

TRYING TO STARVE THE AMERICANS OUT OF VERA CRUZ

Federal Governor of State Threatens to Execute Anyone Bringing Food Into the City Where It Could Be Secured By the People of the United States Now Occupying the City.

FALL OF TAMPICO TO REBELS IS IMPENDING

The Capture of Tampico Might Solve the Food Problem in Vera Cruz and Change Policy of the United States—Fruit Grower Has Terrible Experience.

Vera Cruz, May 2.—The situation at Tampico and the effort of the Mexican governor of the state to cut off the food supply at Vera Cruz divided attention to-day.

H. W. McClelland, a pineapple grower, twice was strung up by the neck by ten of his workmen and left for dead when he refused to give them money.

CARRANZA REFUSES TO FIX NEUTRAL ZONE

Notified Secretary Bryan Last Night That He Would Not Enter Into Any Formal Agreement.

Washington, D. C., May 2.—General Carranza telegraphed Secretary Bryan from Chihuahua last night that the constitutionalists would not enter into any formal agreement for the establishment of a neutral zone around the oil wells at Tampico.

He said, however, that as far as his forces were concerned the oil companies could resume operations without fear of molestation.

This action of the constitutionalist chief was not unexpected as officials here understood that the creation of a neutral zone would materially handicap the operations of the rebels attacking Tampico.

It is understood that General Carranza notified the British ambassador as well as the state department that his troops had been ordered to do everything in their power to safeguard the oil wells and plants.

Administration officials held that Carranza's message could not be considered as having any bearing upon the proposal of the South American mediators for an armistice between the contending Mexican factions.

MEXICAN SECRETARIES TENDER RESIGNATIONS

Foreign Minister and Under Secretary to Foreign Office Are Out, But No Official Statement Is Made.

Mexico City, May 2.—Jose Lopez Portillo y Rojas, Mexican foreign minister, resigned yesterday. Esteva Ruiz, under secretary to the foreign office, also resigned.

No official statement has been given with regard to their resignations.

REFUGEES AT SAN DIEGO.

Party of 259 Americans Reached California City from Mexico.

San Diego, Cal., May 2.—Driven from their homes by an anti-American outbreak the result of the landing of American marines at Vera Cruz, 259 refugees from Mexico reached here yesterday on board the German steamer Marie, which left the Mexican port at Manzanillo April 25.

ABLE-BODIED VERMONTERS.

Are Sought to Form Cavalry Command in Case of War.

Ft. Myer, Va., May 2.—Wallace Batchelder, formerly of troop K, first U. S. volunteer cavalry Roosevelt's Rough Riders, late first lieutenant 4th infantry, U. S. volunteers, has been requested to ascertain how many able-bodied Vermonters are willing to join in forming a cavalry command in case United States volunteers are called for by the president.

BATTLED 14 INNINGS TO DRAW.

Vermont and Georgetown Had Great Diamond Encounter.

Burlington, May 2.—The University of Vermont and Georgetown university played a 14-inning tie, 4 to 4, yesterday afternoon, Malcolm and Finley having a spectacular pitcher's battle.

Darkness stopped the game and indications were that if the game had been started earlier there would have been many innings more.

Both Malcolm and Finley tightened after the second inning and pitched a hit-and-a-half ball.

As far as hitting and fielding were concerned, it would be hard to find two teams more evenly matched. The fact that fourteen putouts were registered by the Vermont outfield and twelve by Georgetown will show that things were kept on edge.

Vermont made three double plays and Georgetown one. Mayforth, Berry and Pl. watrik starred for Vermont, while Slag, one of Georgetown brought the crowd to their feet time and again.

Further evidence of the evenness of the two teams is the fact that each pitcher struck out five men, each team made three errors and the hits were eight and seven.

Georgetown opened up in the first inning by bunting three hits for two runs. Until the eighth inning both teams had men on base most of the time.

After the eighth, however, only two men on each team saw first and the 14th inning ended with both pitchers strong.

THREE ARE DROWNED AS WAGON OVERTURNS

Wife of Town Clerk Knight of Newbury, Her Sister-in-law, Mrs. Leon Knight, and Daughter, of Pike, N. H., the Victims.

Haverhill, May 2.—Mrs. Clara Knight, wife of the town clerk of Newbury, Orange county, Vermont, her sister-in-law, Mrs. Leon Knight of Pike, and the latter's four-year-old daughter, Dorothy, were drowned yesterday when the carriage in which they were riding was overturned and the occupants thrown into 10 feet of water accumulated from a washout in the road.

The accident occurred on the Newbury road between North Haverhill and Newbury.

Swollen by recent rains a small stream which runs alongside the highway had overflowed on the road and Mrs. Knight, who was driving, failed to notice a large culvert over which the horse stumbled and fell, dragging the vehicle with its occupants behind.

The two women and the child were thrown into 10 feet of water. After struggling desperately for their lives for a few moments all three sank. The bodies were recovered last night.

DEATH OF WATERBURY WOMAN.

Miss Anna L. Becker Was Teaching at Springfield, Mass.

Waterbury, May 2.—News was received yesterday afternoon of the death in Springfield, Mass., of Miss Anna Laura Becker, eldest daughter of August Becker of this place.

Miss Becker was born in Waterbury May 18, 1874, the daughter of August and Ellen Rae Becker. She was educated in the Green Mountain seminary at Waterbury Center, the Moody school at Northfield, Mass., and graduated from St. Johnsbury academy.

She was a young woman of strong Christian character and has made a very efficient teacher. She has taught in St. Johnsbury, Amherst, Mass., and Bridgeport, Conn., and for five or six years past in Springfield, Mass.

She is survived by her father, two sisters, Miss Alice Becker of Burlington, and Miss Welthy Becker of this town, and one brother, Carl Becker of Providence, R. I. Judge O. P. Ray of Burlington is an uncle of the deceased. The body is to arrive on the express this afternoon and the funeral services will be to-morrow.

VERMONT BUSINESS TROUBLES.

Three Petitions in Bankruptcy Have Been Filed.

Rutland, May 2.—The following petitions in bankruptcy have been filed in the office of Clerk F. S. Platt of the United States court here:

John W. Tate of Barton, laborer; liabilities, \$689.25; assets, none; attorney, W. M. Wright.

Edmund E. Gee of Montpelier, harness maker; liabilities, \$1,987.79; assets, \$3,550; exempt, \$2,200; attorney, Burton E. Bailey.

Ray L. Currie of Swanton, concrete worker; liabilities, \$212.40; assets, \$160.50; exempt, \$50; brought per se.

SADLY STRICKEN FAMILY.

All Sick Most of Winter, Now the Father Dies.

Duxbury, May 2.—The funeral of Willis Newton, who died on the Moretown road from tubercular trouble, was held Friday afternoon. Mr. Newton leaves a wife and nine children. The case has been a very sad one this winter, as Mrs. Newton and two children have had pneumonia and eight of the children have had whooping cough.

TENEMENT HOUSE BURNED.

Tenants of Enosburg Falls House Were Awary.

Enosburg Falls, May 2.—A tenement belonging to George Erwin and occupied by Charles Brown was destroyed by fire yesterday with a loss of \$1,000, there being a small insurance. The fire was discovered by Samuel Rushlow who lives nearby. The cell bar above and within a few minutes the main part was in flames. The family were away from home at the time.

A MAY DAY PARTY VISITED BY POLICE

Officers Seized Considerable Liquor and Arrested Mrs. Leonard Bergonzi, Who Later Pleaded Not Guilty.

A detail of officers from police headquarters dropped in at No. 1 Tomasi place last night at 8 o'clock in time to discover several citizens quaffing a popular spring-time brew.

Mrs. Leonard Bergonzi, who was seated around the kitchen table when one of the officers whipped out a notebook and began to give them the "once over" that invariably figures later in the proceedings. Incidentally the officers made a thorough search of the apartments, seized three bottles of Commercial cream ale, a bottle of whiskey, a pitcher, glasses and oddly shaped instruments that are used in removing the offending cap from a beer bottle.

Mrs. Bergonzi was arrested on a charge of selling illegally and pleaded not guilty when arraigned before Judge H. W. Scott in city court this forenoon. She gained her release by furnishing \$500 bail with an extra stipulation of \$50 on the alleged contraband goods.

Mrs. Bergonzi will be given a hearing before the magistrate next Tuesday morning, at which time a number of witnesses are expected to appear in the interests of the state.

Complaint against the respondent was entered to Grand Juror William Wishart, who issued the warrant. Officer Harry Gamble served the complaint, and he was assisted in the search by Chief Sinclair and Officers John W. Dineen, John S. Murley and David Henderson. Mrs. Bergonzi occupies one tenement in the so-called double-decker just east of the A. Tomasi block.

ONE INTOXICATION CASE.

Frank Donahue of Chicago was arraigned before the judge on an intoxication charge, to which he pleaded guilty. The court fined him \$5 and costs of \$5, but the respondent, being unable to pay, accepted the alternative jail sentence.

Donahue has been working at his trade around the looms in Winooski until recently. He was busy weaving dreams on a solitary plot of greensward in Barre's market when Officer Murley arrested him Friday afternoon.

HELD HELPFUL CONFERENCE.

Sunday School Workers About Barre Met in the Granite City.

District No. 1 of the Washington County Sunday School association held a largely attended conference of workers, pastors and teachers in the Congregational church Friday afternoon and evening.

Representations from Sunday schools in Barre, Montpelier, East Barre, South Barre, Westerville and Graniteville were at the church, and no fewer than ten clergymen from the several places participated in the meeting. The conference was one of a number which are being held throughout the county preparatory to the association convention, which is to be held in Northfield May 13.

More than 100 people were present at the afternoon meeting, and their number was doubled in the evening. At 6 o'clock the women's association of the Congregational church served supper to the delegates in the vestry.

A devotional service led by Rev. James Ramage of the East Barre and Orange Congregational churches opened the conference at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Ramage spoke on "The Value of the Child as Taught by the Great Teacher." A half-hour later a few moments were spared to allow the workers to get acquainted with each other and to prepare for the work in hand.

Afterwards there were responses from the heads of all the schools represented. In replying each one gave the total enrollment in his or her school, an encouraging feature of the work and a problem which had presented itself in the work.

Mrs. Edith Balch Wright, one of the prominent workers in the field made a timely reply to the school reports with a talk on "Meeting Problems Through Co-operation."

The remainder of the afternoon was given over to departmental conferences. An elementary division was in charge of Mrs. W. E. Harlow of Montpelier and Miss Marion F. Stickney of Barre. H. G. Woodruff of this city led the secondary division conference, and Dr. O. G. Stickney directed the adult division conference. The home department workers were in charge of Mrs. Wright and Rev. Stanley F. Blomfield and others spoke on the teacher training courses.

Last evening's session opened with a praise service by the young people. Rev. George H. Holt of the First Baptist church had charge of the service of devotion which followed, and a short musical program was given. Mrs. Wright gave her second address of the conference, speaking on "A Worth While Work."

An address by Rev. Ivan Benedict of Montpelier brought the meeting to a close. Mr. Benedict made a particularly interesting contribution to the conference in speaking on "Christian Nurture in the Home and Sunday School."

Among the clergymen present during the day were: Revs. S. P. Blomfield, I. H. Benditt and William Shaw of Montpelier, Rev. Frank Blomfield of Berlin, Revs. G. H. Holt, E. F. Newell, J. W. Barnett and James Ramage of this city, Rev. Fred McNeil of Graniteville, and Rev. William Gartschore of Westerville. Workers from the Brook street Baptist mission, the North Barre Methodist mission and Sunday schools in South Barre, East Barre, Westerville and Graniteville were also present in numbers. All in all, the conference was marked by many inspirational addresses and a general quickening of interest in Sunday school work.

BOULEY-ROLLINS.

Barre Girl the Bride of Plainfield Man Friday Evening.

A very pretty wedding occurred last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Rollins, 109 Brooklyn street, when their daughter, Pearl Lola, was united in marriage to Henry G. Bouley of Plainfield. Rev. G. H. Holt officiated, using the single ring service. Only the relatives and intimates friends were present.

Miss Calla Rollins, a sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, and Nelson Bouley, a brother of the groom, served as groomsmen. The house was prettily decorated with evergreen and flowers.

In token of the esteem felt for the contracting parties, the guests left many useful presents. After a brief visit to relatives in southern Vermont and central Massachusetts, Mr. and Mrs. Bouley will be at home in Plainfield.

STEAMER IS SAFE.

Reported in Trouble, the Siberia Had Uneventful Voyage.

Manila, May 2.—The Pacific Mail steamer Siberia arrived here at 11 o'clock to-day. Her captain reports that the vessel had an uneventful voyage from Nagasaki to Manila.

GRANITEVILLE

All members of Granite Mountain lodge, No. 7897, M. U., are requested to meet in Miles hall on Sunday at 12 m. for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, Geo. M. Thompson.

Daniel Morrison, N. G. Notice. Only four days more in which to pay your water rent. H. E. Reynolds, water superintendent.

HAD FORTUNE IN HIS POCKET

A Negro Roustabout Has Picked Up \$100,000 Rope of Diamonds

San Francisco, May 2.—A rope of diamonds valued at \$100,000 has been recovered through the arrest of a negro roustabout of a traveling circus when he was charged with fighting. When the negro was searched the diamonds were found in his clothing. He had picked them up from the sawdust in the circus ring. The diamonds were the property of a Pasadena woman.

TAKEN FOR FIGHTING, DISCOVERY MADE

Diamonds Had Been Lost by Pasadena, Cal., Woman at Circus

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DEATH OF GRANITEVILLE MAN.

George W. Thompson Passed Away of Angina Pectoris.

George W. Thompson, a respected and long-time resident of Graniteville, passed away at his home Friday forenoon at 11:30 o'clock, death following a year's illness of angina pectoris. He leaves his wife, three daughters and three grand-children. The daughters are Mrs. Robert Baggie of Barre, Mrs. Henry Morrison and Mrs. Michael McLaughlin of Graniteville.

The deceased was born in Milton January 2, 1849. Much of his boyhood was spent in Milton and it was in his native town that he was married, April 20, 1871, to Miss Olive J. Dougherty. Many years ago he moved to Graniteville, where he made his home and his headquarters, although he traveled extensively throughout Vermont and neighboring states. For some time he was interested in the sale of nursery stock. Afterwards he became connected as a road representative of a monument house and sold its product in several states. Prior to his last illness he had been in rather feeble health. Mr. Thompson was an honorary member of the Odd Fellows' lodge in Graniteville and was an adherent of the Methodist church. He was a substantial citizen and his death will be deeply mourned in many quarters.

Funeral services will be held at the house Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock and the remains will be brought to Barre for interment in Hope cemetery.

DIED AT PLAINFIELD.

Miss Jennie Frederickson, a Former Student at Goddard.

News was received here late this forenoon of the death of Miss Jennie Frederickson, which occurred at her home on High street in Plainfield at 9:30 this morning. Miss Frederickson had been confined to the house for some little time as the result of an attack of the grip. Latterly her illness developed complications and her condition was serious, although last night it was thought that a change for the better had come.

Miss Frederickson is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Frederickson, and a sister, Mrs. Harry Dudley, of East Montpelier. She was born in Plainfield 27 years ago and had passed much of her life in that town. For some time she was a student at Goddard seminary and afterwards she was employed here as a bookkeeper for the Singer Sewing Machine Co. Prior to her last illness she conducted a dressmaking establishment in Plainfield. The deceased had a large circle of warm friends in Barre and those who will mourn her passing are many.

SUFFERED PARALYTIC STROKE.

Rev. E. J. Ranslow, Former Swanton Pastor, Is in Seabree, Fla.

St. Albans, May 2.—News has been received that Rev. E. J. Ranslow, for many years prominent in the Congregational church in this state, has suffered a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Ranslow was for nearly a quarter of a century pastor of the Congregational church at Swanton. Since his resignation of that pastorate he has made his home in Seabree, Fla., most of the time. One of his daughters, Mrs. B. H. Brown, resides in this city.

TALK OF THE TOWN

At the Salvation Army barracks to-morrow services will be as follows: Sunday school at 1:30 p. m. Meetings at 3 p. m. Everybody welcome.

Mrs. Margaret J. Smith of 38 Liberty street has returned from Hendersonville, P. O., where she was called a week ago by the serious illness and death of her father.

The members of the cast of "The Price" the comedy drama to be staged by the Newman Dramatic club during the first part of the month of June, are requested to meet at the convent of the Sacred Heart on Monday evening.

Among the honor students at Mt. St. Mary's academy at Burlington, announced this forenoon, the names of two Barre girls, Misses Kathleen and Clair Miles appear. Miss Kathleen Miles was one of the honor students in the fourth-year class and Miss Clair in the second-year class.

William Speare, a former student at Spaulding high school, arrived in the city this morning for a visit of several days. Mr. Speare is now employed in Richmond. Mrs. William McFarland of Richford came to Barre to spend the week-end with relatives and Miss Josie Derosia of Winooski arrived in the city last night for a stay of several days with friends on Maple avenue. Edward M. Little of Readsboro arrived to-day for a 10 days' stay in Barre and Berlin, and Louis Hollnager of Rochester, N. Y., came to Barre last night for a week-end stay with friends on South Main street. Mr. Hollnager is the man whose narrow escape in a hotel fire appeared in several of the state papers a while ago.

BIG TEMPLE MEETING.

Nobles of Mystic Shrine Worked Degrees at Montpelier on Nine Candidates.

The May festival of Mount Sinai temple, No. 3, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, was held in Montpelier last evening with a large attendance. About 300 were present at the banquet, which was served from 6 to 7, and 400 were present at the initiation of nine candidates, which followed the banquet.

Those who took the shrine degree were: George A. Bagley and George W. Shannon of Montpelier, Albert S. Jones and Warren J. Cummings of Barre, Nathaniel M. Johnson of Northfield, Garnet C. Cowran of Groton, Sidney F. Davis of Newport, William F. and Alexander R. Catibartson of Brattleboro. Several members of distant temples were present.

The official divan of Mount Sinai temple is as follows: Elroy B. Whitaker of Barre, illustrious potentate; Edwin S. Meigs of Montpelier, chief rabban; George I. Whitney of Bellows Falls, assistant rabban; Collins Blakely of Montpelier, high priest and prophet; Fred C. Gilson of St. Johnsbury, oriental guide; David A. Elliott of White River Junction, treasurer; Charles H. Heaton of Montpelier, recorder.

Those appointed by the potentate were: Clarence L. M. Bugbee of Newport, first ceremonial master; Franklin Jarney, jr., of Springfield, second ceremonial master; Charles E. Grossarth of Burlington, marshal; William H. Herriek of Montpelier, captain of guard; Walter C. Washburn of Montpelier, outer guard; William G. Reynolds of Barre, director; Major C. Houghton of Brattleboro, assistant director; Frank D. Dewey of Montpelier, master of wardrobe; Dr. W. J. Tindall of Montpelier, musical director; A. Lee Cady, Bethel, first alchemist; James G. Pirie of Graniteville, second alchemist; Clinton E. Thwing of Marshfield, architect; William H. Duthie of Barre, assistant architect; Dr. J. M. Allen of St. Johnsbury, medical director; Dr. Henry W. Barrows of Stowe, medical director; Dr. Frank H. Godfrey of Chelsea, medical director; George L. Almon of Montpelier, electrician; Irving M. Frost of Rutland, electrician; Clinton F. Millar of Barre, electrician; James R. Coutts of Barre, chief camel driver.

HOTEL BOOSTING STARTED.

Board of Trade Begins to Back Up Its Promises.

To-day was the day when subscriptions for the new hotel "boosting fund" began to find their way into the hopper of the Barre Board of Trade. With every inch of territory mapped out by the campaign managers, workers started out this morning to canvass for the windows of the harvest. The campaign has received a big impetus through the voluntary subscriptions of two or three public spirited business men who have long counted a modern hotel as one of the best business assets a city may have. These subscriptions, aggregating more than \$1,000, came entirely unsolicited and the canvassers have been given assurance in all quarters that the response will be quite as spontaneous, once they make known their wants.

For the benefit of those who have failed to notice the doings of the Board of Trade in the way of boosting the hotel project, it may be well to say at the outset that the Board of Trade proposes to give the movement the stimulus it needs by donating the site of the old City hotel to the incorporators and then by giving the incorporators the residue of the \$10,000 fund, which they hope to have before many days have passed. It is most imperative that success crown the efforts of the board if the project is to go through. For the incorporators, it is said that the co-operation and assurance of support which the citizens will express in subscribing the fund is the very thing that is needed to make the hotel a reality instead of a dream, as it has been for so long a time.

It may be mentioned in passing that the sooner the fund is forthcoming the sooner the company will set the wheels in motion for the actual construction of the building. For this reason the Board of Trade is pushing its endeavors in every avenue that no time may be lost in turning the first spadeful of earth at 42 Washington street. The solicitors are out to-day, and now is the accepted time to back up your lip and paper boosting with the substantial boost that really counts.

BLAZE ON STONESHED ROOF.

Flames Were Being Fanned by a Strong Wind.

Fire threatened the destruction of the large granite shed in Smith's meadow off Blackwell street owned by Glanville & Co., yesterday afternoon. Lamps were working in the yard saw the roof alight and a hurry call to fire headquarters brought the auto truck and regulars to the meadow. The firemen found a stiff blaze confronting them and it was not until they had sealed the roof and directed copious draughts of chemical fluid toward the fire that their efforts began to have a telling effect. A brick breeze from somewhere up north bore down on the roof and fanned the fire along the slunged covering. The shingles proved to be fine fuel for the flames and the regulars had to do their handiwork to keep them within bounds.

When the last sign of fire had been drenched it was found that an area some 25 feet in length had been traveled by the fire. The loss will not be heavy and the damage is fully insured. Men at the plant join with the firemen in ascribing the origin of the blaze to sparks from the big chimney that looms up over the engine room. The call at the station was received at 2:30 o'clock. A half hour later the men were back in their quarters.

NEW INSURANCE RATES.

Stonesheds Must Pay 25 Per Cent. Increase, Other Changes.

New insurance rates in the Montpelier district, which includes towns in Washington county and as far south as Randolph on the Central Vermont railway, went into effect yesterday. This affects Barre, Marshfield, Plainfield, Waterbury, Waitsfield, Warren and other places nearby.

The greatest change in the increase of about 25 per cent. in the rates of stone sheds, those on residential property remaining about the same as heretofore, also those on blocks and buildings, except where there is improper electrical wiring.

Beginning yesterday, all insurance was written at the new rates, Fair Sunday; light to moderate west and northwest winds.

BOY AWAKENED BY CRACKLING

By Prompt Alarm Saved 2 Families and Averted Destruction of Buildings

HOUSE AT 449 NO. MAIN WAS THREATENED

Cause of Early Morning Blaze Cost \$550 Is

Fire broke out in a wagon shed attached to the dwelling of Paul Kingston at 449 North Main street early this morning, communicated to the brick house adjoining which stands back from the street a little way and did damage amounting to \$550.

The fire was taking up the brick house adjoining which stands back from the street a little way and did damage amounting to \$550, are owned by Mr. Kingston and are jointly occupied by his family and the family of A. Cerasoli. A small loss on the latter's household goods is not covered by insurance, but the damage done to the buildings and to Mr. Kingston's personal effects is fully insured in the J. G. Brown agency of Montpelier and the G. H. Pape agency here.

Paul Kingston, a young son of the owner, was awakened at 3:30 o'clock by the crackling of flames. He aroused other occupants of the house, among them John Kingston, who ran to the box near Whitecomb Bros' plant and turned in an alarm, general call No. 13. Even then the fire was taking up the brick house adjoining which stands back from the street a little way and did damage amounting to \$550.

Men and women were hurriedly moving household effects to the lawn as the firemen began to combat the flames. Small hand chemicals were used to good advantage in smothering sporadic outbreaks about the house, but most of the real effective work was accomplished with two streams of hose. The regulars entered the house with one stream and fought in the face of the approaching flames for several minutes before their efforts began to tell. Smoke was billowing from every crevice, but the men made a persistent stand and within a half hour after the alarm was rung the fire was under control. The recall was sounded at 4:15 o'clock.

Just how the fire originated could not be explained to-day. The wagon shed is constructed of brick and wood; the dwellinghouse, one of the oldest in the city, is also built of brick, with granite facings. The blaze seems to have had its start at the base of a rear staircase which leads from an outdoor entrance on the north side of the shed to a blind closet. A door at the foot of the stairs and leading to the kitchen of the Cerasoli apartments is said to have been locked. Once the fire got a fair start a draught from above swept it to the roof, which was covered with shingles. Among the shingles the flames began to shoot high in the air and for a time it looked as though the entire structure of buildings was doomed. Firemen in the auto truck who were the first to leave the station could see the blaze distinctly, as they started. People in all quarters of the city who took the pains to look could discern the fire, although in some instances it could not be exactly located.

In the dwelling proper the fire did not do any appreciable damage in the lower story. The firemen were compelled to chop holes in the roof, but once an easy means of egress for the water was gained the progress of the fire was stopped. On the west side of the barn there are a few charred timbers, but the damage there is negligible. Water and smoke wrought havoc on the ground floor and from those two sources a considerable portion of the damage proceeds.

The bulk of the loss was incurred on the buildings. Perhaps \$350 will be required to repair the shed and house. Tenants of the two apartments worked with such agility in removing their effects that they will lose little on furnishings. A door at the foot of the stairs and leading to the kitchen of the Cerasoli apartments is said to have been locked. Once the fire got a fair start a draught from above swept it to the roof, which was covered with shingles. Among the shingles the flames began to shoot high in the air and for a time it looked as though the entire structure of buildings was doomed. Firemen in the auto truck who were the first to leave the station could see the blaze distinctly, as they started. People in all quarters of the city who took the pains to look could discern the fire, although in some instances it could not be exactly located.

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