already has been included in the senate bill. It provides that military instructors be supplied by the war department to any civil educational institution, with an able student body of 100 or more and where a military course, satisfactory to the war department is established. A sufficient number of graduates would be designated for six months' additional training with the regular army to maintain a corps of 50,000 reserve officers. The provision was approved by the Association of Military Colleges and Schools.

Give President Great Power. Another amendment accepted, which was offered by Representative Kahn, would permit the president to order out the regular army reserves without going to congress for authority. The contemplated strength of the reserve is 60,000, and as the bill now stands, the president could increase the regular army from its peace strength of 140,000 to a strength of 235,000 by executive order, if war seemed imminent. The last amendment adopted was offered by Representative of Kentucky, a member of the committee. It would authorize the war department to have constructed all the tools and fixtures necessary to convert private munition plants for (Continued on Page Two)

COMMUNICATIONS CUT FROM ARMY TO U. S. BORDER

Anxiety Prevails Here for the Punitive Expedition Now Far in Mexico.

FUNSTON ASKS FOR 'AN ADEQUATE FORCE'

Wires Laid by Advancing Column Have Been Destroyed. Wireless Failed at Six Last Night.

Antonio, March 21.—General Frederick Funston asked the war department today for more troops to send into Mexico, only after long consideration of the advisability of continuing the operation against Francisco Villa with the forces now commanded by General Pershing. General Pershing yesterday suggested that another regiment be sent to him, and today General Funston asked the department for what he characterized as an adequate force.

Wants More Troops. It was announced at General Funston's headquarters that the Fifth cavalry, of which one squadron is at Ft. Myer, Va., and another at Ft. Leavenworth, and the third at Sheridan would be brought to the border at once and brought to General Pershing's line of communication.

Whether he had asked for more troops, General Funston would not say.

Gave As Reason "Lines Weakened." The only reason given for strengthening General Pershing's force, which is known by the public generally, to be considerably more than 4,000, was that his field of operation had become so extended that his main line of communication and the subsidiary lines were much weaker than they should be.

A Precautionary Move. "Merely a precautionary move," was the way General Funston answered all suggestions to his motives, other than that it was to strengthen the line. He was asked if the reported movement of troops of the defacto government of Carranza troops in one or two instances to show active co-operation in the pursuit of Villa had anything to do with his decision to ask for more strength, but he declined to answer.

"Wire Cut" Is Report. Some little uneasiness was displayed for a moment at his headquarters today, when it was reported that the telegraph wires between Casas Grandes and the border had been cut, but an official report stating that the line cut was a "buzzer" line. General Pershing had laid that it had been broken accidentally by some of the American forces crossing it allayed apprehension.

It is not believed here that General Funston is worried to any extent by reports of alleged growing antagonism among Carranza troops, although he is carefully studying all reports unofficial and official on that phase of the situation.

Communication Cut. Reports emanating from Columbus, N. M., state wire communication between the United States and General Pershing's punitive expedition in northern Chihuahua was at a standstill tonight. It was announced from military quarters. It was asserted that the army wireless station at Casas Grandes failed shortly before 6 o'clock the only remaining line of communication into Mexico being by an army field telegraph wire, which has been practically useless for several days because it has been cut in a number of places between Columbus and its terminus, thirty miles south of the border.

El Paso reports state Mexican officials at Juarez practically conceded tonight that the cutting of the telephone and telegraph wires between Juarez and Casas Grandes was the result of a raid by Villa bandits on the Mexican Northwestern railroad. The extent of the raid and the amount of damage done was not learned.

Only Conjecture. In the absence of any news from either General Pershing or General Gavira, there was nothing left but conjecture as to the result of the fighting between Villa and the Carranza troops, said to have occurred near Naniquipa. There was a strong belief that Villa was not personally involved in whatever fighting had occurred. It seemed reasonably certain that the bandit chief could not have been at Naniquipa and at the various places at which he was located in advances to General Gavira during the last week.

Villa Defeated? If it is true that Villa had clashed at Naniquipa with Carranza troops in a general battle in which he had been defeated, it appears highly probable that by this time his followers have come in contact with the American columns. The advance guard of the Americans was reported yesterday at Valle, only 35 miles from Naniquipa. It is not believed, however, that Villa would risk an open fight (Continued on Page Three)

Organize Motor Truck Companies

Two New Units to Be Sent to the Mexican Border for Use With Army.

Chicago, March 21.—Col. A. D. Knisbren, quartermaster of the Central department of the army, received orders from Washington today to send men to Kanawha to supervise the organization of two more motor truck companies which are to be in El Paso by Thursday. The first two of such companies were organized last week and are already in service, having reached the border in record time.

H. D. ESTABROOK ---GUNDER OLSON CARRY BISMARCK

Delegate Ticket of Republican State Central Committee Wins Easily.

C. B. LITTLE LEADS IN ALL THE WARDS

Bismarck registered a light vote yesterday, in which H. D. Estabrook was the preference for president, Gunder Olson for national committeeman and the ticket named by the republican state central committee won out easily.

On the democratic side there was no opposition to Wilson, but interest centered on the fight between Bruegger and Perry for national committeeman. There were less than 40 democratic votes cast in the city. Bruegger received 22, Perry 9, and William Olson 7.

The total vote in the city for president on the republican ticket was: LaFollette 78, Estabrook 333, national committeeman, Olson 372, Lemke 37.

C. B. Little lead the ticket easily among the delegates with a vote of 402. There were only 411 republican votes cast throughout the city. A summary of the city vote complete follows:

BISMARCK CITY COMPLETE.

President. LaFollette, R. 78 Estabrook, R. 333 Wilson, D. 54 LeSueur, S. 1 Cummings, R. 1 National Committeeman. William Lemke, R. 37 Gunder Olson, R. 372 John Bruegger, D. 23 William Olson, D. 7 H. H. Perry, D. 9

Delegates to National Convention. Republicans. E. A. Bowman, LaMoure 69 H. W. Braathien, Williston 18 James A. Buchanan, Buchanan 100 O. R. Burnett, Grand Forks 7 C. C. Converse, Schafer 65 H. P. Halvorson, Sheyenne 94 H. C. Hart, Bottineau 61 George P. Hommes, Crosby 272 M. P. Johnson, Tolley 47 Robert Kee, Sanborn 32 P. T. Kretschmar, Venturia 42 C. B. Little, Bismarck 409 Jas. McCormick, Churchs Ferry 272 John E. Paulson, Hillsboro 262 E. Smith-Petersen, Park River 311 M. Tschida, Glen Ullin 55 Robert M. Pollock, Fargo 95 Claude C. Turner, Gladstone 319 August Usselmann, Mandan 312 Luther L. Walton, Carrington 309 Albert Weber, Towner 296

Democrats. Fred Bartholomew, Grand Forks 18 Karl Bichler, Selz 17 James E. Brady, Jud 12 Jakob Brandvig, Harwood 5 Martin J. Bradvold, Devils Lake 5 W. E. Byerly, Velsa 49 Scott Cameron, Linton 12 Tobias D. Casey, Dickinson 23 John L. Cashel, Crafton 24 Joseph Cleary, Williston 14 John S. Gogin, Osabrook 8 J. G. Hagelbarger, Alpin 4 Halvor L. Halvorson, Minot 18 Frank O. Hellstrom, Bismarck 20 M. H. Jefferson, Beach 6 J. Nelson Kelly, Grand Forks 15 J. C. Leum, Mayville 6 Denis M. Lynch, Fargo 16 Joseph Mann, Washburn 24 J. P. T. O'Connor, Grand Forks 20 Tim O'Connor, New Rockford 16 Jens Pederson, Minnor 5 W. P. Porterfield, Fargo 11 William Purcell, Wahpeton 24 Wm. F. Robertson, Kolette 17 P. A. Schunskie, Lisbon 5 L. L. Stair, Newberg 3 J. J. Weeks, Bottineau 11

FIRST WARD. President. LaFollette, R. 14 Estabrook, R. 36 Wilson, D. 6 LeSueur, S. 0 National Committeeman. William Lemke, R. 5 Gunder Olson, R. 49 John Bruegger, D. 4

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LAFOLLETTE LEADS ESTABROOK ON FACE OF MEAGER RETURNS; GUNDER OLSON AND PERRY WIN

LA FOLLETTE WINS OUT IN FARGO

Perry Has Lead Over Bruegger in Scattering Returns Over State.

Fargo, N. D., March 21.—Cando, Perry 21, Bruegger 16; Dickinson, Perry 94, Bruegger 14; Williston, Perry 15, Bruegger 174; Casselton, Perry 41, Bruegger 21; Kenmare, Perry 72, Bruegger 57; Minto, Perry 49, Bruegger 27; Valley City, Perry 39, Bruegger 52; Page, Perry 2, Bruegger 9; Wahpeton, Perry 59, Bruegger 33; Fargo, Perry 67, Bruegger 73, Olson 23; Fessenden, 15 majority for Perry; Dickey county gave 300 majority for Perry.

Total for Fargo—LaFollette 351, Estabrook 137.

REVOCATION OF STATE CONCESSIONS ORDERED IN SONORA

Tentative Draft of New Measure Is Being Prepared by DeFacto Officials.

CONFISCATION IS GENERAL BELIEF

Douglas, Ariz., March 21.—State officials of Sonora were preparing at Hermosillo today with the assistance of J. Luis, the new attorney general of the de facto state government, a draft of the decree ordered yesterday by General P. Elias Calles to revoke all state concessions.

Until the draft is finally completed and accepted by the military governor, the full extent to which it will affect many of the mining corporations in Sonora will not be known.

It is Confiscation. Iezeg Levier, consul of the Carranza government, and officers of Montezuma, Cananea and other mining companies stated, however, that the decree would not act as a confiscation of the large copper and gold mines in the state, as the mines and also the railroads leading to the United States border were held under grants of the federal Mexican governments. Methods of operation, taxes paid by the companies and other laws regulating the employment of men and conditions in general will be changed, they said.

Will Not Go to Mines. Plans made by the Montezuma Copper company to return a number of American workmen to the mines south of Sonora were changed today and the men were informed they would not be needed probably for several days.

At the office here of the company, however, it was stated that no intimation of trouble had been received, but that those in charge of the mines desired to wait a few days to watch the trend of events in Chihuahua before taking any action.

The American employees of the mines in Montezuma region were brought to the border last week after United States troops had been ordered into Mexico to capture Francisco Villa and his bandits. The mines continued operating with Mexican employees.

All over the Slope it was impossible to get returns because of the storm. In the northern tier of counties a fierce storm is raging and it was reported from Minot that in a large number of precincts not a vote was polled. It is estimated that hardly a 25 per cent vote was cast by the republicans.

Estabrook managers last evening refused to concede the state to LaFollette. But the story is best told by the following scattering returns that filtered in:

50 precincts in Cass county give: President. LaFollette, R. 1247 Estabrook, R. 690 Wilson, D. 339

National Committeeman. John Bruegger, D. 787 William Olson, D. 157 H. H. Perry, D. 1359

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GRAND FORKS. President. LaFollette, R. 568 Estabrook, R. 278 National Committeeman. William Lemke, R. 453 Gunder Olson, R. 639 John Bruegger, D. 982 William Olson, D. 114 H. H. Perry, D. 296 No returns were received in (Continued on Page Two)

H. C. FLINT DEFEATS KELLEY AT JAMESTOWN

Jamestown, March 21.—In the mayoralty contest in this city, which has raged for several days between H. C. Flint and J. F. Kelley, and which has resulted in some of the old time campaign excitement, came to a close today with the vote standing, Flint 493, Kelley 290. Mr. Kelley is the present mayor and when the alderman voted to cut off the salary of the mayor and make the pay depend upon the meetings attended, Mr. Kelley vetoed the ordinance and from that time on there has been a warm campaign for the position.

THE WEATHER. North Dakota: Unsettled weather Wednesday, probably snow; colder in southern portions; unsettled Thursday—no not so cold.