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## \$15,000 LOSS SUSTAINED IN MORNING BLAZE

**COSTLY CONFLAGRATION PARTIALLY DESTROYS BIG FRAME BUILDING OCCUPIED BY THE WEST END DRUG COMPANY.**

**F. Z. KIDD & CO. HEAVIEST LOSERS**

**TRENTON BALLAGH SAVES WOMAN'S LIFE—FIREMEN, HANDICAPPED BY POOR WATER PRESSURE PUT UP GREAT FIGHT.**

The most damaging fire in Ottumwa for some time occurred this morning, partially destroying the large frame structure at the corner of McLean and Second streets, occupied by the West End Drug Co. Trenton Ballagh by carrying out Mrs. Hughes prevented the fatalities from being greater. The building was one of the largest frame structures in Ottumwa, the lower floor being occupied by the drug store owned by F. Z. Kidd & Co., while the upstairs and the resident addition to the east were occupied by private families. The roof of the entire structure, except the addition to the back, was totally destroyed by the blaze, while the damage wrought by water on the lower floors will be equally as great. In reality the upper story of the building was destroyed as the flames had eaten up the roof and part of the second story before the fire was under the control of the firemen. The building was owned by Stephen Barnes.

**Saves Woman's Life.**  
Trenton Ballagh, an employe of the White House bakery played the role of a hero during the fire. When the flames were discovered Mrs. Hughes, the mother of Mrs. Deskin was confined to her bed with illness. Seeing her danger Ballagh rushed into her apartment, lifted her out of the bed and carried her through the dense smoke to a neighboring house. The woman has been very ill and although she received a shock through the excitement, she is resting easier this afternoon. Had it not been for the presence of mind and courage of Mr. Ballagh the woman might have been seriously burned or cremated by the flames.

The fire loss will run in the neighborhood of \$15,000. The loss suffered by the F. Z. Kidd & Co., to its drug stock alone will amount in the neighborhood of \$9,000. While very little of the stock was damaged by the flames, the flood of water coming through the ceiling, totally destroyed the drug stock. Everything in the drug store was drenched by the water. The company's stock was partially covered by insurance. The loss to the building will be between \$2,000 to \$3,000. Mr. Barnes, owner of the structure, carried heavy insurance on the building. The damage to the household goods belonging to the private families will reach in the neighborhood of \$3,000. What was not destroyed by the flames was damaged by water. Earl Wells, one of the tenants carried no insurance and his household goods were damaged the worst. The other tenants in the building were J. E. Deskin, a Milwaukee employe and his family and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wendell.

**Fire Burned Rapidly.**  
The fire was discovered about 10:20 o'clock by James Byrnes, a small boy, who, while standing at the rear of the White House bakery saw the flames leaping on the roof. He immediately ran into the bakery and the alarm was sent in. The department from the central station made a quick response. Although not a great distance from the central station, the flames had made great headway and were leaping high in the air all over the roof, when the department arrived. Two lines of hose were laid. A second alarm was turned in and the South Side department responded and it laid a third line of hose. Three lines of hose were played on the building and after forty minutes hard work, the firemen had the flames under control. Owing to the building being a frame structure and a shingle roof, it burned like tinder, and the little wind which was blowing helped to fan the flames.

The firemen were handicapped by the water pressure, the force not being strong enough to break the glass or reach the top of the building and it was necessary to ascend to the roof before the base of the flames could be reached. Had the flames secured a little more headway it would have been practically impossible to save the surrounding store buildings. Mayor Phillips, Councilmen Hahn and Bremhorst, the latter being chairman of the fire committee, were at the scene of the blaze and they severely scored the water company for furnishing such poor pressure. Those who were on the scene soon

## Will Argue Junkin Case Before High Court Wednesday

The supreme court of Iowa will next Wednesday hear arguments for a new trial for John Junkin, the negro who was convicted by a jury in Centerville for the murder of Clara Rosen. Judge J. C. Mitchell will attempt to secure a favorable decision by the high tribunal for the murderer on the grounds that the court erred in charging the jury and upon other alleged infirmities of the court. County Attorney Seneca Cornell, who was the chief prosecuting attorney, will also appear before the supreme court and assist the attorney general in presenting the state's side of the case.

## KERN ACCEPTS THE NOMINATION

**BRYAN'S RUNNING MATE DEFEATS TAGGART FOR HONORS IN INDIANA.**

Indianapolis, Ind., April 29.—John W. Kern, today formally accepted the Democratic nomination for the United States senate, in the contest with Governor Marshall's proposition that it should endorse to next year's legislature a candidate for the United States senate and named John W. Kern, who was the party's candidate for vice president in 1908.

The opposition made a grim fight under the leadership of Thomas Taggart, former chairman of the Democratic national committee and himself a candidate for nomination as senator, but, in defeat, joined heartily with the element headed by Governor Marshall and John E. Lamb of Terre Haute, vice chairman of the national committee, and another aspirant for the senatorship—in the shouted acclamation of Kern as the party's candidate.

**Taggart Wants Kern in Senate.**  
"The Taggart machine is on the scrap heap," said Taggart, giving up the struggle with a broad smile, "I am going to say something that the most of you don't believe—but I would rather see Kern in the senate than to be there myself." He delivered the 183 votes of the Marion county delegation to Kern in the second ballot, though Kern had declared, in the course of the first ballot, that "he was in no sense a candidate."

## BOOSTERS GREET PARSONS TEAM

**FAIRFIELD COLLEGIANS 100 STRONG MEET VICTORIOUS SCHOOLMATES.**

Fairfield, April 29.—(Special)—The parsons College Boosters' club, 100 strong, appeared on the street Thursday night with each carrying a Japanese lantern on a long pole, and headed by the Knights of Pythias band, marched to Chautauqua park, where the band gave a concert. Following the concert the boosters marched to the Burlington station to greet the ball team returning from a successful trip. The team played three games and dropped only one. Highland Park won 6 to 1, but Central defeated 4 to 3 at Pella Wednesday and at Oskaloosa Thursday Penn went down 7 to 3.

after the alarm was sounded, never thought that the firemen would be able to cope with the flames but they worked like beavers and were commended on all sides for putting up such a marvelous fight with the odds against them.

How the fire originated is a mystery to Mr. Kidd of the drug company and the occupants of the second story. This is the second time the structure has been on fire, the roof being found ablaze one afternoon last fall, but the fire was extinguished before any damage was done.

Very little of the drug stock was saved. Some of the cans of turpentine and paint in the rear of the store were carried out besides several boxes of cigars and a part of the soda fountain. Owing to the danger of the cupola on the northwest corner of the building falling, those who were willing to help were prevented from assisting by the danger of the falling embers. Nothing in the upper story was saved until the firemen had gotten the flames under control.

## ROOSEVELT IS HONORED IN NETHERLANDS

**QUEEN WILHELMINA PLACES HER ROYAL GILDED COACH AT DISPOSAL OF AMERICAN VISITOR DURING HIS STAY.**

The Hague, April 29.—The Roosevelts were guests of the Netherlands today, arriving this morning from Brussels. They were escorted from the frontier station at Rosendaal to Het Loo, where at the royal chateau they were received by Queen Wilhelmina. The greetings of the queen and Prince Henry were most cordial. Later luncheon was served. The lavishly gilded coach used by the royal family upon gala occasions has been placed by the queen at the disposal of Roosevelt during his stay here.

At every station en route from Rosendaal to Arnhem cheering crowds were met with and everybody wanted a speech. Occasionally Roosevelt responded. Tonight the party went to Amsterdam, where they were entertained at dinner by the burgomaster. Tomorrow they will visit this city.

**Ends Brussels Visit.**  
Brussels, April 29.—Colonel Roosevelt visited at the Brussels exposition yesterday afternoon. His appearance was marked by a double demonstration for himself and the king. His passage down the broad streets was accompanied by continual cheers.

The Salle des Fetes, where the ex-president spoke, was packed to the doors. Col. Roosevelt waited in the reception room for the young king and no introductions were necessary, as they had met in America. The crowd applauded lustily as the king entered the hall, but the outburst was mild as compared with the roar which greeted Col. Roosevelt.

**King Joins in Applause.**  
When the president of the exposition, attempted to introduce the colonel, but was hardly heard above the din. He paid a flattering tribute to Col. Roosevelt and the king joined in the applause.

Col. Roosevelt in reply spoke for twenty minutes, beginning with a few words of thanks. Then he discussed the problems of citizenship, covering much the same ground as in his Sorbonne lecture. He said: "We owe to the country which puts its trust in genius of a military or other type rather than in the high average character of the ordinary citizen."

## LEAVITT WILL HALT WEDDING

**FORMER HUSBAND OF BRYAN'S DAUGHTER TO MAKE FIGHT FOR CHILDREN**

Columbus, O., April 29.—"I want those children and if there is any law in the world to help me get them I will have them. I don't want the woman, but if no other means avail I will take legal steps to prevent the marriage of Ruth Bryan Leavitt to Reginald Owen," said William Homer Leavitt, the artist, here last night discussing for the first time since they began his family difficulties. The notice of the coming marriage of his former wife came as a complete surprise to him. He has no personal knowledge that she obtained a divorce.

He declared that under the Nebraska law a woman cannot get a divorce for non-support, and mental cruelty, unless of two years' standing. Neither can a divorced woman remarry inside of two years. He declares that all along during his absence, he has sent her money and clothes and has her receipts for them. He says Bryan practically asked him to marry Ruth. He said his marital troubles started soon after their marriage when she met the man she is now to marry. He charges her with peculiar actions, to strange mentality and nervousness. He will leave here for Nebraska in time to prevent the ceremony at Fairfield, unless he hears from there before that as to his legal rights in the matter.

## QUESTION OF DISCHARGING MEN AT ISSUE

**COAL OPERATORS DEMAND RIGHT TO REMOVE MEN AT WILL; MINERS WANT TO KNOW CAUSES FOR SUCH ACTION.**

Des Moines, April 29.—(Special)—The operators and miners got into another deadlock today over the demand made by the operators that they retain the right to discharge and employ miners as they saw fit. The miners claimed that the operators have no right to discharge men unless for specific causes and that then the miners have a right to know the cause and investigate the case.

**Time Clause at Issue.**  
Determination on the part of the coal operators of Iowa to make no concessions to their employes other than the advance in wages demanded by the miners' national union, yesterday afternoon made the work of arranging a new wage contract a slow task. The demand of the miners to remove a clause from the old contract, which makes it possible for them to lose at times a day's work, deadlocked the joint scale committee. The bone of contention is the clause in the fourth general resolution of the contract which refers to heavy falls of slate between the inside props and the face of the room. The miner is required to notify the mine foreman in such cases and the necessary labor shall be furnished by the company for the removal of the fallen slate. In the old agreement it is provided that if the fall is not removed and the place properly secured within twenty-four hours, the miners affected shall be given employment until the fall has been removed.

**Want No Delay.**  
The miners wish to strike out the words "twenty-four hours" so that when such falls of slate occur they may not be required to remain idle twenty-four hours. In some of the mines the custom is already in force. The miners wish the condition to be made universal. The operators who already observe the miners' wish in the matter do not oppose making the custom a law. Those who do not observe it refuse to allow the striking out of the time clause.

## BOY KILLED BY AUTO

**Victor Hugo Runs Down Lad at Cedar Rapids and is Held on Manslaughter Charge.**

Cedar Rapids, April 29.—(Special)—Paul Harrick, eight years old, was struck last night by an automobile driven by Victor Hugo, manager of the Majestic theater. The boy's skull was fractured and he died soon after reaching the hospital. The evidence tends to show that the boy, on seeing the machine, became confused and started to cross the road and was hit. Hugo was arrested on a charge of manslaughter and held under a large bond.

## ARSON IS CHARGED

**Waterloo Man Accused of Throwing Burning Leaves into Home For Revenge.**

Waterloo, April 29.—(Special)—The police are looking for Jess Frisbey, who is charged with attempting to burn the residence of Lewis Iten last night. Inmates heard a noise in the house at a late hour and upon investigation discovered the intrusion. He is being held for drunkenness.

## MOULTON MAN KILLED

**T. R. Logue, Wabash Roadmaster, Run Down by Passenger Train This Morning.**

Moulton, April 29.—(Special)—T. R. Logue, roadmaster of the Wabash, and a well known Moulton citizen, was killed by being run down by a passenger train near Harvey this morning. His body was horribly mangled. Mr. Logue came to Moulton from Brunswick, Mo., five years ago, and was prominent in this community. He was 50 years of age and is survived by a wife and two sons. The body will be brought to Moulton today and the funeral will be held Sunday.

## Tramp Killed at Manchester.

Manchester, April 29.—(Special)—An unknown man, evidently a tramp, was killed and his body mutilated beyond recognition, by a Great Western train near Dundee last night. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death. His body awaits identification here.

## Dr. Guthrie Bound Over Grand Jury to Answer to Charge of Dynamiting

Newton, April 29.—(Special)—Dr. Mary Guthrie, charged with dynamiting the Quick home at Prairie City, to avenge herself upon her former lover, Dr. Hall, was bound over to the grand jury here today. A special grand jury has been called for Tuesday to consider her case. There is much talk of the case here and at Prairie City. Relatives are on their way here from Carthage, Ill., to give her every assistance. It was reported at the jail that Dr. Guthrie was caught in the act of destroying a glove which corresponds with the one found near the scene of the dynamiting. Dr. Guthrie is said to have declared that Hall tricked her into a mock marriage while they were students in Missouri.

## BAD BLAZE AT COUNCIL BLUFFS

**BUSINESS DISTRICT THREATENED BY FIRE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.**

Council Bluffs, April 29.—Fire for two hours yesterday afternoon threatened the destruction of the entire business district of Council Bluffs and caused losses aggregating \$30,000. The fire started in a small barn at the rear of the Council Bluffs Water company's office on Pearl street and near the rear of the Grand hotel. It spread to the rear of the buildings fronting Broadway between Pearl street and the postoffice one block west, burning through several, the flames bursting out the fronts on Broadway.

Falling wires caused much delay and danger, but the only accident resulting was to Capt. Chas. Mathewson of Hose Co. No. 2 who was caught between two fires and fell exhausted after he had fought his way out. There was much inflammable material at the rear of all the buildings and but for the assistance of volunteers the firemen probably would not have succeeded in confining the flames to the one block.

The losses as near as they can be ascertained are as follows: Stephen Bros., plumbers, loss \$5,000; insurance \$2,600; Mrs. Darrough, loss on two buildings, \$3,000, insurance, 50 per cent; A. Hudsonson, photographer, loss \$3,500, insurance \$1,000; the building occupied by Hudsonson and owned by W. L. Whitney of Boston, loss \$5,000, insurance \$3,500; Lewis grocery, stock and building, loss \$7,000, insurance \$2,000; A. Metzger, restaurant, loss \$1,000, fully insured. A half dozen persons in offices and living apartments lost various sums. The loss on plate glass and to the telephone companies is quite large. Help was sent from Omaha. There were eight fires during the day.

## BUSINESS MEN ON JAUNT.

**Iowa City Merchants in Special Train, One Hundred Strong, Visit Neighbors.**

Iowa City, April 29.—(Special)—Iowa City business and professional men made a big excursion jaunt with more than 100 men aboard the special train along the Rock Island route from here to Thornburg and What Cheer yesterday. Addresses were made at Kalona by Mayor Laughlin of that town, and Mayor Ott of Iowa City. The Ladies' Aid society of the South English Baptist church served a big dinner to the wayfarers.

## BRAKEMAN IN TROUBLE.

**Harvey Colton Accused of Entering Clinton Home While Intoxicated.**

Clinton, April 29.—(Special)—Harry Colton, a Northwestern brakeman, is in trouble here as the result of entering the residence of Lewis Iten last night. Inmates heard a noise in the house at a late hour and upon investigation discovered the intrusion. He is being held for drunkenness.

## BOOTLEGGERS SENTENCED.

**Judge McPherson Gives Two Muscatine Men a Year at Fort Leavenworth.**

Davenport, April 29.—(Special)—John Maher and John Brady, both of Muscatine, were sentenced to serve one year in the federal prison at Ft. Leavenworth and pay a fine of \$100 and costs, by Judge Smith McPherson, for selling liquor without a license. Judge McPherson adjourned court this morning without rendering a decision in the famous bleached flour cases.

## BURLINGTON PASTOR DEAD.

**Rev. Joseph Schultz, Aged 53, of German Baptist Church, Succumbs.**

Burlington, April 29.—(Special)—Rev. Joseph Schultz, fifty-three years old, pastor of the German Baptist church, is dead, as the result of an attack of apoplexy. He had occupied the local pulpit for nine years. He was born in Davenport.

## Cedar Rapids Masons to Build.

Cedar Rapids, April 29.—(Special)—The Iowa Consistory, No. 2, meeting here, has voted to erect a Masonic temple to cost \$25,000 on land already owned. The building will be used by all Masonic lodges.

## HYDE TRIAL MAY BE HALTED

**SERIOUS ILLNESS OF JUROR'S WIFE THREATENS DELAY IN HEARING.**

Kansas City, April 29.—A delay became imminent in the Hyde trial when at noon today William Beebe, a juror, was called to the bedside of his dying wife. The morning session of court was devoted largely to the testimony of undertakers, cemetery employes and persons who guarded the bodies of the Swopes and James Moss Hunton after their deaths.

**Paxton Wanted Hyde Cleared.**  
It was with the hope that Dr. Hyde would be purged of all suspicion that John G. Paxton, as a personal representative of Mrs. Logan O. Swope, began the investigation of the Swope tragedies, he testified in the criminal court yesterday afternoon.

"I knew the terrible scandal any other report regarding the inquiry would cause," he said. "When I employed Dr. Ludwig Hektoen to examine the viscera of Col. Thomas H. and Christman Swope, I told him I hoped he would return to me a finding of innocence on the part of everyone."

Almost the entire afternoon session of the court was devoted by the attorneys to trying to prove whether Mr. Paxton harbored any malice against Dr. Hyde when he began his investigation. Mr. Paxton disclaimed that he did. When Dr. Hyde was ordered from the Swope home on Dec. 18, said Mr. Paxton, he shook hands with the physician.

**Sleuths to Shadow Hyde.**  
Dr. and Mrs. Hyde laughed heartily when Mr. Paxton told about his employing detectives to work on the case. Asked why he employed the sleuths, he said:

"To shadow Dr. Hyde and prevent him from escaping."  
Mr. Paxton and Attorney Walsh exchanged warm comments during the cross-examination of the witness. Mr. Walsh was insistent upon knowing how much money the witness got for his work. Mr. Paxton charged Mr. Walsh with casting aspersions on his honesty.

"As an attorney is paid, so proper-ly he will work on his case," was Mr. Walsh's comment.

## BRYCE GIVES ADVICE

**English Ambassador Tells Kansas Students to Be Independent in Thought.**

Lawrence, Kans., April 29.—"Three fourths of the mistakes a man makes are made because he does not really know the thing he thinks he knows," said Ambassador Bryce, in an address today to the students of the University of Kansas.

Mr. Bryce urged upon his hearers the necessity of knowing history and said the habit of sound and careful independent thinking was the best intellectual quality a young man could start with in his life journey.

Prof. Jesse Macy, of Grinnell, Ia., followed Bryce, speaking, briefly.

## HELD GUILTY OF FRAUD

**Philadelphia Architect Convicted by Jury, But Case is Sent Back to Them.**

Harrisburg, Pa., April 29.—The jury in the case of Joseph M. Huston, the Philadelphia architect charged with conspiracy to defraud the state in connection with the furniture contract for the state capitol, this morning returned a verdict of guilty of defrauding the state. The court told the jury to find a verdict on the charge of conspiracy, which is the indictment the jury sent back.

## POISON PLOT CLEARED

**Hungarian Lieutenant Admits Sending Acid to Members of General Staff.**

Vienna, April 29.—The mystery of the origin of the wholesale poisoning plot directed against recently promoted officers of the Austrian army was cleared by the confession today of Lieut. Hofrichter, who was arrested last November. He now admits he sent capsules containing prussic acid to ten members of the general staff with the object of poisoning them. Captain Made, who took the preparation, died almost immediately.

## BALLINGER ON STAND CALLS PINCHOT LIAR

**SECRETARY OF INTERIOR DENOUNCES ONE OF FORMER POSTER'S STATEMENTS AS A "WILLFUL DELIBERATE LIE."**

**SAYS ROOSEVELT ONCE UPHELD HIM**

**BALLINGER SAID FORMER PRESIDENT HAD EMBODIED HIS RECOMMENDATIONS IN HIS ANNUAL MESSAGE.**

Washington, April 29.—Ballinger took the stand soon after the Ballinger-Pinchot inquiry began this morning and his attorney, Mr. Vertree, at once launched into direct examination.

Ballinger recounted the story of his career up to the time he became commissioner general of the land office on the earnest solicitation of President Roosevelt, Secretary Garfield and Senator Piles.

Replying to questions he said he knew of six Cunningham Alaskan coal claimants at the time he became commissioner, that he had no interest in Alaskan or any other lands, or that he was the organizer of a mining company that had interests in the gold diggings at Nome.

He described how he reorganized the land office. This was followed by reference to the Glavis testimony that he and Ballinger had talked about specific groups of Alaskan coal lands. This Ballinger denounced as a "willful, deliberate lie." He said Cunningham land claims were clear listed because there was no protest in the record, and added that he would do the same today as he did then. He declared emphatically he never had professed or legal business with a single man listed as a Cunningham entrepreneur.

**Brings Roosevelt into It.**  
The witness denied he had ever interfered in any manner with the Glavis investigations of the Cunningham claims. Ballinger also said that he explained to Roosevelt the reasons for his explanation of his differences with Garfield, he had made a report to the then president, and that later Roosevelt said he had embodied Ballinger's recommendations in his annual message, and that he remarked he guessed "When Garfield and Pinchot see it they'll go through the roof," but he guessed the roof was strong enough to hold 'em.

## FETZER MAKES CHARGE

**Former Ottumwan Alleges Money Was Used to Have Bill Passed at Springfield.**

Chicago, April 29.—John C. Fetzer Benjamin Thomas and Charles R. Kappes are charged with defrauding the Chicago & Great Western Indiana railroad out of \$525,000 in a suit filed by the railroad today to collect the sum. Fetzer insinuates that considerable of the money went to "smooth" the way of legislation, particularly a bill which when enacted into law at Springfield validated the bond issue of \$50,000,000 by the railroad.

**Fetzer Makes Charges.**  
Chicago, April 29.—Intimations that a large sum of money was spent by the Chicago & Great Western Indiana Ry. Co. to secure the passage of the more or less famous "House bill 777" by the last regular session of the Illinois legislature are contained in an objection filed by John C. Fetzer to a decision of former Judge E. C. Field, who as arbitrator recently decreed that Fetzer Benjamin Thomas and Charles R. Kappes should pay \$525,000 to the road of the ground that the money was fraudulently obtained.

## JACKSON TO RESIGN?

**Some Members of the Democratic Party Are After the Scalp of the Wapello County Sheriff.**

A meeting of the Wapello county Democratic central committee will be held tomorrow night, it is understood to take some action regarding Sheriff Jackson. It is understood some of the party leaders will demand that the committee take action looking to securing the resignation of Sheriff Jackson. Whether this will be done or not is not known now, but it is known that the talk of asking for the sheriff's resignation nearly precipitated a fight between Chairman T. H. Pickler of the committee and a brother of the sheriff.

**Iowa Veteran Dead.**  
Monticello, April 29.—(Special)—Phillip Kuntz, a veteran of the Mexican war, is dead, aged 82.