

BIG FIRE LOSS IN KALAMAZOO

Large Part of Business Section of City Wiped Out By Conflagration.

ONE LIFE IS PROBABLY LOST

Requires Services of Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids and Battle Creek Firemen to Quench Flames—Million Property Loss.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 9.—One life probably lost, many firemen overcome by smoke, one hundred sixty guests driven scantly clothed into icy streets, and property valued at a million dollars was destroyed by a fire which started here at 10 o'clock last night and only extinguished after an all night struggle by the combined fire fighting forces of Kalamazoo, Battle Creek and Grand Rapids. Starting in the basement of a five and ten cent store at 118 West Main street, the flames, fanned by a strong southwest wind, spread eastward along the north side of Main street, totally destroying the Burdick house, a four-story hotel and store building.

Sweeping eastward on the Main street the flames ate their way through the Postal Telegraph and American Express offices, Chase's shoe store, Bowditch's men's furnishing store, Kennedy's drug store and several smaller business places.

The flames made such rapid progress that Battle Creek and Grand Rapids were appealed to for assistance. The Battle Creek men arrived at 2 a. m. and Grand Rapids at 6.

The guests of the Burdick house, when warned of the danger, hastily fled to the street, many scantily clothed and as other hotels were crowded, some of these persons were compelled to remain out in the biting cold several hours before finding shelter.

While the flames were raging in the hotel, a man suddenly appeared at an upper window and cried for help. Before the firemen could reach him he disappeared and it is believed he perished.

Too low pressure in the water mains is principally attributed the extent of the fire. The city depends for its supply on Artesian wells. So great was the shortage of water that at one time only two streams could be directed upon the fire and these barely reached the third floor.

Thirty Concerns Suffer Losses. Later estimates place the total loss at about \$750,000. More than thirty concerns suffered losses. The heaviest loser was the Arcade company which owned the hotel and the Arcade building, and whose loss is estimated at \$250,000.

RIXEY MAKES REPORT.

Surgeon-General Asks Reorganization of Navy Hospital Corps.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The reorganization of the hospital corps, a corps of dental surgeons, and a medical reserve corps, two specially constructed hospital ships and a modification of the laws relative to fleet surgeons are recommended in the annual report of Surgeon-General Rixey to the secretary of the navy, made public today.

Rixey advocates a closer supervision of the physical exercises of the midshipmen at Annapolis by medical officers. He opposes the proposed requirement that officers shall do so many hours' watch on the deck of ships as an endurance test.

WANTS ADMIRALS ADVANCED.

Potter Deplores Fact That Americans Always Are Outranked Abroad.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Tired of having American naval officers take back seats at foreign funerals, weddings and other gatherings with an international tinge to them, Rear Admiral Potter, aide of personnel to the secretary of the navy, wants congress to revive the rank of vice-admiral.

"In foreign navies there are three distinct grades which are above the rank of rear admiral," argues Potter, "and it invariably happens that in all international assemblages of men-of-war the officer in command of the United States fleet is outranked by a foreigner."

FOR STUDY OF CANCER.

Late California Millionaire Leaves a Big Fund for Research.

New York, Dec. 9.—George Crocker, the California millionaire who died here recently after a long illness from cancer, gave to Columbia university before his death a \$50,000 fund for the study of cancer and expressed his intention of supplementing this in his will with a \$1,000,000 endowment fund, according to an unofficial announcement published here today. The Columbia authorities declined to comment officially on the reported gift.

It is said that the research work provided for by the \$50,000 fund is already in progress, under the supervision of five Columbia professors.

NAVAL MILITIA MEASURE.

Bill to be Presented to Congress Endorsed by Naval Militia Assn.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The bill, having for its object the bringing of the naval militia under the same benefits and training as the Dick bill made possible for the national guard, received the unanimous endorsement of the national Naval Militia association at its convention today. Delegates from 23 states were present and listened to speeches by Assistant Secretary of the Navy Beekman Winthrop and Commander Winterhalter, chief of the hydrographic service.

DISCOUNT RATE IS REDUCED.

London, Dec. 9.—The Bank of England today reduced the minimum rate of discount from 5 to 4 1/2 per cent because of improved monetary conditions.

U. P. OSBORN CLUB FORMED; LAURIUM MAN IS PRESIDENT

Representative W. R. Oates Will Head Organization in Soo Man's Behalf

WILL ORGANIZE IN COUNTIES

Marquette, Mich., Dec. 5.—Steps were taken here yesterday resulting in the organization of an Upper Peninsula Osborn club, to have general direction in this part of the state of the campaign for governor to be made by Chase S. Osborn of the Soo, and plans for the organization of Osborn clubs in all fifteen of the upper peninsula counties were discussed.

Representative W. R. Oates of Laurium, was elected president of the Upper Peninsula club and Thomas Conlin, one of the publishers of the Crystal Falls Diamond Drill, was named for secretary. The executive committee is to be composed of members from each county, to be designated hereafter.

It is expected that the brunt of the work of polling the expected upper peninsula vote for Mr. Osborn will fall on the county clubs, and it is planned to make them large, influential and progressive organizations, in which the leading supporters of the Soo candidate will be enlisted, together with the largest number of rank and file voters that can be obtained. It is the intention to make these clubs practical organizations, which will reach the individual voter through precinct committees.

Enrollment Important.

The one thing above all others on which stress was laid yesterday was the importance of getting a full enrollment of the upper peninsula vote next April. It was the consensus of opinion that sentiment in the upper peninsula is running as nearly unanimous for Mr. Osborn as it can very well run for any man, and that if a voter is enrolled and gotten to the polls on primary day it will be a 100 to 1 shot that he will cast a ballot for Mr. Osborn.

INDOOR BASEBALL GAMES.

First Contest to be Held at Armory on Friday Evening.

The netting which is to be installed at the Calumet Light Guard armory, to prepare that building for indoor baseball has arrived and will be installed at once. The netting of 75 feet long and 20 feet high. It will be arranged along the sides of the armory and guards will also be placed at the ends of the building. Opera chairs have been placed along the sides of the building providing a seating capacity for 500 patrons. The building is the largest kind in Calumet and as it has an exceptionally fine light, it will prove an ideal place for indoor baseball.

The first game will take place at the armory on Friday evening, between the Y. M. C. A. and North Tamarack teams. This contest was to have been played tonight, but the arrangements could not be made in time. It will commence at eight o'clock, standard time tomorrow evening. Hoeking and Kaiser will be the Y. M. C. A. battery and Hawley, Trudell and Cullis will perform for the North Tamaracks.

Printed pocket indoor baseball schedules have been prepared and will be distributed from the Y. M. C. A. McLogan's Music Store, Weider's Harness shop and The News office.

Last Night's Game.

The Red Jacket and Commercial teams played a very interesting game at the Y. M. C. A. last evening, which resulted in a victory for the Commercial team by the score of 14 to 13. The score by innings was:

Table with 4 columns: Team, W., L., Pct. Commercial 301110152-14 19 1, Red Jacket 200400034-13 15 2.

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FIFTY YEARS BEHIND BARS

Application for Pardon May be Acted Upon Favorably by Prison Board.

SENTENCED FOR WIFE MURDER

is Believed To Be Longest Imprisoned Life Convict in World, But Has Retained All His Faculties—Looks Young Yet.

Hartford, Ct., Dec. 9.—When the state board of pardons meets the first of next week it will consider and act upon an application for the pardon of John P. Warren, who is officially designated as convict No. 1 on the roster of the big Connecticut State prison at Wetherfield. If favorable action is taken by the board, and it is generally believed that such will be the case, the coming Christmas will be a happy one indeed for Warren, for it will be his first Christmas outside of prison walls in half a century.

On the day that the board of pardons meets to consider his case Warren will have completed an even fifty years as an inmate of the State prison. He is believed to be the longest imprisoned life convict in the United States, and possibly in the world. When the doors of the big prison first closed behind him the civil war had not commenced, railroad transportation was in its infancy and such common conveniences of the present day as the telephone, the electric car, the automobile and the typewriter were unheard of, not to mention the skyscraper buildings, wireless telegraphy, flying machines, submarine boats and a hundred and one other things with which the present generation is familiar.

Wife murder was the crime for which Warren was sentenced to life imprisonment. One day in July, 1859, he invited his 18-year-old wife to take a walk with him, and, coming to a brook near their farm in Willington, a small town in Tolland county, in northeastern Connecticut he suggested that they take off their shoes and stockings and bathe their feet in the cool waters of the brook.

She acquiesced, but once near the brook, Warren seized her and held her head under the foot or more of water until life was extinct. Just what was the motive that actuated the man to commit the deliberate, cold-blooded and apparently unprovoked crime on his wife, none knows, and Warren himself has never talked of the crime, since he confessed and pleaded guilty at the time of his arrest.

Warren's plea of guilty and his attorney's earnest plea for a second degree sentence saved his life and he was sentenced to prison for life on the day on which a notable meeting was held in Hartford of famous Connecticut patriots, under a call "to save the Union." The war feeling was just then beginning to become a factor in national politics, but Warren was taken to Wetherfield before the war commenced, and, what has happened in the fifty years that have elapsed since that time, he knows of only indirectly and from what he has been permitted to read.

It speaks well for the methods employed at the State prison that the fifty-year inmate shows little evidence of falling powers, either mental or physical. Though 71, he looks more like a man of 45 or perhaps 50 years. He is alert mentally and takes an active interest in all that goes on about him. In recent years he has been allowed considerable freedom in the institution, though never permitted to leave the prison grounds.

If the aged prisoner is released through the action of the board of pardons next week he will be well taken care of during his remaining years by his two younger brothers and other members of his family, all people of excellent standing. It is understood that the application for a pardon has been endorsed by many persons of prominence who have interested themselves in his case.

TAFT RECEIVES DELEGATES.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—More than 1,000 delegates to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress now in session here were received by President Taft at the White House this afternoon. The delegates were introduced to the president by Colonel John L. Vance, president of the Ohio Valley Improvement association.

FIRST WARD BALL, INSULT.

Annual Chicago Orgy Comes in for Scathing Denunciation.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—"Hinky Dink" Kenna and "Bathhouse" John Coughlin and their notorious First ward ball were bitterly arraigned in a protest read before the city council. The ball was characterized as "a saturnalia of degradation," a "public insult to every decent woman in Chicago," and a "defiant rebellion against law and order."

In the past the First ward aldermen have laughed at efforts to stop their annual orgy, but its airing in the council chamber has put the problem in a different light.



FABLE OF THE WOMAN WHO SHOPPED EARLY

Once upon a time there was a girl in our Town who was Wise. Honest! But she was not so Fair as her sisters and the Boys had more Fun with Giggling Liz and other Members of the Beauty but Brainless Brigade. It hurt this Wise Girl because She couldn't Shine and She tired of her Role of being the Wall Flower when other girls found it so Easy to be Lillies of the Valley and Forget-me-nots. Then One Day she had a Vision. She knew She was a second Joan of Arc. She tried it out on her Brother but it wouldn't work. Now our little Heroine was a Reader of the Daily Newspapers and She knew as much Slang as Anyone and She was Wise to Some of the Sad Sweet Stories of how the Brave little Child Mother was struggling with Poverty and how the brutal Husband got a Divorce because his Wife stuck him with a Steak-knife. But No One ever knows Half there is to Know about a Newspaper and She fell for the Editor's Talk about shopping Early. She didn't know that the Poor Editor always postponed His Shopping until after the First of the Year and celebrate Christmas when his Subscriber Calls and leaves Something Nice in the Way of a Potato or a few Words of Wisdom. But we digress. Our Wise but Homely Girl goes out to do her Shopping while the Clerks were not Busy, while the Shelves were laden with a big Assortment and while the Streets and Stores were not Crowded. She hid her purchases away and when the Foolish People were fighting at the Bargain Counters, She just Smiled. For One Week she watched the Rush to the Store and looking Wise. On Christmas Morning, she looked into her mirror, and lo, the Dream of Joan of Arc had been Realized. She was Beautiful.

Moral! Don't use Powder and Paint. Don't hire a private Beauty Expert, but Shop Early and be beautiful.

Continuing Mr. Osborn said: "Contrasted with all of these others is the religion of Jesus Christ. It may not be possible for a man to divorce himself from the bias of environment and heredity. Like all of you here, I have lived under Christian influences and so have all of my ancestors. Like many of you, I have traveled in every part of the world, and have endeavored to compare civilizations and the conditions of mankind. It seems to me that the Christian civilization had done more for mankind than any other; but I am impressed with the somewhat melancholy fact that it has not done what it might have done if it had been accepted fully and had been applied as practically and as persistently and as meaningfully as we use those rules that lead to everyday material success.

"If I am right that only civic uplift can come through Christianity, through the humanitarian and altruistic senses that may be developed by Christ love, then this conference has something tangible that it may do.

"Christian religion has been interpreted, perpetuated and applied by organized Christian churches. These churches have done much and they can do much more. They have become human. They have taught the theory of love, but have not succeeded in having that theory successfully practiced.

"Love, as practiced by the average man toward his fellow men, with few exceptions, does not equal the affection that the average man shows for his dog or his horse. This being true, or even partially true, then the church has failed in its work in just so far as it has not accomplished the love of man by man.

"If this conference will reform and reculture the church, it will have an agency to work through that is vital and persistent, and has proven both by long existence.

"There will be no need of civic societies in cities if the church shall be developed to its highest effectiveness. There is no room for civic associations in small communities, but there is room for a church and church work.

"There is nothing that will level class and make the mass of people homogeneous like care and love. Once bred a type of men that are true and honest and noble and common, and civic uplift will take care of itself.

"There are only two known governing agencies; one is reason and the other is force. Reason and love may be so closely associated as to be almost indefinable.

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CIVIC UPLIFT IS OSBORN'S THEME

Michigan Representative to National Civic Congress Delivers Address.

CHURCH LEADS THE MOVEMENT

First Citizen of the Soo Declares Fashionable Church and the Aristocrat as Such Must Go—Apply Christ's Methods.

New York, Dec. 9.—Addressing the members of the National Civic congress, in session here, the Hon. Chase S. Osborn of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., declared the only practical and workable civic uplift, which would be universal in its scope, must come through the church, and the adaptation of the teachings of Christ to present day civic problems.

Mr. Osborn, whose most recent prominence arises from the publication of an excellent volume on South America, in which political, governmental and civic problems of Latin-America are dealt with at length, spoke upon the subject "Practical Civic Uplift." Declaring that the accomplishment of practical results along the lines sought by the congress could only be achieved by reducing problems met to a simple basis, and seeking their solution in the eternal verities, the speaker proceeded with a comprehensive but brief review of the great religious and moral movements in the world's history, in an effort to show that the tenets of Brahminism, the subtleties of Greek philosophy, the teachings of Buddha, the beliefs of the Shintoists, the laws of Mohammedanism, and the ethics of Confucianism had all, alike, utterly failed to produce a civilization in which the individual of each succeeding generation did not find himself in a worse state physically and materially, with no adequate conception of faith and hope, and lacking inspirational resources.

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BERLIN LIKES MESSAGE.

Pleased With Taft's Utterances Regarding Maximum Duties Clause.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—Official and journalistic comment upon Taft's message to Congress notes with approval what he says regarding the unlikelihood of trade wars between the U. S. and other countries as a consequence of the maximum duties clause of the new tariff law. German opinion is favorably impressed with Taft's declaration regarding Nicaragua.

NEGRO TO FORFEIT LIFE.

Anniston, Ala., Dec. 9.—Calhoun county is to have its first legal execution in five years tomorrow, when Thomas W. Coleman, a negro, is to forfeit his life on the gallows. Coleman's crime was the murder of Jim Vaughn, another negro, at Iron City last July.

RESIGNATION OF ZELAYA DEMANDED BY THE U. S.

Cablegram From Nicaragua to London Says So, But State Dept. Denies.

"DEATH TO THE AMERICANS!"

New Orleans, Dec. 9.—"Death to Americans" was Zelaya's order to the Nicaraguan army, according to a Panama cable to the Pioneye. His officers protested in vain against the order and they warned him it would result in trouble with the U. S. There are now four American warships in the Corinto harbor.

Zelaya's Resignation Asked?

London, Dec. 9.—The U. S. government has demanded, formally, the resignation of President Zelaya of Nicaragua, according to a cablegram from Nicaragua, received by a business house here today. The message adds that this information was communicated by Zelaya himself, who said his resignation from the presidency would take effect likely at the end of December.

State Dept. Denies Reports.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The statement telegraphed from Nicaragua to London that the U. S. had demanded Zelaya's resignation is declared at the state department to be without foundation. The department also discredits the story that Zelaya ordered his soldiers to shoot all Americans. The state department has not received anything of consequence from American officials in Nicaragua for some time, 123456.66 Nicaragua for some days.

SEEK TO RECOVER \$1,000,000.

Syndicate of Creditors Said to be Suing Prince Miguel of Braganza.

Budapest, Dec. 9.—According to the newspaper "Hirap," a syndicate of creditors is suing Prince Miguel of Braganza, who married Miss Anita Stewart of New York at Tullock Castle, Dingwall, Scotland, Sept. 15 last, for \$1,000,000.

Some years ago, the paper says, Prince Miguel was in financial difficulties, and the syndicate advanced him a large sum, payable when he should make a rich marriage. The claim is set up that following negotiations, which resulted in his marriage to Miss Anita Stewart, the prince promised to recoup the syndicate with one-fifth of the dowry, which was \$5,000,000. Now Prince Miguel declines to pay anything beyond the amount borrowed.

QUITS CANAL COMMISSION.

Washington, Dec. 9.—It was officially announced today at the war department that former Senator Blackburn had resigned as a member of the canal commission and his resignation accepted by President Taft. It was effective Dec. 4.

STILL BELIEVE IN COOK.

New Charges Not Believed in Copenhagen—Confidence is Strengthened.

Copenhagen, D. C., Dec. 9.—The summary of affidavits of persons claiming to have aided Cook in the preparation of his polar data was read here with amusement. Scientific circles are inclined to be incredulous regarding the charges and some persons, like Dr. Carl Burrau, astronomer, consider them so improbable, that their effect will be to strengthen confidence in Cook.

Data Manufactured?

New York, Dec. 9.—Captain A. W. Looser, master pilot and navigator, whose affidavit, stating he had formulated a long series of observations and data for Cook at the latter's request since his return from the Arctic region, was published today, in an interview today practically the story told in the affidavit. He persists in the declaration Cook did not reach the pole and suspects Cook never was out of sight of land. He admits he never saw Cook's original records.

way as the criminal. Every man must do his public duty, and every man must love his fellow and associate with him on the level. "When this becomes true, the problems we have met here to consider will have been solved; and even as men's relations approach such a state will the problems proportionately take care of themselves."

SEVEN PERISH ON THE LAKES

Five of Crew of the Richardson Drown and Two of Clarion Lose Lives.

FEAR FOR THIRTEEN OTHERS

Seven perish 6Geoadt 123456 8 Captain Bell and Twelve Others of Crew of the Steamer Clarion Afloat in Life Boat and Likely Will Perish.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 9.—Two men lost their lives and the fate of Captain Bell and twelve others, who are afloat in a life boat, is unknown, as the result of the burning of the steamer Clarion, near Point Pelee, Lake Erie, today. Six members of the crew were taken from the Clarion by the steamer L. C. Hanna and brought here. Those in the life boat are without food and it is feared they will either starve or freeze to death before being rescued.

The mate was frozen to death, having been overcome by smoke and exposed to the weather too long before being discovered. An effort was made by the six survivors to enter another life boat but they failed and remained aboard the Clarion until rescued. One sailor fell overboard from the Clarion and was drowned. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Steamer Sinks; Five Drown.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 9.—The steel freighter W. C. Richardson sank today five miles up the lake from Buffalo harbor and five of the crew went down with the ship. The life saving crew rescued the other members of the crew.

TAFT STUDIES WHISKY.

Struggling With the Question But Not Sampling the Goods.

Washington, Dec. 9.—President Taft is putting in all his spare time these days struggling with the question of "what is whiskey?" By succeeding appeals, the question has been carried through the food and drink experts of the department of agriculture, charged with the administration of the pure food and drugs act, to the solicitor general of the United States and to the president himself. The printed evidence and the briefs of the distinguished attorneys who have appeared in the controversy form a record equal to that of many of the cases which the supreme court of the United States is called upon to determine, and the president is living again the life of a private judge when he takes to his private library in the evening the volumes of testimony and argument, which he peruses in the hope of reaching a strictly legal decision on the mooted question.

The whole controversy hinges on the question of whether whisky, artificially aged and highly rectified, is whisky or imitation whisky "when compared with whisky which is aged and keyed by the old-fashioned method of storage in white oak barrels which have been fire-charred on the inside."

LABOR MAKES PROTEST.

Pennsylvania Federation Has Grievance Against the State.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 9.—Pursuant to the call recently issued by President E. E. Greenwood of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, delegates representing labor organizations throughout the State assembled in special convention here today to protest against "government by injunction and judge-made law, and the unwarranted, unrighteous and unlawful denial of free speech and the right of free assembly." The use of the State Constabulary in suppressing strike disorders in the Pittsburgh district last summer and the action of the town authorities of Vandergrift in prohibiting the Labor Day parade are understood to be among the things to which the labor federation particularly objects.

SERIOUS CAR ACCIDENT.

Passengers are Injured at Indianapolis by Collision.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 9.—Thirty-five passengers in a street car were injured, a few seriously, last evening when the car was struck by a Pennsylvania passenger train at the South street crossing and hurled thirty feet. The car fell on a cement crossing over the track but the engine was stopped before hitting it again. Most of those hurt were injured in the panic following the crash. Windows were broken and passengers climbed from the overturned car. Many were sent sprawling by the struggling mass of humanity beneath them.

Eleven of the injured were taken to a hospital. They are reported as suffering more from nervous shock than from wounds.

SELL RAILROAD FOR TAXES.

Menominee, Mich., Dec. 9.—The Wisconsin and Michigan railroad was offered at public sale today to satisfy a tax claim of \$44,579 due the State of Michigan. The road is seventy-three miles long, with about twenty miles of sidings, the principal line being from Peshigo, Wis., to Iron Mountain, Mich.