

STEAMSHIP IS SWEEPED BY FIRE

Panic Occurs on the Ship and There is Some Loss of Life.

AN OFFICER CUT OFF

By the Flames and Seamen Also Perish in the Blaze on Waters.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—The steamship Imperator, the largest vessel afloat, was swept by fire early today as it lay at its pier at Hoboken with its crew and 1,131 steerage passengers aboard.

Second Officer Cobrick, who led the crew into the hold to fight the flames, was cut off from his men, enveloped in a cloud of smoke and suffocated. His body was found an hour afterward untouched by fire.

A seaman whose identity has not yet been determined, one of the party who went down with Cobrick, also perished.

A fleet of fire fighting craft augmented by apparatus from on shore surrounded the ship and poured tons of water into its hold. When the fire was checked at 3 o'clock the great vessel had listed eighteen degrees.

The small army in the steerage, aroused from their sleep by the crackling flames, rushed panic-stricken for the pier. Most of them spent the remainder of the night huddled in discomfort on the shore. They were removed later to Elm's Island.

THAW'S LAWYER

Goes to Quebec to Head Off Jerome and Other New York Lawyers.

SHREVEBROOKE, Quebec, Aug. 28.—Louis St. Laurent, the lawyer retained by the Thaw family to defend Gentleman Roger, left suddenly today for Quebec in an attempt to head off William T. Jerome and Deputy Attorney General Kennedy, of New York, who went to Quebec yesterday to enlist the aid of Premier Gouin, of the Province of Quebec in their efforts to deport Thaw.

While St. Laurent is not the most prominent of the Thaw defenders his home is in Quebec and he is the only one of Thaw's lawyers who is a Liberal in politics. It is said that St. Laurent bore messages from prominent politicians here urging the premier, who is also a Liberal, not to interfere in the case. Thaw devoted the day to letter writing.

CORN ROASTED

In An Instant by Electricity Coming from a Short Circuit of Wires.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Aug. 28.—Corn growing in a field fifty feet away was roasted in an instant early today when an iron wire thrown across a 72,000 volt transmission line of the Grand Rapids and Muskegon Power Company near Mill Creek caused a short circuit which plunged Grand Rapids in darkness and stopped street car traffic. The trolley wire was burned in two and a number of lives were endangered.

Officials of the company declared to county authorities that they believe the wire was thrown across the line by strikers. It was stated that a similar attempt was made a week ago.

MUST WORK THIRTY DAYS.

Hiram Blackwell is a member of the road gang today as a result of being found guilty in Justice J. V. Carter's last evening of entering the home of his son, Howard Blackwell, and carrying away household articles. Blackwell was arrested several days ago by Constable C. L. Ford upon a warrant sworn out by his son.

TROOPS TO MOVE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Aug. 28.—At army headquarters, it was announced today that a troop of cavalry would leave the Presidio at Monterey today for Calexico on the Mexican border where the activity of the Constitutionalists has threatened the water supply of the Imperial valley.

PYTHIAN ROUTINE WORK DONE TODAY

Parade in the Afternoon from Camp Virgil A. Lewis is a Feature.

When the Grand Lodge of Pythians of West Virginia met the second day of its forty-fourth annual convention at 9 o'clock Thursday morning in the Elks' auditorium here, there were 227 voting members and 150 past chancellors and other officers present. The body directed the supreme representatives to vote in the supreme lodge in favor of an amendment to the supreme constitution giving to the keepers of records and seals and to masters of finance the honor of past chancellors for five years' continuous service in those respective offices. This will make them members of the supreme lodge.

A committee of Pythian Sisters, consisting of Mrs. Dora Trimmell, Mrs. W. Frank Stout, Mrs. Grace O. Montgomery, Mrs. John George and Mrs. Charles Fearbaugh, visited the grand lodge session. The committees chosen by the grand lodge at this year's meeting follows:

Grievances—J. F. Cherbwith, B. F. Sayre and Elmer Price. Mileage and per diem—H. T. Crawford, R. C. Miller and W. C. Long. Warrants and charters—John Dobson, C. T. Wilson and S. D. McCrum. State of the order—W. H. Dunbar, Oscar C. Will and A. G. Houriet.

Rules—Charles W. Detrich, Guy D. Raymond and O. P. Jamieson. Necrology—Benjamin Stout, W. B. Cutright and J. Howard Anderson. Resolutions—J. Howard Anderson, George R. Butts, D. Lisbey, C. L. Haines and W. E. Eubanks.

The convention adjourned at 12:30 for the parade at 2 o'clock and not to reassemble until 4 o'clock.

Exemplification of the new secret work by the supreme representatives will be done immediately after the grand lodge meets at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Cours de Leon Company, No. 1, of Wheeling, has six members on the grand lodge floor as representatives, namely, Lieutenant A. Karl Haberfield, of Baltimore Lodge, No. 6; Sergeants Charles Wagner and Cyril A. Peak, of Black Phinco, No. 19; Captains Frank B. Lisby and Edward Salade, of Ohio Valley Lodge, No. 21; and Maj. Earle Spargo, of Wheeling Lodge No. 114, which is an indication of the appreciation of the hard work done by the Uniform Rank.

Today is souvenir day at the Wheeling quarters on the camp members in the subordinate lodges, grounds.

Grand lodge representatives not present when the roll is called at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning will not be entitled to mileage for the day. At 7 o'clock this evening the Dramatic Order of the Knights of Khorassan will give one of their characteristic parades. The Charleston "Dokie" team will confer the degrees upon a large class which will be organized into a lodge of the order.

Such a large number of candidates received the grand lodge degree at the opening session of that body that they had to be arranged in three classes. It was the largest number receiving the degree since the record breaking convention in Wheeling in 1911.

Battalion and artillery drills and brigade inspection, besides the parade, constituted the program at Camp Virgil A. Lewis for the day by the Uniform Rank.

A parade of the Uniform Rank and subordinate lodges was held from 2 to 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The line of march was from the camp grounds west to Oak street, across Oak to Pike, west to Sixth, across to Main and east to the grounds.

DEMOCRATS INSURGE IN FEDERAL SENATE

Vardaman Leaves the Party Ranks and others Threaten to Do So.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—An insurgent movement among Democratic senators that threatened to break party lines on the income tax was headed off by party leaders today by an agreement to revise the tariff bill so as to levy a heavier tax on the incomes from large fortunes.

It is understood that the Democratic leaders have agreed to a revision of the income tax section so that

HUERTA BEGINS TO CLIMB DOWN FROM HIGH PERCH

He withdraws His Request for An Exchange of Ambassadors.

MR. LIND MAY RETURN

Present Status is Asked to Be Continued until after Election.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 28.—This was the Mexican situation in brief today: Huerta had withdrawn his request for an exchange of ambassadors and asked that the present diplomatic status continue until after the Mexican election in October. By some that was interpreted as a concession. A request for recognition as the "constitutional government ad interim" which was coupled with the proposal for an exchange of ambassadors was, however, interpreted by many officials as a practical iteration of the original stand of the Huerta government.

Senor Gamboa, Mexican minister of foreign affairs, pointed out that the demand of the United States for the elimination of Huerta would be met by a provision of the Mexican constitution which makes a provisional president ineligible for re-election. The Washington government, however, desires assurances more definite.

John Lind, President Wilson's envoy, was authorized to return to Mexico City from Vera Cruz if in his discretion it seems advisable.

After an early conference with Secretary Bryan and Chairman Bacon, of the Senate foreign relations committee, President Wilson let it be known he believed the situation in Mexico was encouraging. The president thinks things are changing in Mexico City and that something tangible will soon be known. There was no evidence here today that the Huerta government had agreed to the American plan but the disposition of the Mexican administration to withdraw some of its proposals has encouraged the belief in official circles that the president's message is having a good effect in Mexico.

Should Mr. Lind deem it advisable to return to Mexico City to continue in person the negotiations he is conducting by telegraph from Vera Cruz he has authority from Washington to do so. It is considered quite probable he will go.

President Wilson and Secretary Bryan regarded the situation as encouraging and indicated that they expected some change in the attitude of Mexico City after the president's address before Congress yesterday was digested.

American consular officers throughout Mexico were rounding up Americans advising them to leave Mexico and preparing means to aid them in doing so.

Major General Wood, chief of staff of the army, returned to Washington to take personal charge of any military measures to carry out the president's determination for strict neutrality.

LEADING TEAMS

At the End of the Surprise Fire the First Stage of the Match.

CAMP PERRY, O., Aug. 28.—At the end of the surprise fire the first stage of the national team match today, the following teams led: United States infantry, first, 507; United States cavalry, second, 554; West Virginia, third, 544; United States marines, fourth, 541; Washington and Iowa tied for fifth.

STARVING HERSELF

Is a Young Man Who is Well Supplied with Coin of the Realm.

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 28.—Although well supplied with money, a young woman, believed to be Miss Mildred Whiting, of Philadelphia, was removed to a hospital early today in a starving condition. She was examined regarding her sanity. So far as known two quarts of milk is the only nourishment she has taken since August 16.

HEARNE HERE.

J. G. Hearne, of Wheeling, who has announced himself a candidate for the nomination for Congress in this district to succeed John W. Davis, arrived here last evening in the interest of his candidacy and met a number of Clarksburg and other citizens of the district.

DEATH BRINGS END TO TRAGIC CAREER.



Countess Tarnawska.

Death has at last brought an end to the tragic career of Countess Marie Tarnawska. Sentenced to life imprisonment in an Italian dungeon in 1910 for complicity in the murder of Count Kamarowsky, in the two years that she spent in solitary confinement she lost all her beauty and charm which had once made her the toast of all Europe. She was found hanging in a St. Petersburg-Kiev express train. The police are investigating to determine whether it is a case of suicide or murder.

BIG REALTY DEAL.

Col. Clarence W. Leggett returned last evening from Parkersburg, where he sold Mrs. Leggett's property there for \$20,000.

Albert Sneiderker, of Wellsburg, is a city visitor.

PYTHIAN SISTERS BUSILY ENGAGED

SEES SNAKES

But Not the Kind Seen by the Old Toper Who Gets a Load On.

J. N. Cottrill, of Industrial, sends the Telegram the following snake story:

On Tuesday I was cleaning out by barn near Quiet Dell and in moving some rubbish I saw a pile of snakes under the sill. With a four pronged fork I pinioned three to the ground, two copperheads and one black snake. One of the copperheads was 37 1/2 inches long and contained twenty-seven little snakes five to seven inches long and the other copperhead was twenty-nine inches long and had ten little ones seven to nine inches in length, making a total of thirty-nine copperheads. My two sons, Alphon and Sydney H., participated in the great slaughter of poisonous reptiles.

FIRST ACCIDENT.

CAMP PERRY, O., Aug. 28.—The first fatal accident on the rifle ranges took place today when Francisco V. Ballon, of the Peruvian team, was killed by one of his fellow countrymen who accidentally pulled the trigger.

DIES IN GERMANY.

MORGANTOWN, Aug. 28.—Word was received here today of the death of Mrs. August Weller at Aalen, Wurttemberg, Germany. She died twenty-four hours after reaching her former home, trigger of his loaded rifle.

MR. BURLERSON ISSUES NEW POSTOFFICE ORDER

Relates to Precancelled Postage Stamps and Their Use in Future.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—Postmaster General Burleson today signed an order which provides that precancelled postage stamps may be sold to the public on and after September 16.

Precancelled stamps have printed upon them the name of the post office before they are sold. Such stamps will be valid for postage on

STRIKERS SHOT AT POPE MILLS

GOVERNORS

Push Things and Get One Day Ahead in Their National Conference.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Aug. 28.—With the selection of Madison, Wis., as the meeting place for 1914, permanent officers elected and the discussion of state assumption of nomination and election expenses, originally scheduled for Saturday, out of the way, the governors' conference met today one full day ahead of its schedule. The program included a discussion of distrust of state legislatures, the cause the remedy. The chief speakers were Govs. O'Neal of Alabama; Hunt, of Arizona; and Hodges, of Kansas.

ONE TAKEN IN.

Cecil Stealey was initiated by Camp No. 5, of the Woodmen of the World last night.

LABOR DAY.

The Fairmont Federation of Labor is preparing to have a big observance of Labor Day at Loop Park at Fairmont and a large attendance is expected from various points.

Mrs. Clarence W. Leggett will take her daughter, Frances, to Parkersburg Monday and place her in the De Sales High school for the year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Carl Vance have returned from Mt. Lake Park for a few days.

When a Volley of Shot Answers Their Threat to Attack the Mill.

ARRESTS ARE MADE

Vice President Weir Says State Troops Should Have Been There.

STEUBENVILLE, O., Aug. 28.—As a result of the rioting last night at the Pope tin mill, Mayor George W. McLeish today caused warrants to be issued for the arrest of John L. Lloyd, assistant superintendent of the mill; Lloyd Mentzer, manager; and John Bradley, captain of the mill guards. Others may be arrested in the attempt to fasten the responsibility for the shooting by the mill guards of a number of strikers, two of whom are expected to die. Joseph Miller is not expected to live through the day.

Early this morning, four guards were arrested in a clash with police and are being held without bond. D. M. Weir, vice president of the company, declared today that state troops should have been summoned to handle the situation long ago. City officials iterated that they could preserve order. The strike has been in progress seven weeks.

Two thousand strikers paraded to the mill last night. A threat to attack the mill was answered by a volley of shot from the mill guards.

Shortly before noon, Arthur Long and Jack Rives, employees of the mill, were arrested and Lloyd Mentzer was released, each under \$2,500 bond. The charge in each case is that of shooting with intent to kill.

Today's reports show that twelve were wounded in last night's rioting.

WRECKS HOME

After Returning from Ohio Where He Was in Hiding Fearing Arrest.

PARKERSBURG, Aug. 28.—Clair Phillips, local oil man who created a sensation last week by cutting off his wife's hair due to jealousy and who has since been in hiding in Ohio to evade arrest, returned here sometime last night, entered his home and ruined practically all of its contents. He cut the upholstered furniture to pieces with a knife, broke up chairs, tables and beds, and tore all of his wife's clothing to ribbons. Phillips then packed his own clothing and left word that he was going to Oklahoma. The local authorities who renewed their search for him today, after learning of his acts last night, learned that he had left for Cincinnati. The total damage done by Phillips in his home will exceed \$500. Mrs. Phillips stated today that she would immediately institute divorce proceedings. The family is prominent.

CHILD DIES.

Anna C. Winemiller, aged ten months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Winemiller, of Haymond Heights, died Thursday morning at 12:30 o'clock after a short illness of bowel trouble. The funeral services will be held at the home at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon and the burial will be in the Elkview cemetery.

SNAKE IN SCOTLAND.

ALLOA, FIFTH OF FORTH, Scotland, Aug. 28.—A slight earthquake in this vicinity last night created great consternation among the inhabitants but no material damage was caused by the disturbance.

GOING TO SUMMER HOME.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—President Wilson is hopeful that he may be able to leave Washington for Cornish, N. H., late today or tomorrow accompanying Mrs. Wilson and Miss Eleanor Wilson to the summer capital.

CIRCUS COMING.

Advance agents and other men are here today arranging for the great Sig. Sautelle circus which will appear here September 10 for two performances. The show consists of a menagerie, hippodrome and wild west features, a more detailed description of which will appear in the Telegram later.

Miss Nellie Davison and Edith Jackson, of Jane Lew, are visiting Miss Helen Gordon at her home on Hedges street.