

Ottumwa Tri-Weekly Courier

IOWA—Unsettled

LOCAL TEMP.—9 p. m., 75; 7 a. m., day; probably thunderstorms; warm—er. Sun rises, 4:24; sets, 7:40.

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MILLIONS LOST IN GREAT BLAZE

Historic Town of Salem, in Massachusetts, Nearly Destroyed by Fire

THOUSANDS LOSE THEIR PROPERTY

Firemen From Nearby Cities Aid in Saving Portion of Burning City

Salem, Mass., June 26.—The conflagration which laid waste to more than a thousand buildings in the historic city of Salem was burning itself out today in the leveled ruins. Officials after making careful compilation of values today figured the total loss at \$10,000,000. The burned district followed the lines of a rough semi-circle three miles in length and varying in width from half a mile to a mile and a half. Although many persons were injured, only one life was lost. The charred body of a woman, thought to be a Mrs. Cunningham, was found in the ruins of a tenement building. At least ten thousand persons, a fourth of the city's population, were made homeless. Thousands passed last night in the open. Many hundreds were sheltered in schools, churches and public buildings in this city and Beverly.

State Officials Busy.

Before the fire had been fairly checked relief measures and plans for rebuilding were under way. Governor Walsh, Lieut. Gov. Barry and Secretary of State Donahue spent the night here. The governor announced that five thousand tents and ten thousand rations would be shipped to the city at once. He also issued a call for a public meeting at the state house in Boston to take further action.

In the midst of the gloom caused by the staggering blow to the city, residents found cause for thankfulness in the fact that the more noted buildings and museums with their priceless collections of antiquities were spared. The birthplace of Nathaniel Hawthorne, the "house of seven gables," and the old custom house were threatened for a time and the flames approached dangerously close to the Peabody museum and the Essex institute, but none of these structures was damaged.

Militia in Charge.

The companies of militia summoned to assist in maintaining order paraded the streets today. Martial law was not declared, but none was permitted to approach the fire swept area without a pass. Only one attempt at looting was discovered.

On the commons and in open spaces in the outskirts of the city thousands of refugees tried to find a little rest during the night. Many stretched themselves out on the grass; others had managed to save mattresses or rocking chairs from their burning homes. Little groups huddled together about piles of household goods. Some of the children were frightened.

South American Papers Jubilant Over Mediation

Santiago, Chile, June 26.—Great gratification is expressed by the Chilean newspapers today at the success of the mediators at Niagara Falls and congratulations are showered on those who conceived and proposed the idea of mediation.

Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 26.—All the newspapers here comment in enthusiastic terms on the success of the mediation conference at Niagara Falls.

La Nacion says the solution reached in the dispute between the United States and Mexico could not be better and adds: "The United States has set a grand example to the world and has won the respect of the nations by the equanimity and spirit of justice with which she has comforted herself under the circumstances. The newspaper concludes: "The result of the mediation conference forms a fresh tie between Argentina, Brazil and Chile. La Prensa considers the solution reached by the mediation conference "a real triumph for Pan-American diplomacy."

DRUNKEN MAN SUICIDES

Runs About Deck of Steamer in Half-Crazed State and Finally Jumps Into River.

Davenport, June 26.—D. B. Kineham, 70 years old, jumped overboard from the steamer Helen Blair below Muscatine last evening while the boat was on its way from Burlington to Davenport. The body has not yet been found. It is claimed by members of the boat crew that Kineham had been running about the boat in a half-crazed condition with a bottle of whiskey in his hand, and finally mounting the railing on the second deck, jumped overboard. He was registered at the Burlington hotel before taking passage on the Helen Blair.

GREEK CADETS MOBILIZED

Calling Out of Reserves Believed to be Measure in Anticipation of the Turk War.

Athens, Greece, June 26.—Seven classes of the Greek naval reserve today were called to the colors, the official explanation of the mobilization being the "increase of the fleet and the naval maneuvers to begin next week." The real reason of the step taken by the ministry of marine however is understood to be the determination of the Greek government to be prepared for all eventualities, although there is an apparent slackening of the tension between Turkey and Greece.

NEBRASKAN DEAD AS RESULT OF HEAT

Lincoln, Neb., June 26.—The first death of the year from heat occurred yesterday when the highest temperature of the year was officially reported. The thermometer at the government weather bureau registered 98 degrees. Through central Nebraska record high temperatures for the year were reported.

UNION OFFICERS REFUTE CHARGE

HEADS OF CHICAGO LABOR ORGANIZATIONS DENY AGENTS ARE BLACKMAILERS.

Chicago, June 26.—Representatives of the building contractors of Chicago were directed by the United States district attorney to appear before the grand jury today with whatever evidence they had that contractors had been systematically blackmailed by agents for labor unions. John J. McLaughlin state representative was expected to be the principal witness on behalf of the contractors.

Without accusing the labor unions which they say have been defrauded and used as tools by dishonest business agents, the contractors declare that extortion in sums from \$500 to \$100,000 has played a part in every large construction job in this city in recent years. The demand for federal aid was precipitated by the shooting Wednesday of George Hammond, a union business agent, by Patrick Dignan, a contractor.

Dignan surrendered yesterday. He told the police that he had been bonded by Hammond and had killed him in a rage.

Labor leaders today declared that the charges brought by McLaughlin and others were fraudulent. It was a practice of certain contractors, they said to attempt to bribe union agents to tie up other contractors in strikes. In the cross fire of frauds and bribery, the labor men declared, the contractors were active and profited more than did any dishonest union agents.

FACTIONS WILL MEET IS BELIEF

Definite Word on Matter Is Expected From Carranza Within a Short Time

UP TO MEXICANS TO NAME EXECUTIVE

Washington Officials Are Confident of Success of Mediation Plan

Niagara Falls, N. Y., June 26.—Definite word was expected today from the constitutionalist agency in Washington as to the time and place of the informal conference between Huerta delegates and representatives of the constitutionalist at which it is hoped a new provisional president of Mexico will be chosen and arrangements made for a cessation of hostilities.

Emilio Rabasa, head of the Huerta delegation, said he was waiting to hear from the constitutionalist through the mediators as to preliminary arrangement but that after that all negotiations would be direct.

It is considered practically certain that the new parleys will not take place here and it is believed that Ottawa or some other portion on Lake Ontario will be chosen.

American mediators and Huerta delegates spent the day leisurely. Report of the taking of Zacatecas were read with interest by the Huerta delegates but without comment.

CONFERENCE CERTAIN

Washington, D. C., June 26.—Final word was expected to reach here today from Carranza constitutionalist chief, specifically outlining his attitude toward a proposed conference with his enemy's envoys on the establishment of a provisional government in Mexico. He had telegraphed his representatives in Washington that he would send them instructions upon reaching Monterey where he was to arrive late yesterday. Barring delays in transmissions the telegrams should reach here some time this forenoon.

Confidence was expressed that Carranza would consent to the conference.

INDIANA IS OUT TO IMPROVE ROADS

Indianapolis, Ind., June 26.—A definite movement to obtain better roads throughout Indiana was launched by Gov. Ralston yesterday in the appointment of a state highway commission. Besides naming five commissioners to an advisory committee of fifteen members. The members are Thomas T. Bragg, Indianapolis; W. H. O'Brien, Lawrenceburg; Leonard B. Cloire, La Porte; Addison C. Harris, Indianapolis; and R. L. Sackett, Purdue university.

WANTS SOLDIERS READY FOR CALL

Washington, D. C., June 26.—Gov. Stewart of Montana today asked that federal troops be transferred from Fort Van Courver to Fort Missoula in order to be in readiness in case of further trouble at Butte. Senator Myers called at the white house to support the governor's request. He stated that conditions in Butte were very unsatisfactory and that further outbreaks were liable to occur at any time. There are no federal troops in Montana, he said, and in case of serious rioting it would take too long to bring them from Fort Van Courver for them to be of any service. President Wilson took the request under advisement and later took it up at the cabinet meeting.

Labor Leaders, Convicted as Dynamiters, are Once More Back in Federal Prison

Leavenworth, Kan., June 26.—The twelve iron workers convicted in the "dynamite conspiracy" cases, who arrived here late last night to begin serving their sentences were put through the routine process of "dressing in" at the United States penitentiary today.

When they came from the ward where they spent the night, having arrived too late to be assigned to cells, each was given a bath, a shave, a new suit of prison clothes and new prison shoes, and their prison life which began New Year's day but was interrupted by their release on bonds, started anew.

A great many of the details of installing new arrivals at the prison were dispensed with this morning. The finger prints and measurements were unnecessary as they already were on record and the men assumed the names they had when they went out. With the arrival of Eugene A. Clancy of San Francisco and Frank J. Higgins of Boston, the men will take up their old

BANK INSOLVENT FOR THREE YEARS

Government Attorney Told Operations Were Shady in Eyes of the Law

DENIED ADMISSION TO CLEARING HOUSE

Grand Jury to Be Called in to Conduct Probe of the Institution

Chicago, June 26.—The LaSalle Street National bank, predecessor of the recently defunct LaSalle Street Trust and Savings bank, controlled by William Lorimer and C. B. Munday, was in a shaky condition three years ago, according to a report presented to James Wilkerson, United States district attorney here today.

The report was that of a committee appointed by the Chicago clearing house association in February, 1911, acting on an application of the bank for admission to the association. The application was refused because of many dangerous practices and alleged unethical banking methods. The committee requested the directors of the bank to replace huge sums in doubtful collateral with quick assets and to cease the practice of loaning money to Lorimer and Munday and enterprises in which they were interested as preliminaries to another application to become a member of the clearing house association.

Mr. Wilkerson said that the directors took no action and a year ago surrendered its national charter, and under a state charter became the LaSalle Street Trust and Savings bank.

Federal Judge Landis today appointed the Central Trust Co., receiver for the Lorimer & Gallagher Co., of East St. Louis, Ill.

Efforts to trace the interest paid on city deposits of more than a million dollars in the bank thus far have failed. The receiver, William C. Niblack discovered that while the bank paid three per cent interest on these deposits, checks were made separately, one for two and one-fourth per cent and the other for three-fourths of one per cent.

Jury to Investigate

Chicago, June 26.—A special grand jury to inquire into the affairs of the LaSalle Trust and Savings bank will be summoned next week by State Attorney Mackay Hoyne. It was announced today. Hoyne who yesterday said he would not attempt to present the case to the regular grand jury, said he expected to be ready next week to begin offering his evidence. Besides questioning officers of the bank and others Hoyne has been in frequent consultation with Mrs. Mary Quinlan Kuhns, who married James J. Brady, state auditor, in Michigan, a short time after her divorce from Kuhns. Mrs. Kuhns who is suing Brady to validate her marriage in this state, gave Hoyne much information, but he refused to state whether it involved Brady.

Government investigation of the career of the bank while it was a national institution proceeded today preparatory to a presentation of the facts to the federal grand jury.

STRIKERS NOT IN NEED OF SUPPLIES

Pittsburgh, Pa., June 26.—Careful canvass of the 12,000 Westinghouse strikers, who have been out for three weeks today failed to reveal the presence of destitution, according to Bridget Kenny, secretary of the Allegheny Congregational Industrial Union. Miss Kenny declared they had abundant supplies, all contributed by merchants in the Pittsburgh district. Pickets guarded every plant and reported no visible increase of men entering the works. An effort to reopen the saloons was defeated.

SELMA WOMAN SHOOT HERSELF

Selma, June 26.—Mrs. John Baldwin, who has been ill for some time with an abscess shot herself this morning, the bullet entering the abdomen. Physicians and a nurse from Ottumwa are here. Little hope is entertained for her recovery.

Her immediate family consists of her husband, a well known stock buyer and one little son. It is not known whether the shooting was accidental or premeditated.

Would Teach Sex Hygiene in Sunday Schools of the Land

Chicago, June 26.—The teaching of sex hygiene in Sunday schools was approved today in a report to the convention of the International Sunday school association by E. K. Mohr, superintendent of the purity department.

"Sex knowledge will be taught" said Mr. Mohr, "if not in the home and the Sunday school it will be taught in the street. Silence is criminal. We cannot remain inactive. We must teach these facts and teach them right so that knowledge may lead to purity and righteousness."

With the new awakening and discussion of sex matters the pendulum has swung from silence to a publicity that is almost nauseating. Literature, the stage, the newspapers, the 'movies' have exploited the interest in the subject. The endeavor to avoid false modesty may in the end break down the barriers of real modesty.

"With the religious atmosphere and reverent receptive attitude of the Sunday school, it is eminently fitted to bear the message of the knowledge that tends to personal purity. It is the plainest religious strategy."

"We recognize that the home is the ideal place for purity teaching but to entrust our youth under present conditions to an uncultured parental instinct is to invite ruin. There is much to be done that the home can not do.

"Let us not, however, jump to the conclusion that any and all can teach about sex and reproduction. A little knowledge must not be mistaken for adequate knowledge. Teachers must be prepared with scientific and scriptural facts and the proper method of teaching those facts. We must remember that purity is the larger and inclusive term and that purity teaching is the object of our instruction. The finest kind of purity teaching may be given without the pupil realizing that he is receiving sex instruction."

WANT CLAFLIN CO. HELD A BANKRUPT

COUNSEL FOR RUINED DRY GOODS FIRM WILL OPPOSE REQUEST IN THE COURTS OF LAW.

New York, June 26.—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed here today against the Defender Manufacturing Co. of this city, makers of underwear, a subsidiary of the H. B. Claflin Co. which failed yesterday. Receivers in equity proceedings were appointed at the time of the Claflin failure, but it was contended that the company was solvent. Creditors now seek to have it adjudged bankrupt. Counsel for the Claflin interests it is understood will oppose the petition. Members of the note holders' protective committee appointed yesterday to safeguard the interests of banks having some \$30,000,000 of Claflin paper went into session today at the New York Bank of Commerce, whose president, J. S. Alexander, is chairman of the committee.

A. C. Drew, secretary of the merchandise creditors' committee, estimated today that merchandise creditors have claims of about \$2,000,000. "It is our earnest hope," he said, "that merchandise creditors will deposit claims with our committee at the earliest moment. Immediate co-operation is essential to produce satisfactory results. In view of the public importance of this matter this committee has consented to represent creditors without cost to them."

During the early trading in the stock market there were four sales of United Dry Goods preferred, each amounting to 100 shares. The first was at 64 1/2, the second at 60, the third at 63, and the fourth at 62. At the close of the market yesterday the stock was quoted at 65.

The United Dry Goods Companies have stock control of the H. B. Claflin Co.

COFFEE IS CALLED CAUSE OF CANCER

PHYSICIANS ANNOUNCE THAT VICTIMS MUST TURN VEGETARIANS.

Atlantic City, N. J., June 26.—Over-eating, especially of meats and the excessive use of alcohol and coffee, cause many cancers and the only hope for their extinction lies in absolute abstinence on vegetables with the exclusion of coffee and alcohol in conjunction with proper medicinal measures.

This in substance, was the statement made yesterday by Dr. L. Duncan Bulkley of New York, in an address before the American medical association. He pointed out that cancer virtually was unknown among barbaric races who lived directly on products of the soil.

At the least 90 per cent of fibroid tumors can be cured or relieved by the use of radium, according to Dr. Howard A. Kelly of Johns Hopkins university. "Operations are unnecessary," he said. "This new treatment with radium offers a wonderful new and undreamed of hope for many thousands of women suffering with tumors."

Dr. Alexander Duane, of the Harvard medical school, announced that radium would make steel radio active and that the metal might then be used for a short time as advantageously as radium itself.

With the election of officers for the house of delegates, the controlling body of the association, the meeting practically came to an end. Officers other than Dr. William R. Rodman, who was chosen president, included Dr. Alexander Craig, Chicago secretary and Dr. Wm. A. Pusey, Chicago treasurer.

C. E. DELEGATES ELECT OFFICERS

Officials Chosen for State Session to Close with Band Concert

Musical Festival Will Be Given This Evening in Caldwell Park

The officers chosen to serve during the years of 1915 and 1916 are: President—Rev. C. H. Stauffacher, Cedar Rapids. Vice President—P. M. Rich, Hubbard. Secretary—Miss Mary E. McPherrin, Omaha, Neb. Treasurer—J. A. Waddell, Bennett. Transportation Manager—E. L. Condon, Council Bluffs. Place of 1916 convention—Sioux City.

The business session beginning at 8:30 this morning at which the state officers were elected for the next two years, the place of the convention for 1915 selected and the reports of the various committees on press, resolutions, auditing and nominating were read, was the feature of today's session of the state convention of the Iowa State Christian Endeavor convention which closes its four days' session in Ottumwa, this evening with a band concert in Caldwell park. This afternoon's meeting has been devoted to a general session to which two addresses and several musical numbers, of which, one was a pipe organ solo by Miss Louise Van Dyke of this city, have contributed. This evening beginning at 8 o'clock the delegates, visitors and friends will assemble in Caldwell park where a band concert will be given by the fifty-fourth regiment band as the closing climax of the state meeting for 1914.

This morning's business meeting was opened with President William Hardcastle, presiding. The praise service was under the direction of W. E. M. Hackleman of Indianapolis, Ind., the convention's music director. The devotionals were in charge of Rev. E. W. Farris Holler, pastor of the Benton street Presbyterian chapel and he was followed by Miss Hazel Gephart who gave a violin solo. At 2 o'clock this afternoon the services were opened by Mr. Hackleman with a short praise program and the Rev. W. D. Spiker of the Plymouth Congregational church was in charge of the devotionals. Miss Van Dyke gave a pipe organ solo and at 2:30 Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Strother gave a very interesting address on Chinese Christian Endeavor work. The address of the afternoon was in charge of Rev. Finis Idleman of the Central church of Christ at Des Moines.

Present Banners.

At the opening of Thursday evening's services two banners were presented for efficiency along different phases of Christian Endeavor work. For the banner that was to be presented to the intermediate class having the highest rating, there was a tie between the Cottage Avenue Presbyterian and the Capitol Hill Christian both of Des Moines and the latter agreed to allow-

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RAIL VICTIM CHOPPED UP

Head of Man is Found Along Tracks and Portions of Body Are Discovered Later.

Davenport, June 26.—The head of an unknown man was found on the Rock Island railroad tracks a few miles west of Davenport about 8:30 o'clock this morning and the rest of his body was strewn along the right of way for a distance of a mile. The body was discovered by the crew of a freight train. The victim of the accident is thought to have been riding on one of the early morning fast passenger trains.

A pocket dictionary and an empty pocket book, neither giving a clue as to ownership, were found in the trousers pocket.

TO REGULATE EXCHANGES

Washington, D. C., June 26.—Senator Owen's bill for federal regulations of stock exchanges was ordered favorably reported today by the banking committee.

YEOMAN IN NEW OFFICE

Des Moines, June 26.—Several hundred members of the brotherhood of American Yeoman attended the dedication of the new supreme offices of the order here today.

POSTMASTER STRICKEN

West Chicago, Ill., June 26.—Stricken by apoplexy while sorting the mail, J. H. Cregar, postmaster, with a wide acquaintance in northern Illinois, died suddenly here today.

EARTHQUAKE IN THE EAST

Island of Sumatra Shaken Up And Many of the Inhabitants Are Killed.

Batavia, Java, June 26.—Many were killed or injured today in a violent earthquake which caused widespread damage in southern Sumatra. The offices of the Dutch consul and many other buildings collapsed at Benkenol and telegraph and cable communication was interrupted. Sumatra is the largest island of the Malay archipelago except Borneo. It has a number of volcanoes, some active and some believed extinct. The population is estimated at 3,500,000 among whom are about 5,000 whites.

The British steamer Kintuck of the China Mutual Steam Navigation Co., crowded with emigrants, was reported ten hours overdue and it was feared she has met with an accident in connection with the earthquake.

A steamer has been sent from here to search for her.

DIPLOMAT'S HEART FAILS

Washington, D. C., June 26.—Private dispatches received at the Pan-American union early today reported the death of P. Escudet Rojas, minister from Venezuela at Atlantic City, N. J. Dr. Rojas, who was 70 years old, died of heart failure.

MAN DIES FROM HEAT

Centerville, June 26.—Affected by the heat, Bert Redig, employed in the assembling department of the Hercules Mfg. Co., fell dead of heart failure at noon yesterday. He was 35 years of age and leaves a wife.