

COLONY FOR HAMILTON Bookkeeper of N. Y. Life Testifies Big Sum Paid Legislative Generalissimo

Swept by one of the fiercest fires in the history of Los Angeles the Harris & Frank clothing department store, at the corner of Franklin and Spring streets, was burned last night and stock valued at more than \$200,000 was destroyed.

Witness Also Tells of \$40,000 Being Handed to G. W. Perkins, of Which No Entry Was Made on Books

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Startling developments were brought out at today's session of the Armstrong committee on insurance investigation in the course of a minute inquiry by Mr. Hughes, counsel for the committee, into the syndicate transactions participated in by the New York Life Insurance company.

It appeared from records produced by Mr. Hughes that an account of J. P. Morgan & Co. with Hamilton showed in December, 1901, that firm had advanced to Hamilton the sum of \$58,720; that on October 1, 1902, this amount equaled, with interest, \$59,310, and that it was then canceled by the entry of that amount to Hamilton's credit.

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SPRING STREET FIRE CAUSES \$300,000 LOSS

Harris & Frank Establishment Destroyed by Fierce Blaze

Prompt and Efficient Work on the Part of Fire Department Saves the District From Disastrous Conflagration

Five firemen were stationed on the roof of the five and ten cent store building, adjoining the Harris & Frank building. The flames were headed straight toward them and for thirty minutes the men crouched and fought, fought with the fury of desperation and through their efforts alone the adjoining buildings were saved.

At ten minutes before 11 o'clock the first stream was sent from the lower pipe of the water tower. But there was something wrong with the hose of the water and the lower pipe responded with only a feeble stream that hardly reached the building.

From that time on the fire began to lose grip and the tower was sent forty feet in the air. From that position a volume of water was sent into the building and the flames gradually subsided until shortly before midnight the engines were withdrawn with the exception of two companies, who remained to watch through the night.

Loss Over Quarter of a Million Mr. Harris, the proprietor, arrived at the store shortly before it was put under control. He was unable to make an estimate of the destruction, saying that the entire stock was a loss, but was covered partly by insurance.

A conservative estimate by fire inspectors placed the loss at about \$300,000 for the stock and building, the latter belonging to the Westland estate.

Police Experience Difficulty Departments three and four arrived a few seconds later and with them came Fire Chief Walter Lipps and Assistant Chief McDonald. Lines of hose were carried to the burning, but the firemen were unable to enter from the first floor.

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Flames Are Stubborn Before the fire had been burning fifteen minutes Mayor McAleer arrived and assisted in the direction of the companies.

On the second floor Chief Lipps, with ten men, came from the rear of the building, while his assistants attempted to get in from the front. But the fire seemed to have taken a new and rapid course in the upper floor and the windows and casings were the first to go.

Women Panic-Stricken Then there was a flurry, and lodgers, chiefly women, ran to the street below, shouting and crying for help. Several of these burst open and lingered was strewn up and down the sidewalk.

FLINTS IN WASHINGTON Senator and Wife Arrive and Are Established in Their Home

FEARS SPIRITS, OTHERS WOMAN SAN FRANCISCO MAN SLAYS SISTER-IN-LAW

Beats Her to Death With Chairs. Declares She Exercised Powers of Evil Over Him and His Family

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 24.—Louis Depaoli, a florist, residing at 420 Charter Oak avenue, beat out the brains of his sister-in-law, Catherine Depaoli, at an early hour this morning. His murderous work was done with two chairs, both of which were broken during his fierce attack.

Louis Depaoli surrendered to the officers without a struggle. He declares that his sister-in-law whom he killed held his children under a hypnotic spell. His baby daughter Annie recently was affected with eye trouble and this he attributed to the mysterious influence of the woman he killed.

Virginia Depaoli, the murderer's wife, attempted a defense of the deed to the arresting officers. "Ain't it better," she said, "for him to kill one than for her to kill the five of us?"

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Drummer Ends Life Commercial Traveler for a Glove Firm Commits Suicide in San Francisco

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 24.—Thomas Reeves, commercial traveler for the Dent Glove company of New York, was found dead today on the floor of his room in the Auditorium hotel.

Will Succeed Otero President Appoints H. J. Hagerman, in Order "to Avoid Factional Quarrels"

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—President Roosevelt today authorized the issuance of the following statement: "The president announces the appointment of Herbert J. Hagerman of Mexico, to take effect at the expiration of Gov. Otero's term, January 22, 1906.

Commercial Bulletin Delayed The Commercial Bulletin, published at 214 Franklin street, was being mailed at the time the fire broke out and a part of the publication was damaged by water.

Captures a Burglar Chicago Man Grapples With Intruder and Holds Him Until Police Come

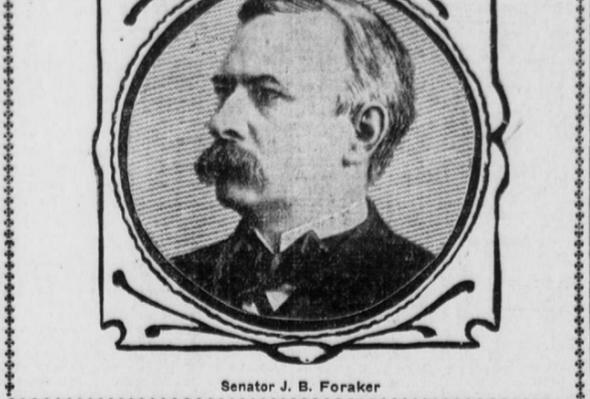
By Associated Press. CHICAGO, Nov. 24.—Grappling with a burglar whom he encountered in the hallway of his house, Charles A. Van Order, sexton of the church of the Epiphany, last night struggled with the robber and succeeded in holding him until the arrival of the police.

Despair of Ibsen's Life Poet and Dramatist Is Unconscious and It is Believed He Cannot Recover

Special Cable to The Herald. LONDON, Nov. 25.—A dispatch to the Times from Christiania says Henrik Ibsen, poet and dramatist, who has been ill for some time, is unconscious and is not expected to recover.

FORAKER PRESENTS HIS RAILROAD RATE MEASURE

States He Has Tried to Remedy Present Ills Without Confering on Any Commission Power of Establishing Rates



Senator J. B. Foraker

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Senator Foraker today presented to the senate committee on interstate commerce the draft of his bill to amend the interstate commerce law.

While this does not confer upon the court the power to fix a rate it does authorize the court to say what is an unlawful rate and how much is unlawful, and to enjoin the carrier from charging more than is found to be lawful.

Important Provisions of Bill "Section 3. That whenever the interstate commerce commission shall have reasonable ground for belief that any common carrier is engaged in the carrying of passengers or freight traffic between given points at less than the published rates on file, or is, either singly or in co-operation with one or more other carriers, publishing and charging unjust or unreasonable rates therefor, or is committing any discriminations forbidden by law, whether as between shippers, places, commodities or otherwise, and whether effected by means of rates, rebates, classifications, private cars, switching or terminal charges, elevator charges, failure to supply shippers equally with cars or in any other manner whatsoever, it shall be its duty, if such carrier or carriers will not, after due notice, desist from such violation of the law, to file with the attorney general a brief statement of its grounds for such belief and evidence in support thereof and thereupon, upon his direction and in the name of the United States a petition shall be presented alleging such facts to the circuit court of the United States sitting in equity having jurisdiction, and when the act complained of is alleged to have been committed or as being committed in part in more than one judicial district or state it may be dealt with, in equity, as if determined in any one of such judicial districts or states, whereupon it shall be the duty of the courts summarily to inquire into the facts and circumstances, upon such notice and in such manner as the court shall direct and without the formal pleadings and proceedings applicable to ordinary suits in equity, and to make such other persons or corporations parties thereto as the court may deem necessary, and upon being satisfied of the truth of the allegations of said petition said court shall enjoin, according to the ground of complaint, the publishing and charging of all or any such rates or rates so complained of in excess of what the court shall find to be reasonable and just, such injunction to continue in force during such period as the same or substantial remedy may be provided by the court, as established by the evidence in such case or shall enforce an observance of the published tariffs if they are found to be just and reasonable; or directing any such carrier to discontinue such discriminations, by such proper orders, writs and process as will, as nearly as possible, secure equality of right and treatment to all shippers, which said orders, writs and processes may be enforced as well against the parties interested in the traffic as against the carrier or carriers complained of, and all proceedings hereunder shall be subject to the right of appeal to the supreme court as now provided by the act of February 1, 1905, to expedite the hearings of suits in equity; but such appeal shall not operate to stay or supersede the order of the court or the execution of any writ or process thereon, unless the circuit or supreme court, on application therefor, made for good cause, so order.

Shall Institute Proceedings "It shall be the duty of the several district attorneys of the United States, whenever the attorney general shall direct, either of his own motion or upon the request of the interstate commerce commission to institute such proceedings, and the progress provided for by this act shall be prosecuted in the name of the United States or the railway company or companies, as the court may adjudge equitable and just and such proceedings shall not preclude the bringing of suit for the recovery of damages, by any railroad or any other action provided by law, and the act of February 8, 1887, entitled 'An act to regulate commerce and acts amendatory thereof.' And in proceedings under this act and the acts to regulate commerce, the said court shall have the power to compel attendance of witnesses both on the part of the carrier and any shipper or shippers who shall be interested, who shall be required to answer on all questions relating directly or indirectly to the matter in controversy and to compel the production of all books and papers, both of the carrier and the shipper or the shippers, which relate directly or indirectly to such transactions, the claim that such testimony may tend to incriminate the person giving such evidence shall not excuse such persons from testifying in regard to such corporation producing its books and papers, but the person who shall be prosecuted or made to suffer any penalty or forfeiture on account of any transaction, matter or thing concerning which he may testify or produce evidence or in favor of documentary or otherwise in such proceedings, shall not be allowed to grant a special rate or in any manner collect from any person a greater or less compensation than it receives from any other person.

Plot to Kill the Czar and Family POLICE CLAIM THEY HAVE FOUND CONSPIRACY

Intercept Correspondence of Revolutionary Party, in Which Plans for Murder Are Discussed

Special Cable to The Herald. BERLIN, Nov. 24.—The Berliner Tageblatt reports that the St. Petersburg police have intercepted all correspondence between members of the revolutionary party and its adherents abroad in which a project was discussed for the murder of the members of the imperial house. The letters were deciphered, but neither the writer nor the addressee has been arrested, as they are unknown.

Mother and Five Children Murdered POLICE CLAIM THEY HAVE FOUND CONSPIRACY

By Associated Press. DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 24.—Mrs. William McWilliams and her five children, ranging from 3 to 18 years of age, were found murdered this afternoon at their farm house, six miles south of Independence, Ia. The husband and father, William McWilliams, is now under arrest at Independence, charged with the crime. He denies the charge.

Mutiny on Warships Report That Men of Black Sea Fleet Have Revolted

By Associated Press. LONDON, Nov. 24.—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram company from St. Petersburg says it is persistently reported that there has been a mutiny in the Black Sea fleet, and that portions of the Sebastopol garrison have mutinied, killing the chief of staff and wounding a colonel.

COLORED UPRISING

3 Killed, 2 Wounded in Battle

Bloody Conflict at Prison in Missouri

Prisoners, Armed With Pistols and Nitro-Glycerine, Make Break for Liberty, but None Succeeds in Escaping

The dead: JOHN CLAY, gatekeeper. E. ALLISON, officer of the commissary department. HIRAM BLAKE, convict. Wounded: Deputy Warden R. E. See, shot in arm and hip. Harry Vaughn, St. Louis, convict, shot in arm. Mutineers captured unhurt: George Ryan from Kansas City. Charles Raymond, a three-year burglar from St. Louis.

By Associated Press. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Nov. 24.—A desperate attempt to escape from the state prison was made by four convicts at 3:15 this morning, resulting in a terrific battle with weapons and nitro-glycerine at the prison gate, a running fight through the streets of Jefferson City and the final capture of the four convicts, two of whom were shot and wounded. Two prison officers were shot dead and a third seriously wounded.

Warden Matt W. Hall, Yardmaster Porter Gilvin and five prison guards departed this morning for Fort Leavenworth, Kas., on a special train conveying seventy-one federal prisoners, who are being transferred from the Missouri state penitentiary to the government prison at Fort Leavenworth. It is believed that this fact had much to do with the outbreak today, as it is surmised the convicts had counted largely upon Warden Hall's absence in their premeditated attempt to escape. There was not the slightest premonition of any trouble within the prison walls. Suddenly Convicts Harry Vaughn, Charles Raymond, Hiram Blaine, George Ryan and Eli Zeigler, who were working in close proximity to the prison gate, inside the inclosure, set off by a given signal, made a rush for the gate. From their pockets they drew pistols and it is presumed that at least one of them carried a bottle of nitro-glycerine. Where these weapons and the explosive were obtained has not yet been discovered. Rushing past the gate, they entered Deputy Warden See's office and shot him as he sat there writing. He sank back and was unable to resist them. Instantly

THE DAY'S NEWS

Southern California: Cloudy, unsettled weather Saturday; north-east winds, changing to westerly.

FORECAST PART I 1—Coin for Hamilton. 2—Burton talks in his own behalf. 3—Indians come to play U. S. C. 4—Editorial. 5—City news. 6—Sports. 7—Markets. 8—Says south was always in lead.

PART II 1—Powers slated for new position. 2—Southern California news. 3—Winter influx still continues. 4—5—Classified advertisements. 6—Will dedicate Bethesda church.

EASTERN Mother and five children found murdered on Iowa farm. Startling testimony is given in the insurance inquiry. Three children and two wounded in uprising of convicts in Missouri.

FOREIGN British ministry decides not to resign in a body but will dissolve parliament. Russian police claim to have discovered plot to murder whole royal family. Ship carrying Amundsen's expedition to the Arctic is crushed in ice.

COAST Adams' population believed to be near \$200,000. San Francisco man murders sister-in-law, claiming she exercised evil powers. Folsom convict who took part in conspiracy to escape must hang.

LOCAL Harris & Frank's big clothing store on Spring street destroyed by fire. Civic league passes the resolution calling on authorities to prevent gambling at Aspet park. F. H. Paine, linotype operator, stands on track and is killed by street car. Officer goes to serve attachment and finds woman in fashionable Westlake district dead in her apartments. Police hope to arrest bank robbers. Meeting in aid of the S. P. C. A. Beri-beri, dreaded Japanese disease, appears at the county hospital. Wife charges husband with smashing dishes and is granted a divorce. District attorney warns Los Angeles real estate dealers against alleged scheme. Water department placing meters whenever water was consumed and flat rate will be abandoned. Commissioner Frank Wiggins returns from Portland; says Southern California exhibit was always in the lead. Dr. Powers said to be slated for superintendent of the new institution hospital and Dr. Pallette to succeed him as health officer. City takes over water board's holdings in Owens river valley.