

### FAMES DESTROY CONEY ISLAND PARK

Entire Western Addition Menaced by Blaze in Fillmore Street in Early Morning  
Lodgers Flee in Night Attire and Aged Woman Is Saved by Husband

Coney Island park, an amusement resort that had failed to amuse and was in the hands of a receiver, occupying about four acres of ground in the east end of the block bounded by Webster, Turk, Eddy and Fillmore streets, was burned to the ground at 2:45 o'clock Sunday morning, occurring a fire of mysterious origin which for a time threatened to sweep along Fillmore street and take in the whole Western addition.

Across Webster street and directly in line with a high wind that was blowing were many two and three story frame lodging houses. Scores of incipient fires started on the roofs of these houses from the flying sparks, while the intense heat scorched and blackened the paint on them. In great excitement frightened lodgers fled into the night with what valuables they could seize in their arms and little to shield them but the nightclothes on their backs, only a few of the calmer ones having taken time to dress. Turk street employees of the car company gathered with hose lines and attacked the outside of the powerhouse of the United Railroads. If this had burned nearly every car line in the city would have been stalled today.

Many narrow escapes furnished thrills for the huge crowd that gathered faster than the police could rope them back.

**TWO WITHIN INCLOSURE**  
Ephraim Johnson and his wife, concessionaires of the shooting gallery in the park, were the only persons sleeping directly inside the inclosure. They were almost surrounded by fire before they awoke. Catching his wife in his arms, clad in her nightdress only, Johnson darted across the only avenue of escape open toward the Fillmore street entrance. Both were seriously scorched, Mrs. Johnson being the most badly burned.

Oscar Daniels, a saloon at 1403 Eddy street slept aged Mrs. Sarah Daniels, an invalid, and several other roomers. Her husband, night watchman at the park, came running up as the flames swept toward the lodging house and called for help to carry out his wife, who is 75 years old.

Policemen Daniel Ward and Edward Copeland ran to help him. In an upper room, nearly overcome by smoke and calmly resigned to what she believed was inevitable death, they found Mrs. Daniels and sent her to the central emergency hospital for safe keeping. The officers also brought out Miss Rose Cuthbert, a trained nurse attending the invalid, so injured by the shock that she is in danger of losing her senses; Mrs. Mary Sullivan, partly overcome by smoke, and Mrs. Thomas Daniel.

Sam Sherovich, a candyman at the park, jumped from a second story window at 1403 Eddy street when he found escape cut off and his room burning and escaped with bad bruises. His cousin Charles Sullivan of Eddy street was struck on the head by a section of falling wall near which he directed a stream from a nozzle and was knocked senseless. His comrades rescued him and sent him to the emergency hospital, where he soon recovered.

Others who had narrow escapes were Frank Dolson, H. A. Hansen and Charles Smith of 1403 Eddy street, Mrs. L. McConary of 1405 Eddy, and G. Sullivan of 1407 Eddy. Hansen was waked by fire in his bed clothes and was painfully scorched about the feet. The saloon of J. Fier across the street at Eddy and Webster streets was also damaged. Some of the roomers were compelled to flee.

**STARTS IN MANY PLACES**  
The fire was one of the most stubborn and dangerous the department has had to deal with in several months. Starting apparently in many places at once, when Patrolman A. D. Schmidt first turned in an alarm from box 174 at 2:45 a. m. the entire inclosure was a raging mass of fire within a few moments. Before the flames were finally under control every available fire engine in the whole lower portion of town had been called out by successive alarms. Many times houses and buildings across the street caught fire from sparks and were saved by the herculean exertions of the firemen.

Rumors that the fire was of incendiary origin kept the police busy yesterday. Though the first blaze was seen in the Turkish theater, it spread so rapidly that many firemen declared themselves suspicious of the agency by which it started. Police Sergeant Shaw learned that four men, who apparently had keys, entered the park not long before. Some time ago, it is said, a discharged employe threatened revenge, though not much credence is placed in this theory.

Crossed wires is the cause given by Fire Marshal Towse after preliminary investigation.

Coney Island had not been running since the fleet left in November last. November by Eugene J. Sullivan, L. A. Rea and Kehrlin, but in January, with heavy debts, it went into the hands of a receiver. F. L. Williams is the assignee. Williams stated yesterday that the loss on the park would probably be \$50,000, with no insurance. Williams was also somewhat suspicious of incendiarism.

Only a week ago a contract had been signed by which work was to begin at once toward converting the park into a great auditorium, with seating capacity for 10,000 persons.

The total loss is estimated at between \$50,000 and \$75,000. None of the business firms in Fillmore street in the Arcade building was damaged, save slightly by water, but the following concerns were burned out:  
Coney Island park, corrugated iron, one story structure, owned by Rea & Sullivan; rear of Automatic Amusement company, penny arcade, owned by Hallahan & Getz; N. Tolson's restaurant, 1342 Turk street; Ladies hair shop, 1346 Turk street; S. R. Munt's saloon, 1344 Turk street; Dan Rirdan's saloon and lodging house above, 1403 Eddy street; H. A. Hansen's carpenter shop, 1405 Eddy street; L. A. Rea & Co., painters and decorators, 1405 Eddy street; Japanese restaurant, 1407 Eddy street; three story frame structure, 1175 Webster street, used as residence by J. Pincus.

The buildings were all owned by Sullivan & Rea. The rear of the Arcade building, also owned by them, was scorched.

**Right This Way for Monterey**  
Three great special trains to Monterey Sunday, August 16, from Third and Townsend, at 6:50 a. m. and 7:15 a. m.; First and Broadway, Oakland, 7:30 a. m. Only 13 from San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley or Alameda. Leave Monterey 6 p. m. and 6:15 p. m. Great opportunity to see all the delight and old Monterey. See Southern Pacific agent at Third and Powell streets, 14 Powell street, Third and Townsend streets, Thirteenth and Franklin streets, Oakland.

### ROMANCE AND SONG IN REBATE HEARING

Attorney Peter F. Dunne Outdoes Man Who Dramatized the Dictionary  
David and Goliath, Don Quixote and Othello Caper Through Argument of Lawyer

It has remained for Peter F. Dunne, the versatile attorney for the Southern Pacific, to outdo the man who dramatized the dictionary. He has juggled romance into a rebate hearing. Between the dry recital of rates on sand and the presentation of parched decisions of the higher courts, he conjured up the spirits of David and Goliath, Don Quixote and Othello. It was the first time that any of the characters had been introduced in a railroad investigation, but Dunne was fighting a desperate battle and he summoned to his assistance the strong men of history and fable.

The scene occurred yesterday in the rooms of the railroad commission. Dunne had risen to combat the arguments of the state. He was not content that his company should not be fined. He was as jealous of its good name as he was solicitous for its pocketbook. It should receive not even as much as a vote of censure, and if it had erred, why, gentlemen, it was not that it loved the shipper less, but that it loved California more.

David and Goliath appeared during the morning session. As he warmed to his subject, Dunne declared:

"They said they would show that we had discriminated against the small shipper to the advantage of the big shipper. Who were these big shippers? The California fruit canners' association, the California pine box company and the California wine association—these were the three gladiators brought into the arena to be slain by the attorney general, even as little David slew Goliath with a stone from his sling."

Dunne then proceeded to show that the industrial gladiators were still very much alive. If these firms had been unjustly favored, which Dunne said was not the case, he inferred that it was to help the fruit, wine and lumber industries of the state.

**DON QUIXOTE ARRIVES**  
Don Quixote was the third of the famous characters to arrive. As usual Cervantes' hero came in on the gallop. Dunne was speaking of Attorney Cush-

### NEW ZEALANDERS VISIT BATTLESHIP

Officers of the Louisiana Entertain People of Auckland on Fighting Machine  
President Roosevelt Acknowledges Message of Praise From the Dominion

AUCKLAND, N. Z., Aug. 14.—The officers of the American Atlantic fleet entertained 2,900 New Zealanders today aboard the battleship Louisiana. Among the throng were many handsomely gowned women. The officers, with great courtesy, showed their visitors every part of the great fighting machine and explained to them in detail the working of the intricate mechanisms.

H. A. Myers, the mayor of Auckland, has written W. A. Prickett, the American consul general, extending his congratulations and those of the citizens of Auckland on the orderly conduct and sobriety of the crews of the battleships.

Hundreds of enlisted men were again taken to visit nearby points of interest and later were entertained at luncheon, while others preferred to promenade through the heart of the city and attend the theaters. Several impromptu baseball games were organized, and the New Zealanders who attended these were delighted with their introduction to the American national game.

The hospital ship Relief and the transport Yankton will proceed direct to Manila from Auckland.

**OYSTER BAY, Aug. 13.**—President Roosevelt has received the following cablegram from Admiral Sperry, commander in chief of the british fleet, now at Auckland, N. Z.:

"The government and people of New Zealand are extending to the fleet a remarkably enthusiastic and cordial reception. The prime minister and other members of the executive council, acting for the people of the dominion, have presented President Roosevelt, through me, a beautiful token and a message of admiration and regard for him and his life's work, concluding with an earnest and cordial invitation to him to visit New Zealand."

The president today sent the following reply:

Admiral Sperry, Auckland, N. Z.: Am greatly pleased with your telegram. Please convey to the prime minister my hearty thanks and the expression of the sincere regard, friendship and admiration which the people of this country entertain for the people of New Zealand. Extend my congratulations to the fleet.  
THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

**PEACE UNION MEETS**—Mystic, Conn., Aug. 13.—The universal peace union held its forty-second annual gathering at Peace grove this afternoon.

### CATHOLICS DEMAND A BAN ON LIQUOR

Total Abstinence Union Urges Church Societies to Exclude Drinkers From Membership  
Appeal for Sanctification of Sabbath Is Made by the Society

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Aug. 13.—Denunciations of the liquor traffic, an appeal for sanctification of Sunday and the exclusion from membership in Catholic societies of those engaged in the liquor traffic were the striking features of the resolutions adopted by the national convention of the Catholic total abstinence union today.

The resolutions declared that "not in drunkenness and riotous living can any man make effective profession of the Catholic faith. With indignation the union protests against the taunts of

### ARGUES DISCRIMINATION

Taking up the question of discrimination in a broader sense, he argued for the wholesale and retail idea in railroading as in other commercial enterprises. On this point several rulings and decisions were laid before the commission.

Although he did not take up the question directly, Dunne disputed the contention of the attorney general that differing "circumstances and conditions" justifying a difference in rates related solely to the carrier and not to the shipper.

Dunne then announced that the Southern Pacific had maintained but 112 special rates. Nine-tenths of these, he said, were lawful. He admitted that the other tenth might be called discriminations by the interstate commerce commission, but he declared that there had been no violation of California statutes. He took up the various rates which Assistant Attorney General Benjamin had condemned and sought to justify them.

With unconscious humor he remarked that General Freight Agent Luce had explained them all "as never before explained in this country." In his arguments Dunne elaborated on these explanations of Luce, supplementing them with quotations from court decisions.

The Southern Pacific lawyer will close this morning, and then Attorney General Webb will close for the people.

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Samples for experimental purposes may be had free of charge by writing direct to the Emergency Laboratories, 22 West Twenty-fifth Street, New York City.

The following cablegram was received from Rome in answer to a message sent by the convention:

"Bishop of Hartford: Holy father thanks convention for their congratulations; willingly blesses all members."

"CARDINAL MERRY DEL. V. over."

An invitation to hold the next convention in Chicago was accepted.

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. James T. Coffey, St. Louis; first president, Rev. J. G. Bean, Philadelphia; second vice president, John J. Corbett, New Haven; third vice president, Mrs. L. M. Lake, St. Louis; treasurer, Rev. P. J. O'Callaghan, Chicago; secretary, Edwin Mulready, Rockland, Mass.

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