

\$200,000 FIRE IN CITY OF TORREON

A Bank, Department Store, Hotel and the State Pawn Shop Consumed by Flames

MANY RESCUES OF SLEEPING INMATES

Torreón, Mexico, July 15.—One of the most destructive fires in the history of Torreón occurred yesterday, and the big state pawn shop building, one of the most handsome in the city, is in ruins.

The lower floors of the building were occupied by the state pawn shop, savings bank and dry goods store known as El Telegrafo. The upper stories were occupied by families, clerks and transients.

The fire originated in the pawn shop and had evidently gained considerable headway when the first alarm was given. The occupants in the upper stories were unable to save any of their belongings, many of them escaping in their night clothes. The police did heroic work in saving the children and seeing that all the people were out of the building. The women and children were immediately taken care of by their neighbors, who cared for them as best their pecuniary circumstances would admit.

One of the clerks of the dry goods store, who was sleeping in the third story, came near losing his life. He was evidently sleeping very sound and was not awakened until the flames had reached a window he attracted the attention of those below and they succeeded in getting a rope to him and he lowered himself to the ground. So far as is known no lives were lost but as the ruins are still hot no investigation can be made.

Federico Reyes, manager of the pawn shop and savings bank is not in the city. The building and the business house on the ground floor were insured but many poor families occupying the upper rooms lost their all, even to their clothing.

The structure known as the Monte de Piedad building, was located on the corner of the Plaza Principal and was of brick and stone. It is entirely gutted, nothing being left but the four bare walls. The handsome new Casino building which adjoins was slightly damaged and it was at one time feared that the fire would consume it also. The frames of the upper windows were burned but the fire-fighters succeeded in keeping the fire from spreading and extinguished the flames.

The total loss is estimated at over \$200,000. The amount of insurance is not known.

TWENTY-FIVE HURT IN CAR COLLISION

New York, July 15.—Twenty-five persons were injured, none fatally, early today, when a crowded car from North Beach with a theatrical party aboard, crashed into the rear of a Flushing car on the Manhattan approach of Queensborough bridge.

The passengers were thrown to the floor in a heap and the car was badly shattered.

HARRIS COUNTY VALUES INCREASE MANY MILLIONS

Houston, Texas, July 15.—Four millions five hundred thousand gain over last year is the showing of figures made public this morning by county assessor Miller, estimating the assessed property valuation of Harris county at \$105,725,000. The assessor's estimate was forwarded to the state department at Austin.

NICARAGUA PLANS WAR ON HONDURAS

New Orleans, La., July 15.—It was announced here this morning that the munitions of war held on the steamer Ustina at Mobile, were not intended to be sent to either Madrid or Estrada, but that they were consigned to Manuel Bonilla, former president of Nicaragua, who, it is said, is now planning a revolution against president Davila of Honduras. Senor Florian Dabadi, who was in charge of the shipment, is Bonilla's agent. If true, this shatters the theories of government authorities who detained the vessel.

UPRISING IN QUINTANA ROO IS NOT PUT DOWN

Mexico City, Mexico, July 15.—That the Maya Indian uprising is not entirely squelched, as the Mexican government contends, is evidenced by the news of another battle from the disturbed territory.

News has been received from Merida of an attack made by a band of Indians in Quintana Roo on an escort of federal soldiers, in which one of the latter was killed and several wounded. The fight took place on the road between Tahl and Nopoh, and the Indians offered strong resistance to the soldiers. They were finally driven to the mountains, leaving a trail of blood behind them.

It is stated that among the bandits were Ruz Ponce and Alover, two of the Valladolid revolutionary bodies who have not been captured.

At Maxcanu the farm of Manuel Petron, located near the town, has been destroyed, and insulting placards have been posted on several corners directed against prominent persons.

It is thought that these acts have their origin in disputes over lands.

JAPAN TO MAKE OVER KOREAN GOVERNMENT

Tokyo, Japan, July 15.—Lieutenant general viscount Terachi left today for Seoul to assume the duties of Japanese resident general of Korea. He stated that Japan will not use the "united fist" in Korea or antagonize the real interests of Korea or those of foreign powers.

Radical changes in the system of government would, however, he thought, be necessary.

PINCHOT PRAISES THE INSURGENTS

Gives Them Credit for All Good Legislation Lately Passed.

Kansas City, Mo., July 15.—Gifford Pinchot, who will be the guest of honor and principal speaker at the dinner of the Knife and Fork club here tonight, arrived here this morning.

In an interview he said: "I should like to express with great emphasis the debt of gratitude the country owes the insurgents for their influence in securing good legislation during the last session of congress. Some of the bills passed were exceedingly dangerous in the form in which introduced. Thus the railroad bill, as prepared by attorney general Wickham, contained provisions which if adopted would have proved a calamity to the country. The bill was hammered into shape by the insurgents before it was adopted."

Asked if Col. Roosevelt adhered to his original views on conservation, Mr. Pinchot said: "His acceptance of the invitation to be the principal speaker before the National Conservation congress this year is a sufficient answer."

NEWARK FORCES MAYOR TO RESIGN OFFICE

Newark, O., July 15.—After a conference lasting many hours, mayor Herbert Atherton resigned his office today, in response to pressure put upon him by leaders of his party and personal friends.

The reason given was that it was hoped thereby to save the city the disgrace of an investigation by the governor, following the lynching last week of the subsequent suspension of mayor Atherton by governor Harmon.

It was announced that "Newark wants to do her own house-cleaning." Eight new arrests were made today as a result of acting mayor Ankle's order to arrest every riot suspect. Attorney general Denman directed the secret examination of witnesses which lasted all afternoon.

At a special meeting of the directors of the Pennsylvania railroad, they adopted a resolution fully approving the course of its officers in resisting the demands of its employees for a wage increase.

The employees of both the east and west lines have voted to strike and a committee of employees is now in session considering the strike question.

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MONTAGUE COUNTY SHOWS INCREASED POPULATION

Washington, D. C., July 15.—At the census bureau this afternoon the following figures on Texas population are available. Montague county 25,123, showing a gain over the last census of 222.

The First National bank of Coleman, Tex., today filed a petition to be made a depository of postal savings funds.

BROWNWOOD FIRE HOUSE DESTROYED BY FLAMES

Brownwood, Tex., July 15.—Fire originating in a carriage house adjoining destroyed the fire station No. 1 here early this morning, causing a loss of \$2000. It is believed the flames were of incendiary origin and the authorities are investigating. No arrests have been made.

DEAD GIRL FROM BROOKLYN

Belle Elmore was a Brooklyn girl. The first news of her death was received in America by a Mrs. A. H. Mills, a step-sister, in a letter of April 7, 20, Hilltop, Cross-street, North London, England, and signed by Dr. Crippen.

The police regard the date as important because, although it carried the first word from Dr. Crippen to his wife's family of her death, it is nearly two months later than the death notice published in London. The letter follows:

"My dear Louise and Robert,
"I hardly know how to write to you of my joyful news. The shock to me has been so dreadful that I am hardly able to control myself. My poor Cora is gone, and to make the shock to me more dreadful, I did not even see her at the last."

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MURDER STILL PUZZLING LONDON

American Doctor Who Is Be- lieved to Have Killed His Wife Cannot Be Located.

WROTE TELLTALE LETTER TO AMERICA

London, England, July 15.—While the police have exhausted their resources to lay hands on Dr. Hawley Crippen, the American, and his woman tylist, Miss Lenev, physicians are examining the mutilated body of his wife, Belle Elmore, with a view of determining the manner in which the murder was committed.

The finding of the body in the cellar, gave rise to the report that the vaudeville artist had been shot before her body was battered into an unrecognizable mass and buried in quicklime.

It was also reported that traces of poison had been found. An inquest will be held tomorrow.

It has been a long time since a murder case in England has attracted such general attention. Miss Lenev was employed by Dr. Crippen as a typist. It is stated that Mrs. Crippen objected to the presence of the young woman in her husband's office and his refusal to dismiss her caused frequent quarrels.

Some time after Mrs. Crippen disappeared, Miss Lenev appeared in public with Dr. Crippen, who introduced her as his wife. To acquaintances the doctor explained that his former wife had left him following a quarrel and that she had subsequently been seen in different parts of this country and, if these reports are true, they have separated. It is believed that the police believe the apparition is only temporary in the hope of avoiding detection.

The first story of what may have been the actual committing of the murder today by a neighbor of Dr. Hawley Crippen, in whose cellar the body was found. The proprietress of a small shop in the rear of the Crippen residence told of hearing a woman's screams and cries for mercy coming seemingly from the cellar. That was five months ago. Mrs. Crippen disappeared in February.

Father Believes in Son.
Los Angeles, Cal., July 15.—M. A. Crippen, father of Dr. Hawley Crippen, who is being sought in connection with the murder of his wife, the vaudeville actress in London, is a resident of this city. He said today that he had not heard from his son directly in more than a year. The doctor had failed to reply to numerous letters he had written to him. However, he does not think his son had anything to do with the murder of his wife.

New York, N. Y., July 15.—The Lustrantia, the first of the liners on which Crippen might reach here, this morning, land, passed on the bar this morning. The vessel was thoroughly searched at quarantine but no sign was found of the dentist, whose wife was found murdered in his London home. The steamer St. Paul is due from Liverpool Saturday and she and all other steamers from the English ports will be carefully watched.

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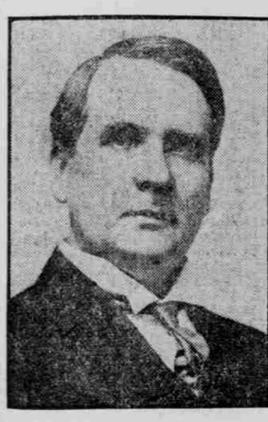
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ONE MORE WEEK OF CAMPAIGN

Three Men El Paso Ring Doesn't Want



COLE JOHNSON.



R. V. DAVIDSON.



WM. POINDEXTER.

Above are the three candidates the El Paso county ring says must not be supported here, but the chances are that Davidson is going to get a big vote, if he doesn't beat Colquitt.

STEAMER LINE TO WOOL OF TEXAS TO BE CARRIED BOSTON IS PLANNED

San Antonio, Tex., July 15.—A steamship line is proposed between Boston, Mass., and Aransas Pass, Tex., for handling the wool crop of Texas, and the local chamber of commerce this morning received a telegram that the Boston chamber of commerce committee will be here Friday of next week to go to Aransas Pass to look over the situation to determine the feasibility of the proposition. The Bostonians will also visit Galveston, Tex.

BROWNSVILLE ARMY OFFICER ACQUITTED

Gen. Howe, Father of W. D. Howe, of El Paso, Takes Exceptions.

New York, N. Y., July 15.—Captain Samuel K. Lyon of the 25th Infantry, United States army, recently tried for irregularities growing out of the Brownsville matter, was found not guilty and honorably acquitted by the court. General Walter Howe, commander of the department of the East, the father of district attorney W. D. Howe of El Paso, however, acting as a reviewing authority, today disapproved the finding of the court.

General Howe says he has no doubt from the evidence that the exact condition of his ammunition was known to captain Lyon and there was no reason why he should have been unable before the court of inquiry to give full and exact information, except his desire to cover up an error in his returns and certificates.

ROOSEVELT TO MAKE TWO SPEAKING TOURS

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 15.—Theodore Roosevelt has given out the itineraries of the two speaking tours he soon is to make, one to the west late in the summer, the other through the south in the early fall.

The eastern trip is to begin on August 25 and will end on September 1. The southern trip will extend from October 6 to October 13. The itineraries follow:

Western trip—August 25, leave New York; Aug. 27 arrive Cheyenne; Aug. 29 Denver; August 31, Omaha; September 1, St. Paul; September 2, Sioux Falls, S. D.; September 3, Fargo, N. D.; September 4, St. Paul; September 7, Milwaukee; September 8, Freeport, Ill.; September 9, Chicago; September 10, Pittsburgh; September 11, arrive New York.

Southern trip—October 6, leave New York; October 8, Atlanta, Ga.; October 10, Hot Springs, Ark.; October 12, Little Rock, Ark.; October 13, Memphis, Tenn.; October 15, arrive New York.

The itineraries were completed after much thought and labor. Col. Roosevelt's secretary has been studying time tables for the last two weeks, squeezing in as many speeches as train connections would permit.

MADRIZ FORCED TO TREAT AMERICAN PRISONER DECENTLY

Washington, D. C., July 15.—Confined in a filthy cell, six by five feet, unfed and unwatered for several days, William Pittman, an American, captured by the Madriz government forces near Bluefields, was found in an overcrowded local prison at Managua, Nicaragua, by consul Olivares.

The consul, who is stationed at that point, telegraphed the state department that he visited Pittman, discovered the revolting conditions and through protests forced Dr. Madriz to furnish the adventurous American better prison accommodations.

TROOPS MAKING AN OVERLAND PRACTICE MARCH

San Antonio, Texas, July 15.—The first battalion of the twenty-third infantry, under Col. E. H. Glenn, arrived at Fort Sam Houston last night from Fort McIntosh, to begin today a 250 mile practice march, after which it will go to Camp Leon Springs for military maneuvers, which will begin August first.

Troops stationed here are now on a practice march. They will also attend the maneuvers.

HONG KONG, China, July 15.—Pirates on Colowan Island have hoisted a flag of truce in order to remove the wounded.

The Chinese government has sent 10 warboats and 1200 soldiers to the scene from a neighboring island to assist the Portuguese soldiers if necessary in exterminating the outlaws.

Several Chinese students have been rescued after months of captivity.

FIGHT HAS BEEN HOT CONTEST

Bailey Takes Personal Stand in Behalf of His Friend, Judge Poindexter.

JOHNSON IS THE BEST AS ORATOR

Davidson a Disappointment as a Talker—Colquitt Is the Best Politician.

PARIS TO GIVE
COLQUITT GREAT SENDOFF.
Paris, Tex., July 14.—Headed by Col. Shelby Williams, a delegation of a hundred from various parts of this section of Texas left here today by special train for Farmersville, Tex., where they will hear O. B. Colquitt, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of Texas, tonight and escort the speaker to Paris.
Colquitt will spend Saturday here.

(By Horace Shelton.)

San Antonio, Tex., July 15.—The campaign for governor will close on next Saturday on which date the Democratic primaries will be held. The contest has been one of the most bitter and hard fought that Texas has ever known.

Waco, Texas, July 15.—Each employee who has been with the Texas Central railroad 25 years will receive a present amounting to one year's salary, and every agent, conductor, trainman and porter in the road's employ will receive one month's salary, according to the announcement of the present management of the line this morning.

These gifts, which total about \$40,000, will be given by H. K. McHarg, Stamford, Conn., who was a former owner of the Texas Central.

GO-EASIES TO HAVE THEIR ANNUAL BLOW-OUT

The Go-Easies will go easy to Shobe's grove this evening behind a brass band and will there celebrate the annual breaking of the backbone of summer. The Go-Easies is a club which thrives only in summer and has no other bylaws than its name indicates.

The members and invited guests will assemble in front of the Sheldon at eight o'clock and will ride to the grove in chartered street cars to the accompaniment of "This Ain't No Place for a Minister's Son," or other appropriate tune.

DICKINSON IN JAPAN.

Yokohama, Japan, July 15.—J. M. Dickinson, secretary of war of the United States, and his party, arrived here today on the steamer Siberia.

Why Merchants Patronize The Herald

The Herald prints all the news of the world while it is fresh—not a day old, but the day it happens.

The Herald does not depend on one news association to furnish it news, but it has the service of several, including the highest paid authorities in the country on the different topics treated.

The Herald has the largest editorial force and the best paid writers and local reporters of any paper in the entire Southwest and always prints the news first, most completely and most accurately.

The Herald has 200 correspondents in the towns of the southwest to supply the news while it is fresh. The Herald will guarantee that it spends three times as much money for mining and southwestern news as any other paper in the southwest. Its check books are open for investigation. Its southwestern news is not clipped with the scissors.

The Herald publishes the biggest features to be purchased in the newspaper market, including the products of the best cartoonists in the world.

It costs The Herald twice as much money as any other El Paso paper to give the people of El Paso and the Southwest the news, but as a result The Herald has three times the circulation of any other El Paso paper and can prove it—which is what counts. The Herald goes into homes only where it is paid for—because people want it; no free distribution to boost up a false circulation.

Merchants get results when they advertise in The Herald; that's why they do it.

The Herald's books are always open, to courts or business men. The Herald will compare figures with any paper at any time. Any business man can see The Herald's books or any committee of business men can have them investigated at any time they wish. The press room is always open, too. There are no secrets about The Herald; it courts investigation.

"The Herald Prints It First," is a motto that everybody knows to be a fact.

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