

BELGIAN EXPO LAID IN RUINS

Fire Wipes Out Many Foreign Exhibits

Vandals Loot Wreckage Of Building And Escape With Many Valuable Gems—Blaze Starts From Short-Circuited Electric Wire And Spreads With Inconceivable Rapidity—Crowd Surges To Scene And Hinders Work Of Firemen

Brussels, Aug. 15.—Starting in the Belgian section of the International exhibition here, flames soon had laid in ruins the French, English and other sections of the white city. It is reported that there has been some loss of life and that a number of persons have been injured, but thus far it has been impossible to get any definite information along these lines.

So far as can be learned the fire originated where there was the usual large crowd outside the building to look at the fireworks. It seems that the electric wires leading into the temporary postoffice in the Belgian section became short-circuited, and within a very few minutes the office was a mass of flames. A few minutes after the fire was discovered the blaze was running fiercely along the facade, which is the most striking feature of this section. The facade is made of substances which were much more unsubstantial than those usually used in such construction, and as a result the building was soon destroyed.

The Kirmesse, which was a representation of an old-fashioned fair in Brussels, was quickly aught. This was a very popular attraction and the enclosure was somewhat crowded. It was here, according to the latest report, that a panic occurred with the apparent result, although this has not been verified, that two persons were killed and 30 or more hurt.

Drouth Helps Fire King. The weather has been warm and sunny of late and as a consequence the material in the building was exceedingly dry. This caused the fire to burn with a great fierceness and, fanned by a strong wind, the flames spread rapidly and leaped from one building to another.

Meanw the crowd learned of the catastrophe. They rushed to the scene, blocking the way and hindering the firemen. It is doubtful, however, considering the inflammable nature of the buildings, whether the firemen could have checked the progress of the fire.

The exposition covers 220 acres, and lies southeastward from the city. It was opened by the king in April, but it is only recently that it has been in anything like a complete condition. Some of the exhibits, which it is now feared are lost, are of real historic value, including old furniture, British and Spanish armor, besides fine French and Indian textiles and kindred arts.

During the progress of the fire the exhibit of the diamond industry was burned, and pillagers invaded the ruins to hunt for gems. The police hastened to the scene and were about to seize the looters when the cry was raised that the wild animals in Bostock's exhibit had escaped. There was a wild stampede, and in the

midst of the excitement the robbers got away with many gems. Soldiers are in pursuit, but so far as known none of the thieves has been captured. There is a report that a number of ferocious beasts of the Bostock show are prowling in the suburbs of the city.

The fire spread to Avenue Solbosch, adjoining the exposition, and 40 private houses were destroyed. After the exposition buildings had been blazing for some time the firemen blew up a number of buildings with a view to checking the progress of the flames.

TO HOLD A REUNION

Piqua, O., Aug. 15.—Dr. Webb J. Kelly of Piqua, a third cousin of John D. Rockefeller, and lineal descendant of Johann Peter Rockefeller, who came to America in 1723, has been invited to attend the reunion of the Rockefeller family at Newburg, N. Y., Sept. 9, and meet the oil king, who always attends.

STAFF IS NAMED

Cincinnati, O., Aug. 15.—Very Eminent Grand Master William B. Melish of the Knights Templar has appointed the list of the venerable John M. Walden of the Methodist Episcopal church, who was appointed very eminent grand prelate of the grand encampment of Knights Templar. Other appointments are: L. F. Newby, Knightstown, Ind., grand standard bearer; Fred C. Thayer, Waterville, Mo., very eminent grand sword bearer; Huston B. Coleman, Kalamazoo, Mich., grand warden, and John W. Boykin, Richmond, Va., grand captain of the guard.

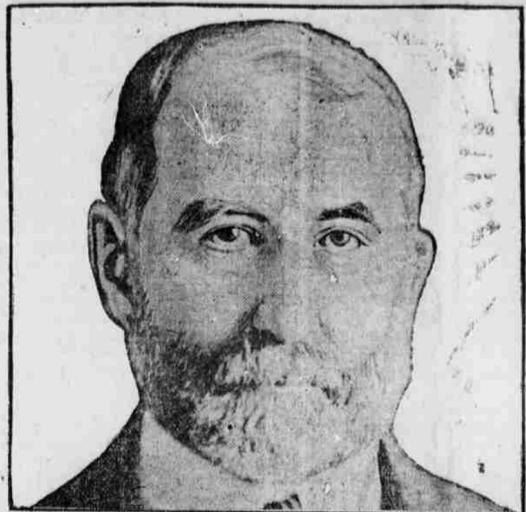
Bury General Warner Today. Marietta, O., Aug. 15.—The funeral of General Adanfram Judson Warner, former congressman, personal friend of Abraham Lincoln, promoter of a dozen gigantic and successful enterprises, and one of the prominent Democratic leaders of the past, was held at his home here this afternoon. Although he had been in ill health for several months, General Warner had been confined to his home but a short time.

THIRTY WERE KILLED WHEN TRAINS CRASHED

Bordeaux, Aug. 15.—In a railway accident at Sauljon 30 persons were killed and 35 injured. The wreck was caused by a collision between a freight and an excursion train. President Fallieres has asked the

Swiss government that they cancel all plans for fetes in his honor owing to the railway accident at Sauljon. All philosophy lies in two words, sustain and abstain.—Epictetus.

Mayor Gaynor of New York, Who Was Shot by J. J. Gallagher



Mayor Gaynor, who was shot by James J. Gallagher, a discharged employee of the dock department of the city of New York on Aug. 9 while he was bidding friends goodbye on the deck of the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, on which he was to sail for Europe, was chosen mayor of New York in November, 1909, and during the time he has been in office has instituted many reforms. He was the regular nominee of the Democratic party and was the only candidate of that party successful at the polls. He was born in Oneida county, N. Y., in 1851 and was a newspaper reporter in Brooklyn and New York city until he was admitted to the bar in 1875. He has twice declined the Democratic nomination for governor of the state and served two terms on the supreme court bench.

INVENTOR TO TALK AT ESPERANTO CONGRESS

Delegates Will Witness Play In Universal Language.

Washington, Aug. 15.—With nearly 1,000 delegates from all parts of the world present, the Esperanto congress began sessions here today. The proceedings of course will be entirely in Esperanto, "the universal language." Dr. L. L. Zamenhoff of Warsaw, Poland, the creator of the language, is here. John Barrett, director of the International Bureau of American Republics, is president of the American Esperanto association. It was expected that the president would open the meeting, but he is ill in New York, and for that reason the meeting was conducted by H. W. Yeamans of Detroit, vice president of the American association. At the first session Dr. Zamenhoff made the opening address. Tomorrow's session will be devoted to the Esperantists to conferences and speeches on the relation of Esperanto to the professions and the various lines of business. Tomorrow "As You Like It" will be presented in Esperanto by the Hickman players. In Esperanto "As You Like It" is "Kiel Ploear Al Vi." This will be the first dramatic production of the new language in this country.

Four Dead In Wreck. Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 15.—Four men were killed and six injured when an equipment train backed into a moving yard engine in the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad yards at Handley, W. Va.

Flood Fatalities Grow. Tokyo, Aug. 15.—It is reported that 385 persons are known to have lost their lives in the recent floods caused by the rise in the river Sunida, and that 500 are missing.

GAYNOR GAINS DAILY WILL SOON RECOVER

New York, Aug. 15.—Word came from Mayor Gaynor's bedside in St. Mary's hospital, Hoboken, that if the patient passed today without any unfavorable change in his condition there was every reason to believe that his recovery was nearly assured. This was the first statement from the physicians which treated Mayor Gaynor's recovery in any tone of assurance. It was given to the reporters through Robert Adamson, the mayor's secretary, who said:

"The physicians who have been watching the mayor's case believe that if any serious turn for the worse

MURDER CHARGED

Columbus, O., Aug. 15.—Riley Price, who finished a term in the penitentiary from this county for horse stealing, today was returned to Franklin county, Ill., to answer a charge of murder in the first degree. Price, who served under an assumed name, several years ago confessed in prison to having committed a murder in Illinois. He said that his sweetheart, Alma Wilmer, refused to marry him; that he crushed her head with a club and then threw the body in a well.

GAS EXPLODES

Springfield, O., Aug. 15.—Henry Meyer, 59, a stonemason, was killed and Captain W. F. Koontz, chief engineer of the fire department, was injured seriously, by an explosion in a fire cistern.

HORSES ARE BURNED

Columbus, O., Aug. 15.—Thirty horses of the Crystal Ice company perished in a fire at the stables of the company on the West Side. The fire was due to sparks from a passing locomotive. The loss was \$14,000.

CRANE TO TELL ABOUT HIS TRIP

Senator Bocked For Audience With Taft Tomorrow.

WEST TO HAVE MORE POWER

Leaders of Republican Party Plan Complete Reorganization When Ballinger, Cannon and Aldrich Are Placed on Shelf—Leadership of Senate Will in All Probability Remain in East For Present—Roosevelt Smiles at Beverly News.

Beverly, Mass., Aug. 15.—Rumblings of the political upheaval in the Republican party, which got its first notice last week, is likely to continue at the summer capital for some days to come. Senator Crane of Massachusetts, who is set down as the real leader among the new leaders of the Republican party, will be here tomorrow. He will see President Taft then for the first time since he went west to meet Secretary Ballinger early this month. He will have much to tell the president, not the least thing being how Mr. Ballinger is to be relieved, how Senator Aldrich was urged to reiterate his announcement that he would not run again for the senate, and last, but not least, how Uncle Joe Cannon is to be separated from the gavel of the house of representatives. Mr. Crane has a reputation for quiet action, but the politicians think the rumble will be heard nevertheless.

West Must Be Shown.

Not only do the men who are attempting to frame a new political structure for the administration expect to remove Mr. Ballinger, Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Cannon, but it is said they hope to show the west, where the opposition to the administration has been fiercest, that from now on it shall play as big part in national affairs as does the east. With the retirement of Mr. Aldrich the question will arise as to who shall lead the upper house. Nobody here denies that leadership probably will remain in the east, possibly in Massachusetts, but at the same time it is prophesied that the feelings of the west will be more regarded. Secretary Norton, who is concerned in the recent moves for Republican victory, is a Chicagoan, and knows the sentiment of the west. He desires that the west shall understand that it is to be considered, and he is said to realize that the unbroken announcements of the past few days have been victories for the insurgent wing of the party. Undoubtedly there will be insurgents who will demand more participation in the leadership of congress insofar as it can be assured by those not directly connected with congress and others may be added to the string of scalps now in danger.

PREDICTS HE WILL WIN

Warren G. Harding Tells Optimistic Tale to President.

Beverly, Mass., Aug. 15.—Warren G. Harding, Republican candidate for governor of Ohio; Representative Nicholas Longworth and Senator Dick held a long conference with President Taft, at which the Ohio situation was thoroughly discussed. The Ohio campaign will probably open on or about Sep. 17, and Candidate Harding told the president that he planned to go into every county of the state. "I am going to win," he said. No state chairman was selected at the conference. The president told the conferees to return to Ohio and select the best man upon whom all can agree, adding that such a man would be satisfactory to him.

Exit the Hero.

The old fashioned hero, they tell us, has passed. In all the late fiction he's badly out-classed. It is the fair maiden who harvests the hay and gets lots of medals and all of the praise. We miss the old hero so dear to us all—His might and his courage we'd gladly recall—But fiction and practice in this rapid age Give woman the center and all of the stage. —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Only One Remove.

"Luckyly you didn't have a home to mortgage when you bought your automobile." "No, but I did the next fashionable thing." "What was that?" "I bought it through a building and loan association."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

BLOW HOLE IN CAR BARN ROOF

Dynamite Successfully Used In Columbus Strike

Police Force, Demoralized By Desertions, Unable To Suppress Mob Spirit That Breaks Out In All Quarters Of City Simultaneously—Man Shot By Nonunion Conductor Who Resents Being Called "Scab" Woman Strikebreaker Arrested

Columbus, O., Aug. 15.—Although rioting continued as the leading feature of the Columbus streetcar strike and a hole 20 feet in diameter was blown in the roof of the South End car barns, Mayor Marshall insists that the time is not yet ripe for the calling upon Governor Harmon for troops, but it is the belief of many that such a course will be necessary before long.

Demoralized by the desertion of 32 regular and 30 special patrolmen, the police force is entirely unable to control the situation. Despite the presence of two policemen on each car, disorder was worse than at any time since the withdrawal of the troops a week ago. One man was shot and may die, and five others were injured. The rioting started at Schiller park, where a band concert was being held. A crowd blockaded the tracks and stopped the cars. Jeering mobs gathered about the crews and a fight started. Motorman L. S. Duvall was struck in the head with a brick and fell unconscious. Conductor O. L. Carlisle was dragged from his car and beaten by a crowd of men. Motorman L. P. Evans of another car was also attacked and severely beaten. When the automobile load of police arrived the crowd numbered about 5,000 people. Three rioters were arrested.

Shot For Yelling "Scab."

On Summit street Conductor W. H. Johnson stopped his car and chased E. T. Hoover down an alley when the latter yelled "scab." He fired at Hoover, hitting him in the calf of the leg, inflicting an injury which is considered serious.

When John J. Gallagher, a Leonard avenue conductor, was called "scab" by a crowd on St. Clair avenue, he turned to a woman sitting behind him. She handed him a huge revolver which she took from a valise at her side. He then began firing into the crowd. The woman, tall and handsome, stood up and cried: "Give it to them, Jack!" A girl in a neighboring house was shot in the head. Just then an automobile load of police drove up. Gallagher and the woman were placed under arrest. In the woman's valise were found two more revolvers and ammunition. She said her name was Anna Gallagher, the motorman's wife. "I'm in this business too," she said proudly.

On Long street a car was demolished by a mob early in the evening, and on Mt. Vernon avenue two girls

were injured when a volley of stones struck a car on which they were the sole passengers.

A charge of dynamite was exploded under the eaves at the South Side car barns, tearing a hole in the roof. Several cars were damaged, but none of the nonunion men quartered in the barn were injured.

INTERURBAN MEN STRIKE

Service on Ohio Electric Line Curtailed by Labor Trouble.

Columbus, O., Aug. 15.—Despite a strike on the Columbus-Dayton division of the Ohio Electric lines, the company is maintaining one-half its regular schedule, but Superintendent F. J. Moore predicted that a three-fourths schedule would be maintained by tonight. The strike was declared at Springfield because the company officials refused to reinstate nine out of 13 men recently discharged "for cause," as announced. Superintendent Moore declined to state what was covered in the "for cause." He said he had 100 applicants for the 50 positions available.

DEAD A WEEK

Toledo, O., Aug. 15.—Dead for nearly a week, George William Gordon, 58, of Allentown, Pa. a suicide, was found in the Merchants' hotel.

A small tumbler containing a few drops of chloral explained how Gordon met his death. Little is known of Gordon other than at one time he was engaged in the newspaper business. In a pathetic letter addressed to E. B. Conliss, business manager of the News-Bee, and dated Aug. 9, Gordon hints of the despondency which drove him to end his life. Among other things he said: "Verily, Dr. Osler is right. Civilization has no use for the axed man or woman."

Killed by Train. Kent, O., Aug. 15.—J. Burer of Brooklyn, N. Y., was struck and killed by a Cleveland & Pittsburg train near Lake Brady.

Young folks grow most when they are in love. It increases their sighs wonderfully.

A COLUMBUS MAN PREVENTS AN EXPLOSION

Columbus, O., Aug. 15.—George W. Shurtle of this city saved a traction station at Magnetic Springs, O., from destruction, as well as the lives of 200 Sunday school children who had been attracted to the scene by the engineer's whistle. The station was afire when an interurban car drew alongside. Mr. Shurtle rushed into the building and discovered that the engineer had been overcome by the flames and that the boilers would soon explode unless replenished with water. He formerly was an engineer,

and his knowledge of what was required, together with his immediate action in meeting the requirements, prevented the threatened explosion, which, it is said, would have occurred within another minute or two.

Miners Favor Rioting. Bilbao, Aug. 15.—At a meeting of the striking miners violent speeches were made. As a result the men declared in favor of a policy of rioting, and it seems likely that serious troubles will follow.