



BIG FIRE AT BUTTE

\$1,000,000 DAMAGE

Entire Business Section of City Completely Destroyed.

OUTSIDE CITIES SEND HELP

Flames Start in Dry Goods Store—High Winds Carry Embers Over City—Anacanda Fire Department Makes Run of 28 Miles in 33 Minutes.

Butte, Sept. 24.—A fire originating in the basement of the Symons three story dry goods store early today, did approximately a million dollars damage and consumed the entire business section of Butte before Mayor McGinness at 1 o'clock this afternoon announced the fire to be under control.

When the fire department arrived at the scene, the structure was belching forth vast clouds of smoke which impeded the firemen in their work, as it was impossible for the department, owing to the direction of the wind to get at the seat of the flames and when a fortunate change in the direction of the wind enabled them to break through into the building, the whole interior was a white hot furnace and the flames breaking through the roof of the structure, shot forth a geyser of sparks and firebrands that spread in torrents upon the neighboring buildings, thereby starting innumerable patches of fire from the Renshaw hall to the Park buildings.

When it became evident that the Symons block was doomed, all effort to save the building was abandoned and the labors of the firemen were directed toward preventing a further spread of the flames, but the high wind caught the innumerable patches of flames started by dropping brands on the adjacent buildings and developed each into a roaring holocaust. In rapid succession, the Renshaw, Lewis, King and Clark buildings melted down before the fury of the flames only to be followed by the Miner, Broadway, Harvard, Argyle and other buildings.

Appeals were sent to outside towns and by 11 o'clock every fire department in Silver Boy county was on the scene, and by noon messages were received from Missoula, Dillon, Helena and other places offering their assistance.

Among the first to arrive was the Anacanda department consisting of an engine and three hose cars which made the run from their home city, 28 miles away in 33 minutes. One after another apparatus arrived from the Rarus, Corra Parrott, Original, Gagnon, Anacanda and other mines, together with those from the Centennial Brewery, and the Walkersville, Williamsburg and Butte Reduction works.

With this array of fire fighters, the

flames began to yield and at about 1 o'clock, Mayor McGinness was able to announce the danger of further spread of the flames at an end.

Aside from the financial loss involved seven persons received injuries, most of them severe, but none, it is hoped will prove fatal.

OFFICER COMMITS SUICIDE

Supposed to Have Been Caused By Temporary Insanity.

Atlanta, Sept. 24.—Captain G. F. M. Godfrey, assistant surgeon of the United States army stationed at Fort McPherson, committed suicide Saturday by shooting himself through the brain.

He was a son of Colonel E. S. Godfrey, commander of the Ninth United States cavalry, stationed at Fort Riley, Washington. Captain Godfrey was 35 years old and a graduate of West Point.

The cause of the deed is not known, but is believed to have been temporary insanity.

RECOGNIZED NEW REPUBLIC.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Sept. 24.—President Garcia today handed to a confidential agent an autograph letter addressed to President Amador of Panama recognizing the new republic.

SITUATION IS BETTER

Low Fever Report Is Considered As Encouraging.

Two Cases Are Brought to New Orleans From Abita Springs, a Resort to Which Many People of the City Flocked When Coast Resorts Closed.

New Orleans, Sept. 24.—Official report to 6 p. m.: New cases 24; total, 2831; deaths, 2; total, 367; new foci, 8; under treatment, 88; discharged, 2176.

New Orleans, Sept. 24.—The low Sunday report was almost a duplicate of last Sunday. Two cases were brought into the city from Abita Springs and one from Grand Lake, in Bartaria county. The Abita Springs cases have excited some interest, as that is one of the resorts in St. Tammany parish, where many people from New Orleans went when the coast resorts were closed to them by the quarantine.

The country reports from Louisiana were: Emerson, 8; Kenneth, 8, one death; Lafourche Crossing, 1; Baton Rouge, 2; Tallulah, 4; Alexandria, 2.

TODAY'S WEATHER.

Portland, Sept. 24.—Western Oregon, Monday, showers.

BASEBALL SCORES.

San Francisco, Sept. 24.—Portland, 7-1; Oakland 8-2.
Seattle, Sept. 24.—Tacoma, 5-0; Seattle, 4-1.
Los Angeles, Sept. 24.—Los Angeles, 5; San Francisco, 4.

ARMENIANS AND TARTARS HOLD A CONFERENCE

Baku, Sept. 24.—A conference of the representatives of the Armenians and Tartars under the presidency of Prince Louis Napoleon, the governor general of the Caucasus has just been concluded during which the principal conditions of an entente were agreed upon. The conference decided to summon a general congress of the representative inhabitants of the Caucasus to meet in October

for the purpose of considering the causes of the enmity now existing between the Tartars and the Armenians. The conference also resolved to form an arbitration court to consist of five Armenians and five Tartars, which should draft the details of the agreement and remove any difficulties that may arise after the agreement becomes effective on October 14.

VENEZUELA IS FIRM

OFFICIAL EXPLANATION

Refuses to Treat With the French Government Through M. Taigny.

CONSIDER PROTEST AN INSULT

France Asks Government to Reconsider It's Last Note Referring to the Closing of the Land Stations of the French Cable Company.

Caracas, Sept. 24.—The French government has asked the Venezuelan government to reconsider its last note. The note referred to was issued on Sept. 20 by the Venezuelan government and in reply to a protest lodged on Sept. 19 by M. Taigny, the French charge d'affaires against the closing of the land stations of the French Cable company, and the expulsion of the manager of the company, M. Brun.

It is said that the government holds documents proving that the French Cable company accepted the result of the judicial proceedings brought against it and the government is only waiting to establish new relations between it and the company. M. Taigny knows this and therefore the protest can only be considered an act of personal hostility. For this reason the government will abstain from treating with the French government through M. Taigny.

EXCITEMENT IS GONE

Little Interest Being Shown in Proposed Zemstvoist Congress.

Moscow, Sept. 24.—Owing to the fact that there is no danger from police interference, the congress of Zemstvoists and the municipal representatives which opens here tomorrow is attracting less attention than was given to the previous congresses, but the subject for discussion is extremely important as it embraces the criticism of the national assembly project which had not been announced when the previous congress met and the formulation of a plan of campaign for the coming elections.

NO BITTERNESS SHOWN

Norway-Swedish Peace Terms Will Be Accepted.

Christiania, Sept. 24.—Newspapers here comment without bitterness on the result of the Karlstad conference. The tones of the press indicates that while some opposition is probable, the result will be accepted by the majority as the best conclusion possible.

The papers especially warn the younger element to avoid all noisy demonstrations when the terms are published as such demonstrations will avail nothing and will only damage the common cause.

CONFEDERATE REUNION.

Helena, Sept. 24.—The annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans of the northwest division will be held in Helena Friday, October 6, general orders No. 3, by Paul A. Fusz of Phillipsburg, major general commanding the northwest division, having just been issued to this effect.

THREE SUCCUMB.

Lodz, Sept. 24.—Two men and a girl have died of Asiatic cholera in this city. The sanitary commission has requisitioned \$30,000 to fight the disease.

COLLISION ON ERIE ROAD.

Engineer Killed and Fireman Believed to Be Buried Under Engine.

Binghamton, N. Y., Sept. 24.—An Erie train eastward bound was wrecked in a collision with an engine about a quarter of a mile east of Susquehanna, Pennsylvania tonight. Both engines were turned over.

As the train had just left the station, it was not going at a high rate of speed and no cars were derailed.

The collision was caused by an engine from a coal packet making an attempt to cross the main line ahead of the other train. The engineer of the wrecked train was killed, his fireman is thought to be under his engine.

An Erie detective was fatally injured by being thrown from a baggage car.

PROBABLY A MISTAKE.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 24.—News has been received here that the American steamer Montara has been seized by the Japanese near Nikolskoe, Behring island and the Japanese have occupied the Kommander islands and hoisted the Japanese flag. The seizure of the Montara has already been chronicled, but no mention was made of any occupation of Kommander islands.

PRESIDENT VERY BUSY

Spends Much Time in Preparing Annual Message.

Important Subjects to Be Discussed Among Which Are Federal Supervision and Regulation of Life Insurance and Relations with Venezuela.

Oyster Bay, Sept. 24.—President Roosevelt will complete his summer sojourn at Sagamore Hill and return to Washington next Saturday.

The president is devoting considerable of his time each day now to work on his annual message to congress. The message will not be completed until some time early in November, because each member of the cabinet will have to supply material for the discussion of the work of his department.

Three topics which are highly important are to be discussed by the president. They are the federal regulation and supervision of life insurance, Relations with Venezuela and with Santo Domingo.

Among the other important subjects are the scandals in the departments of agriculture and interior; the work of the department of justice in the beef trust cases, the regulation of railroad freight rates; the progress made in the construction of the Panama canal and the conclusion of peace between Russia and Japan.

ENGLAND TO ESTABLISH NAVAL BASE AT SINGAPORE

First Tangible Result of Anglo-Japanese Alliance.

London, Sept. 24.—The fact that the British government proposes to establish a vast naval base at Singapore was announced by the Sunday Observer, with the suggestion that this was the first tangible result of the new Anglo-Japanese alliance and the conclusion of the Russo-Japanese war, and affords the newspapers an opportunity to discuss the situation of using Singapore as a base, which was announced some time ago when Admiral Fisher outlined his re-organization plan.

The newspapers now point out the tremendous strategy of using Singapore as the garden gateway of the Pacific and when open to Japan's war vessels as giving to Great Britain and Japan the upper hand over all other European countries where the Far East is concerned.

DIABOLICAL OUTRAGE

PEKING GREATLY EXCITED

Bomb Thrown Into Private Car—Four Are Killed.

PERPETRATOR IS KILLED

As Train Carrying Mission Ordered Abroad to Study Political Methods Leaves Peking Station Bomb Is Thrown—Great Consternation Created.

Pekin, Sept. 24.—At the Peking railway station today as the train carrying one of the four missions ordered abroad to study foreign political methods was leaving, a bomb was exploded inside a private car killing four minor officials and wounding over 20 other persons.

The wounded include Prince Tsai To-he, who is the head of the most important of the missions and Wu Ting Fang, the former minister to the United States both of whom received slight injuries.

The perpetrator of the outrage who was in the car was blown to pieces.

The affair created a profound sensation and causes much apprehension regarding the safety of the members of the court and the leading officials of the government.

The missions mentioned were appointed on July 16 to study the foreign system of government, because the dowager empress intended to issue a decree at the New Year for the establishment of a parliament 12 years hence.

CONTRACT LABOR LAW IS VIOLATED

New York, Sept. 24.—After eight weeks of careful preparation the United States district attorney of his district tomorrow, according to reliable authority, will cause the arrest of 11 heads of manufacturing concerns in this city on warrants, charging them with having conspired through the medium of the Employers' association, to violate the contract labor law by the importation of foreign workmen.

The concerns are accused of importing English tile workers as strike breakers.

WOMAN KILLS WILDCAT.

Pomeroy, Sept. 24.—Mrs. Joseph Kreis the wife of a farmer living twelve miles north of town, shot and killed a wildcat on their farm with a 22-caliber rifle, sending one bullet through the head and the other through its heart, at a distance of 75 yards.

MINERS MEET DEATH UNDER FALLEN CAGE

Sacramento, Sept. 24.—A special from Redding to the Union says: Three miners at the Gladstone mine were crushed to death in a terrible manner this morning. The men were at work in the bottom of a double compartment shaft, and the cage in the shaft had just ascended and the other cage was descending when

WORSE THAN FIRST REPORTED

Government Assisting Calabria's Stricken Population.

Rome, Sept. 24.—Another tornado today caused enormous damage in Calabria. A gradual clearance of the buildings ruined by the recent earthquake shows the number of persons who perished to be much greater than given in the first estimates. Large numbers of bodies are being discovered daily. The work of constructing wooden cabins under government supervision is progressing rapidly. Two hundred are already completed and 4000 more will be necessary to shelter the homeless people, now sleeping in the railroad depots.

According to statistics 20,000 cattle perished during the earthquakes.

LECTURER FOUND DEAD

Supposed to Have Fallen From the Piazza White Hill.

West Ossappee, N. H., Sept. 24.—Dr. R. Chadwick, of Boston, a lecturer at Harvard college, was found dead early today just outside his summer residence at Chocorua, N. H. It is said he fell from the piazza of his cottage during the night, but it is thought that he became ill and lost his balance while making his way across the roof to obtain aid.

STORY OF NOME FIRE

Starts in Saloon, Destroys Business Section of City.

P. I. Special Correspondent Sends Detailed Account on Steamer Olympia—That Fire Was Checked Was Due to Quick Work of Scheid & Co.

Seattle, Sept. 24.—The steamer Olympia, which arrived tonight from Nome, left on September 15, with the news of the fire which wiped out several blocks in the heart of that city on September 13. The Pota-Intelligencer's special correspondent at Nome says of the fire:

"The fire started at 3 o'clock this morning in the Alaska saloon building, owned by Dean and O'Reilly, and was not checked until 43 buildings on both sides of Front street had been destroyed. Some 20 or more cabins in the rear of the buildings on the north side of Front street were also destroyed.

"That the fire was checked in the west was solely due to the prompt action of Scheid & company, assisted by many willing hands, for in a short space of 45 minutes Scheid & company had taken two boilers to a lagoon on River street, made connections with the pump, attached a hose, and had water playing on the burning buildings.

"The second boiler was soon in position and another line of hose attached, and then only did the hundreds of people watching the fire breath a sigh of relief.

"As far as known, up to the time of the sailing of the Olympia, there were no fatalities.

"The fire is supposed to have started in the back room of the Alaska saloon, and it is said to have been caused by the upsetting of a kerosene lamp. The loss amounts to \$205,400."