

# REAL ALARM DURING FIREMAN'S BALL

The grand march at the firemen's ball had just started and Chief Poyns had taken his place at the head of the long line when the clang of the fire alarm gong on the stage rang out. Many ladies found themselves minus a partner and did not realize for a moment what had become of them. The blaze proved to be only a chimney fire near the corner of J and Eleventh streets, but gave opportunity to hundreds of people to witness the uncertainty of a fireman's life. Assistant Chief Breunmer and 15 men made the run, but were back in a few minutes.

There were probably 1,200 people in the hall. In spite of the dusty floor fully 200 couples participated in the dance. The music was good.

The tap of the gong at headquarters for 8 o'clock sent the horses to their places, eager to race madly into the darkness, but, contrary to expectations, they were

held back and compelled to go slowly up the hill to Germania hall, where they stood until the run was made later on. With the white team on the hose cart it was quite different. They were stalled on the stage. Time and again the gong rang and they sprang into their places.

Between the alarms the team stood in their stalls with outstretched necks and ears pricked up, apparently enjoying the situation, until late in the night, when "Old Billy," yawned time and again, seemingly anxious for the 2 o'clock car to leave.

The hall was very prettily decorated and the tinted rays from a splendidly executed fell suspended from the center of the room fell with gorgeous effect upon the dancers. Many visitors from outside towns were present and nearly all of the city officials were on the floor. The program was a successful one from beginning to end.

# TACOMA GIRL IS HONORED

Miss Josephine Holgate, second assistant librarian at the Tacoma library or nearly five years, has been offered a position as assistant in the state library, to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Potter.

Miss Holgate entered the city library during the administration of Librarian Jennings, and from her long service is widely known. Miss Holgate said that the offer had come as a great surprise to her and she had not yet decided what to do. She is the daughter of John Holgate of the United States customs service and resides at 2500 South Fifteenth street.

# ANNIE ROONEY IS FREE AGAIN

Annie Rooney, one of the best known characters in the Northwest, left for Seattle last evening on the steamer Flyer.

She has made Seattle her home for several years and has become so addicted to the use of liquor that she has been a constant inmate of the jail. A few weeks ago she was sent to the asylum at Steilacoom. Drink had caused a mental collapse, but she has been released.

She declares that she will let drink alone from now on, and if she will keep her word she can stay out of jail, as she is never arrested on any other charge than drunkenness.

At one time, dressed in a sailor's uniform, she worked as a cabin boy on a deep sea vessel, and is known in every port of importance in the world. She came from a well known Eastern family and is an accomplished musician, but ran away from home to marry a variety actor. Some time ago rumor had it that she was dead and Seattle newspapers said more kind things about Annie than she had ever heard of. All was taken back when she appeared alive.

# ORDERED DEPORTED

Lee Wong, the Chinaman who was given a hearing yesterday afternoon before a United States commissioner, as unable to show any certificate of registration, was ordered to be deported. His attorney has given notice of appeal to Judge Hanford. Lee Wong has been in the mercantile business at Port Townsend for 20 years and he may be able to prove that he belongs to the admissible class.

# COTTAGE PRAYER

At the Y. M. C. A. rooms the committee of the federated churches on cottage prayer meetings met yesterday. It was decided to divide the city into six districts and have sub-committees, with the assistance of a pastor within the district, to carry on the work.

# BRICK BLOCK TO BE BUILT

A \$20,000 brick block is soon to be erected on Pacific avenue by J. B. Stevens, a local hay, grain and commission merchant. The new building will join the block he now occupies at 2136 Pacific avenue and will have a frontage of 100 feet on Pacific avenue and will be 120 feet deep.

# CONTRACT SIGNED

The Tacoma Railway & Power company signed and furnished a bond today for the contract that the city awarded it several months ago for furnishing electric power for the new pumping station at South Tacoma.

# SMOLALEM IS RESTLESS

The late events which the Indian murderer, Smokalem, has passed through seem to have greatly affected his nerves. He believes that his daughter is in the jail and often calls for her. Upon several occasions it has been almost impossible to convince him that he did not hear her voice. The Indian's counsel has filed a motion to withdraw the plea of guilty which was at first made. In an affidavit accompanying the motion the attorney states that the plea was entered while Smokalem was greatly excited and was mentally and physically prostrated; also that Smokalem had had no opportunity to receive counsel for a lawyer before ordered to be deported. His attorney

# MISS JULIA MARLOWE IS DISGUSTED



Miss Julia Marlowe has closed her season and it is not unlikely that she will never appear on the stage again. "Fools of Nature," the play with which she opened the season, proved a failure and Miss Marlowe was unable to secure a play which suited her. She says that she has given up her search for the great American dramatist and is going to write a few plays herself, just to show people how it ought to be done.

# START WORK ON BRIDGE

Work has been commenced by the Northwestern Bridge company on the Puyallup bridge near Puyallup. The new bridge will be about a quarter of a mile down stream from the old one and one cost complete with the approaches will be about \$15,000. The town of Puyallup will pay for the approaches. The cost of the county work will approximate \$12,000. The new bridge will be a combination structure of wood and iron, resting on four steel cylinders five feet in diameter and thirty feet high.

The iron from the old bridge will be used in rebuilding the Alder bridge, which was washed away about a year ago.

# OFFICERS INSTALLED

The newly elected officers of State lodge No. 68, Fern Hill lodge No. 80 and Ivy chapter No. 43, Order of the Eastern Star, were formally installed last night. The last two held a joint installation, which was an elaborate affair. Monday evening Lebanon lodge No. 104 will hold its annual installation, which will be made in public.

Yesterday at noon about 16 men who have been raised to the degree of Master Mason in Lebanon lodge during the past two years, under the present past master, C. A. Snowden, called upon him at his office in the Berlin building and presented him with a very handsome past master's jewel. E. A. Lynn made the presentation speech. The jewel is of gold, enameled in white, with settings of sapphire and moonstone. Mr. Snowden is usually quite eloquent, but there was apparently an impediment in his speech when he attempted to make some reply to the men yesterday.

# COMMISSIONER SKINNER AND EMPEROR MENELIK OF ABYSSINIA ARE BECOMING VERY THICK



H. W. WALES. R. P. SKINNER. EMPEROR MENELIK.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—Reports by cable from Robert P. Skinner, who is at the head of the state department's special embassy to the court of Emperor Menelik, of Abyssinia, indicate that the mission will be entirely successful. Having secured the emperor's promise to attend the fair at St. Louis next summer, Mr. Skinner is now negotiating a commercial treaty.

In the meantime his party is lodged at the Palace Ras Gerges, one of the handsomest of the royal mansions at the capital, Addisbera.

All along the overland trip from the ocean, Mr. Skinner has been given the most flattering attentions, and his escort of marines and servants have been feasted and dined and wined.

The journey to the Abyssinian capital was nearly 300 miles, much of it through wild country infested by wild animals and semi-barbarous people. Emperor Menelik had, however, prepared for the coming of the Americans, and his soldiers almost lined the route of travel.

Mr. Skinner carried with him many presents for the emperor. Among these is a set of splendid firearms from President Roosevelt, as well as a number of novelties such as would appeal to a person so far from modern civilization as is the Negus.

The invitation to attend the world's fair was inscribed on a silver plate three feet long.

Mr. Skinner is accompanied by his brother-in-law, H. W. Wales, who acts in the capacity of private secretary.

# MAINLANDER HAS CHANGED HANDS

The Pacific Coast Steamship company yesterday bought the steamer Mainlander

# CRUEL BLOW TO CZAR NICHOLAS-- HIS BABY BOY WAS BORN DEAD

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—The cruellest blow that could have fallen has descended on Nicholas II., czar of all the Russias. The world knows that his imperial majesty has prayed for years that his wife might present him with an heir to the throne, and the birth, dead, of a boy has made this Christmas a sad one in the house of the Romanoffs.

Four daughters have blessed the married life of Nicholas and the zarina. Before each was born his majesty hoped that it would be a boy. Each time he was disappointed.

It was said that owing to the failure of his royal mate to present him with a male child an estrangement had resulted, and the name of a handsome actress was

sified, and when it was announced officially that the stork had arrived too late to breathe life into the royal child's body, the grief of the czar was uncontrolable.

Since that time the zarina has been in retirement, and has recovered slowly under the care of her physicians. The czar has aged greatly in the past few days, and it is said suffers horribly from despondency.

# PICKING NEW YORK FOR CONVENTION

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—All eyes now appear to be on New York as the most likely place for the meeting of the national Democratic convention next year. Sentiment among leading Democrats here has reached the point where only a determined movement by leading New Yorkers is needed to crystallize it.

Party leaders throughout the country are looking to the leaders in New York city—Mayor-elect McClellan, Charles F. Murphy and Patrick H. McCarran—to make some move toward obtaining the convention. Democratic leaders and representatives in Washington, when interviewed on the subject, after expressing their favorable opinion of New York as the convention city, usually ask:

"But is New York making any organized effort to get the convention? Why is not some committee appointed? New York would have everything its way."

Boomers of western cities are using the same well-worn argument that they have used for many years—the question of location and the long distance some of the delegates would have to travel.

Chicago, despite the statement that the hotels will largely advance rates during convention week, is still a close second in the race, and the Chicago boomers never fail to call attention to the "central location" of their city.

The fact is, according to the number of delegates attending the next national Democratic convention, the aggregate number of miles traveled would be less to New York than to Chicago by fully 15,000,000 miles. The delegations that would have to make the longest trips are largely from the states sending the fewest number of delegates.

Many of the southern delegates would have as easy if not an easier trip, and the far western delegations would have only 24 hours added to their journey.

According to the last census, more than half of the population of the United States live within 25 hours of New York. In and about New York itself live 3,437,202; within two hours, 6,500,000; within six hours, 12,500,000; within 12 hours, 22,500,000; and within 25 hours 41,583,000.

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# THE KINGS OF CINDER PATH TO MEET



MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 31.—What should prove a battle royal, the meeting of Arthur Duffy, king of the 100-yards, and Archie Hahn, the Michigan university flyer, is scheduled to take place in New York January 30, when the indoor track meet is pulled off.

Duffy has never met his equal. He holds records galore, his most wonderful performance being his 100 yards in 9.35 seconds. Last season the Georgetown wonder was forced to go abroad to get into sprints, having outfooted everything in the sprint-



CZARINA OF RUSSIA.

mentioned in connection with that of Nicholas as the reason for his unfaithfulness.

Then the woman, whose name was on every tongue in Europe, was suddenly deported—royally provided for, to be sure—but banished, nevertheless, and the world was informed that a reconciliation had been effected between the imperial couple.

About this time the czar became very devout. He attended church daily and offered up prayers that his hopes might be realized.

So passionate was the longing of the master of the east for an heir that his desire was echoed through every reigning house in Europe. Every one hoped that his wish would be granted. As the fateful day approached the feeling became inten-

# BANK WRECKER ANDREWS IS FREE AFTER ONE YEAR IMPRISONMENT

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 30.—Nothing has stirred up the state of Michigan in a long time like the parole by Governor Bliss of Frank C. Andrews, the bank wrecker, who has served only about a year in the penitentiary for ruining hundreds of people.

The governor thinks the man's wonderful money making genius will be sufficient and that in a short time he will be able to reimburse those who lost by his crookedness.

The people of Detroit and all over Michigan are intensely indignant over the act of the governor. There are three other indictments against Andrews, and many demand that Andrews be arrested and tried on one of them, but lawyers claim that under Michigan laws a paroled prisoner may not be arrested on an old charge, and that Andrews is safe. Prosecuting Attorney Hunt is not so sure of this, and says he will examine the law carefully. If he finds a loophole that will permit it, he will cause the arrest of Andrews.

People generally do not accept the governor's reason for liberating the convict. They say simply:

REPAID A POLITICAL DEBT.

Andrews was at the head of the "rippers" who manipulated the legislature in the interests of Bliss two years ago. It was a part of the same deal that made D. W. H. Moreland, now under indictment for alleged crookedness, head of the department of public works in Detroit, and but Andrews at the head of the police department. To sign the ripper bill and evade steps to prevent it, the governor got up at midnight. The political careers of Andrews, Moreland and Governor Bliss have been closely interwoven.

Andrews came to Detroit about a dozen years ago from a farm. He was an overgrown boy, ignorant of the ways of the world, awkward, shy, bashful and not considered very bright.

He got a job in a broker's office. In five years he owned the office. Another

with the greatest consideration. He was made clerk of the hospital. He had a private office and a private sleeping room, far different from the ordinary cells. His office contained a telephone and Andrews was in daily communication with his friends in Detroit. The spirit of speculation had not been broken and he continued to speculate. He operated through a Detroit broker, using the telephone to make his deals. It is said he made a comfortable fortune out of his speculations since he went to prison.

It is also commonly believed that Andrews still has a large part of the \$1,500,000 which he got from the bank he wrecked. It could never be

TRACED OUT OF HIS HANDS.

Now Andrews is free, practically a rich man. The depositors in the bank were mostly poor people. Hundreds of them were ruined and many were driven mad. Others killed themselves, because, in their old age, they found they were penniless. It was a bitter blow to many. Shopkeepers were driven to failure. Small factories were forced to suspend and men were thrown out of employment. The wrecking of that bank wrecked many homes, and its influence has not ceased yet.

# WORK COMPLETED

E. W. Gilmore, formerly of Tacoma, has just finished a big contract at Los Angeles, building the grandstand and paddock at the new Ascot park. The fact that the contract called for 100 feet of asphalt pavement and that the work was finished in eight days is a remarkable feature of it.

# LAWSUITS EAT UP VAST ESTATE LEFT BY AUSTIN CORBIN

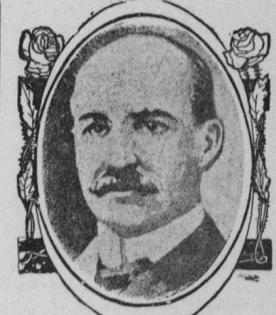
RIVERHEAD, L. I., Dec. 31.—The estate of Austin Corbin, the Long Island railway magnate, who died about eight years ago, has dwindled from \$5,000,000 to something less than \$200,000.

The decrease is attributed to the lawsuits brought by his daughter, Mrs. Anna Corbin Borrower, who has been fighting the other members of the family in the settlement of the estate ever since the probate of the will.

In every instance Mrs. Borrower has been defeated, both in the surrogate's court and on appeal, and while a part of the cost of all this litigation comes out of her own pocket, it is not so great as the loss entailed upon the other legatees.

Nathan D. Petty, surrogate of Suffolk county, has just made a decree settling the second judicial accounting of the executors and trustees of Mr. Corbin's estate, which is another defeat for Mrs. Borrower.

Mrs. Anna W. Corbin Borrower, the contestant, married Hallett Alsop Borrower in 1896. She was defeated in 1901 in her efforts to oust the executors of her father's will, whom she accused of mismanaging the estate.



FRANK C. ANDREWS.

year found him at the head of a bank. A few months later he owned gold and silver mines. Then he branched out and secured stock in more banks. He next began to promote and build railroads, both steam and electric. He dabbled in vessel property. He became a wonderfully lucky speculator. His career was brilliant and he was the envy of every young speculator in Detroit.

His career as a speculator was daring and dashy. He ignored the advice and intentions of the oldest and most conservative speculators in the city. He founded a school of speculation of his own. Young men followed his lead. He made money rapidly and showed others how to make it. Soon he was reputed to be several times a millionaire.

Then came the terrible slump in the copper market. Andrews was heavily loaded with copper. He saw the price go down, but he tried to stop it. He bought more and more. There was a time when, if the market had gone as he hoped and expected it would, he would have made a fortune. It broke the other way, however, and Andrews was ruined. Then the bank of which he was vice president closed its doors. Andrews had misapplied practically all of the deposits in the bank. His shortage was \$1,500,000. He was arrested and tried on a charge of misappropriating \$8,000, one of the smallest of his operations. He was convicted and sentenced to state prison. He said and his friends said he would not stay in prison long. It seemed known then that he would be paroled soon.

While in prison Andrews was treated

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