

# FLAMES DESTROY HOTELS IN ALBURY

### Customs House Burned in \$25,000 Fire—Bucket Brigade Saves Railroad Station.

Albany, Sept. 15.—Fire of unknown origin, starting in the cellar of the hotel Albany at four o'clock yesterday afternoon, destroyed that house, the United States customs house and the Bell House. The loss is roughly estimated at \$25,000 with about \$12,000 insurance. The village is without fire protection but hard work by a bucket brigade of nearly 100 men succeeded in saving adjoining property and in carrying out much of the furnishings and records in the buildings destroyed. The flames had burned themselves out at eight o'clock last evening.

The two hotels were well filled with railroad men, many of whom were sleeping and there were a number of narrow escapes. The small children of Felix Pratt, a deputy collector, who occupied a flat over the customs house, barely escaped with their lives and some of his household goods was saved. G. M. Green, the meatman, who occupied the other flat in the same building, fared better, and the safe and record books of the customs house were saved although the old files were burned.

F. W. Myers & Co., customs brokers, whose offices adjoined those of the customs house, were burned out also. Had there been a better supply of water the Bell House could have been saved as it was separated from the hotel Albany by a 20-foot space. The customs house was joined to the Albany on the other side. All were wooden buildings and furnished ready fuel for the flames.

The hotel Albany was owned by E. N. Goodsell and the Bell House by Ora D. Bell. The latter will rebuild but Mr. Goodsell was less certain last evening about what he would do. The customs house building was owned by the Brush-Goodsell-Ayre company and will be rebuilt.

The Rutland railroad station was situated in the direct line of the wind but being across the track and kept well wet down by the bucket brigade escaped destruction. Mrs. Henry Mott's house was also saved.

While the fire wiped out the principal buildings in the center of the village, the three stores and the hall remain. The telephone exchange escaped but its wires are down and it is today out of commission.

The fire blazed up so quickly that it was not considered feasible to await aid from Des Moines and so no call for help was sent.

The railroad has a water supply here for its engines and from this is pumped water for domestic purposes in the village. The pressure is so slight that it can be held in the pipes by one's thumb, and a small stream that will not reach to the eaves of a house is the best that can be coaxed from it.

Three chimneys are all that remain of the burned buildings.

# KING'S DAUGHTERS END THEIR STATE MEETING

Montpelier, Sept. 15.—The following officers were elected this morning at the closing session of the convention of the King's Daughters of Vermont: President, Mrs. Emma K. H. Tobin of Swanton; vice-president, Mrs. A. L. Cross of Swanton; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Jennie E. Braloy of Brandon; recording secretary, Mrs. C. E. Nourse of Rutland; treasurer, Mrs. Lucy J. B. Burr of Bennington; auditor, Mrs. Emma L. Harwood of Bennington.

The following county secretaries were also elected: Addison, Mrs. Helen E. Brownson of Leicester; Bennington, Mrs. A. C. Thompson of Bennington; Chittenden, Mrs. Kate E. Towers of Richmond; Caledonia, Mrs. Ina Hamilton of East Hardwick; Franklin, Mrs. Helen Rublee of St. Albans; Orange, Mrs. Fanny Vincent of East Ferrisburgh; Rutland, Mrs. Jennie E. Braloy of Brandon; Washington, Mrs. S. S. Ballard of Montpelier; re-elected; Windham, Miss Florence Clark of Brattleboro; Windsor, Mrs. E. E. Burdette of Springfield.

# PETITION ST. JOHNSBURY MEN INTO BANKRUPTCY

Rutland, Sept. 15.—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy has been filed in the office of Clerk F. S. Platt of the United States court against F. E. Blossom and Howard E. Blossom of St. Johnsbury, who do business under the firm name of the Union Machine and Garage company. The petitioning creditors are Joseph Brunell, R. N. Brunell and Leon Guyer of St. Johnsbury, Simonds & Searies are their counsel.

The claims are as follows: Joseph Brunell, \$228; R. N. Brunell, \$291.45; Leon Guyer, \$257.75. It is alleged that the firm committed an act of bankruptcy by giving a chattel mortgage to the Citizens' Savings Bank and Trust company of St. Johnsbury to secure a note for \$12,500 which they wished to get to pay other notes.

# RAILROAD HEARING SECRET.

Findings on Wreck at Bennington Held Back Pending Report.

Bennington, Sept. 15.—Rutland railroad officials arrived here this morning for the purpose of making the company's investigation of the causes of the head-on collision a short distance north of this station Saturday evening, when an engineer and a fireman were instantly killed, an engineer was fatally hurt and over a dozen persons, passengers and trainmen, were injured. The officials making the investigation were G. L. French, general superintendent, S. S. Colton, assistant superintendent of the Rutland-Chatham division, George R. McMaster, claims agent, E. W. Lawrence, attorney, W. R. Warner of Vergennes of the public service commission was also present as were James S. Hawly and A. F. Duffy, inspectors of the interstate commerce commission of Washington.

When the investigation was begun it was supposed that the hearing would be public but the interstate commerce inspectors objected on the ground that they were not permitted to allow any of the data of their investigations to become public until after their report had been filed in Washington. The hearing was accordingly held behind closed doors. The investigation consisted of an examination of the surviving trainmen of the two trains involved in the accident, the local passenger leaving this station at 7:45 and the southbound milk train on its regular run from Albany to New York city by the way of Chatham, and other employees who were directly or indirectly connected with the disaster.

# ELECTRICIANS' ELECTION.

### C. C. Wells of Middlebury Chosen President of Vermont Association.

Rutland, Sept. 15.—The 12th annual convention of the Vermont Electrical Association, which opened here yesterday, closed this afternoon when some 40 members of the organization enjoyed a clam bake at Lake Bomoseen, served by Samuel Mitchell, steward at the Elk's club here. The officers elected are: President, C. C. Wells, Middlebury; vice-presidents, W. H. Wells, St. Albans, and Wilfred Smith, Woodstock; secretary-general, A. B. Marsden, Manchester.

The Vermont Association of Insurance Underwriters held a semi-annual meeting at Lake Bomoseen today, taking dinner at Prospect House. Covers were laid for 35, including the ladies. There were informal speeches and a ride on the lake steamer.

# VACANCY AT ANNAPOLIS.

Northfield, Sept. 15.—The secretary of the navy informs Congressman Plumley that there is to be a vacancy at the U. S. Naval Academy for a midshipman next spring from the second district of the State of Vermont, and Mr. Plumley requested to nominate a principal and three alternates for examination for appointment to fill the vacancy. It is necessary that the candidate be a resident of the second district and between 16 and 25 years of age. In order that all those who wish to enter the academy may have an equal chance for appointment, a competitive examination will be held at Northfield, Vermont, Oct. 1, Oct. 2 and 3 under the direction of Prof. H. R. Roberts, dean, and anyone desiring to take the examinations or information concerning them are requested to write Professor Roberts.

# MAN AND WIFE KILLED.

Londondale Couple on Way to County Fair When Struck by Train.

St. Johnsbury, Sept. 15.—While en route to the Caledonia county fair this morning, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Coffran of Londondale were struck by the southbound milk train at a grade crossing. Mrs. Coffran and the horse were instantly killed and Mr. Coffran so badly hurt that he died a few hours later.

The crossing is known as the "blind" crossing. It is about one mile above St. Johnsbury Center and is one of the most dangerous in this section.

Mr. Coffran seemed conscious for a minute after being removed to Bright's hospital but never gave any explanation of how the accident happened. Both of his legs were broken, one knee fractured and he had a bad scalp wound. As there are ledges which hide the track, it is thought they did not hear the train.

The engine was covered with blood and flesh of the horse when it reached this station.

Mr. Coffran was 50 years and his wife 46. They have one son who lived with them at Londondale.

# WILL MEET AT BENNINGTON

Diocese of Vermont to Hold 122nd Convention Next Week.

Bennington, Sept. 15.—The 122nd annual convention of the diocese of Vermont will be held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Wednesday and Thursday, September 25 and 26. The convention will meet for organization on Wednesday morning at nine o'clock. The opening service will be in the church at 9:30 o'clock, the celebration of the holy communion. The offerings will be for diocesan missions. At the close of the service the convention will at once proceed to business. The bishop's annual address will follow the opening service.

The evening session of Wednesday will be devoted to the consideration of the missionary work of the diocese. It is important that all members of the convention should be punctual in attendance, and that they should remain until the business is finished on Thursday.

# LESLIE M. SHAW NAMED IN A WESTERN FAILURE

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 15.—Efforts of Leslie M. Shaw, former secretary of the treasury, to obtain money for the tottering Western steel corporation, did not prevent the company from going into bankruptcy, according to explanations made by the company's attorneys here today.

Mr. Shaw's name came into the case when the Metropolitan Trust company of New York filed a suit for enforcement of a \$200,000 note which he helped James A. Moore, the Western Steel corporation's promoter, get a loan of \$900,000 from the trust company.

It is Moore's contention that the loan of this \$900,000 and the action of the trust company in calling the loan at a critical time threw the concern into bankruptcy and he is suing the trust company for \$1,000,000 damages.

Mr. Shaw, according to the papers submitted by the trust company, got 750 shares of preferred stock with 1,000 shares of common stock "due me," the certified copy of his receipt says.

SHAW DENIES HELPING. Philadelphia, Sept. 15.—Leslie M. Shaw to-day denied that he had assisted in the promotion of the Western Steel corporation as alleged in affidavits filed yesterday in Seattle, Wash. Mr. Shaw's statement is as follows: "The Western Steel corporation was organized, capitalized and the bond issue made before I ever heard of any such concern. I had nothing whatever to do with the promotion of or procuring the Metropolitan loan."

After explaining his later assistance of the company, Mr. Shaw concluded: "The services I rendered and the money I advanced were worth many fold the value of the stock I received. had the stock been worth par. I only received a fraction of what was done me under the contract."

# MONOPLANES IN MIDAIR COLLIDE

### Gill Killed by Accident That Is Laid by Survivor to Late Start of Race.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—Howard Gill of Baltimore was killed and George Mestach of France was seriously injured late yesterday afternoon at the Cicero aviation field in a midair collision. Gill died while being rushed to the hospital. Mestach recovered consciousness a half hour after the tragedy, but his condition is grave.

"I was forced into making the flight by the instant demand of the spectators," said Mestach. "It was too dark for safe flying with another machine in the air. When I got on the whirling of Gill's machine, and saw him bearing down on me, I tried my best to avoid the collision, but could not get my machine to answer the levers quick enough. Then came the wreck. That is all that I remember."

The wreck of the two machines took place shortly before the close of the day's exhibition. Mestach was racing to win the 20-kilometer prize, when he was struck by Gill, who had followed him in a Wright biplane. The accident occurred at a height of 20 feet, and at the northeast corner of the field. Both aviators were hurt and the ground, and their machines were completely wrecked.

Gill was a wealthy sportsman who was interested in automobile racing until 1905 when he took up ballooning. In 1909 he began flying an aeroplane. Last February, at Los Angeles, he met with a serious accident when his machine fell 75 feet.

On October 15, 1911, at St. Louis, Gill established an American aviation endurance record by remaining in the air 4 hours 18 minutes and 35 seconds.

Gill was a son of M. Gilbert Gill of Baltimore and was 29 years old.

Darkness was the primary cause of the accident. Paul Peck on the same field the other day met his death at sunset. Yesterday's accident occurred even later. While there was light higher up it was almost dark at the level of the machines.

Timekeepers at the pylons nearest the spot declared Mestach was in the lead and Gill, coming up faster from behind at the turn, tried to pass beneath. The two machines clashed, the wings became entangled, and both came to the ground.

There have been two previous collisions between aeroplanes in midair during the first few months of the season. The first collision occurred at Dayton, Ohio, on September 27, 1911, between the late Eugene R. Ely and Harry Atwood. It was while Ely was attempting to make a landing, when at a height of 100 feet, that he lost control of his machine and crashed to the ground, hitting Atwood's aeroplane on the way. They both escaped with minor injuries.

The other collision happened on June 15 last at Detroit, France, when Captain Dubois and Lieut. Albert Palmann, French army officers, met their death when the biplanes they were piloting collided in midair. They were flying in the early morning, and the haze was so thick that they could not see each other.

Gill is the ninth aviator to lose his life this month in flight and several have been badly injured. Two other accidents occurred this month in which five spectators were killed. The largest number of aviators to be killed in a single month is sixteen. Gill is the third aviator to be killed this year. This equals the record year of 1911, when 13 were killed. The death of Gill brings the toll of those killed in aeroplane accidents since 1908, when aeroplanes flying began on a large scale, up to 182.

BOMB THROWING AND LANDING. Chicago, Sept. 15.—At the aviation meeting today Max Lillis, Glenn Martin, Farm Fish and Tom Kearney took part in the "bomb" throwing and accurate landing contests. Lillis won the "bomb" throwing event. Fish was second and Kearney third.

In the accurate landing contest in which the aviators volplaned from a height of 1,000 feet, Martin won. He landed within 81 feet of a designated spot.

# FAIR HAVEN'S DAY PERFECT

More Than 10,000 People Full of the Fair Spirit.

Fair Haven, Sept. 15.—From ten to twelve thousand people thronged the Fair Haven fair grounds today, saw the exhibition and witnessed the three races which were well worth seeing. The day was a perfect fair day and the crowd was full of the fair spirit. The summaries of the races were as follows:

216 TROT OR PACE, PURSE \$76.

John O. ....	1 1
Dick Dinet .....	2 2
Smudge Morrow .....	3 2
The Merchant .....	4 3
Rock Candy .....	5 3
Time, 2:35, 2:27, 2:23.	

217 PACE, PURSE \$60.

Sue M. ....	1 1
Oom Paul .....	2 2
Hercules .....	3 2
Aristides, Jr. ....	4 2
Time, 2:39, 2:31, 2:17.	

219 TROT, PURSE \$60.

Banner Wilkes .....	1 1
Hazel Wood .....	2 2
Montana .....	3 2
Katoka .....	4 3
Alphretta B. ....	5 3
Matiliss .....	6 4
Metallie .....	7 4
John O. ....	8 7
Time, 2:19.14, 2:10, 2:06.	

# WINDSOR COUNTY FAIR.

Windsor, Sept. 15.—The Windsor county fair closed today with a large attendance. The 215 and 233 classes were postponed till to-morrow morning, the last heat being finished at 6:30. The 215 class was won by Casey Jones, Hincen Boy second and Stacy Gray. The best time was 2:24 1/2.

# TOBACCO CROP BADLY CUT.

Hallstones No Larger They Go through Hoops—Zoo Losses \$10,000.

New York, Sept. 15.—From all parts of eastern New York to-day reports are pouring in that the tobacco crop has been badly damaged by lightning and hail during a brief but violent storm last night. The loss to the Connecticut tobacco crop from the hail is estimated at \$100,000. The hail stones in some sections were so large that they went through the roofs of barns and outhouses, while hundreds of windows were shattered.

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# MANY SHARE IN JOHNSON'S GRIEF

### Thousands Witness Strange and Spectacular Funeral of Wife of Champion.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—Strains of "Nearer, My God, to Thee" filled the ear of the hardened and the prize ring. Clang of the bell and the shout of the referee and of the crowd are their music.

Yet, when this song rose from the throat of a vested choir of colored girls in the crowded Little St. Mark's African Methodist Episcopal Church, where funeral services were conducted yesterday for Mrs. Jack Johnson, who ended her life with a bullet, tears coursed unrestrained down the cheeks of the widow, world's champion heavyweight, and of other battle-scarred pugilists.

The scene was remarkable. Massed together in the church and for blocks around the Johnson residence and the church were prominent white men and women, negroes, prize fighters and thousands drawn by morbid curiosity alone.

But there were genuine mourners, white and black, for Johnson has many friends among white business men. Common grief for a friend in distress brought all this motley assemblage together on a common plane.

It was a strange and spectacular funeral that an excited assemblage, numbering many thousands, men, women and children, witnessed. Before the procession of automobiles that composed the cortege, speeded their way to the little church, a huge gathering of curious onlookers thronged and blocked the street in front of the Johnson home, 3344 Washburn avenue, fighting with a score of bluecoats, who showed and pushed in vain that a passage might be made for the automobiles. Women fainted and had to be carried away.

CROWDS AT SERVICES. A brief prayer was said over the body at the home by the Rev. John W. Robinson of St. Mark's Church. The coffin, covered with lilies of the valley, lay virtually in a conservatory. There were flowers of every color and description, enhanced by a soft yellow sheen that came from a tiny candle.

The mourners and friends filed slowly from the house to waiting automobiles, into which they climbed and rode to the church. Mrs. Johnson's mother and sister, Mrs. David Terry and Miss Elaine Terry of Brooklyn, N. Y., appeared in the dusky, the former supported by her dusky son-in-law.

She was sobbing bitterly and as she descended the stairs the pillar half-supported, half-carried her. Both mother and daughter were heavily veiled.

Hundreds of curious spectators, black and white, crowded the church. When it was impossible to enter the structure by the doors, the crowds made use of the six windows. The air of the interior of the church was so warm that Mrs. Roach, a sister of Johnson, fainted and had to be taken outside by Jack Curry.

The Rev. Mr. Robinson announced that the mixed choir would sing the favorite song of Mrs. Johnson, "Take the Name of Jesus with You," which she had learned to love at St. James's Methodist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y. At the close of the service the minister declared that it has emphasized the peace that had entered the life of one who had been troubled and who had found the struggle of life weary.

# BROADWAY TO HAVE CURFEW

### It Will Ring at Midnight for Loiterers on the "Great White Way."

New York, Sept. 15.—Curfew will ring hereafter at midnight for loiterers on the "great white way" according to a ruling today by Magistrate Cornell, whose court has jurisdiction over the district. The court announced that it hereafter would fine anyone arrested after twelve o'clock on Broadway who could not show that he had business there.

There were 13 arrests last night in a round-up of loiterers on complaints that out of town guests of hotels were being annoyed by well-dressed young men who were making a business of standing about the hotel entrances.

Habitues of the district who heard the magistrate's ruling to-day declared that it meant an epochal change in the night aspect of the district if he held to his announced purpose.

CONCERNING WOMEN. The Woman's University club of New York city was established 29 years ago and has 1,000 members. It is so successful that a beautiful new building will soon be erected on Fifty-second street, the structure to cost \$100,000.