

GIRLS TRAPPED AND KILLED

Terrible Fire Catastrophe in Chicago Today

11 PEOPLE MAY BE DEAD

Six-story Building of L. Fish & Co. Burned and Eight Girls Were Caught on the Sixth Floor

Chicago, March 25.—Eleven persons are believed to have perished in the six-story building of L. Fish & Co., which was burned to-day. The cause for so great a list of fatalities was due to the fact that when the fire broke out the automatic fire apparatus closed the elevator doors, thus trapping eight girls, who were on the sixth floor of the building.

FIRE CAUSED SUFFERING

Practically Entire Village Was Wiped Out

Charleston, W. Va., March 25.—Practically every home in the prosperous mountain village of Mount Hope was destroyed by fire yesterday, and at least two thousand homeless persons slept last night in the commons. A special train arrived at Mount Hope with the National Guard. Tents were immediately distributed, and an effort is being made to house as many as possible of the homeless. Numerous families lost all of their household effects. There is great suffering among the people.

FIFTEEN CARS BURNED

Freight Wreck at Westmoreland Costly for B. & M.

Keene, N. H., March 25.—Boston and Maine freight No. 503, in charge of Engineer Ahern, and Conductor Tiernan, which was going toward Bellows Falls, Vt., was wrecked early yesterday morning about a mile from the town of Westmoreland on the hill flat, opposite Granter Hollow, so-called. A broken wheel is the probable cause of the wreck.

BOLD HOLD-UP IN DAYLIGHT

Crowd Then Joined in Chase for Robber, Who Was Finally Caught—Money Was Recovered.

Malden, Mass., March 25.—A bag of \$4,000 in greenbacks, an alleged highwayman with a revolver, and an unorganized posse of citizens combined yesterday to cause plenty of excitement on Pleasant street, one of the principal thoroughfares of the city. After a pursuit of two miles, an alleged highwayman was captured by two police officers, and the bag containing the money was found in a small cart, where it had been tossed by the fleeing man.

MINORITY MEMBERS

Democrats Select Four of Their Number for New Rules Committee.

Washington, D. C., March 25.—With scarcely the semblance of a struggle, the Democratic members of the House last night elected the four minority members of the enlarged rules committee, as follows: Champ Clark of Missouri, 125 votes; Oscar Underwood of Alabama, 102 votes; Lincoln Dixon of Indiana, 99 votes; John J. Fitzgerald of New York, 98 votes.

TO CONFER WITH TAFT AGAIN

Fielding Left Ottawa for Washington Yesterday.

Ottawa, Ont., March 25.—W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, left yesterday afternoon for Washington, where he will again confer with President Taft relative to the tariff situation.

WANTS TO BE PAID

Woman Sues East Barre Man for Wages Alleged to Be Due.

Declaring that she had not been paid for several years, Rolie Cardina is suing George Liberson of East Barre in Washington county court to-day. The plaintiff declares that the defendant owes her \$421 wages for keeping house for the Libersons and nursing Mrs. Liberson and children during their illness. The case is short and should be finished by tonight, M. M. Gordon appears for the plaintiff and E. M. Harvey for the defendant.

MANY YEARS BEHIND BARS

Robert Eddy Sentenced for Manslaughter

IS ALREADY SERVING ONE

Young Man Was Convicted in Rutland County Court of Strangling Elderly Woman, Mary Jane Johnson, Last Fall.

Rutland, March 25.—Robert Eddy, aged 28 years, who was recently convicted in Rutland county court, of manslaughter in causing the death of Miss Mary Jane Johnson of Wallingford, aged 67, was sentenced by Judge A. A. Hall this morning to serve not less than fifteen and not more than twenty years in the state prison at Windsor. Eddy decided not to take the case to the supreme court on the exception noted during the course of the trial in which he was convicted.

MAID ASSAULTED BY ROBBERS

State's Attorney Shaw's House in Burlington Entered.

Burlington, March 25.—A daring burglary was attempted Wednesday evening at the home of State's Attorney Harry B. Shaw, Miss Nellie Cross, a maid, being severely beaten, rendering her unconscious for half an hour. The would-be burglar escaped, leaving behind the body he had packed up.

WOULD-BE THIEF NABBED

Walked Into Store in Burlington and Grabbed Money.

Burlington, March 25.—A man, who gave his name to the police as Edward Wheeler, and who apparently claimed no particular place as his home, was arrested last night for an attempt to get away with a small sum of money from Saiger's department store, on North avenue. The affair was more a display of nerve than of skill, as he took the coin when several people in the store were watching him, and tried to intimidate them into letting him escape.

STUDENT STRANGELY MISSING

Howard Mott, a Freshman in Clark College.

Worcester, Mass., March 25.—Howard Mott, a freshman at Clark college, mysteriously disappeared Saturday and the police have been asked to aid in the search for the boy in order that he may be told of his father's death. He is 19 years old and the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Mott of Block Island. Last Friday Mott went to his mother's departure until word was received at the college that Mott's father was dead and the search for him began.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

CARRY HOTEL WAR TO COURT

Contested Claim as to Ownership of "Burlington"

AN INJUNCTION SERVED

Woodbury, Proprietors of the Van Ness, Get Restraining Order on Max L. Powell, Who Was to Sell Property at Auction.

Burlington, March 25.—The latest development in Burlington's hotel war came to-day, when an injunction, granted by Judge Z. S. Stanton in court of chancery, was served on Max L. Powell, trustee of the Burlington hotel, restraining him from having anything further to do with the property. Mr. Powell had advertised the property to be sold at auction to-morrow. Both Mr. Powell and the Woodburys, owners of the Van Ness house, claim to own the property, each having a quit claim deed from George M. Delaney, who formerly conducted the hotel.

MONTPELLIER WOMAN ONE OF THE ACCUSED

Bertha Holman Alleged to Have Stolen a Horse in New Hampshire Town.

Manchester, N. H., March 25.—Bertha Holman and Nellie Farrell, the female alleged horse thieves, who are said to have stolen a harness, buggy, and blanket Tuesday night, were arraigned before Justice Wilkins in Amherst yesterday afternoon and each was held in \$1000 on two counts, breaking and entering and stealing a halter and livery of the harness. As neither was able to procure bondsmen, they were remanded to jail.

NOT EVEN SCRATCHED

Little Girl Tossed by Locomotive at Utica, N. Y.

Utica, N. Y., March 25.—Tossed from the railroad tracks by a locomotive last evening, Gertrude Swanton, five years of age, escaped without a scratch. The West Shore railroad is close to the Swanton home and the little girl, running to meet her mother, crossed directly in the path of a freight train. The pilot of the engine threw her one side and she struck several feet away in a ditch filled with water. Tois undoubtedly saved her from injury. The train was stopped and the engineer went back and picked up the child. No complaining of a pain in her ear but otherwise seemed unharmed. Examined by a physician it was determined that there was not even a bruise on her head or body.

SHACKLETON ARRIVES

Famous British Explorer Comes Over to Lecture.

New York, March 25.—Lieut. Sir Ernest Shackleton, the British antarctic explorer, who will lecture in this country, arrived last night on the steamship Lantana, which anchored off quarantine.

ONE MAN WAS KILLED

And Five Others Seriously Burned at Pittsburg To-day.

Pittsburg, March 25.—The Canfield refinery oil plant exploded to-day, killing one man and seriously burning five others. The financial loss is \$50,000.

INDICTED FOR ALLEGED GRAFT

Ex-Councilmen Charged with Receiving \$102,500 for Passage of Bank Department Ordinance.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 25.—William Brand, Charles Stewart, John Kinn, Joseph Watson and Hugh Ferguson, the ex-councilmen, were indicted to-day, charged with receiving \$102,500 for passage of the bank depositories ordinance.

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