

HOTEL FIRE ROUTS COOLIDGE AND OTHERS

More than Six Hundred Guests of the New Willard Forced Out of Bed at Early Hour.

Washington, April 23.—Vice-President Coolidge, several members of the Senate and House of Representatives and many other persons prominent in public, business and social life, were among some 600 guests of the New Willard Hotel who were routed out of their beds at an early hour this morning by a fire which swept the top floor of the ten-story structure at Pennsylvania avenue and Fourteenth street.

The blaze had its origin in the ball room on the tenth floor, where a few hours before President Harding, Mr. Coolidge and members of the cabinet and senators and representatives, foreign diplomats and others had sat around the banquet board as guests of the Gridiron Club at its annual spring dinner and frolic. The fire was confined to that floor and the roof above, but tons of water poured into the flames seeped through to the floors below, causing much damage.

There was some confusion and excitement as hotel attaches, policemen and firemen pounded on doors and the telephone operator on duty called room after room, but all those in the hotel got out of their apartments to the corridors and lobbies in safety. Many went to other hotels carrying at least part of their luggage with them, but scores remained at the New Willard and returned to their rooms after the fire had been extinguished.

How the fire started may never be determined, but one theory is that a cigarette or cigar stump cast aside at the close of the gridiron dinner found a lodging place underneath a rug or in a fold of heavy drapery. It was 5:45 o'clock when a passing policeman noticed smoke coming from the tenth floor windows. He turned in an alarm and then rushed into the hotel, informing the night clerk.

Several fire companies were on the scene in a few minutes. The clatter of their gongs woke Vice-President Coolidge, who, upon going to a window saw apparatus drawing up across the street. He called Mrs. Coolidge, remarked that there was a fire in the neighborhood and suggested that they talking they learned that the fire was in the hotel. Leaving their apartment on the third floor they descended to the lobby and Mrs. Coolidge was sent to the home of the vice-president's secretary, Edward T. Clarke.

Mr. Coolidge remained at the hotel, where he was again joined in the afternoon by Mrs. Coolidge. He is the second successive vice-president of the United States to have experienced a fire at the New Willard, a blaze having routed out the vice president and Mrs. Marshall late one night nearly four years ago.

Brigadier General C. E. Sawyer, personal physician to President Harding, and Mrs. Sawyer were awakened by attendants and later found shelter at the White House. Their apartment was considerably damaged by water.

Other prominent guests in the hotel included General Charles G. Dawes, director of the budget; General T. Coleman DuPont, senator from Delaware; senators McNary, Oregon, and Rawson, Iowa; John T. Adams, of Iowa, chairman of the Republican national committee; Mrs. George Maynard Minor, president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution; John Philip Sousa, and Olga Petrova.

Another Theory of the Flood.
A new theory of the flood has been discovered in South Africa. Hydrographers investigating the waterways of Uganda have found indications that Lake Victoria and other central African lakes were at one time vast inland seas, which a little excess of rainfall would cause to overflow into the lands to the north. The discovery of primitive stone implements along the old water levels prove these to have been within the "human" period.

Olive Oil in Babies' Diet.
Dr. E. E. Graham of Philadelphia recommends the addition of olive oil to the diet of babies in their first two years. It is digested well by most infants and supplies them with additional fat.

The Same Light and Measure.
Reason, like the sun, is common to all; and it is for want of examining all by the same light and measure, that we are not all of the same mind; for all have it to that end, though all do not use it so.—William Penn.

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LOW COAL DEMAND DOMINANT FACTOR

Takes Precedence in Strike Results. Below Daily Output.

Washington, April 23.—Lack of demand, rather than strike conditions, continues to hold down bituminous coal production according to latest figures assembled by the United States geological survey. On Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, however, the output jumped to above 10,000 car loads per day, against 7,917 cars on Monday, the low point registered by the effect of Easter holidays. For the week ending April 15 the bituminous output of the country was placed at 3,675,000 tons, and the survey report observed that "more coal could be produced if the demand increased, since the full capacity of non-union fields has not yet been brought out."

From the union standpoint, "the strike is running along in a normal fashion," the United Mine Workers declared in a statement today. Efforts to get non-union miners to join their organized craft fellows were asserted to be progressing most satisfactorily, with approximately 60,000 of them now out, "and good reason for the prediction that the coming week will add 25,000 more." The advance of the union into unorganized fields was declared to be most effective in Westmoreland, Fayette, and Greene counties, Pennsylvania, which are sources of steel industry coke.

Mention of the various legal proceedings resulting from the strike was made in the union's discussion of the situation and reference to the approaching treason trials in West Virginia, where leaders of the so-called "miners' army" which advanced to close non-union coal operators "whose lawyers are leading the cases, rather than state of West Virginia," the mine workers said, "disclose the real purpose behind these indictments" was to "break up the miners' union and drive it out of West Virginia. The great bulk of non-union commercial soft coal, the survey report shows, is now from this state."

Government agencies indicated some activity last week in connection with the price situation. Following the inquiry by Secretary of Labor Davis and Attorney General Daugherty into local and, so far, only slight advances of coal prices, several operators of large non-union coal properties came to Washington yesterday and were closeted in various conferences with high government officials. Silence was maintained by all parties to the discussion but it is understood that leaders in the coal industry have been told that any development of a "runaway market" would alter overnight the "hands off" policy maintained by the administration since April 1, after all its efforts to induce operators and miners to confer in advance of the walkout had proved futile.

The geological survey's report today dealt largely with the existing soft coal surplus, which is held by industrial observers to be the price controlling element at present. About 4,000,000 tons a week is being taken from this surplus, which amounted to 63,000,000 tons when the strike began, the survey said. Cars of coal on the tracks, but without buyers on April 15, numbered 28,745, a decline from April 1 when the total was 31,373. Car supply at mines, formerly a cause of lowered production, the survey said, was "well-nigh perfect," adding that all of its figures on coal stocks and productions came from sources unconcerned with controversial views of operators and miners.

"Consumers are not buying enough to call out full production of those mines which are ready to work," was the survey's analysis of the situation.

MISSISSIPPI WATERS CUT THROUGH LEVEE

Million Dollars' Damage Results First Day. Engineers Abandon Hope of Closing Gap, but Will Try to Prevent Widening.

New Orleans, April 23.—Hope of closing the break in the Mississippi levee which occurred at Myrtle Grove, 30 miles south of this city, was abandoned today after it had widened to approximately 125 feet despite the efforts of the levee engineers to close the gap and confine the river to its regular channel.

Engineers hope to be able to "tie" the ends of the levee with tarpaulins and let the water run through over the already inundated land. While it is impossible to estimate the damage done by the break at Myrtle Grove, plantation men today expressed the opinion that at least \$1,000,000 damage had already been done. The Deer Range Plantation company is the heaviest loser. This company owns about 6,000 acres of land in the inundated area, planted mostly in sugar cane. Owners of the plantation say it will require at least three years of harvesting before enough seed can be raised to proceed with the conduct of the plantation on the scale maintained before the flood.

Oyster and shrimp beds and trap-

ping are other industries which will suffer largely as a result of the break. As a protection to plantation settlements, back levees were cut in several places but the flood waters continued to spread over large areas of land with no appreciable let up.

Memphis, April 23.—Many plantations back of Reelfoot levee, south of Hickman, Ky., are deserted tonight, following additional caving of the river bank outside the levee, near the first cave in last week. The levee is still intact, but the sloughing off of the bank, throwing the current against the levee caused many to move, taking their live stock and household goods with them. At all other threatened points north of Vicksburg, engineers report the situation well in hand.

Practically the entire population of Hickman and surrounding territory worked all day on the Reelfoot levee which protects 78,000 acres of rich farming land. A call has been issued for workers to strengthen the point where caving occurred last week, but the appearance of sloughing at the new point caused all efforts to be con-

centrated in that sector. An entirely new levee is being built back of the caving area and work on it will be continued on it until it is declared as safe by engineers.

At Tunica, Miss., where serious trouble was reported yesterday, engineers said it was now hoped that further trouble at that point would be prevented.

Or Burn the Bridges.
Be sure you are right, then go ahead, but don't destroy your return ticket.—Wayside Tales.

FINAL SETTLEMENT

Take notice that on the 26th day of May, 1922, I will render a final account of my acts and doings as Administrator of the estate of DeArcy B. Swygert, deceased, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Laurens county, at 11 o'clock a. m. and on the same day will apply for a final discharge from my trust as Administrator. Any person indebted to said estate is notified and required to make payment on that date; and all persons having claims against said estate will present them on or before said date, duly proven or be forever barred. BROOKS SWYGERT, Administrator.

April 26, 1922—41-5t-A

Citation for Letters of Administration
State of South Carolina,
County of Laurens.

By O. G. Thompson, Probate Judge: Where Eugene Hill and M. C. Hamm made suit to me to grant them Letters of Administration of the Estate and effects of Falmage L. Hamm.

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Falmage L. Hamm deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Laurens Court House, Laurens, S. C., on the 8th day of May, 1922 next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand this 24th day of April Anno Domini 1922.

41-2t-A

Citation for Letters of Administration
State of South Carolina,
County of Laurens.

By O. G. Thompson, Probate Judge: Whereas O. D. Nabors made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the estate and effects of Mrs. Dora E. Nabors.

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Mrs. Dora E.

Nabors deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Laurens Court House, Laurens, S. C., on the 14th day of May, 1922 next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand this 19th day of April Anno Domini 1922.

O. G. THOMPSON,
J. P. L. C.

41-2t-A

Citation for Letters of Administration
State of South Carolina,
County of Laurens.

By O. G. Thompson, Probate Judge: Where Mrs. Alldred P. Farrar made suit to me to grant her Letters of Administration of the Estate and effects of S. S. Farrar.

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said S. S. Farrar deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Laurens Court House, Laurens, S. C., on the 27th day of April, 1922 next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand this 12th day of April Anno Domini 1922.

O. G. THOMPSON,
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