

CHICAGO EXPLOSION KILLS SIX

EARLY MORNING FIRE DESTROYS OLD STRUCTURES

Frame Buildings on Fifth Street Scene of Fire

FIND KEROSENE BOTTLES

Deputy Fire Marshal Declares Fire Is of Incendiary Origin

Fire which early this morning damaged three old frame buildings on Fifth street opposite the McKenzie hotel was of incendiary origin, O. T. Haakenson, deputy state fire marshal said today.

The blaze practically destroyed two frame buildings and badly damaged a third, and was not conquered until after three hours effort.

About daylight Deputy Haakenson, accompanied by fire chief Jager and county Judge Davies investigated the origin of the fire which was at the head of a stairway between the corner building occupied by the R. C. Rosen clothing store and a building until recently occupied by the Herman Lasken stationery store.

Find Kerosene
They found four bottles which had contained kerosene or other inflammable liquid. Two were milk bottles and two were glass jars. In two there was found some kerosene. Another bottle, empty, had contained gasoline, it was believed.

There is no doubt but that the origin of the fire was at the landing of the top of the stairway leading to the second floor, the deputy fire marshal said. Studding and walls had been burned which were not burned farther in the building.

The deputy fire marshal said that the upstairs rooms were all vacant. Recently parties lived in them, and he said he had ascertained that none of them left any kerosene there.

The alarm was sounded about 2:50 a. m., the fire being discovered by Night Policeman Ed. Randolph. The firemen poured water on the flames until daylight.

The frame building at the corner of Broadway and Fifth streets, occupied by the R. C. Rosen store, was left a shell, with the roof caved in and the contents practically destroyed.

Fixes Loss at \$18,000
Mr. Rosen said this morning that he estimated his loss on clothing, shoes, etc. at \$18,000 or \$19,000. He said that about \$1,000 worth of goods was saved. He carried \$13,000 insurance, he said, having cancelled \$7,000 of insurance a short time ago.

The second building which was vacated by the stationery store also was almost wholly destroyed except for the front and side walls. It was entirely vacant.

The third building from the corner occupied by John Bortell's store was less severely damaged, but the store was virtually flooded with water.

John Bortell said that it was difficult to estimate what loss he suffered in his hardware store. He thought it might be anywhere from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

The fourth building from the corner a one story frame building, was saved from the flames, although the slight wind carried the blaze toward the north.

The first three buildings were owned by E. G. Patterson. Two lots had been sold to Herman Lasken and the buildings were to be moved soon.

Night policeman Ed. Randolph, describing the origin of the fire, said that he and William Markham were standing across the street on the Northern Pacific railroad corner when they saw smoke issuing from the building, followed by a burst of flames.

The alarm was immediately sounded and the fire whistle sounded its long, strong blasts, so long, in fact, that most everybody in the city was awakened and several hundred people who could see black smoke and some flames shooting above the structures came down to watch the fire.

Lights flashed on in the McKenzie and Northwest hotels, as anxious hotel guests watched the direction of the flames and smoke. There was no excitement among them, however. There was little wind, and that a kindly one, for it carried the smoke due north, over a line of one-story buildings, so that the hotel guests were not annoyed by smoke. All during the fire faces peeped from behind hotel curtains, looking down on the seething furnace.

Hunted Origin of Fire.
Randolph said that he was certain as to where the fire started, because he returned to in front of the buildings and saw the fire issuing from a place on the north side of the roof of the corner building just above a stairway between the two structures. The flames had gained headway when the firemen began turning lines of hose on the buildings. Five lines of hose were stretched, four and five streams playing on the building at various times from all sides.

Firemen devoted attention to confining the blaze to the three frame buildings through which the fire had spread. By frequent changing of the position of the streams of water they accomplished the task. The fire burned for nearly an hour in the upper stories of the buildings, flaring up through the roofs at various times and spreading below as embers dropped through the ceiling.

Hose Bursts.
A bursted hose put one line out of

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DUBLIN CASTLE OFFICIAL SHOT BY FOUR MEN

Dublin, March 29.—(By Associated Press.)—Capt. Rees, one of the officials of Dublin castle, was shot dead this morning outside his hotel. It was announced in an official statement from the castle. Four men comprised the party which did the shooting.

DELEGATES TO ANTI-LEAGUE MEETING LEAVE

Travel from All Parts of State to Devils Lake for Independent Convention

TALK OF REORGANIZATION

May Over Shadow the Recall—Langer Comes from Kansas for Convention

Delegates to the independent state convention at Devils Lake March 30 and 31 were traveling from all directions to that city today.

The announced purpose of the call of the convention by the joint campaign committee of the Committee of twenty-one is to decide whether or not there will be a recall election in June, or perhaps at a later date.

With reports from various parts of the state showing that there was divided sentiment on a recall, both in the eastern and western portions of the state, it was generally expected that the convention would decide against a recall election at this time. The convention to last two full days, and a full discussion of conditions in the state is expected. Many delegates to the convention are pronounced in their attitude either for or against a recall.

Reorganization Question
The recall matter may be overshadowed, it appeared, by a movement to form a new campaign organization of Independents in the state, either for a reorganization of the Republican party campaign committee to rehabilitate Republican organization and principles in the state campaign or to proceed upon a policy of having an independent committee for all factions opposed to the Nonpartisan league, and to make it independent of the Independent Voters' Association or Republican or Democratic organizations.

Delegations from the western part of the state because of the long distance to Devils Lake and the difficulty in reaching the city are in most cases small in number, many of the delegates being represented by proxy.

Grant county is an exception. With Claude Lackey, representative, as leader, six of the seven delegates selected at the county convention arrived at Bismarck last night. They left this morning on No. 2 and will go across from Jamestown to Devils Lake.

Member of Delegation
Those in the delegation beside Mr. Lackey are: J. S. Wright, J. W. Bristow, Henry Bellman, L. L. Brown, and E. J. Saunders.

Among those in the Stark county delegation were George Brown, D. E. Shipley and Claude Turner.

Represent Burleigh
The three delegates who went from Burleigh county were Judge E. T. Goddard and Charles Anderson, H. P. Hurke.

Dunn county was well represented. Frank Ostrander, Henry Cline, Tom Johnson and Tom J. Anders were on the delegation.

E. A. Tostevin, W. F. Reko, P. D. Norton and several other delegates left last night for Fargo and will go to Devils Lake by way of that city. Morton county is about equally divided in regard to the recall. The delegates from all of the other western counties are solidly opposed to it.

Delegates Meet.
Stutsman county delegates and also the delegates from Kidder and counties to the south met the delegates from the west at Jamestown and went with them over the Jamestown-Carrington, New Rockford line to Leeds and then by way of the Great Northern to Devils Lake.

Deny Rumors
The joint campaign committee late yesterday sent to the press a telegram, denying rumors that the convention had been called off.

The telegram is as follows: Some thoughtless fellow who cannot see the difference between a joke and a serious problem has apparently gone out of his way to start a rumor to the effect that the independent convention to be held at Devils Lake has been called off. Three inquiries from different parts of the state reached I. V. A. Headquarters this afternoon. The convention has not been called off and what is more there will be delegates there from every legislative district in the state unless our effort to counteract this rumor should fail to reach some of the farthest outlying districts.

LANGER LEAVES SALINA
Salina, Kan., March 29.—William Langer, former attorney general of North Dakota, who has been campaigning in this state against Townsleyism, left Salina last night for Devils Lake, N. D., where the state convention of

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WOMEN VOTERS PLAN ELECTION REFORM



By Newspaper Enterprise.
Cleveland, March 29.—More than 1000 delegates will be in attendance when the second annual convention of the National League of Women Voters opens here April 11 for a week's session.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, honorary chairman of the league, will outline improvements in American election methods and urge the adoption by the league of her measures for election reforms.

The work done during the year by the seven standing committees will be explained and the campaign to be followed by each in the future will be decided upon.

Interest centers in the reports to be made by two of these committee chairmen, both from Washington: Mrs. LaRue Brown, of the Committee on Supply and Demand.

Mrs. Brown's Committee has been actively working for a year for the enactment of the Shepard-Towner bill providing federal aid for mothers and babies.

"We will recommend at the convention endorsement of standards in child welfare to be attained by state legislation where necessary and by non-legislative means where possible," says Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. Costigan says her committee will recommend cooperation with federal agencies to obtain the proper production, distribution and use of food, the enactment of state laws forbidding profiteering and improper hoarding; the establishment of public markets, abattoirs, milk depots, and legitimate cooperative associations of producers and consumers.

WEHE IS AGAIN ORDERED FROM BUREAU OFFICE

Governor Serves Notice of Removal on Commissioner of Compensation Bureau

ACTION IS ASSAILED

Wehe's Friends Assert Governor Has Flouted Courts of State

Laurens J. Wehe is again removed as commissioner of the Workmen's Compensation Bureau, the order of removal having been handed to Wehe about 6 o'clock last evening.

The action of Governor Frazier means another legal battle over the position, which has been in controversy since April 19, 1920, when Wehe was suspended from the position.

The governor, Wehe asserted in saying that he did not know just what action he would take, is in a position of refusing to abide by the orders of the district and supreme courts. The case now is between the district court, supreme court and the governor as to whether the governor is in contempt of court, Wehe asserted.

George K. Foster, assistant attorney general, who acted as attorney in the case for the administration, declared that the supreme court had merely held the hearing granted Wehe last April insufficient and a new hearing was given.

Clash of Authority.
There appears to be a direct clash of judicial and executive authority. Judge Nussle having issued an order prohibiting the hearing and the governor having proceeded to hold it. The allegations on which Wehe and his advisers today were assailing the action of the executives, were:

The district court had held the suspension, hearing and all proceedings in connection with the attempted removal last April void.

The supreme court had affirmed the district court and restored Wehe to office.

Immediately the governor notified Wehe that the order of suspension of April 19, 1920 was still in full force and effect and setting Saturday as the time for a hearing on charges.

Nussle's Writ.
Judge Nussle issued a writ on Friday prohibiting the hearing, but the hearing was held and evidence taken without the presence of Wehe, who relied on the court order prohibiting the hearing; at a time when his attorney, Theodore Koffel was sick, and that witnesses were introduced assailing the character of Wehe as well as his official acts without his being there to controvert them.

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"FLOPPERS" FEW AND NO BREAD LINE IN SIGHT

There's no bread line in Bismarck, or any place else in North Dakota.

Even "flopsters" are not numerous, according to police officials. "Flopsters" are itinerant workers, out of jobs and money, who seek the shelter of police stations for a night, with a bite to eat in the morning.

"We may have averaged three a night," said Chief Martindson, "but this is not anything unusual. There have been times when there were a lot more. Most of them are men on their way back east from the west coast, where they couldn't find any work."

Bread lines have been reported in Seattle and Portland on the west and in big eastern cities but there is no such thing as a bread line in "the bread basket of the world."

BOOTH ISSUES INJUNCTION

Judge Rooth of the Federal District Court, Minneapolis, Minn., issued an order temporarily restraining the Minnesota Railway and Warehouse Commission from enforcing existing rates in the state of Minnesota on grounds of confiscation and granted temporary relief pending final decision before an enlarged court of three judges.

This decision was a result of a denial on the part of the Railway and Warehouse Commission to grant increased rates to the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company in Minnesota and the increased rates are to be put into effect.

FARM WORKERS "HOLD-OUT" FOR HIGHER WAGES TRACED TO PROPAGANDA OF PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY, IS CLAIM

State employment officials have been confronted with a farm workers "strike" which they assert has been fomented by the head of a private employment agency in Fargo.

Farmers over the state, writing in to employment agencies, have been offering \$35 to \$40 per month and board and lodging to single men on farms for the season. Some farmers have been willing to go as high as \$50 for the right kind of a man, but these offers have been few.

It developed that at Fargo there were approximately 300 men who had signified willingness to go out on farms for the season, but they began their "strike" or "hold-out" for \$50 a month. Evidence that propaganda for a "hold-out" for \$50 had been spread in Bismarck also was discovered.

PRISONERS OF BISMARCK MAKE HIT IN FARGO

Local Rotarians Are Highly Complimented Upon Their Showing at Conference

Bismarck Rotarians created a real splash in Fargo when they marched through the downtown streets in their prison uniforms, according to reports from the center of Rotarian fun and business today. The Fargo Forum said:

Dressed in penitentiary garb, more than 30 Bismarck Rotarians in Fargo for the convention created a sensation when they marched from the Gardner hotel, convention headquarters, through the streets of Fargo to the Commercial club and then to the convention hall in the Masonic temple. With P. R. Fields, the international delegate from Bismarck, carrying the large sign bearing the inscription, "Shades of Frank Talcott," the striped-suited visitors held the attention of spectators wherever they went, singing their "prison songs."

The Bismarck uniforms proved attractive to the eyes of photographers, who snapped them at every corner. Nearly 1,000 Rotarians were in the city. The Fargo Forum carried a special Rotary section yesterday, describing the work of Rotary and, as a special feature, carried news happenings from the Rotarians' home towns. All business houses who were represented in Rotary membership carried the Rotary symbol in their advertisements in the special section.

The propaganda, it is said, was traced to the head of a private employment agency in Fargo, who is said to have visited Bismarck last week.

The situation led to meetings in Fargo in which state federal employment officials sought aid of others in handling the matter. The effect of the propaganda did not last, however, it is said, as there has been a brisk demand for farm jobs in the last few days at \$35 and \$40 a month, which employment officials assert is more than men are paid for the same class of work in cities and towns, if board and lodging is figured in.

Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor John Hagan, in a statement, has said that farmers cannot afford to pay more than \$35 or \$40 a month for farm workers. Wages last year averaged about \$70 per month.

DAWES TO HEAD BODY TO PROBE YANK TREATMENT

Washington, Mar. 29.—A committee of 11 headed by Charles Dawes, who was brigadier-general with American expeditionary forces, was appointed to conduct an inquiry into the administration war risk bureau board for vocational training and treatment of wounded service men.

FAMOUS NATURE STUDENT DIES AT AGE OF 84

John Burroughs Succumbs on New York Central Train in Ohio

RETURNING FROM WEST

Had Spent Winter at Pasadena, Calif., Where He Was Taken Ill

Utica, N. Y., Mar. 29.—John Burroughs, naturalist, died on a New York Central train near Kingsville, Ohio, on his way home from California at 2 o'clock this morning. He had been very ill for six weeks with an abscess on the chest and heart and kidney complications.

He was so eager to get home that the long journey was undertaken with the hope that he could survive.

New York, Mar. 29.—John Burroughs famous naturalist, died at 2 o'clock this morning on a New York Central train at Kingsville, Ohio. Word of his death was received here by New York Central officials, where he was reported having been slightly ill. He was in his 84th year.

John Burroughs, known as an essayist and literary naturalist, was born in Roxbury, N. Y., April 3, 1837. He taught school in his youth, became a government clerk in 1863, later became a national bank examiner, but soon developed his taste for literature to such an extent that he began devoting all of his time to it.

In 1873 he built "Riverby," his home at West Park, on the Hudson, where he lived the rest of his life, devoting himself to fruit culture, nature study and literature. He traveled much during his life, visiting many parts of the United States, twice visiting Europe, the West Indies and other countries.

He was a great friend of the late Theodore Roosevelt, and made a trip with him through the Southwest and Yosemite, and visited the Yellowstone National park. In recent years he has made many camping trips with Henry Ford and Thomas A. Edison.

John Burroughs visited Bismarck when with Roosevelt he visited Yellowstone National Park.

FORD'S REMARKS.
Detroit, Mich., Mar. 29.—Henry Ford's personal friend and camp-mate of John Burroughs today said, on learning of his death:

"Well he used to wonder what it was like beyond and I suppose he will begin philosophizing again as soon as he gets his bearing."

LABOR MEN OF BRITAIN JOIN THE COMMUNISTS

Minority of Independent Labor Party Votes to Secede

Southport, England, Mar. 29.—(By The Associated Press.)—The minority faction of the Independent Labor party, the extreme wing of the British labor party, decided at a meeting to secede from the Independent Labor Party and join the Communist Party. The seceding element was defeated in the Independent Labor Party's convention Monday when it presented a report favoring acceptance of Moscow's conditions for affiliation with the Third Internationale. The vote against affiliation stood 521 to 97.

FARMERS MEET ON U.S. PROGRAM

Washington, March 29.—A conference for formation of a farmers program for presentation to the next Congress was called for April 14.

80-MILE GALE HITS NEW YORK

New York, March 29.—An eighty mile gale accompanied by lower temperatures swept New York state.

ST. LAWRENCE OPEN TO SHIPS

Montreal, March 29.—The St. Lawrence river is open to navigation at earliest period for years.

PANIC ENSUES AS WINDOWS OF STORE SHATTER

Clerks and Shoppers Are Startled as Big Building Is Rocked

BUILDING WRECKED

Warehouse Only a Shell After the Explosion Occurs

Chicago, March 29.—At least six and perhaps twice that number of persons were killed and scores of others were hurt when an explosion destroyed a warehouse about 2 1-2 miles southwest of the loop district today.

Police theories of the cause ranged through bombing, faulty gas main, starch and flour dust and fire works.

The building, a one-story brick structure, was filled with grocery stock. Fireworks had been stored in the basement.

Effects of the explosion were felt for blocks away. A big department store at Twelfth and Halstead streets was the scene of a panic when the concussion shattered plate glass windows and startled clerks and shoppers.

The neighborhood confusion hampered police and firemen until fire lines were established.

Of the building where the blast originated there was left only a pile of broken timbers and plaster.

Many in Hospital.
Half an hour after the explosion three bodies were taken from the ruins and four persons badly injured were sent to the county hospital. A dozen others were treated at a neighborhood drug store. Two more bodies taken from the ruins brought the known dead list to five.

SOLDIER'S BODY BROUGHT HERE FROM OVERSEAS

Lieut. Wallin's Remains Removed from French Grave—Burial at Washburn

KILLED ON LAST DAY

The body of Lieut. Victor B. Wallin, who was killed in action on the last day of the World War, arrived in Bismarck at 11:30 this morning on the Northern Pacific.

The body was buried at Pouilly and last autumn Mrs. Wallin, the mother of the deceased soldier, together with her son Lieut. Homer N. Wallin of the U. S. N. went to France and made arrangements to have the body brought home.

Lieut. Victor B. Wallin was commanding D Company of the 356th Infantry and was advancing at the head of his company crossing the River Meuse on the morning of November 11, 1918 when he was struck with shrapnel and instantly killed, just 4 hours before the Armistice was signed.

Funeral services will be held at Washburn in charge of the Victor B. Wallin Post, No. 12 of the American Legion, which post was named in honor of the lieutenant's memory.

The remains were accompanied by his mother from Hoboken, New Jersey. A uniformed military escort of the J. Loyd Spetz Post American Legion, of Bismarck met the train. The escort was headed by Commander Paul on, of the local post, and the body was taken to the Perry Undertaking parlors, where it will lie until tomorrow morning when the body will be taken on the Soo line to Washburn. The same military escort will accompany the body to the train.

Ben Everson and H. E. Wahl, officers of the Legion post at Washburn, arrived in Bismarck last evening and will accompany the body to Washburn.

The funeral of Lieut. Victor B. Wallin will be held at Washburn, on Thursday, March 31, at 1 P. M., under the directions of Victor B. Wallin Post No. 12 of Washburn, assisted by several Legion Posts from McLean county. The Victor B. Wallin Post respectfully requests that all service men as well as citizens throughout McLean county be in attendance at the funeral on Thursday. The body will be buried at Riverview cemetery, Washburn, N. D.

\$800,000 BID FOR BIG SCRAP

New York March 29.—Tex Ricard received a \$800,000 offer for the Dempsey Carpenter boat from a Nevada silver mining camp.