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HOTEL IS BLOWN TO ATOMS AND GUESTS KILLED AND INJURED

FRIGHTFUL GAS EXPLOSION WRECKS ENTIRE BUILDING AND WRECKAGE BURNS

WERE THREE PERSONS IN A TENEMENT HOUSE AND TEN WERE BADLY INJURED.

Gas Explosion Causes the Fire and Wrecks Building, Which Was Completely Destroyed—Bodies Burned to Crisp.

By Associated Press.

Marion, Ind., Jan. 21—Three persons were burned to death and ten badly injured in a hotel building here today. The fire was caused by a gas explosion and the building was entirely destroyed.

The explosion took place in Seitz's hotel building.

THE DEAD—Charles Beitel, proprietor. Mrs. Charles Beitel, James Devlin, proprietor of the cafe.

THE FATALLY INJURED—Edward Gaskill.

L. H. Hobbis.

THE SERIOUSLY INJURED—Thomas Twigg.

Randall Biddle.

John Docherty.

John Shott.

Miss Carrie Ring.

Arville Beitel.

Harry Beitel.

William East.

Frank Gaskill.

Miss Pearl Gaskill.

The seriously injured were all guests of the hotel.

Gas escaped from the pipe line into the basement, then into the first floor, where it ignited from jets.

The explosion blew the walls of the hotel out, the second floor falling on the first.

The wreckage took fire, and the work of rescue was very difficult for those in the hotel who occupied the second floor.

By Associated Press.

Johnstown, Pa., Jan. 21—An explosion occurred in the plant of the Cambria Steel Company here at an early hour this morning, damaging the machinery and bringing loss of life.

One man is dead as the result of the accident and seven others are seriously injured and may die.

An immense steam pipe directly over the engine in the boiler room of No. 2 mill exploded about 1:30, bringing down the whole section of roof running from the paddy mill to the finishing shed of the mill. The wood work at once took fire from the furnaces and burned fiercely.

The injured men were taken out and have either been sent to the hospital or are lying on improvised cots in offices nearby. It is impossible at present to learn the extent of their injuries, but it is believed that several are in critical stage.

Added to the fire and explosion disaster, a large water pipe burst and flooded the ground about the scene of the accident.

The fire occurred between a turn and a great many men were seated in the mill conversing and whiling a few moments away in a social manner.

JEALOUS NEGRO TRIES TO KILL ANOTHER

The old story, a woman in the case, was the cause of a shooting scrape at the Waldo coal mine, east of Wheeling Thursday afternoon, one that has the color of attempted murder.

Robert Woodson, colored, has been jealous some time of the attentions of Ed. Harris, colored, to Woodson's wife, whose affections properly and lawfully belong to her husband. This jealousy became so acute that Woodson deemed it necessary to take action and he did it with the ever ready revolver.

The result of that action was that Harris received a bullet in one of his hips, which inflicted a rather serious wound, the exact nature and extent of

By Associated Press.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 21—The Columbus Terminal and Transfer Company has passed to the Norfolk & Western Railroad. G. D. Maher was appointed general manager; A. C. Needles, general superintendent; J. B. Connors, superintendent of the Poochontas division, and George P. Johnson, secretary of the division.

WALDO

ATTRACTS THE ATTENTION OF TRAVELER'S RAILROAD GUIDE AS ONE OF THE FINEST.

Describes It As One of the Most Impressive Buildings of Its Kind in the Country—Complimentary Mention of Its Manager.

The Traveler's Railroad Guide for January, 1904, has this to say of the Waldo Hotel, which will be open February 1st, for reception of guests:

"As a result of the wonderful increase of population throughout West Virginia during the past five years, several new hotels have been built in the several cities, the latest being the Waldo, at Clarksburg. It is admitted that this building is the finest equipped structure of its kind and size south of Washington.

"The building faces three prominent streets in the center of the city, is strictly fire-proof and has every modern convenience and labor-saving device from the telephone in every room to the operating of dish washing machinery by electricity. The hotel was built by Judge Nathan Goff and named for his grandfather, Judge Waldo Goff. The lobby of the hotel is especially striking and imposing and a happy consent of the owner who has also furnished the house in an elegant and tasteful manner.

"The hotel has been leased by George A. Keeler, formerly of Boston, where he managed the "Stuyvesant" and "Essex" and until recently "The Chamberlain" at Fortress Monroe. The Waldo will be conducted on the European plan.

"Mr. Keeler had hoped to open the hotel on January 1st, but unfortunately owing to unforeseen delays, will not do so until February 1st. That the hotel will be a success from the start is predicted by those who know the able management under which it is run, and it is a foregone conclusion that the Waldo will be one of the most popular houses in the vicinity."

McCLUNG

Withstood Initiation With Exceptional Fortitude at Meeting of Woodmen of the World Wednesday Evening.

A large membership was in attendance at the regular meeting of Clarksburg Text, Woodmen of the World, held in the Knights of Pythias hall Wednesday evening. The principal feature of the session was the performance of the initiation ceremonies. Robert McClung was the victim and he stood the test exceptionally well. Lodge matters of a routine nature were transacted.

REMAINS

Of Fireman Tyler, Who Died From Scalds and Burns Received in Railroad Accident, Shipped to His Home in Maryland.

The remains of Fireman W. E. Tyler, who died in the Kessler Hospital Tuesday night from terrible scalds received in a railroad accident in the west end of the B. & O. freight yards here Tuesday morning, were shipped to the home of his relatives in Prince Ann, Maryland, on train No. 12, Thursday afternoon.

After his death the remains were prepared for burial by the Clifford Osborne Undertaking Company. The undertakers received a telegraphic message from a sister of the dead man at Prince Ann, instructing them to ship the remains to that place. The funeral will occur there Friday.

REHEARING REFUSED.

Charleston, W. Va., Jan. 21, (Special)—The petition for a rehearing in the appeal case of Cordelia Nutter against Beeson H. Brown, from Harrison county, was, to-day, refused by the supreme court. Brown made the application.

BENEFICIAL

To the Ministers Work Will Be Result of Conference on Evangelism Now Being Held in Baptist Church.

The conference on Evangelism which is being held at the First Baptist church in this city is resulting in much good for the many pastors of that denomination who are in attendance and are participating in the sessions.

The session Wednesday night was opened by Rev. A. B. Wither, of Gypsy, with a Scriptural exposition. Following the discussion Rev. C. A. Cook, of Bloomfield, N. J., held the close attention of the assembly in an address upon "Christian Stewardship."

Thursday morning a general discussion was held upon the subject, "The Pastor as Revivalist." At the afternoon session the discussion was resumed upon the subject, "The People and the Revivalist."

The conference will close with this evening's session. At this session Rev. T. G. Field, of Granville, Ohio, will deliver an address upon "The Church's Answer to the Divine Call." The meetings are open to the public and admission is free. All are invited to attend.

YOUTHFUL ADVENTURER GETS SHOW MONEY

A small boy giving his name as Tyson Leonard and his home on Monticello avenue, worked the poverty racket very successfully Wednesday afternoon on a number of people residing in the Western portion of the city.

There was a show scheduled at the opera house that night and the boy who is only ten or eleven years of age was bent on going. He did not have the money, but in true American style he started out to get it. His scheme was to put up a pitiful story about a large family at home, all sick and needing the staff of life as well as some doctor's pills. He thought it out well before starting out to raise the coin necessary to take him to the show, and the story was on the end of his tongue, when he approached people for alms. With the courage that any Rough Rider admires, he told his story and asked for assistance. His appeal touched the hearts of a number of people and he soon found himself possessed of enough money to

buy a ticket to a big priced attraction and a surplus for side-table delicacies such as Len Jones serves theatre patrons.

Later in the evening he met one of those who had become interested in the awful destitution he had pictured his family in and he was asked how they were getting along. The little adventurer had a broad grin on his face and replied that he was going to the show, in fact was one of the first on hand every time a show came to the city. It then was revealed to the kind-hearted gentleman who had befriended him that the boy had worked the sympathy racket on him to perfection and that his money was being spent for a show ticket instead of food, clothing and other necessities for a starving family.

The boy who adopts such extraordinary measures, however, is entitled to a free pass at the opera house, on account of the crowding sickness he is as one able to reach the hearts of the people and especially their pocket books.

OFFICERS HERE HUNTING RUNAWAY INCORRIGIBLES

PRINCIPAL RIGGS OF THE PRUNTY-TOWN REFORMATORY WATCHING PASSENGER TRAINS IN THIS CITY.

One Runaway Caught at Fairmont on Wednesday—Two More Boys Got Away Wednesday Night and Started For Clarksburg.

R. A. Riggs, principal of the school at the Boys' State Reformatory, at Pruntytown, is in the city on a hunt for several incorrigible boys who have run off from that institution.

On Tuesday night two boys, John Hull and Samuel Fowler, both from Parkersburg, ran away from the school. They got out of sight of the guard under pretense of being excused and slipped away. Mr. Riggs came down on the railroad

Wednesday and stopping at Fairmont caught John Hull. He had the boy sent back to the school. On coming to Clarksburg the authorities of the reform school sent word to Mr. Riggs that two more boys had escaped from the school Wednesday night. They were Samuel Hawkins and John Joiner, two young colored lads, and they started towards Clarksburg.

Mr. Riggs is stationed at the passenger depot here watching every train as he believes the boys will come down this way on the B. & O., to change to the West Virginia & Pittsburgh division to go to Richwood, cross the mountains and get to their homes at Charleston.

The city police are assisting Mr. Riggs and all are expecting to apprehend the runaway boys within a day or so. It is believed that one of the boys is in this city.

GLASS WORKERS ARE ALL OUT

By Associated Press. Gas City, Ind., Jan. 21—Three hundred men struck to-day at the Diamond Glass Factory. Every glass factory in the county is now idle.

FIRE DESTROYS TUBE PLANT

By Associated Press. Shelby, Ohio, Jan. 21—The steel and warehouses of the Shady Tube Company, were destroyed by fire last night. The warehouses contained 23

million feet of tubing. The loss is estimated at three million dollars. The ruined tubing can only be used for scrap iron. The fire caught from a defective electric wire.

TRAIN ROBBER GETS SAFE

San Luis Obispo, Cal., Jan. 21—The express train which left here at 10:40 last night for San Francisco was robbed of the express safe, six miles from here. The safe is said to have contained \$80,000. The messenger had left the car temporarily.

James Bangardner was here from Salem Thursday.

ELECTRICAL BIG FLOODS SWEEP ALL OVER THE COUNTRY

CONNECTIONS WERE BROKEN AND SCENIC EFFECTS IN "FAUST" WERE SPOILED.

PORTER J. WHITE'S COMPANY A POORLY BALANCED ONE AND PLAY DID NOT PLEASE.

But a Small Sized Audience Was Present to Witness It—Mephisto Was Rendered Cleverly, But Role of Faust Was Bad.

Porter J. White's production of Goethe's "Faust" held the boards at the Traders' Grand Opera House last evening. But a comparatively small sized audience turned out to witness it. There were two reasons for this. One reason was that 75 cents and \$1.00 downstairs seats is "too much" for the average theatre-goer to pay to see an ordinary production of "Faust." The other was the date—the show being booked one day before "Florodora." There was a great many theatre-goers who can afford to go to only one high priced attraction in a week.

White's company is a very poorly balanced one. Anthony Andre played the part of Mephisto very cleverly, but the ungraceful, awkward, languid, fawning Faust, in the person of F. J. Wilson, hurt the whole piece. Miss Jane Ehling, as Marguerite, rendered the role fairly well, but her expressions were utterly devoid of emotional feeling.

There is a good deal of special scenery carried with the company and apparatus for the electrical scenic effects. Somehow or other the stage settings and electrical effects were "all balled up," as the saying is. The electric connections refused to work at the critical moment, and the lights were poorly handled. In the first act the attempt to "spot" Mephisto with the red calcium was a ridiculous failure and spoiled the whole effect of the thing. Mephisto was rolling off his lines on one part of the stage and the calcium spot hit a tree painted on one of the right wings. The white calcium spot failed to fall upon Marguerite's head and shoulders but instead went off to another part of the stage in the following act.

The "Great Broken Scene" was "run down." The management of the house says two little boys got to "monkeying" with some of the electrical scenic apparatus on the stage before the house was opened and stole a couple of bulbs which broke the electrical connections in that scene altogether. Everything failed to work just properly excepting the fireworks business, but the borders which represented a rain of fire and brimstone.

Porter J. White's "Faust" is far below the excellent production of Daniel's "Francesco Di Rimini" in which he played the leading role and which was presented on the same stage a few months ago.

NEGROES FOUND GUILTY

Of Burglarizing St. John's Orphanage, at Elm Grove, and One Woll Be Tried for Criminal Assault.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 21—Flam Honker and Tom Easton, two of the colored men indicted for the burglary of the St. John's Orphanage, at Elm Grove, on October 21st, were found guilty by the jury shortly after 9 o'clock last night. Honker was also indicted for an assault on young Sister Alma, who was the sole person in charge of the Orphanage on the night of the burglary. He will be tried by another jury on the charge of attempted criminal assault.

BECAME BELLICOSE

But a Policeman Happened Along and John Epperson Was Marched Off to Jail—Police Court News.

John Epperson wanted to get into a fight in front of the opera house last night but the policeman on that beat came along about the time John's pugilistic desires had been fanned to a white heat and prevented him from doing so. Epperson became disorderly enough to get arrested, however, and the cop marched him off to the city calaboose.

At the regular morning session of police court Thursday John was sentenced to two days in jail for his conduct. Besides John there were three prisoners before the mayor all charged with having been drunk. Two of them paid three dollars and costs and were released, and the other, in default, was sent over for three days.

ICE MOVING OUT AND HOUSES ARE FLOODED—THE RESIDENTS MOVING OUT.

River Dam at Adamaboro Swept by the Torrent and Electric Light Plant is Compelled to Close—Big Flood Is Expected.

By Associated Press. Logansport, Ind., Jan. 21—The ice began moving out of the Wabash river today, doing much damage.

The water filled the cellars and basements of all the residences all along the river and many families feared their houses would be swept away and left them "stranded." The electric light plant has been compelled to close.

The river dam at Adamaboro has been washed out. The water is rising alarmingly rapidly at Lafayette.

Cincinnati, Jan. 21—Persistent rain and warm weather are effecting the ice in the Ohio river, which is gradually softening. The Ohio river has risen one foot at Pittsburgh; 1.5 at Wheeling; 0.8 at Point Pleasant; 1.2 at Huntington; 1.2 at Catfishburg; 0.7 at Portsmouth and 2.2 at Cincinnati.

Pittsburg, Jan. 21—Break up in the rivers and a flood to-morrow are expected. If the ice gorges in the river all come out at once there will be vast damage to property.

Meadville, Pa., Jan. 21—The worst flood in the history of this city is here. The fire department has been called out to assist in saving property. A very heavy rain has fallen.

Cincinnati, Jan. 21—The Miami river ran out last night. This morning the gorge at Ludlow, Ky., went out causing but slight loss. Ice still holds in front of the city and up the river.

Lafayette, Ind., Jan. 21—The Wabash has risen 16 feet. All boats have been destroyed by ice. Expected about 11

ABDUCTED GIRL SENT TO CUMBERLAND

BY THE YOUNG MEN WHO CARRIED HER OFF FROM HER HOME AT RINEHART.

Wright Turns Informant Against His Companion and Tells Their Plans—Trial is Set For Saturday Afternoon.

Burton Cottrill and Russell Wright, the two young men who are charged with kidnaping little Elsie Pitts, last Saturday evening, are still behind the bars and will remain there until Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock, at which hour they will be given a hearing by Justice M. S. Riley.

The developments in the case since their arrest Wednesday afternoon are startling. Wright does not like his present quarters and has informed his confederate to the extent that he confessed to their having brought the girl here and that she left here about eight o'clock Sunday morning on the isolated express train for Cumberland, intending to go from that city to some other place, the name of which he does not recall.

This story is corroborated by employees at the passenger station here, who say

four feet under water. Denser is flooded and much stock has been drowned. The Wabash is rising a foot an hour.

Indianapolis, Jan. 21—White river is out of banks. At Muncie, Indiana, the Union Traction Company bridge is gone.

Findlay, Ohio, Jan. 21—The city is threatened with a dangerous flood. The river is within two feet of the floor of the Main street bridge.

CARNEGIE

Library Building to Be Built at Athens, Ohio, and Clarksburg Firm Goes After Architectural Contract For It.

Robert Lafferty, of the firm of Holmboe & Lafferty, architects, left Wednesday evening for Athens, Ohio, for the purpose of submitting drawings and designs in competition with other architects for the new Carnegie library building to be built in that city. This firm has several contracts for big buildings in Athens.

OFFICIALS GUILTY

By Associated Press. Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 21—Ex-Alderman McCool and Ex-City Clerk Lamoreaux changed their plea of not guilty to guilty to-day on indictments for complicity in the water deal. They were influenced perhaps by the verdict of guilty in the case against Ex-Alderman Eller.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 21—Senator Morgan in the Senate to-day made an explanation of his bill for the annexation of Panama and his resolution for the construction of the Nicaragua canal.

SALEM JOINT RAIDED AND MEN ARRESTED

CONSTABLE EDGELL SURPRISES MEN IN JOINT IN THOMPSON BUILDING AT SALEM ON THURSDAY.

Arrests Russel Wright and John O'Connor and Brings Them to Clarksburg—Slot Machines and Gambling Tables Seized and Sent Here.

Constable U. G. Edgell raided a speakeasy and gambling joint in the Thompson building at Salem Thursday morning, arrested two men and seized a lot of gambling apparatus. The officers went to Salem on the early morning train armed with warrants, which had been issued in Magistrate S. W. Gordon's court. Surprising the occupants of the joint being run in the Thompson building, he found Russel Wright and John O'Connors in charge.

He placed both men under arrest and brought them to this city on the morning accommodation.

The constable also seized a lot of gambling apparatus and had it shipped to this city. The apparatus consisted of three or four gambling tables and two slot machines. The articles will be stored in the basement of the court house and will later be destroyed under direction of the prosecuting attorney.

The prisoners were taken before Magistrate Gordon upon their arrival here. Wright was arraigned on the charge of unlawfully selling whiskey and O'Connors on the charge of operating gambling devices. They were both held under the usual bonds of \$100 and \$500 each to appear before the next grand jury and not to engage in the business again. They furnished the required bond and were released.