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HEAVY TOLL IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Twenty-Four Girls Are Killed In Factory Fire

Explosion Takes Place When Employee Of Electric Concern Pours Gasoline On Incandescent Carbon—Flames Cut Off Retreat And Occupants Of Crowded Building Leap From Windows And Fire Escapes—Gutters Run Red With Blood

New York, Nov. 28.—Doubt yet remains as to the identity of one of the 24 persons who are known positively to have lost their lives in the Newark paper-box factory fire. At least two are missing and possibly, when some official reckoning is made, this number too will swell. In the hospitals five persons are very near death.

The search that went on all day disclosed no more bodies, and up to a late hour no one of the victims in addition to the list already printed had died. Six of those reported unidentified were recognized at the little morgue on Washington street by relatives. The seventh body is so badly burned that although a partial identification was made by means of a suede shoe on the body, nothing certain can be deduced from such an identification. The body would seem to be that of Therissina Tortarelli, 26.

An investigation by the police resulted in a statement that the fire originated when Miss Sadie Henson was cleaning a carbon of an incandescent lamp in the shop of the Aetna Electric company. She poured gasoline into the apparatus which she was operating, and in a twinkling there was a blaze that flared up into Miss Henson's face and connected with some waste paper material. The rush of the flames was so incredibly swift and threw such unreasoning terror into the huddled working staff on the top story that

the body of one was found still seated on a chair beside the machine at which she had been busy when the fire petrified her with fright.

All Escape Cut Off. The building was extremely inflammable and the first gush of flames cut off all possible escape by the stairways. The elevators made one trip, but took down no passengers. The only exit was by two narrow fire escapes, the lower platform of which was 25 feet from the street.

Onto these overcrowded and steep lanes, scorched with heat from lower windows, pressed forward a mob of women, blind with panic, driven by the fire and the others behind them. A net had been spread beneath the windows, and the girls began to jump; "like rats out of a burning bin," was the way a fireman described the pell mell descent. They crawled out of the windows, rolled down on the heads of those below them and cascaded off the fire escape to the pavement 60 feet below.

Some of them stood in the windows outlined against the flames and jumped clear; others from the landings; still others from the steps where they stood. The air was full of them and they fell everywhere into the net, on the necks of firemen, and 15 of them on the hard stone slabs. When the awful plunges ceased there were eight dead in the street and the gutters ran red. Seven girls were so badly crushed that they died in the hospitals. Fifty are still under surgical care.

D. A. R.'s at War Over the Matter of a "b" In "Redout"

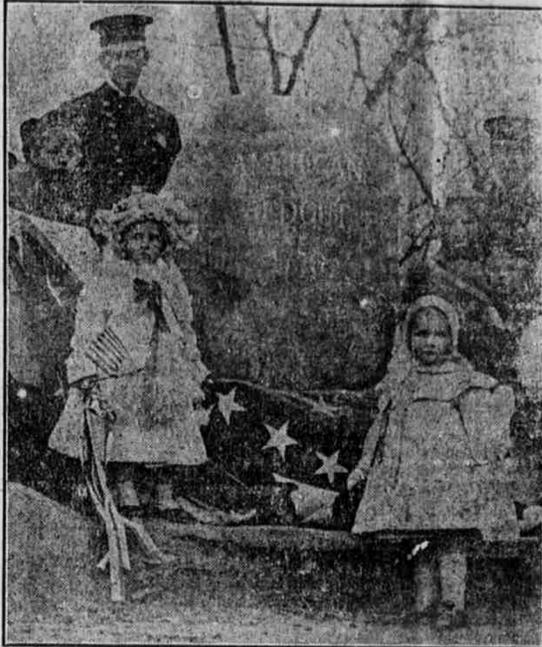


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The Daughters of the American Revolution decided that a monument should be erected on the site of Fort Washington, Manhattan Island, to mark the spot where some 3,000 American troops were forced to surrender to 9,000 British troops under Lord Howe 134 years ago. The site was selected, and when the monument was unveiled it was discovered by some old fashioned spellers that a "b" had been left out of "redout." Half of the Daughters of the American Revolution struck at once. They were not going to have any monument without a "b." Dictionaries were brought into play, and it was shown that the redout without the "b" was the best way to spell the name. But this did not appease the "b" faction. So they are going to get another monument and have a "b" in it and locate the statue a mile and a half away, the real spot, the second faction claims, where the American troops surrendered so long ago.

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD OPENS NEW STATION

New York, Nov. 28.—One hundred thousand persons, according to the company's estimate, used their Sunday afternoon or a part of it in a visit to the new Pennsylvania station. No one would seriously dispute a far larger estimate, for the people flowed in and out of the great terminal all day long, and the surroundings are so immense that a thousand human beings could not possibly be called more than a drop—certainly not a crowd. The travelers who used the station were not included in the estimate.

A station which had been opened for traffic only at midnight the night before would have to be called new.

and it looked new. But as far as the service went it might have been used for a generation. From the time when the first train, a Perth Amboy local, pulled out, every departing train left the terminal at exactly its appointed moment. Then there was a single break, when a train which should have got away at 4:04 pulled out seven minutes later.

Why Woman Was Acquitted.

Sua Dance, Wyo., Nov. 28.—"We couldn't bear to think of sending a sobbing, shrieking woman to the gallows," said the foreman of the jury which acquitted Mrs. C. D. Smith of the murder of her husband.

ALL QUIET ON BORDER

Texas Rangers Have Dispersed Marauding Bands of Mexicans.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 28.—Captain J. H. Rogers, commander of a ranger company, who with several of his men has been searching for Mexican revolutionists along the Rio Grande above Laredo, advised Governor Campbell that the marauding bands have disappeared from the Texas side of the river. Beyond the reports of raids upon a few ranches and small communities in different localities of northern Mexico by scattering bands of revolutionists, the government is in complete control of the situation, it is stated.

Corporation Report Published.

Washington, Nov. 28.—The aggregate capital stock of all corporations in the United States is more than \$52,000,000,000, with a bonded and other indebtedness of more than \$31,000,000,000. There have been only a few corporations which failed to make returns, and the number exempted by law is comparatively insignificant.

Headache Powders Fatal.

Philadelphia, Nov. 28.—Lerop P. Scott, a senior in the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania, is dead in the university hospital. The physicians at the hospital believe Scott's story that he took an overdose of headache powders.

Former College President Dying.

Wooster, O., Nov. 28.—Rev. Sylvester F. Scovel, D. D., former president of Wooster, is at the point of death after a three days' siege with pneumonia.

WOMAN A THIEF

Chillicothe, O., Nov. 28.—A woman giving the name of Mrs. Lee Minshaw and Washington O. H. as her home was arrested here. The woman was handsomely gowned and daily visited the Murphy liquor house. After her visits money was missing. She was watched and caught in the act of taking money from the safe and transferring it to her stocking.

Three Killed in Wreck.

Wheeling, Nov. 28.—Baltimore & Ohio passenger train No. 7 was wrecked near Altamont, W. Va. Three trainmen were killed and three injured.

STREETCAR TURNS OVER

One Killed, Several Hurt in Traction Accident at Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 28.—One man, Charles Roesch, was killed, the conductor probably fatally injured and six other passengers were seriously injured when a southbound Glendale streetcar ran into an open switch at Reading road and Oak street and overturned here.

The injured: John Huff, conductor, probably fatally; Mrs. Elizabeth Nelson, seriously; Miss Nellie Otte, seriously; Mrs. Sadie Evers, seriously.

BALTIMORE CONFAB PROGRAM CHANGED

Champ Clark Intercedes In Behalf of Bryan.

Washington, Nov. 28.—According to announcement made here, it was Representative Champ Clark of Missouri, acting in harmony with the expressed views of William J. Bryan, who was instrumental in bringing about a change in the character of the meeting of Democratic leaders to be held in Baltimore on Jan. 7. This meeting as originally planned was to be a "conference," it was announced, to enable the leaders to formulate a policy for the party in the presidential campaign of 1912.

Champ Clark, a close friend of Mr. Bryan and prospective speaker of the Democratic house, was one of the Democrats who attended a preliminary meeting in Baltimore, and it is believed that he opposed the conference idea on the ground that it might be construed as nothing more or less than a conspiracy on the part of eastern Democrats to reorganize with a view to nullifying the Bryan influence in the Democratic national convention of 1912.

Mr. Clark and other Bryan leaders showed their teeth when the "Baltimore harmony conference" was proposed. Mr. Clark discouraged the idea and hostile utterances concerning it appeared in the Commoner. It was said here by a friend of Mr. Clark that the Missouriian told the Baltimore leaders that Mr. Bryan would probably decline to participate in any conference dominated by eastern or local leaders.

Mr. Clark thereupon suggested that instead of a conference a rally be held as a means of celebrating the recent Democratic victory. If present plans are carried out this rally will be attended by approximately 1,000 Democratic leaders from the various states. A meeting will be held on the morning of Jan. 17, at which speeches will be made, and the night will be set aside for a monster banquet at which 1,000 covers are to be laid.

HOW THEY BATTED

Averages of Leading Sluggers in the National League.

New York, Nov. 28.—The leading batsmen in the National league, who took part in 15 games, rank as follows:

Crandall, New York, .342 per cent; Goode, Boston, .337; Magee, Philadelphia, .331; Campbell, Pittsburg, .323; Hofman, Chicago, .325; Snodgrass, New York, .321; Wagner, Pittsburg, .320; Wilhelm, Brooklyn, .316; Lebert, Cincinnati, .309; Bates, Philadelphia, .305; Devore, New York, .304; Konechky, St. Louis, .302; Schulte, Chicago, .301; Paskert, Cincinnati, .300.

Sailor Quarrels With Woman.

Paris, Nov. 28.—A quarrel occurred at a hotel between an American sailor and a woman, in which the latter was slightly injured. The sailor fled, leaving his hat behind him. This is marked "Kansas," and the name Donsepe is inside of it.

LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN

CHICAGO—Cattle: Choice, \$4 50@7 25; Texas steers, \$4 15@5 40; western steers, \$4 25@6 00; stockers and feeders, \$3 25@5 00; cows and heifers, \$2 25@6 35. Calves—\$7 50@9 25. Sheep and Lambs—Native sheep, \$2 25@4 10; western, \$2 50@4 10; native lambs, \$4 25@6 40; western, \$2 25@5 25; yearlings, \$4 10@5 15. Hogs—Light, \$5 50@6 95; mixed, \$5 55@7 05; heavy, \$5 65@7 05; rough, \$5 65@6 80; pigs, \$5 15@6 25. Wheat—No. 2 red, \$1.00@1.05; No. 2 white, \$1.00@1.05. Corn—No. 2, 74¢@79¢. Oats—No. 2, 30¢@30 1/2¢.

EAST BUFFALO—Cattle: Export cattle, \$5 00@6 75; shipping steers, \$5 75@6 55; butcher cattle, \$4 75@5 25; heifers, \$2 25@5 75; fat cows, \$2 50@5 00; bulls, \$2 50@5 00; milkers and springers, \$2 00@6 00. Calves—\$10 50@11 00. Sheep and Lambs—Mixed sheep, \$3 75@4 00; western, \$3 50@4 50; ewes, \$3 50@3 75; lambs, \$5 50@6 25; yearlings, \$4 50@5 00. Hogs—Heavy, medium and Yorkers, \$7 25@7 80; pigs, \$7 40@7 50; roughs, \$6 60; stags, \$6 00@6 25.

PITTSBURGH—Cattle: Choice, \$2 25@3 15; prime, \$2 00@2 20; city butchers, \$1 25@2 00; heifers, \$3 00@3 25; cows, bulls and stags, \$2 00@2 50; fresh cows, \$2 50@3 50. Calves—Veal, \$6 00@10 00. Sheep and Lambs—Prime wethers, \$2 30@4 10; good mixed, \$2 50@3 25; lambs, \$4 50@6 25. Hogs—Heavy hogs, \$7 20@7 75; medium and heavy Yorkers, \$7 25@7 75; light Yorkers, \$7 25@7 30; pigs, \$7 20@7 35.

CLEVELAND—Cattle: Choice steers, \$5 00@5 50; heifers, \$3 75@5 00; fat cows, \$2 00@4 25; bulls, \$4 00@4 50; milkers and springers, \$2 00@2 50. Calves—\$10 00@11 00. Sheep and Lambs—Prime wethers, \$2 30@4 10; good mixed, \$2 50@3 25; lambs, \$4 50@6 25. Hogs—Heavy hogs, \$7 20@7 75; medium and heavy Yorkers, \$7 25@7 75; light Yorkers, \$7 25@7 30; pigs, \$7 20@7 35.

CINCINNATI—Wheat: No. 2 red, 94¢@95¢. Corn—No. 2 mixed, 23 1/2¢@24 1/2¢. Oats—No. 2 mixed, 21¢@22¢. Bulk Meats—No. 1, \$1 15@1 25. Lard—\$11 25. Bulk Muttons—\$1 67 1/2. Bacon—\$11 75. Cattle—\$2 50@3 75. Sheep—\$1 75@2 25. Hogs—\$3 75@4 50. Light Yorkers, \$7 25@7 30; pigs, \$7 20@7 35.

TOLEDO—Wheat, 95¢; corn, 52¢; oats, 34¢@35¢; cloverseed, 25¢.

LAWNEY STARTS MUCH COMMENT

Says Nations Will Decide Neutrality Of Canal Zone

Congressmen Are Feted By President Of Panama Before Departure—Laws Changed To Enable Foreigners To Obtain Land In Republic—President Of Boiler-makers' Union Asks Strikers To Remain At Work Until Taft Has Gone Over Their Petition

Panama, Nov. 28.—Having completed the investigations relative to the canal appropriations, the congressional party sailed today from Colon on the steamer Ancon for New York.

Several Panama newspapers have published a statement by Congressman Lawney, chairman of the committee, that the canal will not be fortified until the nations have the opportunity of declaring themselves on the question of observing neutrality in the canal zone. The statement causes much comment.

A reception was tendered by President Arcemena in honor of the visiting American congressmen. A large number of guests attended, including the diplomatic corps, the members of the cabinet and a number of ladies. Foreigners Given Rights.

There has heretofore been much discussion over the difficulties Americans experienced in acquiring land in Panama. A law was recently passed providing that foreigners will enjoy the rights conceded by the law for the exploitation of forests and also by the law respecting the acquirement of land. This means that the former law prohibiting foreigners from obtaining land if the same rights are not accorded Panamanians in the country of the foreigner is annulled, thus allowing the holding of land by others than Panamanians. It is reported that the president of the boiler-makers' union of the United States has cabled to the boiler-makers here requesting them to remain at work until President Taft passes upon their petition for increased wages. Nearly all the men have quit work, and many of them have left the isthmus.

REPRESENTATIVE LAWNEY



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PASSES EXAMINATION

Boy Suffers With Fractured Ankle Rather Than Miss Promotion.

Middletown, N. Y., Nov. 28.—A schoolboy of near Roscoe gave an exhibition of Spartan bravery that has made him the hero of the community. The lad is 12-year-old Harold Snyder. While playing a game known as red lion young Snyder fell and sustained a bad fracture of the left ankle. Examinations were being held in school and the lad feared that if he made his injury known he would be taken home and fail to pass his examination. Accordingly he hobbled to his seat, took the examinations and passed. When they were over his leg was so swollen that he could not move, and he had to be taken home by a physician.

Call For Apple Congress.

Denver, Colo., Nov. 28.—Governor Shafroth has issued a call for the first annual convention of the American apple congress, to be held in Denver Dec. 15 to 17. The governors of all apple growing states are invited to attend.

A TRAIN IS DITCHED

Toledo, O., Nov. 28.—Plunging through a derailer at Malinda, near this city, the engine on a northbound freight train on the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton railroad turned completely over in a ditch and killed M. J. Lewis of Pittsburg, the engineer. The fireman escaped by jumping.

Mrs. Glavis Obtains Divorce.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 28.—Maude E. Glavis, wife of Louis R. Glavis, former chief of the field division of the general land office in Seattle, obtained a divorce in the superior court. The divorce was granted in a cross-complaint charging desertion and cruelty. Property valued at \$14,000 was divided out of court.

ENDS LIFE IN HOSPITAL

Columbus Artist, Victim of Accident, Cuts Own Throat.

Columbus, O., Nov. 28.—J. J. Barber, 71, a lifelong resident of Columbus, artist and for some time a clerk in the county treasurer's office, died at the Columbus state hospital as the result of an attempt at suicide. He inflicted a wound in his neck with a pair of scissors.

Barber, a member of the Republican Glee club, Buckeye Republican club, G. A. R. and Columbus lodge of Elks, was a prominent and popular citizen. His mental infirmity dates back to the time of the presentation of the opera "Aurora," given last April by the Elks. Before a performance he slipped and fell down stairs, receiving injuries which impaired his health.

Carve Each Other to Death.

Chicago, Nov. 28.—Two men carved each other to death with razors here, following a quarrel over two young girls. The dead men were identified as Paul Monnino and Thomas Gaglious, both of Sycamore, Ill.

REPLEVINS PROPERTY

Ashtabula, O., Nov. 28.—Bishop John G. Farrelly replevined keys, books and valuables belonging to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel church. The property was in the hands of Rev. Coppola, who refused to give them up.

DRIVEN TO MOUNTAINS

Mexican Insurgents Leave 13 Dead on Field of Battle.

Mexico City, Nov. 28.—An engagement took place at Calhuahua between 600 federal troops and 400 Maderistas, in which the rebels were routed, with a loss of 13 killed and many wounded. A number of federal officers were wounded, including one officer. The rebels were driven into the mountains.

AN AUTOMOBILE DITCHED MANUFACTURER KILLED

Detroit, Nov. 28.—David Hunt, Jr., general manager of the E. M. F. company of this city, was instantly killed in an automobile accident near Yale, Mich., due to the car skidding and overturning down a steep embankment. His neck was broken. Hunt was standing on the left running

board at the time and evidently jumped. He struck the opposite side of the ditch and fell backward just in time to be caught by the automobile, a part of the mechanism falling across his neck. The accident was the culmination of what was intended to be a jolly rabbit hunting trip.

DEATH CLAIMS CUDAHY THE WELL KNOWN PACKER

Chicago, Nov. 28.—Michael Cudahy, founder of the packing firm bearing his name, died of pneumonia. Mr. Cudahy had been ill for five days. Mr. Cudahy was born in Ireland, Dec. 7, 1841. He attracted the attention of the late P. D. Armour

and at his solicitation came to Chicago. In 1873 he was made a partner in the firm of Armour & Company, and continued in this connection until 1890, when he aided in organizing the Cudahy Packing company, of which he was made president.