

# FLAMES SWEEP THROUGH CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS

One Thousand Residents of the Stricken City Are Made Homeless.

FIVE MILLION DOLLAR

Loss is the Estimate But No Lives Are Reported Lost.

HOUSTON, Tex., Feb. 21.—This city was visited this morning by one of the most disastrous fires in its history. Lumber plants covering three blocks, St. Patrick's Catholic church and school and a number of residences being destroyed. The number of homeless is placed at 1,000 and the reported loss amounts to millions of dollars.

The fire started in a wooden hotel building and swept through the residence section for a mile driven by a thirty-five mile an hour wind.

The path of the flames was seven blocks wide. There have been no deaths as far reported, but the damage is conservatively estimated at more than \$5,000,000.

The homeless are being cared for and there is no lack of food.

## MR. TANEY

Stricken Suddenly in His Private Office at the Register Plant.

Stricken with heart trouble, Henry Taney, general manager of the Wheeling Register, and one of the best known Democratic politicians of West Virginia, dropped dead in his private office on the second floor of the building of the West Virginia Printing Company at Wheeling Tuesday afternoon shortly after 4 o'clock. Entering the office to consult with Mr. Taney regarding some business matters, the day janitor found the dead body on the floor, partly supported by a chair on which the deceased man had evidently grasped when stricken.

Mr. Taney is survived by two sons, Camden S. and James B. Jr. Also a brother, James B. Taney, and two sisters, Mrs. S. L. Brice and Miss Jennie Taney, survive. A brother, William H. Taney, died several years ago. Mrs. Taney is a daughter of Mrs. Martha M. Sommers, of this city.

Funeral services over the body will be held from the family residence Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment will follow at Greenwood cemetery, which will be private.

## BLACKMAIL PLOT

Attempted Upon Morgantown Woman Who Fails to "Fall" for the Game.

MORGANTOWN, Feb. 21.—A clever attempt at blackmailing has been called to the attention of Prosecuting Attorney Boyd by a local woman. The swindlers informed the wife that her husband had been attempting to entice young girls, but was told she and her husband could fix things up upon payment of \$100. The attorney accompanied the husband and wife to the hotel where the blackmailers were staying, but they had left town. Other similar cases are now being reported in which money was paid over.

## DEAD ON TRACK

Missing Monongalia County Deputy Sheriff Found Mangled Near Uniontown.

MORGANTOWN, Feb. 21.—The mangled remains of J. W. Core, the well known Sebastian hotel owner and deputy sheriff, were found on the Pennsylvania railroad tracks near Uniontown, Pa. Until the message of death was received this morning no clue had been obtained as to the dead man's whereabouts since his disappearance about three weeks ago. The body will arrive here tomorrow.

## NEW POSTMASTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—Wayne Forers has been appointed postmaster at Cleveland, Webster county, W. Va., in place of C. C. Ferrell, resigned.



CHARLES W. DILLON IN TABLOID.

The following is a brief synopsis of the life of Charles W. Dillon, a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor of West Virginia:

Born in Bland county, Va., February 8, 1865.

Parents, John Wesley and Docia Dillon.

Mother, Docia Evans, a cousin of Admiral "Fighting Bob" Evans.

Educated in the common schools of native state, with a term at the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College, now Virginia Polytechnic Institute, at Blacksburg.

Worked on a farm in Virginia.

Worked on construction of the Norfolk and Western railroad, Railroad to Pocahontas, as grade builder and track layer.

Located in Fayette county in 1888, coming from Giles county, Va.

Taught school from 1886 to 1888, studying law at night.

Road law with Hon. L. G. Gaines, and was admitted to practice along with Joseph Holt Gaines, in 1888.

Elected prosecuting attorney of Fayette county in 1892, re-elected in 1896.

Appointed first state tax commissioner in November, 1904, by Governor A. B. White; resigned April 1, 1907.

Delegate at large to Republican national convention which nominated Taft and Sherman in 1908.

Married Emma J. Ankrom October 6, 1896, has one child, Julian Dillon, aged 11 years.

Resident of Fayetteville, and member of law firm of Dillon and Nuckolls.

## TRAIN WRECK CAN NOT BE GONE TO UNITED

Owing to Fierce Fire and Heavy Explosions in the Debris.

NORTH ADAMS, Mass., Feb. 21.—Fierce fire and heavy explosions in the debris made it impossible for wrecking crews to reach the scene of a collision of a passenger train and freight train on the Boston and Maine railroad inside the Hassack tunnel, and attempts to get to the burned cars were abandoned today until the fire had burned itself out.

Railroad men say it will be impossible to reach the wreck until Saturday or Sunday. Conductor Rathbone, believed to have been killed, is safe. Four other trainmen are dead.

DRUNK

Brakeman Says He Was If He Robbed St. Louis Express Train.

REYSER, Feb. 21.—"I was robbed that train I was so drunk I didn't know what I was doing," declared F. A. Becker, a Baltimore and Ohio brakeman, held here for robbing the St. Louis express No. 1, yesterday. After two hours' quizzing Becker told the police that he had lived in Philadelphia and until a year ago was a fireman in the navy. He is bordering on a nervous collapse.

## HOLIDAY TOMORROW.

As tomorrow will be an anniversary of the birth of George Washington, it will be a legal holiday and the postoffice will observe the usual holiday hours. The banks, schools and public offices will be closed.

## GENERAL TO BE MEETING THE BOARD

Of Trade Will Hold in Its Rooms at 2 O'clock Tomorrow Afternoon.

## WILL NAME SQUADS

To Solicit Funds with Which to Buy Southern Farm Near the City.

There will be a general meeting of the members of the board of trade and all others interested in the proposition to buy the Southern farm for an industrial town, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the board of trade rooms in the Oak Hall building on West Main street opposite Telegram square. All persons interested in subscribing to the purchase fund and in the solicitation of such fund are urged to be present. Soliciting squads will probably be appointed at the meeting.

The organization committee held a meeting this morning with William A. Vance, Clarence W. Leggett, R. B. Willison and H. V. D. King present. It arranged for further advertising the Southern farm project through the newspapers in the county. A circular prospectus will also be gotten out at the meeting tomorrow afternoon to be circulated throughout the business portions of the city.

It is the earnest wish of the organization committee that all board of trade members and all others interested in making the project succeed be present at the meeting tomorrow afternoon. It has been almost definitely decided that the soliciting squads will be named at the meeting and the board desires volunteers who will give a portion of their time for several days to soliciting stock subscriptions.

Recently Secretary King of the board of trade took up with the freight department of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company the question of a cheaper rate on lumber from the Richwood district, a reduced rate having been given Pittsburg, and he had Frederick

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## COL. FUGGY'S

Aged Mother at Weston Now Lies at the Point of Death.

The sad intelligence reached this city this morning that the mother of Colonel Joseph Fuggy, president of the Clarksburg Northern electric road, was at the point of death at her home in Weston and that the end was but a question of time. Mrs. Fuggy is an aged and estimable lady and although she has only visited this city a few times, she has a large circle of friends who deeply regret to learn of her serious illness. Should Mrs. Fuggy die, the blow will fall heaviest on the shoulders of her son, Colonel Fuggy, as the residents of this city noticed that the son idolized his mother, and her slightest wish appeared to be law with him, and he was never in a happier frame of mind than when he was doing some little act of kindness for his mother.



DR. ELKANAH HULLEY. This is the likeness of Dr. Elkanah Hulley, president of Broadbent Institute at Phillip, who has been honored by the J. B. Stetson University at DeLand, Fla., with the degree of doctor of laws.

# ROOSEVELT IN FAVOR OF REFERENDUM AND RECALL



THEODORE ROOSEVELT

## BUNGLED SIGNAL WARNS ENGINEER

Who Turns on Full Steam and Saves the Train from Bandits.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Feb. 21.—Five men attempted to hold up a fast west bound passenger train on the Chicago and Northwestern road near Bortram nine miles from here today.

Their bungling method of signalling the engineer to stop warned him and he put on all the steam. He was shot in an arm by one of the dis-appointed bandits.

## DOUBLE LYNCHING

Is Likely as Soon as Mob Takes Two Negroes Now in Woods.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 21.—Reports today from Brentwood ten miles from here say a mob has surrounded two negroes who killed a white farmer, in the woods and a double lynching seems inevitable.

## OVATIONS GIVEN BY OHIO PEOPLE

To Colonel Theodore Roosevelt Wherever the Colonel's Train Stops.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 21.—In the midst of a storm of snow and sleet, Colonel Roosevelt arrived in Columbus today to address the Ohio constitutional convention. As his train rushed through Ohio, people gathered at every station at which a stop was made. At Tringway the crowd was held back to allow a feeble old man to get on the platform of the car where the colonel stood. He said he was Lewis Adams, a school mate of President Garfield.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 21.—On the way from Columbus to New York tonight, Roosevelt will stop ten minutes in Cleveland and is expected to address a crowd that will rather to greet him.

## TAFT CLUB

Will Be Formed in Grafton in Near Future by Admirers of the President.

GRAFTON, Feb. 21.—There is a great enthusiasm here over President Taft for renomination and as a result steps are being taken to form a Taft club. The organization will likely take definite form in the next few days and will start off with a good membership.

## GETS A PUMPER.

On the West Fork river, Union district, this county, the Philadelphia Company has drilled a second test on the W. R. Allen farm through the fourth sand and has a show for a 15 or 20-barrel pumper.

But He Would Apply Them Only in Unusual Cases of Urgency.

## TALKS TO DELEGATES

Tells Constitutional Convention Judgment of Whole People Should Rule.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 21.—"The Business," the fitness of the American people for self-government, the recall of judges, and praise for progressive legislation were topics discussed by Theodore Roosevelt in an address today before the Ohio constitutional convention here. Colonel Roosevelt chose as his subject, "A Charter of Democracy."

Of what he termed "Big Business," Colonel Roosevelt had this to say:

"The anti-trust law does good insofar as it can be invoked against combinations which really are monopolies or which restrict production or which artificially raise prices. But insofar as its workings are uncertain or as it threatens corporations which have not been guilty of anti-social conduct it does harm. There should be a fixed governmental policy which clearly define and punish wrong doing and give in advance full information to any man as to just what he can and just what he can not legally and properly do."

As to the fitness of the American people for self-government, Colonel Roosevelt said:

"Many eminent lawyers believe that the American people are not fitted for popular government and that it is necessary to keep the judiciary independent of the majority of the people. I take absolute issue with all those who hold such a position. Of the recall of judges, he said: 'The question is one of expediency merely. Each community has the right to make the experiment for itself in whatever shape it pleases. I do not believe in adopting the recall save as a last resort when it has become clearly evident that no other course will achieve the desired result.'

Colonel Roosevelt said in part: "It holds it to be the duty of every public servant, and of every man who in public or private life holds a position of leadership in thought or action, to endeavor honestly and fearlessly to guide his fellow-countrymen to right decisions, but I emphatically dissent from the view that it is either wise or necessary to try to devise methods which under the constitution will automatically prevent the people from deciding for themselves what governmental action they deem just and proper."

"It is impossible to invent constitutional devices which will prevent the popular will from being effective for wrong without also preventing it from being effective for right. The only safe course to follow in this great American democracy is to provide for making the popular judgment really effective. Constitutional makers should make it clear beyond shadow of doubt that the people in their legislative capacity have the power to enact into law any measure they deem necessary for the betterment of social and industrial conditions."

"I hold that he is the real progressive, that he is the genuine champion of the people, who endeavors to shape the policy alike of the nation and of the several states so as to encourage legitimate and honest business at the same time that he wars against all crookedness and injustices and unfairness and tyranny in the business world. This is the reason why I have for so many years insisted as regards our national government, that it is both futile and mischievous to endeavor to correct the evils of big business by an attempt to restore business conditions as they were in the middle of the last century, before railroads and telegraphs had rendered larger business organizations both inevitable and desirable."

"What is needed is, first, the recognition that modern business conditions have come to stay, insofar as at least as these conditions mean that business must be done in larger units, and then the cool-headed and resolute determination to introduce reforms which will meet the situation."

## SISTERSVILLE

Feb. 21.—Joe Wright, the man badly injured in the boiler explosion at Trail Run, O., that killed Fred Rosenlieb, is said will recover. He has regained consciousness.

## VICTIM OF EXPLOSION EXPECTED TO RECOVER.

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