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WESTERN UNION FIRE

Widespread Damage Done by the Conflagration

BUSINESS PARTIALLY PARALYZED

The Great New York Headquarters of the Western Union Telegraph Company Guttered—Exciting Scenes at the Fire—Some Hairbreadth Escapes—The Great Exchanges at a Standstill and the Entire Telegraph Service of the Country Crippled.

NEW YORK, July 19.—Fire swept through the great Western Union building yesterday. It gutted the three upper floors, and almost completely cut off communication with the entire country.

A number of men and women were rescued from the burning building by means of the fire department life line service.

Half a million dollars will barely cover the actual losses. Half a million more is considered almost inadequate to dissipate the losses incurred by the company in its failure to send the thousands of dispatches, the burning of valuable records and the consequent troubles that will arise therefrom.

With wonderful pluck and energy the officers have already secured new quarters, where business will be resumed. Operators have been distributed throughout the various branch offices, railroad stations and other telegraph quarters in this city and neighboring towns where the crippled work is being carried on as well as circumstances will permit.

Women on the Roof. At the start of the fire six women employed in the restaurant at the top of the building finding their egress to the street cut off made their way to the balcony that runs around the roof, and there, hurrying up and down its narrow confines, frantically wrung their hands, and between the puffs of smoke and flames that came from the windows of the battery room below, made appeals for help.

Chief of Battalion Lally, with hook and ladder No. 10, under command of Foreman Binn, with the lines of Engine Companies 29, 6 and 4, entered through the Dey street side, and dragging the heavy lines to the eighth floor, fought their way into the battery room floor, and driving the powerful streams of water right and left made their way to the stairway leading to the operating room. It was up this opening that the fire had made its way to the upper portion of the building.

A Terrible Fight for Life. For five minutes the fight was a terrible one to sufficiently subdue the flames to get upon the floor above, from which the windows opened on to the balcony, where the women were. At last the way was sufficiently clear the men of No. 10 hook and ladder, with Chief Lally, dashed up and quickly taking the thoroughly demoralized women, carried them down through the smoke to a place of safety.

About the same time five men were taken from the windows on the north side of the building that overlooked the roof of 201 Broadway. This rescue was effected by Lieut. McCann, of the Murray street insurance patrol.

Business at a Standstill. The fire created havoc in the big offices in the vicinity of Wall street, just as it did in business houses all over the country. Nearly all of the Western Union connections were through the operating room in the main building. Consequently out of town business communication was almost entirely shut off.

The railroads all over the country will feel the effects of the fire very strongly, as most of their dispatches go through the operating room of the Western Union.

Quotation cables from London were received as usual. The fire had no appreciable effect on the stock market. At the opening there was a weak attempt to raid Western Union. The first quotation was 4 per cent. off, but the price rallied almost immediately.

Exchanges Crippled. The result of the big fire upon the grain market at the Produce Exchange was a general lessening of all trading. Liverpool or other foreign cables were not to be had, nor any official governmental weather news, or any reports from Philadelphia, Baltimore and other points as to receipts and exports.

At the New York Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange the oil operators were much inconvenienced by the failure of the regular oil tickers, usually furnishing Oil City, Bradford and Pittsburg market prices and general petroleum news to operators.

At the cotton and other down town exchanges all business was more or less thrown out of gear by the failure of the tickers, with the exception of the railroad stock machines, to furnish news.

The maritime exchange and shipping circles down town are practically dead.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., July 20.—Hon. John P. Buchanan, president of the state Farmers' Alliance, was nominated for governor in the state Democratic convention yesterday by acclamation.

Messrs. Taylor and Patterson withdrew in the interest of harmony. Buchanan is a farmer by profession, but has been a member of the legislature for three terms. He is married and lives near Murfreesboro,utherford county. Hon. B. J. Lee, of Haywood county, was selected for supreme judge.

Too Hot for Corn. WICHITA, Kan., July 21.—Thermometers throughout the Arkansas valley stood at 104 Saturday. Hot winds, which prevailed all day, finished up the destruction of many thousand acres of corn. A rainfall would save only the corn in the very low lands, all the other being absolutely destroyed. When the drought commenced to be felt the early plant was in tassel, but that has been dried up and broken off by the winds.

CONGRESSIONAL RESUME.

Laborers of the National Legislators at Washington.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—The house considered the land grant forfeiture bill in committee of the whole. The absence of a quorum prevented further business and a call of the house failed to bring in the absent members. The pairs of 120 members were announced. Pending a motion to revoke all leaves of absence the house adjourned.

The senate continued consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill. Mr. Teller introduced a bill giving a pension of \$2,000 a year to Mrs. Jessie Egmont.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—The senate continued consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill. A personal controversy between Mr. Dolph and Mr. Reagan enlivened the discussion.

WASHINGTON, July 21.—The house continued the debate on the original package bill. The general deficiency appropriation bill was reported.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Mr. Dockery announced the death of Representative Walker, of Missouri, and the house adjourned as a mark of respect.

PROHIBITION SUSTAINED.

A South Dakota Judge Closes Original Package Houses.

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., July 21.—Judge Haney, of this district, has sustained his temporary injunction closing the original package houses in this city. The grounds given for the decision are that the enabling act admitting South Dakota to statehood authorized the enactment of the prohibition clause in the state constitution. Such an enabling act having been passed by congress subsequent to the passage of the interstate commerce law the prohibition law has received the sanction of congress, and the supreme court decision does not apply to South Dakota.

This brings up a new question which will be carried up, and which, if sustained, will be of great importance to all of the new states which have adopted prohibition.

Murdered on His Engine.

PITTSBURG, July 21.—A special from Van Wert, O., reports the arrest of fireman Sam Roadhouse on suspicion of having murdered his engineer, Vandevander, while both men were running an engine on the Cincinnati, Jackson and Mackinaw railroad. Roadhouse himself was taken from the cab probably fatally wounded. The theory of the detectives is that the two men, who had been quarreling for several days, became engaged in a fight with the result heretofore published. Roadhouse, however, insists that he is innocent and that he and Vandevander were assaulted by an unknown man. An ex-convict named Blair Mock, who had been sent to the penitentiary on Vandevander's testimony, and who had sworn to kill the latter, is being searched for. A man answering Mock's description was on the train at the time of the tragedy.

Harrison Is Willing.

NEW YORK, July 21.—The Press' Washington correspondent telegraphs that in an interview United States Marshal Ransdell expressed the opinion that President Harrison is a candidate for re-election, and if tendered a nomination, will accept. The story published some time ago to the effect that the president intended to retire to private life at the conclusion of this term, was, Marshal Ransdell says, unauthorized. Others who enjoy the president's confidence quietly observe that it is not necessary for Mr. Harrison to openly announce himself a candidate for re-nomination. A successful administration and prosperity in the country are the two most potent influences, they urge, to determine whether or not the president shall be re-elected.

Outlaws Visit Pocahontas.

LYNCHBURG, Va., July 22.—Pocahontas has another excitement. The town was thrown into a fever of excitement when a party of men from McDowell county, West Virginia, rode into the place and began firing their guns promiscuously in the streets. The town sergeant summoned a posse and attempted to arrest them, when the invaders opened fire on them, wounding several of the sergeant's force. After quite a battle the officers succeeded in arresting two of the mob and lodged them in jail, the rest of them escaping by riding over the state line.

Harrison Buys Suburban Property.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Several deeds have been recorded at Rockville, the county seat of Montgomery county, Maryland, within the past few days of property bought at a suburb near here on the Potomac river by members of the president's family. One piece of property is in the name of Mrs. Harrison, and the consideration named is \$21,783.

A Strike Settled.

PITTSBURG, July 22.—A committee of employes representing the striking puddlers of Jones and Laughlin's American Iron works and a committee of that firm held a conference. A special agreement was reached satisfactory to both sides, and the puddlers will return to work Thursday. Five hundred men were affected by the strike.

The Governor of Tennessee.

BALTIMORE, July 19.—Cardinal Gibbons returned yesterday from his trip to Cape May. He made an inspection of the cathedral, noting the improvements and progress made during his absence. He is giving all the profits of the sale of his book "Our Christian Heritage" toward the building of this magnificent edifice.

Both His Legs Cut Off.

NEW YORK, July 22.—Martin Haggerty, 39 years old, of No. 423 West Thirty-ninth street, while crossing the railroad tracks at Eleventh avenue and Forty-first street, was run over by a train of freight cars. Both legs were cut off below the knees.

AT CAMP HARTRANFT

Interesting Maneuvers of the National Guard.

PREPARING FOR A GRAND REVIEW

President Harrison, Secretary Proctor and Governor Beaver Will Be Present on Thursday.

MR. GRENA, Pa., July 22.—All the preliminaries for the division encampment of the National Guard of Pennsylvania having been successfully arranged, the active duties of camp life commenced yesterday, and for the remainder of the week rigorous discipline will be observed.

The freedom from accidents has been remarkable. Great praise is being accorded the officers of the Cornwall and Lebanon Railroad company for their excellent management. All the troop trains have been handled with a promptness that has been surprising. The baggage of the troops has also been handled just as promptly. The accommodations for newspaper correspondents are first class.



ADJT. GEN. HASTINGS.

Mr. Allen D. Hoffer, treasurer of the Cornwall and Lebanon Railroad company, is general director of the grounds, while Mr. J. D. Henderson, general passenger and freight agent, has charge of the newspaper headquarters. Ned Irish, general superintendent of the same company, is constantly on hand to give instructions in regard to the moving of trains and to exercise a watchful care over all details.

Dress Parade.

The dress parade of the guards was a pretty sight, and was witnessed by thousands of spectators, who lined the parade ground and attested their appreciation by cheers and applause. The troops were reviewed by Adj. Gen. Hastings and Gen. Snowden. The inspection of the National Guard by regiments commenced, the following officers of the regular army participating: Lieut. Col. Henry C. Corbin, Maj. Greenleaf, Capt. J. C. Ramsay and Lieut. J. C. Warren.

Exclusive of officers the three brigades of the National Guard have 7,700 men in camp, according to estimates furnished by the commanders of the respective brigades, as follows: First brigade, 2,500; Second, 2,800; Third, 2,500. With officers and members of the three troops of cavalry, the batteries of artillery and the United States regulars the entire number in camp foots up nearly 9,000—being the largest encampment ever held in the state.

The Grand Review.

The number of visitors at Camp Hartranft is estimated at several thousand. The weather is exceedingly favorable except that the nights are so cold that overcoats and fires are quite necessary.

Governor Beaver will arrive here tomorrow morning and remain for the grand review on Thursday, when President Harrison, Secretary Proctor and Gen. Schofield are expected to be present. Senator Delamater, the Republican nominee for governor, will spend a day in camp and will probably be accompanied by State Chairman Andrews.

The hospital service and the sanitary arrangements are conspicuous features of this encampment. Plain instructions have been issued by the brigade surgeons and a careful inspection of food and sinks and drainage is made daily.

The regular work of the United States artillery, cavalry and infantry has commenced and is proving a valuable school of instruction for the state guardsmen.

An Attorney's Suicide.

PITTSBURG, July 21.—Andrew A. Kirshner, a well known attorney, living in Allegheny, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart. Mr. Kirshner was recovering from an attack of typhoid fever, and this, it is thought, together with grief over a younger brother's death from the same disease two months ago, caused him to become temporarily insane. He leaves a widow and two children.

The Algonquin Launched.

PHILADELPHIA, July 21.—Several thousand persons witnessed the launching of the new Clyde line steamer Algonquin at Cramps' shipyard. The new boat is one of the largest ever constructed by the Cramps for the merchant service. She is designed for passenger and freight use between New York and Jacksonville and Charleston.

A Locomotive's Victim.

PHILADELPHIA, July 21.—A man named J. Kingsley, supposed to be a resident of Greenville, Conn., was instantly killed here by being struck by a locomotive.

Suffering from Dog Bite.

HUMMELSTOWN, Pa., July 22.—Mrs. Isaac Wagner, of this place, was bitten by a dog, and her condition is extremely critical. Blood poisoning has set in, and her limbs and face are terribly swollen.

A Harrisburg Teacher Dead.

HARRISBURG, July 22.—Miss Ella Zollinger, a popular teacher in the girls' high school, died here. She was a graduate of Dickinson seminary, Williamsport, and was a well known educator.

Death of a Wealthy Farmer.

SPRING SPRING, Pa., July 19.—Garson Hoydt, a wealthy farmer and prominent citizen of Spring township, died here, aged 67 years.

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