FOUR HURT AT FIRE

Battalion Chief Keliher Is Struck by Stream.

THREE FIREMEN INJURED

Fierce Blaze Does $20,000 Damage in Big Feed Store.

TWO ALARMS ARE TURNED IN

Spontaneous Combustion Believed to Have Caused Fire—Street Car Traffic Held Up Some Time.

Injured in Fire.

Battalion Chief James Keliher, injuries to his abdomen and hemorrhage of right eye. Confined to his home.

Ernest Hollidge, engine company No. 3, struck on head by falling timbers.

W. C. Rice, truck company No. 4, struck on head by falling timbers.

E. G. Burch, engine company No. 6, overcome by smoke.

Battalion Chief James Keliher and three other members of the Fire Department were injured yesterday afternoon while fighting a $20,000 fire in the feed stores of H. P. Pillsbury at 54, 56 and 58 H street northeast.

Chief Keliher was directing the work of the firemen on the inside of the building, when a full stream of water suddenly struck him in the abdomen. He was hurled to the floor. Firemen

BATTALION CHIEF KELIHER, Injured while fighting fire.

picked him up and assisted him to the front of the building, where it was discovered he had also sustained a hemorrhage of the right eye, where the water had also struck him. He was removed to his home, 733 North Capitol street, in the second precinct automobile patrol.

Privates Ernst Hoolidge and W. C. Rice were standing near the place inside the building where Chief Keliher sustained his injuries, when timbers fell from the roof and struck them on the head. They were carried out of the building by firemen and removed to the Casualty Hospital. They later returned to their company quarters.

Overcome by Smoke.

Private Burch was inside the building when he was overcome by the dense smoke from the burning hay. He was removed to the sidewalk, where he was treated by a physician from the Casualty Hospital. He was later removed to the company quarters in the hose carriage of No. 6 company.

It is stated that 200 tons of hay were destroyed in the fire, which is supposed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

Charles M. Floecker, manager of the store, discovered the blaze shortly after 3 o'clock. Mr. Floecker had left the office in the front part of the structure when he saw flames in a large quantity of hay which was stored on the ground floor. He ran to a telephone and called No. 3 engine company, which promptly responded.

When the company reached the fire plug at H and 1st streets northeast the members had difficulty in making a connection, which resulted in the flames making considerable headway.

Second Alarm Turned In.

An alarm was immediately sounded from box 647 on H street between North Capitol and 1st streets northeast, to which Battalion Chief Keliher, engine companies 6, 3 and 12 and truck company 4 responded. As soon as Chief Keliher reached the scene he saw that the few firemen on hand would have difficulty in fighting the flames, and immediately sounded a second alarm, which brought No. 10 and 14 engine companies and truck company No. 1. Chief Wagner also responded on the second alarm.

The cars of the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Electric railway and those of the H street line were tied up for about three-quarters of an hour, as a result of several lines of hoes being stretched across the tracks at North Capitol and H streets, and immediately in front of the burning building. The railway companies, however, secured props and suspended the hose over the street and the cars were finally allowed to proceed at a slow pace.

Before the arrival of the engine companies on the second alarm Chief Keliher directed several streams of water on the blazing hay in the center of the building in an effort to check the flames, but they had gained such headway that the water had little effect at first.

With several companies throwing streams through the front part of the building other streams were directed from the rear. Two lines of hose were also run up to the roof. The blaze was kept confined to the Pillsbury building after a hard struggle.

The prompt arrival of the fire department and the work of the firemen was praised by many of the spectators, as had the flames gained more headway and spread through the rear the power house of the Union station, which is located across 1st street, would possibly have caught on fire.

Thousands See Blaze.

Shortly after the fire started persons began to gather on the viaduct which leads to the Union station, and when the blaze was at its height several thousands of persons witnessed it from that point.

Strike on Southern Pacific.

HOUSTON, Tex., June 3.—According to the announcement of Southern Pacific officials the road is without the services of only about 10 per cent of construction men, notwithstanding the strike order issued Tuesday by the International Order of Maintenance of Ways Employes.

To Represent P. O. Department.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has designated Fourth Assistant Postmaster General De Graw to represent the Post Office Department at the convention of the Pennsylvania Association of Postmasters, to be held at McKeesport, Pa., June 6, 7 and 8, and the convention of the Tri-State Postmasters' Association, to be held at Minneapolis, Minn., June 8 and 9.

DELUDED MAN IS HELD

DRESSEL THINKS HIS LAND IS POISONED.

Shot Off Hand to Get Infection Out of System—Many Times in St. Elizabeth.

Elias Dressel, sixty-three years old, several times an inmate of the Government Hospital for the Insane and believed to have escaped from the hospital at Northampton, Mass., was arrested this morning when he called at police headquarters to hand a letter to Detective Cox.

Dressel, whose home is at Granby, Mass., imagines his land is poisoned and that 11,000 neighbors died from poison during a year. He also believes the poison has entered his system. He shot off his left hand to arrest its progress.

Dressel first appeared in this city in 1903. His second appearance was in 1905, and a third visit was paid two years later. He twice escaped from the Government Hospital for the Insane and went away.

He has an idea that the Chief Justice of the United States or the chief justice of other courts can help him. When at liberty much of his time is spent about the courts.

Monday he returned to this city and has been spending his nights in cheap lodging houses. When searched at police headquarters he was found to have $35.35.

Yesterday, Dressel stated, he called to see Chief Justice Clabaugh of the District Supreme Court, and also made an effort to interview Attorney General Wickersham. He said he was to have called to see Chief Justice Clabaugh again this morning. He went to the office of United States Commissioner A. S. Taylor instead.

He related his story to Commissioner Taylor. The latter advised him to visit Inspector Boardman.

At headquarters Dressel saw Detective Cox, who placed him under arrest as insane, and turned him over to Sanitary Officer Sroufe. The sanitary officer listened to a repetition of the story he had heard on other occasions and sent Dressel to the Washington Asylum Hospital. The patient will be returned to the Government Hospital for the Insane. The authorities of the hospital at Northampton have been notified.

ROCKVILLE.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

ROCKVILLE, Md., June 3, 1910.

Robert B. Peter of Rockville has been appointed chairman of the democratic state central committee for Montgomery county in the place of Robert G. Hilton, resigned. The other members of the committee are Samuel D. Waters and Richard E. Darby. Mr. Peter is one of the leading members of the Rockville bar and for four years was state's attorney for the county.

The republican state central committee for Montgomery county has formally announced that the congressional primaries and county convention, which were set for June 4 and 6, respectively, will not be held, which means that the republican congressional nomination will be made by the direct voting system, as provided by the Lee primary election law, which Attorney General Straus has construed as applying to congressional nominations.

John W. Day, a well known resident of Gaithersburg district, was acquitted by Justice Reading in the police court here yesterday of a charge of assault preferred by Joseph Fish, also of the Gaithersburg neighborhood. The testimony showed that Fish visited the Day home, made himself generally objectionable and refused to leave when ordered away. Day and Fish had a mix-up, during which Fish was cut slightly in the back. Justice Reading held that the assault was justifiable.

Miss Louise Renno and Thomas R. Hunt, both of Washington, were married in Rockville Wednesday afternoon by Rev. W. D. Keene, pastor of the Southern Methodist Church, the ceremony taking place at the home of the minister.

Joshua Seby, a young negro, who was arrested several days ago on suspicion of having stolen a pocketbook containing $60 in bills, $800 in notes and $45 in checks from Warner W. Welsh, a merchant at Olney, this county, waived a hearing before Justice Reading here yesterday afternoon and furnished $300 bail for his appearance at the November term of court for trial.

The ladies of the Rockville Cemetery Association held their annual lawn festival last evening on the lawn adjoining the residence of Mrs. Rebecca T. Veirs, in the western section of Rockville. It was largely attended and a handsome sum was cleared. The affair was in charge of a committee composed of Mrs. William Dorsey, Mrs. John McDonald, Mrs. James H. Henderson, Mrs. Richard H. Stokes, Mrs. Hattersly W. Talbott, Mrs. Rebecca T. Veirs, Mrs. Albert J. Almoney, Mrs. James E. Allen, Mrs. Clifford H. Robertson, Mrs. John J. Higgins, Mrs. John B. Brewer, Mrs. Frank Higgins, Mrs. Ellen Armstrong and others.

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