

## EARLY MORNING FIRE DESTROYS FEED STORE

Building Belonging to J. M. Taylor Burned by Blaze of Unknown Origin.

LOSS IS ABOUT \$7,500

Flames Discovered by Night Police at 3 O'Clock This Morning.

Fire, which broke out about 3 o'clock this morning, totally destroyed the brick building on North Tenth street occupied by the Columbia Feed and Grain Company. The building, which belonged to James M. Taylor and Berkeley Estes, was valued at \$7,500, while the contents were variously estimated at from \$5,000 to \$8,000. The loss is less than half covered by insurance.

The flames were discovered by night policemen King and Douglas shortly before 3 o'clock, but were already past control when the fire department arrived a few minutes later. All that the department could do was to prevent the flames from spreading to adjoining buildings and this they succeeded in doing in spite of a stiff breeze from the northeast, which put the adjoining lumber yard of the Taylor-Estes Company in danger.

The fire was well under control by 5 o'clock, but it was three hours later before the men got back to the fire station.

The only accident during the fire was when one fireman fell from a window ledge, letting the hose get away from him and strike James M. Taylor on the side of the head injuring his eye slightly.

**Cause of Fire Unknown.**  
The cause of the fire is as yet unknown. The only plausible theory is that the fresh hay or the bundles of oats recently stored in the building caught fire from spontaneous combustion.

When seen this morning, the officials of the Columbia Feed and Grain Company could make no close estimate of their loss.

"It will probably be between \$5,000 and \$7,000," said E. W. Woods, manager of the company. "We will not know for certain until we open the safe in a day or two and check up on our stock. The insurance will cover about half of this."

Flour was the biggest single item in the loss, while wheat, corn, seed corn, hay, oats, mill feed, stock foods, poultry food and other items were included in the contents of the burned building.

For the present the Columbia Feed and Grain Company will have their offices with the Taylor-Estes Lumber Company on Ninth street. No arrangements have yet been made for continuing the business.

**Building Valued at \$7,500.**

The destroyed building, which is directly across from the Wabash depot, was built in 1902 at a cost of \$10,000. It was valued by the owners at \$7,500, of which \$2,500 is covered by insurance. No plans have yet been made for replacing it.

While the yard and offices of the Taylor-Estes Lumber Company were saved by the good work of the fire department, the latter lost two sets of harness, valued at \$150; and a feed barn, valued at \$150. About \$60 worth of oats was in the barn. None of this was insured.

"The water pressure was low, but this made little difference as the fire was past control when we got there," said Chief Kurtz this morning. "There was nothing wrong with our equipment, though we would have been in a bad fix, had another fire broken out about the same time. Had this fire and the one on Conley the night before come at the same time I don't know what we would have done."

**Canadian Wheat Yield Decreases.**

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Aug. 9.—Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan will yield 270,000,000 bushels of wheat this year, compared with 376,000,000 bushels last year, the provincial bureau of crop estimates declared today.

**J. C. McCrary Better.**

J. C. McCrary, of 11 West Broadway, who has been ill for the last three weeks with typhoid fever, is much better. Mr. McCrary is a piano tuner for the J. N. Taylor Music Company.

## THE CALENDAR

August 18, Friday—Robinson's Circus.  
September 14, 15, 16, Thursday, Friday and Saturday—University entrance examinations.  
September 18, 19, 20, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—University registration.  
September 20, Wednesday—Opening Convocation, University Auditorium, 11 a. m.  
September 21, Thursday—University class work in all divisions begins.

## IS KNOCKED OVER BY WIRE

George Griffen, Employed by City, Gets 2,300-Volt Shock.

A shock from a 2,300-volt wire knocked over George Griffen, a lineman for the city water and light plant, while repairing an electric line on a pole in front of Fredendall's department store about 10 o'clock this morning.

As Mr. Griffen fell backward the weight of his body jarred his hands loose of the wire, and his lineman's belt held him to the pole. He was taken into Fredendall's and then sent home.

Mr. Griffen explained that he tried to steady himself and grabbed hold of the wrong wire. His hands were burned through the death gloves.

## MEXICANS ARE KILLED

General Aguilar and Passengers Killed in Attack on a Train.

By United Press.

EL PASO, Aug. 8.—General Aguilar, commanding the escort of Carranzista troops, and a number of soldiers and passengers are reported today to have been killed in an attack by Villistas against a passenger train at Noria station on the Durango line yesterday. About half of the twenty bandits in the battle were killed by the troops in the fight. An unconfirmed report reached the American military men here that Torreon had been captured by Villistas.

**80,000 Carranzistas Patrol Border.**

By United Press.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 9.—Eighty thousand Carranzista troops are now patrolling the northern border states, rounding up and exterminating bandits as rapidly as possible. War Minister Obregon said today. He denied that the Mexican government will at this time attempt a loan in the United States.

## HOUSE ACCEPTS REPORT ON BILL

New Act Appropriates \$267,000,000—Lowers Recruiting Age to 18.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—The House this afternoon accepted the conferees' report on the army bill appropriating \$267,000,000 for national defense on land and lowering the age of enlistment in the regular army and national guard from twenty-one to eighteen.

The law will empower the United States to enlist into the military service boys under twenty-one without the consent or against the protest of their parents.

The bill, if it becomes a law, will permit boys of eighteen to enlist in either the regular army or in the guard.

## ONE MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED

Miss Alice Mize and W. B. Caruthers to Wed—Poor Month for Cupid.

A marriage license was issued this morning by County Clerk John L. Henry to William Belden Caruthers 28 years old, and Miss Amanda Alice Mize, 21 years old. Both the bride and the groom-to-be are residents of Boone County.

July was the poorest month in point of number of licenses issued that County Clerk Henry has had so far this year. During that period only sixteen matrimonial contracts were issued. Already this month nine licenses have been issued which is an average of one each day.

**M. U. Graduate With Ad Firm.**

D. D. Rosenfelder of Columbia who was graduated from the School of Journalism last year is now with the American Advertising Company of Des Moines, Iowa. He is engaged in placing an extensive campaign of church advertising in every county in Iowa that his company is handling for the Non-Sectarian Society for the Encouragement of Religious Faith.

**491 Taxicab Company Discontinues.**

The 491 Taxicab Company has discontinued its car service. Miss Pauline Hanes, who was conducting the business, would give no cause for stopping the cars and has no plans for continuing the service.

## BLUE AND THE GRAY TO MEET TOMORROW

Confederate and Union Veterans to Hold Reunion at Courthouse.

A PICNIC IS PLANNED

Several Speeches Are on Program—U. D. C. to Assist in Entertainment.

Tomorrow the J. J. Searcy Camp of the Boone County Confederate veterans will hold their annual reunion at the Boone County courthouse. For perhaps the first time the Confederates will ask the Union veterans to meet with them and tomorrow will see the old time wearers of the Blue and Gray clasping hands and going back over the battles that were won or lost by one or the other side. Not only will the meeting tomorrow serve to reunite the eighty or more veterans of the North and South but it will also be for the purpose of celebrating the anniversary of the admission of Missouri into the Union.

One of the features of the reunion tomorrow will be a big feast at the noon hour. The members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, who have been requested to assist in the meeting of the veterans, have been asked to come to the courthouse tomorrow with filled baskets so that nothing will be lacking to complete the enjoyment of the old timers.

It is not known just how many of the Confederates will be able to attend tomorrow but at least thirty-five are expected to be there. Captain J. H. H. Maxwell is commander of the Boone County Camp of the Confederates. Fully forty of the Union veterans are expected to come.

At different times during the day the veterans will be addressed by two or three local speakers. J. W. Hudson has been invited to address the soldiers and in addition to this two or three other speakers will be invited. The complete program of the day has not been made out.

P. S. Quinn and John L. Henry are on the entertainment committee. Some of the members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy are assisting these men in this work and a program for the day will be ready in the morning.

## SCHLAUTZHAUER WINS MEDAL

Girls Take Second and Third in Declamation Contest.

Marion Schlautzauer won the silver medal declamation contest given last night at the Christian Church by the Y. P. B. and W. C. T. U. His selection was "The Terrible Charge."

Miss Blanche Truitt won second with "A Joy Ride on the Water Wagon." Miss Agnes Moore won third with "Pulverize the Rum Power."

## DEUTSCHLAND AND BREMEN ARE MAGIC SUBMARINES

The U-Boats Deutschland and Bremen have done more to create universal excitement in this country than anything, with the possible exceptions of the European War and the border troubles.

Though we are living in the nineteenth century and witchcraft is a thing of the past, it would take more than the greatest of the magicians of King Arthur's time to bring about the things that have happened to the Deutschland and Bremen—according to the reports received from various places.

Here are some of the things that have happened since the landing of the Deutschland:

The Deutschland sailed every day for twelve days.

It carried back \$10,000,000 in gold. It carried back a million-dollar cargo.

It carried back a two-million dollar cargo.

It brought over secret dispatches from the Kaiser.

It took back secret dispatches to the Kaiser.

It was the forerunner of a great naval battle (which never occurred) at the doors of Baltimore.

The Allied cordon was to be tormented by a fleet of "Deutschlands" in sight of the American city.

It carried back tons of mail for the soldiers.

In addition to the above mentioned

## TRAINMEN AGREE TO ARBITRATE DEMANDS

Railroad Employees Will Mediate Only if Action Is Taken At Once.

MEETING BREAKS UP

Situation Brought to Deadlock Within Hour of First Conference.

By United Press.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—Representatives of the railway employees this afternoon announced that they would accept the offer of the United States Board of Mediation and Conciliation to submit their demands to mediation, provided action is immediately taken.

It is believed the personal plea by members of the United States Board brought about acceptance by the trainmen. It means at least partial postponement of the strike that would have called out 400,000 men and tied up 250,000 miles of railway on 225 railroads of the country.

It was believed by representatives of both sides that mediation will start immediately as demanded by the brotherhoods.

By United Press.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—Representatives of the 400,000 trainmen employed on 225 railroads in the United States earlier in the day said they would not arbitrate demands for an 8-hour day and other concessions. Armed with power to call a strike, tying up 250,000 miles of railroads, union heads will discuss the questions involved with railway officials.

This was the notice served upon the railway managers today by A. B. Garretson, head of the conductor's brotherhood. It brought the situation between the employers and employees to a deadlock within an hour after the first of their scheduled conferences was called.

Elisha Lee, spokesman for the railroad managers, declared the railroads would insist upon mediation. The union representatives declared they would not consent to an intermediary. Members of the federal mediation and conciliation board are now here, but the brotherhood heads declare they have no desire to see them.

With the conference deadlocked, the meeting broke up and the railway managers set out for the executive officials. The brotherhood leaders went into executive session.

**J. B. Powell on Vacation.**

J. B. Powell, instructor in advertising in the School of Journalism of the University, left today with his family on a vacation trip up the Mississippi. Mr. Powell will take a boat at St. Louis. He will return in a week or two.

## THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity: Generally fair and slightly warmer tonight. Thursday probably thunderstorm showers. For Missouri: Generally fair tonight and Thursday; slightly warmer tonight north portion and extreme east portion Thursday.

**Weather Conditions.**  
Rains of the past twenty-four hours were more general than for a long time; they fell in the northern states from the Pacific coast to Minnesota; and also over much of the territory east of the Mississippi, in the lower Mississippi Valley and in parts of Arkansas, Oklahoma, southern Kansas, and Colorado.

The weather continues warm, but the extreme heat of the past several weeks is somewhat mitigated in all sections. The general arrangement of atmospheric pressure is undergoing quite a marked change. It is diminishing over the South Atlantic states, and increasing in the northwest, while a low of considerable development is central in North Dakota with its influence extending well over the Plains, which are promising signs of a gradual breaking up of the heat and drought in Columbia during the next two or three days.

**Local Data.**  
The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 91, and the lowest last night was 72; precipitation, .09; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday, 35 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 86, and the lowest 64; precipitation, .00.

**The Almanac.**  
Sun rose today, 5:17 a. m. Sun sets, 7:12 p. m.  
Moon sets 12:18 a. m.

**The Temperatures Today.**

7 a. m.	74	11 a. m.	88
8 a. m.	79	12 m.	90
9 a. m.	84	1 p. m.	92
10 a. m.	87	2 p. m.	93

## BRANDEIS IS SELECTED

Associate Justice Made Head of Mexican Commission by President.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—President Wilson has selected associate justice Louis D. Brandeis to head the American commission which will confer with that appointed by General Carranza to settle Mexican border questions. It was authoritatively stated today.

Secretary of the Interior Lane has been asked to serve also and has accepted. The name of the third man awaits acceptance of the President's request to have him serve.

## URGES ONLY 10-CENT BREAD

Speaker Tells Bakers' Meeting Making 5-Cent Loaves Is Wasteful.

By United Press.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Aug. 9.—A five-cent loaf of bread is an economic waste, in the opinion of C. N. Power of Pueblo, Col., who today addressed the convention here of the Master Bakers of the United States. He discussed the "10-cent loaf and why."

Efficiency, declared Mr. Power, demanded the baking of 10-cent loaves rather than the five-cent size. He estimated the cost of baking 1,000 loaves of bread of the five-cent size at \$3.55 more than the cost of baking the same flour into 500 10-cent loaves.

## CLUB WILL GIVE LUNCHEON

S. F. Conley to Speak on the Rural Credits Bill.

By United Press.

The weekly luncheons of the Commercial Club will be resumed at 12 o'clock tomorrow at Harris' Cafe.

S. F. Conley will speak on the Rural Credits Bill. The speaking will start at 12:30 o'clock.

This is the first luncheon of the club in two weeks. The others were postponed because of the election, and the Fair, but from now on the luncheons will be held every Thursday.

## Wheat Prices Rise.

By United Press.

CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—Wheat jumped 5 3-8 cents for September and 6 cents for December at the opening of the grain market today, amid a wild rush to buy as a result of the government's crop report predicting a wheat shortage. September opened at \$1.39 and December at \$1.43.

## Former Senator Thurston Is Dead.

By United Press.

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 9.—Former United States Senator Thurston, aged 69, died here this morning. He had been in the hospital since July 16, after being prostrated by heat.

## Judge Lindsey Supports Wilson.

By United Press.

DENVER, Aug. 9.—Judge Ben Lindsey of the Juvenile court, a leading Progressive, today telegraphed his assurance of "cordial support" to President Wilson in the coming campaign.

## Railroad Founder Is Dead.

By United Press.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 9.—A. B. Stickney, founder of the Chicago-Great Western Railroad and interested in several other northwestern railroads, died at his home here today.

## TRIPLE OFFENSIVE IS STARTED BY ALLIES

Central Powers Are Gradually Being Hemmed in in Fierce Battle.

ITALIANS MOVE ON

2,000,000 Soldiers in What May Be the Last Fight of the War.

BULLETIN

By ED L. KEENE

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

LONDON, Aug. 9.—The great Austrian stronghold of Goritz, which for fourteen months has blocked the Italian invasion, has fallen before the victorious Italian army.

The information, first given the United Press from a London source, was confirmed a few minutes later by the receipt of official dispatches from Rome.

The Italians are believed to have stormed the citadel city last night or early today, only a few hours after they had battered their way to victory at the Goritz bridge head and had captured Monte Samichele, overlooking Goritz on the south.

Ten thousand Austrian prisoners were taken, according to reports reaching London.

By United Press.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—A mighty triple offensive with several million men and thousands of guns is slowly hemming in the armies of the Central Empires on every front. The Austro-German-Turkish forces are giving ground in every theater of war except the Balkans.

## Russians Capture Tysmenica.

By United Press.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 9.—The Galician town of Tysmenica, seven miles east of the city of Stanislaw, was captured by Russian troops under General Lechitchy last night, the war office announced this afternoon. The Russians took 7,400 prisoners including 3,500 Germans.

## 2,000,000 Battle on Isonzo Front.

By United Press.

ROME, Aug. 9.—Two million men are battling furiously along the Isonzo front in a great struggle centered about Goritz that may prove the turning point of the war. With the Goritz bridge head and surrounding heights strongly in Italian hands, Italian troops are pouring across the river for the assault upon Goritz itself. It is believed here that Goritz will fall within a few hours.

## Zeppelins Raid English Coast.

By United Press.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—Zeppelins raided the eastern coast of England early this morning and another Zeppelin raided southeastern Scotland without penetrating far from the coast, the war office announced today. Three women and one child were killed and fourteen persons were injured.

## As Usual, Germans Retake Thiaumont.

By United Press.

PARIS, Aug. 9.—German troops again recaptured Thiaumont work, northeast of Verdun, in heavy fighting last night, the war office announced today. The French repulsed all other attacks on the Verdun front and made further progress in the village of Fleury.

## British Continue Their Advance.

By United Press.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—The British further advanced their lines north of Pozieres last night in bombing attacks along the enemy's trenches. They took twenty-five prisoners. General Haig reported this afternoon.

## Berlin Says Slavs Lose Ground.

By United Press.

BERLIN, Aug. 9.—The repulse of strong and repeated Russian attacks on the Stochod River front in Volhynia was announced by the war office this afternoon. In fighting in the region of Stobychva and north of Kisiel, thirty miles southeast of Kovel, the Russians were rolled back.

## 12 Killed in Mine Explosion.

By United Press.

MICHEL, British Columbia, Aug. 9.—Twelve men are known dead and all mines here are closed today, following an explosion in Mine Number Three here today. Lightning struck signal wires and carried the current down into the mine, igniting powder or gas, starting the explosion. Fire starting in one of the mines was extinguished this afternoon.