

PROMINENT MEN BLOW UP HOME IN LEWIS COUNTY

House is Entered and Wrecked with Dynamite is Placed in Chimney.

WOMAN IS BADLY HURT

Warrants Are Out for Alleged Perpetrators and Arrests Are to Be Made.

WESTON, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Richard Jeffries, wife of a tenant on the farm of Opha Spaur, near Vandalia, on Big Skin creek, Lewis county, suffered severe injuries and six other members of the family narrowly escaped death or serious injury last night when their home was wrecked by an explosion of a charge of dynamite, which is alleged to have been placed in the chimney by a number of prominent young men of the section, who allege that the Jeffries family were conducting a disorderly house.

Warrants were issued today for the arrest of seven prominent men of the vicinity and will be served tonight. Among those for whom warrants have been issued, it is said that two young men by the name of Rollyson, one by the name of Horner and another named Riddabaugh, all sons of prominent and wealthy farmers of the section, are included.

From the details received in this city today it was gleaned that a party of young men visited the house last night and fired several shots, all of them entering the house and then placed the charge of dynamite in the chimney. A terrific explosion followed, completely wrecking the house. That no one was killed appears to have been miraculous. Mrs. Jeffries was rendered unconscious and sustained severe injuries though it is not thought that they will prove fatal. The other six members of the family who were in the house at the time escaped with only a few bruises.



Mary Pickford.

Nothing shows more conclusively the growth in importance of the moving picture business in this country than the announcement that Mary Pickford has refused a number of splendid offers from legitimate theatrical managers and will return to her first love, the moving picture stage. Miss Pickford was known to film lovers from one end of the country to the other before she appeared as a real actress.

President Will Write Down the Names of Men as They Come to Him.

HE WILL SIFT THE LIST

Special Address to the Congress on Trust Question is to Be Written during Vacation.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss., Dec. 26.—President Wilson today mapped out a program of recreation for his visit here. He will sleep at least nine hours each night. While the president will do little official work, there are at present two things uppermost in his mind, the selection of members of the federal reserve board and the writing of a special address to Congress on the relations of the government to big business and the trusts. On the choice of members of the board, which will put into operation the new currency system, there is little possibility that the president finally will decide on any individual while he is here. He will add to his tentative list names which occur to him from time to time. Through correspondence with close friends he will start inquiries concerning the qualifications of those considered. It is virtually certain the president will use the same sifting process he used when selecting cabinet members, carefully scrutinizing their previous affiliations. When the president returns to Washington he will probably confer with cabinet advisers regarding the personnel of the board. Those closely associated with the president believe there will be no nominations until the full sixty day period, allowed by law for the selections, has about expired.

The president probably will make a rough draft of his anti-trust address while here and later submit it to leaders in the campaign. Injection into the trust situation of what the administration regards as a growing desire on the part of business men to co-operate with the government in reorganizing their companies to conform with the Sherman law it is virtually agreed will be dwelt upon by the president. Those who conferred with Mr. Wilson before he left Washington drew encouragement for the ultimate establishment of an interstate trade commission to comply with requests for information made by business concerns desiring details of what the law permits or prohibits. While such a commission would not be (Continued on page five.)

"DRAMATIC DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES" ACCOUNT FOR ACTRESS' DIVORCE SUIT



Mrs. Richard Ferris (Florence tone).

Mrs. Richard Ferris, better known to theatergoers over the country as Florence Stone, has announced that she will start divorce proceedings in Los Angeles against "Dick" Ferris, whose escapades in Lower California and Mexico brought him into prominence during the Madero regime. In her complaint Mrs. Ferris will specify the charge of "recent dramatic domestic disturbances."

Federal Veteran of the Civil War Succumbs to Diseases Incident to Old Age.

ONCE TOWN SERGEANT

Many Years of His Long Life Are Spent in the City of Clarksburg.

The angel of death at 9:05 o'clock Thursday evening relieved the sufferings of Captain James H. Smith at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James M. Wine, at 329 Hickman street after a lingering illness covering two years or more, the greater part of which time he was bedfast. A general breakdown and disease incident to old age caused Captain Smith's death. He was 82 years old.

Captain Smith was born in Fauquier county, Va., and moved to this city with his parents in 1852. As a young man Mr. Smith learned the shoemaker trade and worked at it at intervals all his life. In 1867 Captain Smith and Mortimer W. Smith formed a partnership and manufactured brick. They made all the brick used in the building of the Church of the Immaculate Conception and several other large buildings built in the city at that time.

At the beginning of the Civil war Captain Smith enlisted in the Seventh West Virginia regiment of the Union army and participated in many of the hardest battles of the war. At the close of the war he returned to this city where he has since resided.

Captain Smith was a member of Adelphi Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the lodge will have charge of the funeral services, which will be held at the Wine home at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The Rev. G. D. Smith, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, will conduct the services and the burial will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

The deceased man is survived by six sons and four daughters, his wife having preceded him to the grave several years. The sons are John B. of Mobile, Ala.; James of Parkersburg; Frank of Cincinnati; and Ray, Joseph and Archibald of this city. The daughters are Mrs. James M. Wine and Miss Bertha Smith, both of this city, and Mrs. W. E. Hill and Mrs. C. W. Lyons, both of Urchville, O.

Captain Smith was a staunch member of the Republican party and during his younger life took an active part in county and city politics. In 1878 he was elected town sergeant by the Republican party and he served in that capacity for twelve years. The duties of town sergeant at that time were the same as that of chief of police and city collector at the present time.

STRIKE SETTLEMENT

Is Being Striven for as Result of a Mass Meeting at Steubenville, Ohio.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. STEUBENVILLE, O., Dec. 26.—As the result of a mass meeting of citizens held Christmas afternoon, efforts were being made today to settle the strike of 2,000 workmen at the plant of the Phillips Sheet and Tin Plate Company here. The strike has been on since last July and involves recognition by the company of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers.

EXALTED CUR

Of the Order of the Yellow Dogs Resigns Because of His Moving Away.

WHEELING, Dec. 26.—The order of "Yellow Dogs" have lost their "Grand Exalted Ruler" as A. P. King, who organized the lodge in this city during the Elks' convention, has tendered his resignation on account of leaving the city. The news will be taken with regret by many members of the order. On January 21 all "Yellow Dogs" in the Wheeling district are urged to meet at the club when the past exalted cur will be tendered a farewell banquet and the new exalted cur will be nominated and placed in charge of the duties of the office. There will be plenty to eat and plenty to drink and every member of Wheeling lodge of Elks is urged to be present.

MRS. HUGHES DEAD

Member of a Prominent Family Residing Near Mineral but in Lewis County Passes On.

Mrs. Anderson Hewes, aged 65 years, is dead at her home in Lewis county near Mineral, this county. She was a member of one of the most prominent families of that section and several sons and daughters besides her husband survive. The funeral services will be held in the Green Hill church near Mineral at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning and the burial will be in the church cemetery. The Rev. H. W. Morrison, Methodist Protestant minister stationed here, will conduct the services.

GOVERNMENT MAN

Is Sent to the Copper Zone in Michigan to Help Settle Labor Troubles There.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Secretary of Labor Wilson today ordered John B. Denmore, solicitor of the department, to Calumet, Mich., to render any assistance possible in the settling of the copper strike situation. The Christmas eve tragedy, in which seventy-two lives were lost, the secretary said, he thought was a matter for state investigation.

ACCEPTS POSITION

As Funeral Director and Embalmer with Lynch-Osborn Undertaking Company.

Arthur S. Reed has accepted a position with the Lynch-Osborn Undertaking Company as funeral director and undertaker and he is now on duty as such. Mr. Reed came here from Washington Court House, O. He is a practical undertaker with an experience of sixteen years. He is a graduate of the Clark Embalmers' school, of Cincinnati, and is highly proficient in all the latest and most up-to-date methods. The position with the Lynch-Osborn Undertaking Company is permanent and Mr. Reed will be found at all times extending every courtesy to the trade.

NO TRACE

Of the Missing Will of Deceased Cardinal in the City of Rome as Yet.

ROME, Dec. 26.—The sealing up of the late Cardinal Rampolla's apartments is denounced as a high-handed and illegal proceeding in some quarters here. The legality of the act is questioned because it was carried out without the authorization of intervention of the judicial officials but simply by a notary on the request of Monsignor Di Bisogna, administrator of St. Peter's. The administrator desires to insure the safety of documents of great interest to the church, which he feared might be lost. No trace of his missing will has been found.

MAYORS REQUEST

For a Government Probe of the Fire at Calumet is Placed before the President.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The request to President Wilson by Charles Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, for a federal investigation of circumstances surrounding the fire horror at Calumet, Mich., was forwarded today to the president at Pass Christian, Miss., by Secretary Tumulty.

BAILEY DEAD.

GRATON, Dec. 26.—W. W. Bailey, chairman of the Democratic county committee, well known politician, and prominent lumberman, died here Christmas day in the City hospital after a short illness of typhoid fever.

FARM SOCIETIES OF WEST VIRGINIA

Are to Hold Their Annual Meetings at Morgantown in the Month of January.

The third annual meeting of the West Virginia Federation of Agricultural Associations will be held in the College of Agriculture, West Virginia University, at Morgantown, January 13 to 16, 1914. The federation is composed of the West Virginia Live Stock Association, West Virginia Forestry Association and the West Virginia State Horticultural Society, and these bodies will hold a joint session and later will meet separately. The officers of the federation are: President, D. A. Arnold, Keyser; vice president, William Hill, Bethany; secretary, E. D. Sanders, Morgantown.

The program for the federation meeting and for the sessions to be held separately by each association has been announced and includes addresses and discussions which promise to be profitable to all who hear them. The speakers engaged for these meetings are men who have had large experience in the subjects upon which they are to talk.

The sessions of the West Virginia Live Stock Association are to be held Tuesday and Wednesday, January 13 and 14. An address on "Home-

Grown Feeds for the Dairy," by C. H. Royce, manager of Waddington Farm, is included in the program. Officers of the association are: President, C. C. Hardman, Spencer; vice presidents, William Hill, Bethany; R. E. Thrasher, Duo, and J. B. Huyett, Charles Town; secretary-treasurer, C. A. Leuder, Morgantown.

The West Virginia Forestry Association will hold one session Wednesday afternoon, January 14. A feature will be an address by J. A. Viquesney, of Belington, state forest, game and fish warden, on the subject, "State and Federal Co-operation in Forest Fire Control." J. C. Watson, of Keyser, is president and A. B. Brooks is secretary-treasurer.

The West Virginia State Horticultural Society will meet Thursday and Friday, January 15 and 16. Two sessions will be held each day and on Thursday evening the association will hold its third annual banquet. William Lash, of Wheeling, is on the program for an address on "Possibilities of Grape Growing in West Virginia," and C. P. Waugh, of Wellsburg, is to speak on "Marketing Fruit." Numerous addresses are to be delivered.

The officers of the association are: President, H. L. Smith, Martinsburg; vice president, A. D. Page, French Creek; secretary, L. F. Sutton, Morgantown; treasurer, H. H. Hoffman, Keyser.

PROMINENT WOMAN RUN DOWN BY AUTO

She is Killed in a Street of New York and Her Husband is Seriously Injured.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Gertrude Lee, daughter of Colonel P. F. Harvey, a retired United States army officer, was killed and her husband, Richard Lee, Jr., was seriously injured by two automobiles which ran over them early today as they were returning home from a Christmas dinner at the house of a friend.

The Lees were crossing the street, struggling under an umbrella against a driving rain when the first car, a limousine, knocked them down, and the second, a taxicab, ran over them before the driver could stop. Mrs. Lee died on the operating table at a hospital. Mr. Lee may recover. The chauffeur of the taxicab was arrested but released. The police started a hunt for the driver of the limousine, which after the accident put on speed and disappeared.

DROWNED IN RIVER.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 26.—While attempting to cross the Little Kanawha river here in a johnboat William Bennett fell out of the boat and was drowned. Bennett was intoxicated. Rescuers who saw him struggling in the water attempted to get to him but he disappeared and his body has not yet been recovered.

RECEIPTS STOLEN

Christmas Day Earnings at the Orpheum Theater to Amount of \$2,000 Are Taken.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Two thousand dollars, the receipts of Christmas Day, was stolen from the box office of the Orpheum theater early today by four men, who hid under the balcony seats after last night's performance and surprised the night watchman. While a policeman stood just outside, the robbers knocked the watchman down and left him bound and gagged. Then they ripped the door of the office safe, took everything of value and escaped. The watchman, still helpless, was found when the theater was opened today.

FALLS THROUGH WINDOW.

Gregory Loller celebrated his Christmas by falling through a plate glass window in the front of the Osborn Shoe Company on Pike street Wednesday night and being locked up until yesterday when he made arrangements to settle for the window and was released. The damage amounted to about \$30. Loller miraculously escaped being cut by the glass.

MAYOR COLE

Is Presented with a Beautiful Toilet and Manicure Set by Police Department.

Expressing their appreciation of the thoughtful consideration shown them by Mayor Will H. Cole in an official way, the members of the police force yesterday presented him with a beautiful combination toilet and manicure set. The articles contained in the set were made of old mahogany and were in a beautiful morocco case. The gift was sent the mayor by a messenger with a long message expressing the confidence of the police department in the aim of his administration and wishing him a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

The mayor was highly appreciative of the gift and was deeply touched by the expression of the feelings of the members of the police department.

It is fitting in this connection that "To Barlow" be dedicated by the Telegram through a well known writer and personal friend the following to Mayor Cole:

When the days of your official life are numbered, Which we hope will be in seasons yet remote, May good luck still attend you, and the people still befriend you, By giving you their "geed" if not their vote.

When you marry, may your wife be just as pretty As all of those you've thought you'd like to have, But then don't be a duffer, And make the poor girl suffer, By giving "hot air"; but "spread the salve."

Then if by any freak you should have children, A consumption always to be wished, Don't get yourself in bad, And say they look like dad, Your little child had sooner be bewitched.

And when the grim, old reaper, with the whiskers, Comes after you to take your long last rest, Just climb right in your coffin— You won't have to do it often, And friends will say: "Old Barlow done his best."

MARK TWAIN'S COUSIN.

WELLSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 26.—A cousin of Mark Twain, Isaac C. Clemens, president of the board of equalization and review of Brooke county, is dead at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Valvular disease of the heart was the cause of death.

FIRE YELLS BEGIN INSIDE THE ROOM

Where Lives Are Lost by Trampling and Italian Does Not Start Panic.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Grace McArron, of Calumet, Mich., arrived in Chicago from her home today and said she knew positively that the story of the man, coming to the head of the stairs and shouting "fire" in an Italian hall, where more than seventy persons were trampled to death, was not true. "The alarm was given right in the hall," said Mrs. McArron. "A little blaze started on the Christmas tree and some one in the hall cried fire. Then there was a mad rush for the doors." Mrs. McArron was a former pro-reader in the Michigan Senate and is now stenographer for the Houghton county grand jury, investigating the copper miners' strike. She is on her way to Lansing to see the Michigan attorney general in connection with the grand jury work.

OTHER DONORS.

Frank Cavalle's name was omitted unintentionally in the Telegram's list of donors of the watch presented Sherman C. Denham. Thomas A. Angeman was also a donor.

FOURTEEN KILLED

And Five Are Injured by an Explosion in a Two-Story Fireworks Factory.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. ROME, Dec. 26.—No additional bodies have been found in the ruins of the fireworks factory, destroyed by an explosion at Torre Anunciata yesterday. The factory was a two-story building located at the foot of Mount Vesuvius. Fourteen employees were killed and five seriously injured by the explosion, the cause of which is not known.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Marriage licenses have been issued to Guy Higgins and Adelpha G. Hill; Lloyd A. Hanifan and Adelle L. Post; Albert R. Fortney and Iva M. Radcliffe; Lee B. Hacker and Coral B. Ruble; Arthur C. Tedford and Ida B. Marshall; John M. Girault and Sue M. Brown; Guy S. O'Neill and Martha O'Donnell; Guy Vernon L. Sanderson and Minnie K. Wells; Harry B. McGardner, colored, and Ida Payne, colored; and Edward M. Harris, colored, and Coral Carlile, colored.

HISTORIC DISTRICT IS UNDER MARTIAL LAW

in the State of California Where Unemployed Persons Are in Riots Now.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 26.—The historic plaza district in the older section of this city, where a riot among unemployed men resulted in the death of one man and the injury of more than a dozen others late yesterday afternoon, was practically placed under martial law by the police today. A squadron of patrolmen surrounded the district searching for weapons on all who attempted to pass while the city detectives hunted the Mexican quarters nearby for information concerning the reported death of two more rioters.

During the night the police raided every restaurant, saloon, pool hall and lodging house in the vicinity of the plaza, taking into custody all who were armed or who showed signs of having taken part in the riot.

JAILED FOR TRIAL.

Tony Ratta, of Mendoc Brook, was taken to the county jail Friday from Ziesing by Frank Corbin, a special constable at that place, to await a hearing in Magistrate G. H. Gordon's court on a charge of throwing a rock through a window of house No. 34, owned by the Grassell Chemical Company there.

HIGHEST TIDE

Of the Year on Pacific Coast Wrecks Dozens of Launches and Yachts Off Beach.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 26.—The highest tide of the year topped by huge breakers that rolled far inside the high water mark carried away and wrecked dozens of launches and yachts anchored off the beach of Venice, a sea side resort today, swept three ocean front residences from their foundations and destroyed an automobile road. Much damage was wrought all along the shore from Venice north to Santa Monica canyon.

SCHOOL TO OPEN.

School will open at Northview Monday, December 29. All teachers and pupils will meet in the Trunk church at Northview between 8 and 9 o'clock Monday morning and they will be assigned to their respective places at that time.

Percy Marshall, of Baltimore, Md., spent Christmas in the city visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Newell J. Hayman on Linden avenue.