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MANY DIE IN BIG HOTEL FIRE

County Fair Ready for Big Opening

FIFTEEN ARE BURNED TO DEATH AS SEVERAL BUILDINGS BURN

(By The Associated Press)

Klamath Falls, Ore., Sept. 6.—From ten to fifteen persons are believed to have been burned to death here early today in a fire which destroyed the Hotel Houston and opera house and other buildings and dwelling houses nearby.

Origin of the fire has not been ascertained.

Two entire blocks of buildings were destroyed and city officials say the loss of life may exceed even the estimated fifteen.

There is no way of ascertaining immediately how many strangers were occupying rooms in homes adjacent to the hotel which were destroyed.

Nine Bodies Found.

Kamath Falls, Ore., Sept. 7.—Nine charred bodies had been recovered at noon today from the ruins of a fire which destroyed the Houston hotel and opera house and burned two blocks of dwellings and business houses. Five bodies have been identified.

PROHIBITION PARTY UPHOLDS FEDERAL PROHIBITION LAWS

(By The Associated Press)

Chicago, Sept. 6.—Maintenance of the federal prohibition laws is the keynote of the prohibition party's presidential campaign. W. G. Calderwood, prohibition campaign manager, said here today, discussing the issues as viewed by his party.

"The position of the party in this campaign," Mr. Calderwood said, "is that the prohibition party is needed in the failure of the major parties to take any stand on the prohibition question. "Next to prohibition, our candidates will discuss the League of Nations. I think we take the best stand of any on this question. We urge immediate ratification of the league treaty together with the covenant. We believe the quickest and best way to obtain what changes are needed is to get into the league and fix it from the inside, according as experience teaches, rather than stand around theorizing to no effect on the outside and so blocking progress."

The speaking tour of the Prohibition party's presidential nominee, Aaron S. Watkins of Germantown, O., will begin today. (September 6.) The vice-presidential candidate, D. Leigh Colvin, of New York has already been on the road several weeks. He is swinging through the west and is scheduled to be in San Francisco today.

Mr. Watkins' first trip will carry him through the middle west and both he and Mr. Colvin knock off for a couple of days around September 23 to attend the International Congress Against Alcoholism in Washington. From there the candidates will go east and south, touring separately for the most part but holding occasional joint meetings in important eastern cities.

Campaign headquarters are situated in Chicago, at national headquarters of the party. W. G. Calderwood, the campaign manager, is a member of the prohibition national committee and a resident of Minneapolis.

Mrs. Joseph McLaughlin of Chenoa, Ill., is in the city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. McCoy.

GOVERNOR COX IN ADDRESS TO LABOR AT MINNESOTA FAIR

(By The Associated Press.)

Minnesota State Fair Grounds, St. Paul, Sept. 6.—Labor and agriculture were the timely subjects discussed here today by Governor Cox of Ohio, and he declared that interests of both would be served by success of the League of Nations.

Measures to increase farm production, acreage and labor supply were advocated by the Democratic presidential nominee, and he declared again for collective bargaining by labor. He also pledged himself publicly to increase salaries for postal employees. The governor's address at the state fair was the first of three scheduled today on his visit to St. Paul and Minneapolis on his western tour. Numerous receptions were also arranged.

Interests of labor and agriculture, Governor Cox declared to his fair grounds audience, are intertwined and interdependent.

Referring to the League of Nations with a statement that it was not a political question except when turned to partisan use, Governor Cox said:

"Millions of men, women and children in devastated regions of Europe are literally starving to death when America has the ability and resources to provide for all of them. But this provision can be made only when reconstruction of the world has been undertaken under a definite plan.

"Waste and extravagance must continue until by the ratification of the treaty of peace we and other countries of the world know definitely where we stand."

POURS GASOLINE ON FIRE; TWO ARE BURNED TO DEATH

(By The Associated Press.)

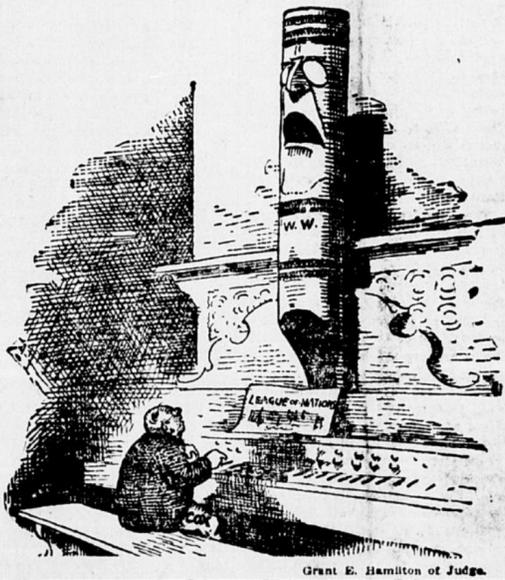
Marshalltown, Iowa, Sept. 6.—J. L. Johnson, 60, and his wife, about the same age, were fatally burned when Mrs. Johnson by mistake poured gasoline into the kitchen stove to hurry the fire today. Johnson was burned in trying to extinguish the flame which had enveloped his wife's clothing. Both died in a few hours.

Receive \$350,000 for a Sugar Plantation

(By The Associated Press.)

Napoleonville, La., Sept. 6.—One example of the effect of the increased price of sugar was shown here recently when the Himalaya company's plantation holdings were sold for \$350,000. The plantation was bought 11 years ago for \$20,000.

One Organ, One Pipe, One Piece of Music!



Grant E. Hamilton of Judge.

Jack Dempsey Meets Billy Miske in Championship Match Today

(By The Associated Press.)

Kingside, Benton Harbor, Mich., Sept. 6.—The sand pit arena where Jack Dempsey defends his world's title this afternoon against Billy Miske of St. Paul, was a steaming vapor bath when the gates opened. An all night rain and a morning drizzle gave way soon after noon to hot sun that rolled the mist up in hot waves from the sand soaked floor.

Dempsey and Miske both were pronounced fit for their ten rounds by medical examiners of the Michigan state boxing commission.

Both Weighed.

Dempsey stepped on the scales at 187 about five hours before the fight and Miske at 189. After weighing in, the champion and the contender both returned to cards games to while away the time.

The fight is expected to begin shortly before 4 o'clock, standard time.

Two hours before the first preliminary, the cheapest section of the arena was filled in, while the high priced ticket holders remained down town clamoring for sandwiches and coffee from quick lunch booths.

A Benton Harbor religious sect, the House of David, sent a band wagon through the streets with billyhoo men announcing a circus at their own grounds as a counter attraction.

Benton Harbor, Mich., Sept. 6.—Jack Dempsey, world's champion heavyweight, today staked his title, won from Jess Willard at Toledo, Ohio, fourteen months ago, on his hard hitting prowess in a ten round no decision bout with Billy Miske, claimant for the honor now held by Dempsey.

It is claimed that the champion entered the ring today with a guarantee of a minimum purse of \$60,000.

Dempsey Favorite.

Dempsey is the favorite, but his followers concede a hard fight. Backers of the St. Paul man bet freely that the blows which seven times in the first round knocked Willard off his feet, will not stop the challenger, and that he will

be on his feet when the last bell rings.

Both in Fine Trim.

Dempsey is in as perfect condition as he was at Toledo, July 4, fourteen months ago. Miske, also, is in excellent condition. While not as fleet of foot as the champion, his backers call attention to the fact that he is the only man who ever fought Dempsey and was not knocked off his feet. They claim he is in better condition today than ever. Like Dempsey, Miske has had the advantage of a long rest, having had but one fight in the last fourteen months.

GENERAL OREGON IS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF MEXICO

Mexico City, Mexico, Sept. 6.—General Alvaro Obregon, a candidate of the Liberal Constitutionalist party, won a decisive victory in the elections held throughout the republic yesterday for the purpose of choosing a president for the Mexican republic, according to scattering advices.

STATE MAY BUY SITE OF "OLD KENTUCKY HOME"

Frankfort, Ky., Sept. 6.—The state of Kentucky has just taken a step toward purchase of Federal Hill in Nelson county where "My Old Kentucky Home" was written.

Appointment of a commission by Governor Morrow to secure an option on the old Southern home where Stephen E. Foster wrote the song is announced. The commission was authorized by the last Kentucky general assembly. It is to report at the next session upon the feasibility of acquiring the property for the state and preserving it.

The establishment is a typical antebellum Southern plantation home. It is owned and occupied by Mrs. Madge Rowan Frost, granddaughter of Judge Rowan, its former owner. It is located near Bardonia, a short automobile ride from Louisville.

BIGGEST FAIR OF ALL OPENS UP TOMORROW

Gates Swung Open This Noon on Preparation Day.—Formal Opening Tomorrow.

MONSTER PROGRAM

First Day is Children's Day.—Program Shows big Events.

TOMORROW'S PROGRAM.

Free admission to children 15 years or under.

8 a. m. Judging in the hog classes will start. Boys' and girls' judging contest.

1:00 p. m. Band concert. 1:15 p. m. Results of boys' and girls' judging contest. Presentation of prizes.

1:30 p. m. Boys' and girls' athletic contest for boys and girls 15 years old and under.

1st 2nd 3rd

Tug of war, for team \$5.00 \$3.00 \$2.00

Sack race 1.00 .50 .25

50 yard dash .75 .50 .25

2:00 p. m. Full free vaudeville program lasting two hours.

3:00 p. m. Judging in the pony classes will start.

4:00 p. m. Opening baseball game, Webster City Monarchs' series on ground. Free.

Evening.

7:30 p. m. Band concert. 8:00 p. m. Free vaudeville program.

The gates of Hamilton county's annual county fair and exposition swung open this noon on what will be recognized by all as the largest and best fair ever held in the county. Today is merely a preparation day, however, the formal opening being set for 8 o'clock tomorrow morning when the judging in the hog classes will start.

The Hamilton county fair this year is a miniature state fair. Among the features on the three days' program are a Farm Bureau exhibit, a wool exhibit, an orchard demonstration exhibit, a tuberculosis exhibit, foreign crops exhibits, etc. C. W. Hunt, president of the Iowa Farm Bureau federation, and Judge Lawrence DeGraff, Republican candidate for the state supreme court, are among the speakers. There will also be a number of speakers among the old settlers Old Settlers' day, which is Wednesday. The closing feature of the fair will be a revival of Webster City's famous Watermelon day, staged by the Webster City Chamber of Commerce. All stores in the city are asked to close that day not later than 1 p. m.

Schools to Close. Beginning tomorrow, all roads in the county will lead to Webster City for every day at the fair is to be a big day. Tomorrow is featured as Children's day, when every child under 15 years of age will be admitted to the grounds free of charge. All rural schools will close all day and the city schools here will close at noon. A monster crowd is looked for tomorrow.

Attractions Clean. Besides the hosts of other attractions on the grounds, the midway will attract many. The shows are all clean and high class and will furnish much innocent amusement for all who attend. There will also be a free ball game on the grounds each afternoon at 4 o'clock, beside band concerts each afternoon and evening and a two hour vaudeville program on a raised platform afternoons and evening. This platform, as well as the grounds in general, is electric lighted. Much is to be made this year of the evening programs.

Cars may be driven into the grounds and parked. Everything is all set this

EXTRA!

FIVE KILLED AND THIRTY INJURED IN INTERURBAN WRECK

(By The Associated Press.)

Denver, Colo., Sept. 6.—At least five persons were killed and more than thirty injured in a crash of interurban line electric cars at Globeville, a suburb of this city this afternoon.

Both cars are said to have been running 50 miles an hour when they collided. The accident occurred near 56th and Washington streets.

The injured are being brought to hospitals here. All city ambulances were called to the scene and the task of removing the dead and injured began.

The cars collided on a curve and were practically telescoped. Latest information from the scene of the wreck estimated the death at ten and the injured at fifty.

ANOTHER CHARGE BY COX IS DENIED BY J. K. DERING

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 6.—Replying to the charges by Governor Cox that an attempt had been made to levy a Republican campaign assessment of \$80,000 on certain coal operators, J. K. Dering, named by the governor as one of the principals, in a statement today said:

"We never held any such meeting as Governor Cox described."

SELL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS TO INDIVIDUALS

(By The Associated Press.)

Chicago, Sept. 6.—Over 6,000 houses built by the government for industrial war workers have been sold by the government to individual home holders on time payments, according to Leroy K. Sherman, former president of the United States Housing corporation. Mr. Sherman, who recently resigned also as director of industrial housing of the department of labor, has returned to his home in Chicago.

These houses, Mr. Sherman remarked, supply an instance of war salvage made use of in the reconstruction period owing to the housing shortage. They were located in 27 cities which were large producers of munitions and war materials.

Millions Immigrants Enter United States

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Sept. 6.—Thirty-four million immigrants have entered the United States in the past century. In the same time the population of the country has increased 97,000,000.

Until the world war the effect of immigration on the population increase was very marked, amounting to more than 50 per cent in the decade ending in 1910. It exceeded 40 per cent in the ten years ending with the present year and immigration bureau officials are of the opinion that had the war not intervened the percentage for this decade would have been greater than that of the last.

Afternoon and all exhibits placed. Every detail has been attended to and tomorrow morning the fair will start with a bang.

HARDING URGES LABOR AND CAPITAL ARBITRATE

The Republican Presidential Nominee in Labor Day Address at Marion Celebration.

TOLERANT ATTITUDE

Defends Esch-Cummins Bill Against Misunderstanding.

(By The Associated Press.)

Marion, Ohio, Sept. 6.—Senator Harding, Republican presidential candidate, was the speaker of the day here this afternoon at Marion's big annual Labor day celebration. His address was a plea for a better understanding between labor and capital, increased production, a more tolerant attitude by both employers and employees, each toward the other, arbitration of all disputes and a defense of the Esch-Cummins bill, whose operation is widely misunderstood.

Said the senator, in part:

Ladies and Gentlemen, my Countrymen All:—Life is labor, or labor is life, whichever is preferred. Men speak of the labor issue as paramount or imperious or critical—it is always the big thing, because it is the process of all progress and attainment, and has been since the world began. The advocate of excessively reduced periods of labor simply proposes to slow down human attainment, because labor is the agency of all attainment. If by some miracle of agreement we could reduce the hours of labor to four per day—I speak of labor now in the sense of that which is employed for pay—the live, progressive, civilization-creating, progressive labor would have to go on working twice or thrice that time, because labor is the ferment of human development. No one will challenge these general truths, but we do have a conflict of opinion as to how labor shall be employed and the measure of its compensation.

No Party Indifferent.

Do not let any one ever tell you that any political party is insensible to the cause of labor. Parties are the agencies of government, and men who assume public responsibility are deeply anxious about the common weal. Demagogue or agitator, most of whom are agitating for the profit therein, "Red" or reactionary, all of them believe the high intent and genuine concern of parties and government for the highest good fortunes of all the people. Frankly, I do not think any party is indifferent or unmindful. The only difference is in the program for the greatest good. I want you to understand me definitely. So far as I can be helpful, it shall be along the line of promoting the good fortunes of all the American people, because in common good fortune, made secure, we have the field in which to work to adjust the distribution of rewards to the highest conception of fairness and justice.

Never Back to Old Order. Let me renew that public utterance

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MOTHER DIES OF LIGHTNING SHOCK WHICH KILLED SON

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 6.—Mrs. E. Meyer, mother of Frank Meyer who was killed by lightning Saturday night, died early today from injuries received at the same time. Mrs. Meyer was standing at the side of her son holding his hand when he was struck. They had just left the circus tent.