

## 14 BURN TO DEATH IN TENEMENT FIRE

### THOMAS WHITE IS DEAD FROM PISTOL WOUND

Discusses Condition With Members of Family During Lucid Intervals.

Thomas White, who shot himself in the head at his home on West ... Saturday afternoon, ... hospital at 1:30 ... approximately 24 ... of a horrible occurrence of ...

... in the Journal of Sunday, ... of hope was entertained, ... his family, ... his recovery, ... reached by the 22-caliber ... which he fired into his ... it is regarded by the ... as really remarkable ... should have lived as long ...

... from the moment ... discovered in his bathroom, ... through his body which ... his death, until early Sunday ... a lucid interval of short ... During this interval he ... condition with ... of his family and a priest of his ... but it is understood that ... divulge any information as ... death wound was inflicted. ... the conscious interval was of ... duration for the victim in the ... to receive the sacrament of ...

... immediately survived by ... wife, who, before her marriage, was ... McKinnon, an adopted ... but a few months of age ... his business partner ... of the interest of the ... White Store, James A. White, and ... Edward T. White, of White ... He was 31 years of age and ... married approximately six ...

### Barthou Plan Flayed By German Press

BERLIN, Oct. 22.—The plan submitted by Louis Barthou, as a solution for Germany's financial difficulties and for placing the country in a position to meet her reparations payments, is sharply attacked by sections of the press, which declare it to be an overt assault on the sovereignty of the German republic. "Democracy," "the determination of the legislative system and all state sovereignty would vanish if the French plan is put into execution," says the Voche Zeitung. "A new reparations crisis is at hand," says the Kreis Zeitung, which believes the French government in the present move is deliberately planning economic blackmail," of Germany.

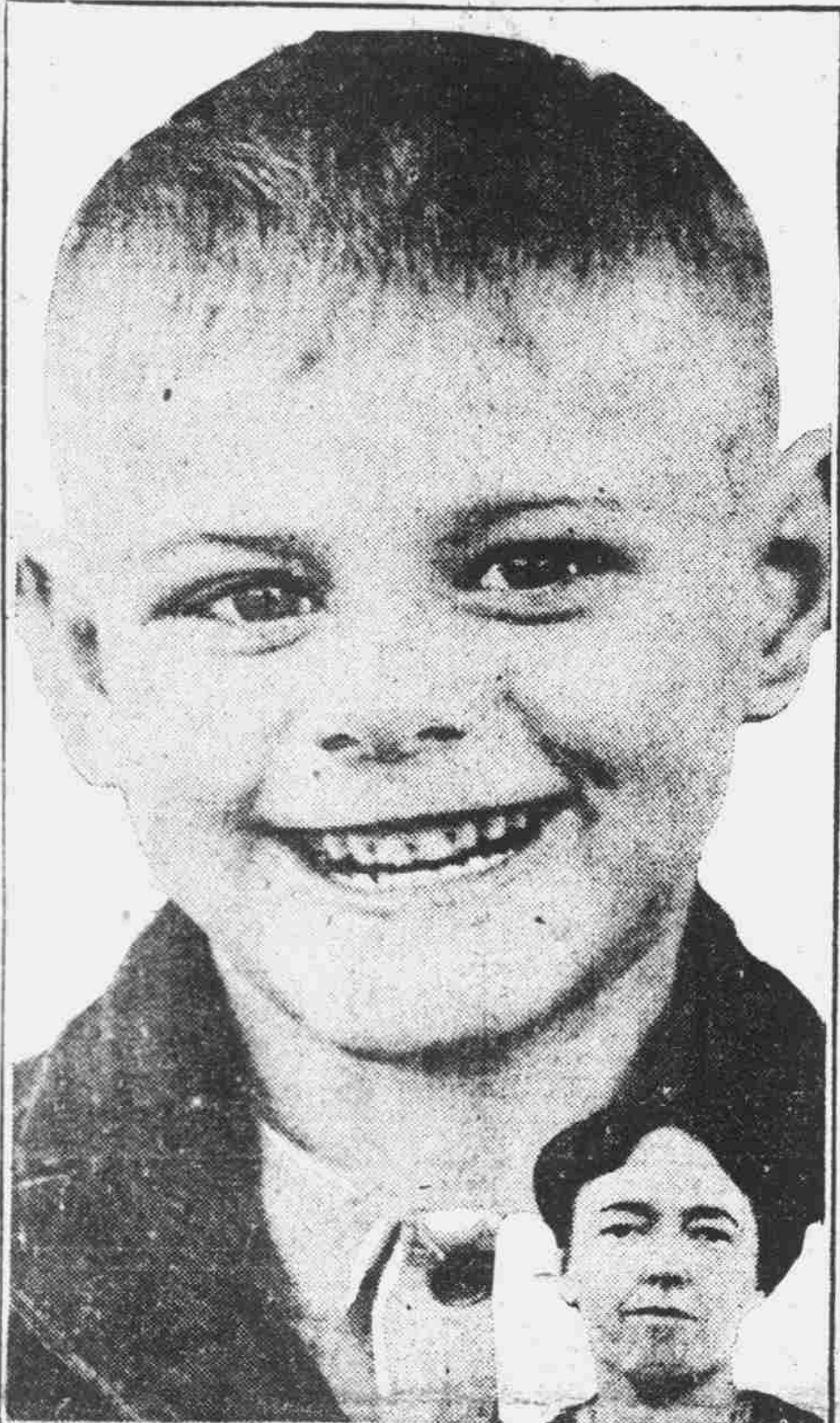
**BIG FIRE IN MEMPHIS**  
MEMPHIS, Tenn., Oct. 22.—Fire, believed to have originated from a spark from a passing locomotive, late today destroyed a warehouse of the Plough Chemical company in the outskirts of the city. Officials of the company estimate the loss at \$125,000.

### TICKLESS CLOCK IS LATEST BOON GIVEN HUMANITY

German Scientist Exhibits Invention of Noiseless Time-piece.

BERLIN, Oct. 22.—The tickless clock, one of the boons promised humanity by the discovery of a German scientist who has been delving in the field of acoustics. A selected audience of prominent officials, scientists and engineers today witnessed a demonstration of inventions of this nature by an engineer, Heinrich Hertz, head of the laboratory of acoustics at the University of Berlin. The new time piece, which operates without a tick, was one of a number of inventions of this nature. The importance of oscillating power in the operation of ships, airplanes and other modern machinery is being actively investigated. The inventions demonstrated today were featured by an oscillating motor, which produces the first synchronizing sound, producing vibrations of the same frequency as the vibrations of the motor. The inventor stated that the inventions were of great importance in the way of saving in power. He also stated upon his new idea of the manner in which the vibrations of the motor are synchronized with each other.

### Lad Stolen, Tortured by Gypsies



Livid scars covering the body of Russell Smith (above). Dighton, (Mass.) lad of nine, tell the story of four years' torture at the hands of gypsy captors. Mrs. Clarence Smith (inset), his mother, has just recovered him after the gypsy band abandoned him in Maine.

### MISS McDONALD NAMED HEAD OF C. E. DISTRICT

Convention Chooses DeFuniak Springs as Place of Next Meeting.

Electing Miss Lillie Mae McDonald of DeFuniak Springs as its next president and selecting DeFuniak Springs as its next meeting place, the Pensacola Christian Endeavor District Convention came to a successful close last night at 9 o'clock.

The meeting opened last night with a song service and was immediately followed by devotional exercises conducted by C. W. Anderson.

A report from the resolution committee was read and adopted. Two invitations were reported by the time and place committee, one from DeFuniak Springs and the other from Dorcas. A vote was taken and the convention decided in favor of DeFuniak Springs as its next meeting place, date of meeting to be announced later.

Miss Kathleen Monroe of Pensacola gave an inspiring and helpful talk on "The Quiet Hour." Miss Monroe said that Bible reading and prayer were the biggest things in any Christian's life. The speaker urged all Endeavorers to join the Quiet Hour and to spend at least fifteen minutes every day in prayer and meditation on God's word.

New Officers Installed.  
The next thing on the program was the installation of officers. Field Secretary Matthews in the installation service reminded the newly elected officers of the great work and responsibility that was theirs and asked them to repeat the following: "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ we promise to serve Him to the best of our ability in consecrated Christian service for Pensacola District during the coming year."

The officers elected were:  
President: Miss Lillie Mae McDonald, DeFuniak Springs.  
Vice-President: Mrs. J. M. Dillon, Marianna.  
Secretary: S. H. Register, Chipley.  
Treasurer: H. A. Love, Quincy.  
Junior Superintendent: Miss Wilhelmina White, Chipley.  
Quiet Hour Superintendent: Miss Kathleen Monroe, Pensacola.  
Tenth Legion Superintendent: Luther McKinnon, DeFuniak.  
Mr. Matthews rendered a beautiful solo using that familiar hymn, "Crown Him" which was enjoyed and appreciated by all.  
Delivers Closing Address.  
The closing address was given by the field secretary, Mr. Matthews spoke of the four fundamental principles of the Christian Endeavor, which are: Confession, Fellowship, Service and Prayer. (Continued on page two.)

### FREAR ATTACKS MELLON ANEW ON TAX RULING

Wisconsin Republican Says Treasury Secretary Overthrows Action Congress

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Secretary Mellon was charged today by Representative Frear, Republican, Wisconsin, with overthrowing the action of congress by his ruling that Section 220 of the revenue law designed to reach large surpluses accumulated by corporations to prevent the payment of individual surtaxes was not applicable in the case of projected 400 per cent stock dividend of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey.

The charge was made in a letter to Mr. Mellon made public by the Wisconsin representative. The communication was in response to one written by Mr. Frear early in the week calling attention to the reported stock dividend and urging that the penalty provision be invoked. Mr. Mellon wrote that Section 220 had no relation to such stock dividends as that proposed by the New Jersey oil company but added that there had been and would be no laxity on the part of the treasury in evoking that section "wherever there is any basis for so doing."

Statute Ignored.  
"Your letter," replied Mr. Frear under date of today, "ignores and misrepresents the plain reading and purport of the statute and your ruling assumes the prerogatives of the supreme court when it sets aside this law."

"I trust that you are not under a misapprehension as to the question squarely presented to you because the press has been filled with announcements that the purpose of the stock dividends to be issued by the Standard Oil company, and the proposed stock dividend of \$100,000 in United States Steel in which you are supposed to be interested, is for the purpose of avoiding the surtaxes which would apply if these enormous amounts, aggregating over \$1,000,000, were distributed as cash dividends."

Involved Personally.  
"Naturally a man of great wealth, interested in sixty or more corporations affected by the ruling on stock dividends and taxation, you will find your personal interest involved in any decision, but I assume in your position as a public officer you will be governed by the law and the interests of the public rather than by any personal consideration."

"In your letter to me you say the corporation has paid its full tax. This refers, I take it, to section 230, but the penalty of 25 per cent is imposed by congress in order to reach the unwarranted surpluses that are held by corporations and not distributed as cash dividends in order to evade the tax payment under the individual surtax law. That is the distinction so clearly made by congress that it cannot fairly be misunderstood. It is another way of reaching the tax on undistributed profits which is undoubtedly permitted under the law and the decision of the supreme court in the stock dividend case."

Your efforts to protect the government treasury in the past have not been directed toward collecting a tax upon large and powerful corporations, and in the present emergency your action in overruling the express act of congress will result in a loss to the treasury of an amount reaching several hundred million dollars annually.

"I trust that you will reconsider your ruling."

### Shipping Damaged By Storm in Gulf

(By Associated Press)  
MEXICO CITY, Oct. 22.—Reports received here from Vera Cruz, Progreso, Tampico, Tuxpan and other parts in the Gulf of Mexico in these regions during the past few days has done considerable damage to shipping. Several small vessels were sunk.

The Ward Line's Esperanza and Morro Castle are still outside Vera Cruz unable to enter the harbor after having fought the waves for two days.

**MUST RETURN TO GREECE**  
BERLIN, Oct. 22.—The Greek consulate has instructed all Greeks in Germany, belonging to the military classes from 1917 to 1922 who hitherto have been exempt from military service, to report within six days in order that they may proceed to Greece. Men of the 1923 class have received similar instructions.

### THE WEATHER

Florida: Generally fair Monday and Tuesday; little change in temperature.  
Extreme Northwest Florida: Fair Monday; Tuesday showers and cooler.  
Winds: Hatteras to Key West: Fresh northeast and weather partly overcast Monday.  
East Gulf: Moderate to fresh east and weather generally fair Monday.  
West Gulf: Fresh northeast and weather partly overcast Monday.  
Over Caribbean Sea and Windward Passage: Moderate to fresh east and southeast and weather partly overcast Monday.

### Most of Victims Children and Officials Think Blaze Due to Work of Pyromaniac

Flames Shoot Through Building So Quickly That Number of Dead Are Found in Bed, Suffocated Without Chance to Escape.

(By The Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Fourteen persons, most of them children, lost their lives early today in a fire, believed by city officials to be the work of a pyromaniac. The flames swept with murderous suddenness from cellar to attic of a five-story brick tenement at Lexington avenue and 110th street in the thickly populated East Side.

The blaze apparently started in a baby carriage under the stairs in the lower hall under almost identical circumstances as the recent incendiary fire in an upper West Side apartment house which resulted in seven deaths. So quickly did the flames shoot through the building that a number of the dead were found in bed, burned or suffocated without the slightest opportunity to escape.

Nathan Silver and four of his children were among the victims. Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Natelsky and Sidney and Catherine Sugarmann, brother and sister of Mrs. Natelsky, also perished.

Shortly after 1 o'clock this morning City Marshal Joseph Lazruski, while on his way home, saw smoke issuing from the hallway of the building. He ran to the next corner and turned in an alarm. When he returned the whole building, the ground floor of which is occupied by stores, was a mass of flames and exit by the stairways was cut off. Most of the persons on the second floor succeeded in making their way down the fire escape, but those on the upper floors had to battle through smoke and flames pouring out of the windows.

Several tenants marooned on upper story windows threatened to jump but were prevailed upon by firemen to remain until ladders could be raised. One aged woman, Mrs. Mary Inglass, who disregarded the warnings and leaped from the fourth floor suffered injuries which caused her death.

### COMMANDER OF EVERGLADES ARCADIA AIR FIELDS HELD

False Payroll Claims Against Government Charged to Capt. Maynard.

(By Associated Press)  
TAMPA, Oct. 22.—Captain William R. Maynard, commanding officer at the government's Carlstrom and Dorr aviation fields at Arcadia, was arrested at Arcadia late Saturday on a federal warrant charging he made and presented false payroll claims against the government. He was brought to Tampa by Deputy United States Marshal I. O. Price and was released from custody under a \$5,000 surety bond about 2 o'clock Sunday morning.

He will be given a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner J. W. Cone, probably this week. Department of justice agents who have been conducting a secret investigation of the conduct of business at the two aviation fields more than a month preferred the charges against Maynard. One agent said that the charges based on but one transaction, which involves no great amount of money.

Major Roy Brown of Montgomery has succeeded Capt. Maynard in command of Carlstrom and Dorr fields. He flew from Montgomery to Arcadia Saturday. He assumed charge immediately upon arrival of the former commander.

Irregularities alleged to have occurred in the conduct of the sale of airplanes and airplane equipment at the fields late October 11, are understood to be among the matters to be looked into by the department of justice, together with the checking up of the payrolls and other financial transactions under the command's direct supervision.

Captain Maynard has been in charge of the Carlstrom and Dorr aviation fields since October 1, 1921. (Continued on Page Two.)

### Crew Pensacola Schooner, Wrecked In Gulf Storm, Picked Up By Hiberias

(By Associated Press)  
NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 22.—A wireless message received today by the New Orleans Bluefield Transportation company from the steamship Hiberias of that line stated that it had picked up the entire crew of the schooner Ida S. Brooks of Pensacola, after the sailing craft had been wrecked in a hurricane in Campeche Bay. The message added that the schooner had been abandoned, but did not mention how many men comprised its crew.

The Hiberias, which sailed from here Oct. 4 for Port Cortez, was laying by the end of the storm. Immediately after steaming out into the bay the wrecked schooner was sighted.

The rescued crew will probably be taken to Port Cortez. The steamer was delayed five days on account of the storm, but suffered no damage, the message stated.

### DEVELOPMENTS OF WEEK ARE ENCOURAGING

Wholesale and Retail Activity Shows Perceptible Gains During Week.

(By Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Developments of the past week in the market are encouraging in many respects. Wholesale and retail activity in particular increased perceptibly being partly stimulated by the cooler weather. Continued strength in prices for farm products however, overshadowed for the moment other important industrial factors.

Although cotton growers have sold the staple heavily, excellent buying by the foreign and domestic trade has given the market the needed support. A tardy awakening of spinners to the fact that a real shortage of the present active demand. Cotton futures at 23 cents a pound or better are selling at the highest levels since the beginning of drastic deflation in 1920. The effect in the south already is apparent. Prevailing grain prices also contrasted sharply with the recent low levels and with prices of a year ago. While prices of a year in the Near East gave the market its first impetus, continued strength since the smoothing out of the difficulties in that situation indicate a healthy statistical position. Reports of shortages abroad have been an important factor in the market of late. This has offset heavy marketing of grain which has gone on apace in the face of a shortage of railroad cars. With wheat close to \$1.15 a bushel at Chicago the farmer is getting around \$1 a bushel. While he may not realize any great profit at this figure the fact that he is receiving nearly twice as much for corn as a year ago and other farm products have risen attests the improvement of his position as compared with a year ago.

**Steel Sales Smaller**  
Now that fuel supplies are plentiful and the transportation situation is no longer menacing, sales of finished steel are smaller and the demand for prompt delivery is less insistent. The industry has made up all the ground lost in the late summer and the trend is toward quieter conditions with prices working lower. Operations are being carried on at a rate close to the high for the year—75 per cent of capacity. Steel has piled up at the mills on account of lack of transportation, but the volume is small as compared with the middle of 1920. Coal output meanwhile increased somewhat during the past week. Bituminous coal is being mined at the rate of ten millions a week and anthracite production continues at approximately 3,000,000 tons. While total output is perhaps less than required for consumption and building up of stocks, danger of suffering from a possible shortage has passed. Declining fuel prices indicate the easing situation.

**Loadings Fall Off**  
Car loadings for the week ended October 5, the latest date for which figures are available, show a falling off as compared with the previous week but are largely in excess of last year's work close to the high record of 1920. Although a decrease in merchandise and miscellaneous loadings was largely responsible for the lower total this does not mean a slump in business. It indicates rather inability of shippers to obtain cars. Idle equipment has now practically disappeared, and loadings for the current week are expected to establish a high record.

While the federal reserve system (Continued on Page Two.)

### TWO BOLSHEVIK WARSHIPS ARE LOST IN STORM

Several Other Vessels Are Sunk in the Baltic Sea by Winds.

(By Associated Press)  
RIGA, Oct. 22.—The Russian armored cruisers Rossiya and Gromobol and several other vessels have been lost in a storm in the Baltic sea.

The Rossiya was a 12,515 ton vessel, and the Gromobol, a ship of 14,120 tons. The former had a length of 450 feet and the latter 472 feet. The Rossiya was laid down at the Baltic works in 1903 and completed in 1908 and the Gromobol was started in 1908 and completed in 1901. Each vessel had a complement of about 250 men. The Rossiya, in pre-war days had a complement of 832 men and the Gromobol 865.

The Gromobol was wrecked by a multi-moon crew at Kopenburg in November, 1920. It is probable she was later raised and repaired. The Rossiya (also known as the Rostok) was said to have participated in the Kronstadt mutiny in the winter of 1921.

**AD CLUBS TO CONVENE**  
CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Oct. 22.—The first annual convention of the southeastern district Associated Advertising Clubs of the World will open here tomorrow morning with about 100 delegates in attendance. Many visitors are expected to attend and after registering at headquarters were taken to points of interest about the city.