

20 LOSE LIFE IN FIRE BURNING OMAHA HOTEL

Survivors Assert Only Half of Registered Guests Escape—Five Bodies Recovered, Balance Are Buried in Smoldering Ruins—Six in Hospital

Stories of Locked Doors and Inaccessible Fire Escapes Hinted at by Survivors—Exact Loss Unknown

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 28.—Tottering walls this afternoon temporarily halted the work of digging in the ruins of the Hotel Dewey here, where between 20 and 35 lives are reported to have been lost.

At a late hour this afternoon 20 persons were still reported missing and the police believe their bodies are buried in the ruins.

Death List Runs Up. At noon an awe-stricken crowd, consisting mostly of sobbing relatives of missing persons, stood before the ruins, watching the firemen and police digging for bodies.

Five bodies already have been recovered, and it is predicted that at least 20 others will be taken from the ruins before night.

Of the injured, six are in hospitals in a serious condition. Eight others escaped with minor bruises. The property loss is \$200,000.

Doors Are Locked. Stories of locked doors and inaccessible fire escapes are hinted at by the survivors. A score or more guests, they insist, were caught like rats in a trap.

A score of guests still are missing, but the police say that some of those escaping undoubtedly went to their homes without reporting their safety.

E. T. Conners, one of the survivors, says it seems impossible that many of the frantic guests jammed in the hallway could have escaped. Firemen also believe the death list will be increased, but the exact number will not be known until the rains have sufficiently cooled to permit the search for bodies to begin.

Several firemen had narrow escape from death. They left the building just in time to escape falling walls. Fireman tell of hearing women screaming and seeing unconscious forms lying in hallways as they left the building.

PUJO PROBERS FIND MONEY TRUST IS REAL LIVE ONE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The money trust exists.

The money trust is a menace to the financial welfare of the country. The dominating forces in the world of finance are J. Pierpont Morgan and Company of New York, the First National bank of New York and the National City bank of New York.

This is the finding which a majority of the Pujo investigating committee submitted to the house late this afternoon. Seven democrats signed the report and four republicans dissented.

Revolutionary reforms in the fiscal life of the committee are recommended by the committee.

The majority report submitted two model bills, one of which proposes to prohibit the use of the mails, telegraph and telephone by stock exchanges in the furtherance of alleged fraudulent transactions. It also provides to bar stock exchanges from all use of such public utilities unless they incorporate and their brokers open their books and records to the state officers and the postmaster general.

WILSON SPURNS RAILROAD CHIEF FOR LITTLE ONES

President-Elect Refuses to Leave the Plebian Day Car to Lunch in Private Car of President Rea and Spends Time Playing With Children

Report That Castro Had Been Invited to Inauguration Pronounced False by Executive to Be

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Flat refusal to leave a plebian day car on the Pennsylvania railroad to lunch in the private car of President Samuel Rea of that system was the jolt President-elect Wilson handed out today to the head of that great railroad corporation.

After visiting his dentist in Philadelphia today Wilson took the Pennsylvania train for New York, where he will attend the theatre tonight. Learning that Wilson was on board in the day coach, President Rea sent him an invitation to take luncheon in his private car. Wilson declined and remained in the day coach playing with Frank and Clara Greenwood, two children from North Bethlehem, Pa.

The two youngsters ruffled the hair of the president-elect, disarranged his tie, pulled off his glasses, romped him and wound up their frolic by planting on his face two large wet kisses. Wilson grinned happily and entered heartily into the fun.

On his arrival here Wilson called "unqualifiedly false" a dispatch from Havana which said that former President Castro of Venezuela had declared there that Wilson had invited him to attend the inauguration.

CUTS OUT EYES FEARING TO LOOK FRIENDS IN FACE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 28.—Because he feared to look his friends in the face again but lacked the nerve to commit suicide, A. J. Heinn, 46, held on suspicion at the city jail, lay on his cot shortly after midnight and cut out his eyes with a sharp penknife. He will be totally blind.

From 12:30 o'clock until daylight today when he was found by a "trustee," Heinn lay on his blood-soaked blankets suffering terrible agony. He was taken to the receiving hospital, where his mutilations were dressed.

Heinn gave Ocean Park as his home and claimed to be connected with a well known family. According to the police, he had been drinking heavily.

"I wanted to punish myself," he said, after his treatment at the hospital. "I never wanted to see my friends again. After I had cut out my eyes I felt at peace for the first time in years."

Heinn is a traveling salesman and claims to have invented one of the first loose leaf ledger systems. He formerly was wealthy. His wife secured a divorce two years ago.

INTERSTATE BRIDGE BECOMES A LAW

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 28.—Governor West today filed with the secretary of state the bill which will pave the way for the construction of a bridge across the Columbia river between Portland and Vancouver, Wash.

In a message attached the governor stated that he did not sign the measure because he believed that the burden of paying interest on the bonds to be issued should be borne by Multnomah county and not by the state at large. He did not veto the measure on this account, however, stating that he did not wish to be classed as an obstructionist.

CROWDS JEER SUFFRAGETTES IN CAPITAL CITY

Unfriendly Mobs Jostle Worn Out Band of Marchers Who Arrive at Destination Bedraggled, Tanned and Blistered—A Sorry Spectacle

Eyes Set Straight Ahead, Women March Down Pennsylvania Avenue While Crowds Jostle and Ridicule

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—With unfriendly crowds jostling them but with eyes set straight ahead, the New York-to-Washington band of suffragettes arrived here at noon today and marched past the capitol to suffragette headquarters. Bedraggled, tanned and blistered, the marchers presented a sorry spectacle. The hair of all the marchers was sadly disarranged, and "Colonel" Ida Craft plodded wearily along with her dress pinned nearly to her knees.

A battery of moving picture men in automobiles ran ahead of the "army" photographing it as the "marchers" wallowed through the streets. Near the capitol building the streets were packed with a laughing, jostling throng, and the mounted police had difficulty in declaring a pathway for the hikers.

BLADENSBURG, Md., Feb. 28.—Declaring that they were a disgrace to the cause in their present bedraggled condition and demanding that they walk through Washington on obscure streets, Miss Alice Paul started a stream of tears among the band of New York to Washington suffragettes when she met them on the march from New York near here today.

Miss Paul took one "slant" at the footsore, mud-spattered "army" and then proceeded to give "General" Rosalie Jones "a piece of her mind."

The parade stopped while Miss Jones consulted with other leaders, and so that several of the "army" could have a big cry out. It was then determined to decide on Miss Paul's suggestion while on the march.

BILL ULRICH IS ARRESTED AND AUCTION STOPPED

William Ulrich was placed under arrest Friday morning for conducting an auction sale in the city without a license. He was allowed to go without bail. In the meantime the place in which Ulrich was conducting his auction was locked up. His case will come up in the mayor's court Saturday.

Ulrich came into the possession of a bankrupt stock at Ashland recently and moved it to this city. He advertised the sale of the stock and on Friday morning started the sale.

A city ordinance provides that in such cases a license shall be paid. Ulrich did not take out a license although warned to do so. On his refusal Mayor Eifert ordered his arrest. Ulrich declares he will fight the case and to this end he has employed W. I. Vawter and Gus Newberry to defend. At first he threatened to continue the sale but upon Mayor Eifert's informing him that he would have the police lock the place up, Ulrich locked it up himself.

The ordinance providing the license was passed about a year ago at the request of the Merchants' association. It is designed to protect them from auction sales of this nature.

WEBB ACT VETOED BY PRESIDENT TAFT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—President Taft today vetoed the Webb act, which prohibits the transportation of liquor from "wet" to "dry" territories. He said he vetoed the measure because it was unconstitutional.

TWO CHILDREN ALLOWED TO VISIT BOTH PARENTS



MRS. EDWARD L. RANTOUL.

Yielding to the pleadings of Mrs. Lois Burnett Rantoul, who in her action for divorce from her husband has admitted "intellectual love" for Chester Chapin Rantoul, a Springfield (Mass.) financier, Judge Hall, in Boston, directed that the Rantoul children, Mabel and Harriet, be allowed to visit both father and mother.

Mrs. Rantoul's idea in keeping the children away from their father is to conceal from them any knowledge of the divorce proceedings.

GERMAN WOMEN TO FIGHT HIGH COST OF LIVING

BERLIN, Feb. 28.—The social democrat women of Germany, now numbering in their various branches more than 150,000 are organizing here today to make a protest against the high cost of living and the present franchise system.

In the past few months the high tariff on meat and vegetables has been the cause of frequent stormy encounters between German housewives and the police in public markets in various towns, and many mass meetings have been held throughout the country by the social democratic women, appealing to the government to reduce the tariff on the necessities of life. They are demanding also general adult suffrage for both men and women, claiming that under the existing electoral laws women are affected adversely through the disfranchisement of many of their menfolk.

TO PROBE GRAFT IN TEA IMPORTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Charging that the treasury department arranged its tests of imported teas to benefit certain Chicago firms, a resolution demanding that Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh produce the correspondence, reports and rulings of his department for the past two years regarding green and colored teas was adopted by the senate this afternoon.

Senator Poindexter of Washington, who introduced the resolution, asserted that it was reported to him that these Chicago importers made huge sums of money in connection with the department's customs rulings on tea. He declared the department established tests which barred certain teas and these Chicago firms bought such teas heavily, while other firms passed them up. Thereafter the test was changed, he declared, so as to admit the teas that were barred, thus greatly swelling the fortunes of the firms buying the same.

JOHNSON'S TRIAL AGAIN POSTPONED BY ILLNESS

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Jack Johnson, the negro prizefighter, whose trial for alleged violation of the Mann white slave act was postponed because of his illness from pneumonia, is better today and probably will be entirely recovered next week.

HUERTA'S HOPES FOR PEACE FLY WITH DEFEAT

Defiant Governor of Coahuila Wins Victory Over Troops of Provisional President—Fighting in Progress in Sonora and Other Northern States

Slaying of Emilio Madero, Brother of Late President, Confirmed—Shot Down Leading Rebel Force

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 28.—By decisively defeating 200 government troops and taking possession of the town of Monclovia, in the state of Coahuila, Venustiano Carranza, the defiant governor of that state, today shattered the hope of provisional President Huerta for early pacification of northern Mexico. A report from Saltillo this afternoon stated that federal troops under Generals Trevino and Aubert are rushing northward to give battle to Carranza, and that a second clash is expected tomorrow.

Other dispatches received here tell of additional rebel successes. Fighting between Maderista and government troops is reported in progress in a half dozen places in Sonora with the rebels capturing several towns.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Confirmation of the slaying of Emilio Madero, brother of the late President of Mexico, was received here today in an official dispatch from American Ambassador Wilson at Mexico City. The dispatch did not disclose how Madero met death but it is reported he was shot down while leading a rebel force in one of the northern states. No mention was made of Raoul Madero, another brother, who also has been reported dead.

The death of Emilio Madero now brings the family death list from Madero's troubles up to three. Gustavo Madero met death under the "fugitive law," and Francisco Madero was shot, Mexican government officials say, during an attempt by his friends to affect his escape while he and Vice President Suarez were en route under guard from the palace in Mexico City to the penitentiary.

Ambassador Wilson continues to send optimistic reports of conditions in southern Mexico. He says the situation is improving everywhere and that latest advice to the Huerta government led of the submission of Tassaco, Oaxaca and Campeche to the present administration.

BRITAIN'S REPLY ON CANAL TOLL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—James Bryce, British ambassador to the United States, presented to the state department today Great Britain's rejoinder to Secretary Knox's note regarding the exemption of American ships engaged in coastwise trade from paying Panama Canal tolls at noon today. The cabinet then discussed the matter. Later it was authoritatively asserted that the Taft administration would not attempt to answer the reply.

The chief points in the British rejoinder were the assertion that the time is not yet ripe for arbitration of the canal dispute, and disagreement with Secretary Knox's interpretation of the "all nations" clause of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

The text of the note will not be published for several days.

THAW TO TESTIFY IN BRIBERY CHARGES

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—It was learned here today that next Monday the New York county grand jury will probe the whole Thaw scandal, and that Thaw himself probably will testify. District Attorney Whitman conferred with Justice Seabury regarding the case this afternoon.

DE LA BARRA WILL OPPOSE DIAZ AT POLLS

General Felix Diaz Formally Announces Candidacy for President—Porfirio to Return to Mexico Soon to Aid Nephews Fight for Election

Four Thousand Persons Met Death Including Men, Women and Children in Recent Revolt

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 28.—General Felix Diaz, who overthrew the Madero government, formally announced his candidacy for the presidency of Mexico today. It is expected that Francisco De La Barra, foreign minister of the cabinet of Provisional President Huerta, will be his principal opponent.

Declaration that Porfirio Diaz would return to Mexico soon, followed Felix Diaz' announcement. It is stated that a group of government officers had been appointed to go to Paris to escort the former dictator back home. He will be welcomed here as a returning hero. Porfirio Diaz will assist his nephew in his campaign for the presidency, and this is believed to be the principal reason for his early return.

The government announced this afternoon that its official figures showed that 4,000 persons met death, including men, women and children, in the stand of the late President Madero against General Diaz. This confirms the report sent out by the Mexico City correspondent of the United Press.

The work of pacifying the disturbed districts continued today, General Zapata, the rebel leader, assisting President Huerta.

CROOKED OFFICIALS MUST GO SAYS GOVERNOR SULZER

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Commenting on the Thaw scandal at Matteawan asylum for the criminal insane, which already has resulted in the resignation of Dr. John W. Russell, the superintendent of the asylum, Governor William Sulzer, made it plain today that all crooked state officials must go.

"I am making it my business," he said, "to turn the rascals out and want to say that there are lots of them, too. I am only awaiting the report of the committee which investigated the charges that representatives of Harry K. Thaw offered Russell \$20,000 to aid in securing Thaw's freedom before taking action."

Sulzer has openly disapproved of the action of Superintendent of Prisons Scott in accepting Dr. Russell's resignation without consulting him. Sulzer announced he wanted Russell suspended, and then tried and dismissed from office.

MAC VEAGH ORDERED TO EXPLAIN CIRCULAR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Orders to Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh to submit all correspondence he may have regarding "treasury circular No. 5" were issued by the senate this afternoon. The order was contained in a resolution introduced by Senator Poindexter of Washington, who is dissatisfied with the replies MacVeagh made to a previous resolution.

MARSHALL ARRIVES AT NATION'S CAPITOL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Vice President-Elect Thomas R. Marshall, former governor of Indiana, arrived in Washington this afternoon to stay. He was greeted by a reception committee and escorted to the Shoreham hotel.

ARMORY BILL SIGNED TODAY BY GOVERNOR

West Affixes Signature to Measure Appropriating \$25,000 for Building Here Contingent Upon County and City Putting Up \$20,000 Each

Westerlund and Carkin Back—Our John Says Reames Is Mistaken—Carkin Bitterly Denounces Him

Governor West today signed H. B. 622, appropriating \$25,000 for the Medford armory, conditionally upon Medford's appropriating \$20,000 and Jackson county's also appropriating \$20,000. This information was phoned by Representative Reames from Salem Friday. Mr. Reames states that the governor is in receipt of many telegrams from many parts of the state asking him not to veto the Rogue River fish bill.

Representatives John A. Westerlund and John H. Carkin returned Friday morning from Salem to remain at home until next Tuesday when they will return to Salem.

"I regret very much," states Mr. Westerlund, "that Mr. Reames charges me with having deserted him in his fight for the Rogue River fish bill. I stayed with him throughout the entire session, and repeatedly urged my friends to stay with him in his fight. His disappointment in losing his long hard fight led him to misinterpret different acts on my part, especially when he saw me talking in the chamber with men who voted against him on the conference report. But I stayed with him throughout."

"While the papers of the state have dealt harshly with this legislative session, I believe that they are wrong. We passed some very meritorious measures and transacted much important business. I am very well satisfied."

Bitter denunciation of Reames was voiced by Mr. Carkin, who stated that he would "make Reames eat that," alluding to the telegram sent the Mail Tribune by Reames Thursday.

"I stayed with Reames on the Rogue River fish bill until the final passage of the bill when I voted for it. The fight had been lost then."

"The trouble is that Reames does not know how to play the game and Senator Smith did him up. He cuts about as much ice at Salem as a wart on my big toe. I'll make him eat that telegram."

"I did not work for the fish bill and am not pretending I did. I do know, however, that I voted with Reames without having to be forced into the room by the sergeant at arms and I also know that Westerlund worked hard for the bill and has been misrepresented by Reames."

MRS. MARSHALL WILL NOT STINT HERSELF IN CLOTHES

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 28.—In contrast to Mrs. Woodrow Wilson's declaration that she will hold her yearly dress bills down to \$1,000 a year, Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall, wife of the vice president-elect, has declared here today that she will spend that much and more on her "duds."

She added, however, that she will live within her husband's salary. Mrs. Marshall, who remained here while her husband called on President-elect Wilson in Trenton, declared she was glad Marshall had joined the Chevy Chase club in Washington, whose membership invitation Wilson turned down.

GOVERNMENT ROAD ENGINEER VIEWS POSTAL HIGHWAYS

B. H. Burrell, U. S. senior highway engineer of the office of public roads, of Washington, D. C., is in the valley inspecting roads used for rural delivery, some of which the government may assist in improving. He spent Friday with County Judge Tou Vella and County Commissioner Leever.