

NO DANCES TO MARK WILSON INAUGURATION

Vice President and Mrs. Marshall and Washington Club Plan March 5 Balls

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Vice President and Mrs. Marshall are planning a ball for the evening of inauguration day, March 5, in honor of the Black Horse Troop, of the Culver Cadets, of Indiana, which is to serve as the Vice President's escort in the inaugural parade, as it did four years ago. So, instead of a substantial hospitality to the presidential edict against the inaugural ball, Washington is rejoicing in the prospect of two inaugural balls, which will be the more attractive from a social viewpoint in that they are entirely outside the jurisdiction of the inaugural committee—the other being the ball planned by the Washington Club. Both, of course, will be invitation affairs, to which the great body of visiting tourists is not likely to get cards.

The announcement of the Marshall's plan was received with enthusiasm. Hereafter, except during the winter that the White House and all the immediate Administration circle were officially in mourning, the Vice President and Mrs. Marshall have given two big evening receptions with dancing during February. This season there was mourning when it was found that they were not giving them.

As for the Washington Club's ball, there have been rumors of that for some time past. It is in charge of club members for the entertainment of their many friends who will be here during inauguration. It would of necessity be a brilliant, exclusive affair, but the chief hitch seems to have been the question whether it could be made to pay.

One might expect the Washington Club—the most exclusive women's club in Washington—to rise superior to such considerations. Its membership is almost entirely nonofficial, drawn from the resident set—the cave dwellers—who are inclined to regard the more or less transient official crowd as "po' white trash." The present mistress of the White House was a member long before she was mistress of the White House. The first unofficial hospitality she accepted after her marriage to the President was a reception tendered her by the Washington Club. Incidentally the club recently broke up the wedding of a member to a woman who was admitted entirely eligible by birth, breeding and brains simply because she was a trained nurse, superintendent of nurses in one of the local hospitals.

DECLARES WOMEN OUT OF INAUGURAL PARADE

Mrs. Boggs, Member of Committee, Opposed at Barring of Floats From Procession

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—A controversy over what part women shall take in the inauguration ceremonies came to a head with an announcement by Mrs. James H. Boggs, president of the Women's Union and a member of the inaugural committee, that because of a ruling barring from the inaugural parade a section of State floats being organized under her direction she had decided on the withdrawal of all women from the parade. Robert N. Harper, chairman of the committee, replied that Mrs. Boggs had no authority to declare such a withdrawal. He said women were wanted in the parade, and that the State floats had been barred only because the plans for them were in so uncertain a stage that he feared they could not be completed in time.

The decision to withdraw, Mrs. Boggs said, had the indorsement of the executive board of the Wilson Union, including the wives of many Senators and Representatives and other public officials, and would receive the backing of millions of women throughout the country.

SCHOOLGIRLS VANISH; ABDUCTION SUSPECTED

Child and Niece a Year Her Senior Disappear on Way to Lessons

The police are searching for fourteen-year-old Bertha McCullough, 6217 Lincoln avenue, who disappeared with her fifteen-year-old niece, Elizabeth McCullough, 6205 Elmwood avenue, after they had started for the Thomas Morton School, Sixty-third street and Elmwood avenue. William J. McCullough, father of Elizabeth, says he believes the children have come to some harm.

Yesterday morning Mrs. Christian McCullough, mother of Bertha, went to Camden to visit relatives, leaving her daughter in charge of her sister, Mrs. Henry McCullough. Bertha announced that she was going to school and went over, as was her custom, to get her niece. The girls were last seen going in a direction away from the school at Sixty-third street and Elmwood avenue. Near here Richard Meekins met his death December 8, 1915. The police are searching the entire neighborhood today.

The children were in the eighth year, twelfth grade at school, and, according to those who knew them, were fond of their studies. William J. McCullough, father of Elizabeth, is employed in the Columbia Iron Foundry. The child's mother is dead. Elizabeth is of medium height and weighs about 120 pounds. She was clad in dark clothes and black shoes.

\$500,000 FIRE SWEEPS OMAHA BUSINESS BLOCK

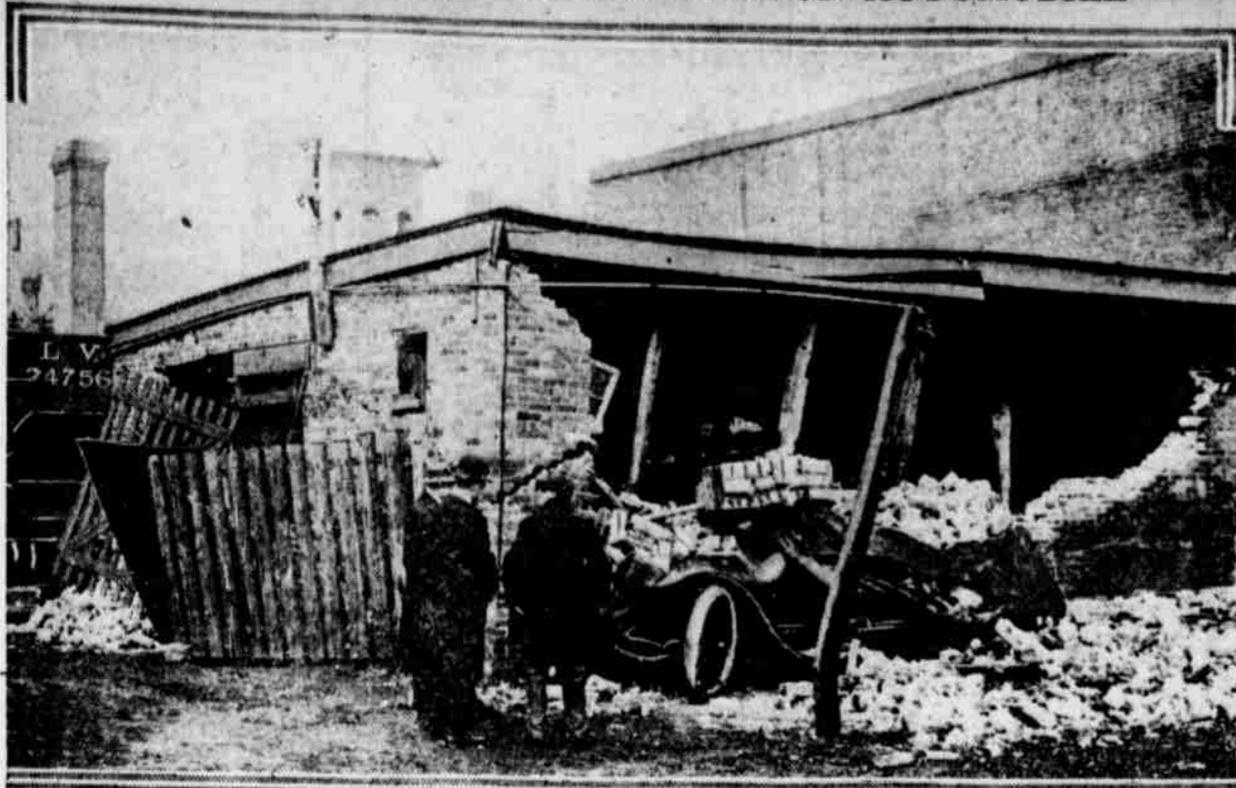
High Wind Threatens to Carry Flames Through Entire Commercial Section

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 23.—Fire early today destroyed the Continental block in the downtown business district, causing a loss estimated at \$500,000. A high wind for a time threatened to carry the flames to the entire business district.

The Berk Clothing Company and Hartman Furniture Company buildings were destroyed, and other buildings in the block were badly damaged.

Fire Menaces Entire Family
Fire at 414 North Fourth street early today endangered the life of the entire family of Benjamin Kollem. He took his six-year-old child and Mrs. Kollem took the other two children, one of them only three months old, and all reached the street. Mrs. Kollem on the fourth floor also escaped.

COAL CAR PUSHES STABLE OVER ON AUTOMOBILE



The brick building owned by Thomas A. Gerety, at the northwest corner of Thirtieth and Walnut streets, was pushed several feet by the impact and collapsed upon the machine standing at the side.

COAL TRAIN SMASHES STABLE; DOBBIN SAVED

Too Much Momentum of Freight Pushes Building Over—Owner Sees It Topple

A coal train which had too much momentum jumped the tracks at Thirtieth and Walnut streets today, pushed the stable of John A. Gerety, at the southwest corner, several feet and then paused at the front of the building crashed to the street.

Gerety arrived in his automobile to see the stable pushed along by the train. Just as he jumped from his car the front wall fell and crashed over the auto, burying it deep in debris.

Through the maze of dust rising from the ruins Gerety saw his horse trying to escape from the wrecked building. The frightened animal tugged at the rope which held him to his stall, and above the horse was hanging the east wall, which threatened his life.

Realizing the animal's perilous position, Gerety and William Waples, an employee, groped their way through the dust, and untying the horse, guided it out safely. A few moments later the wall which threatened it fell.

The car which struck the stable carried fifty tons of coal and was on the end of a train of three. It is believed that the engineer was unaware of how near he was to the end of the track, which was not protected by a bumper.

WOMEN WIN IN MAINE

Suffrage Bill Unanimously Passed by Senate—Indiana Also in Line

AUGUSTA, Me., Feb. 23.—By unanimous vote the Senate adopted a resolution providing for woman suffrage by constitutional amendment. The measure now goes to Governor Milliken for approval and will be submitted to the voters at the September election.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 23.—The woman's suffrage bill passed the lower branch of the Indiana Legislature. It previously had been passed by the Senate and now goes to Governor Goodrich.

200 CAUGHT IN PROBE OF POLITICS IN CHICAGO

Evidence to Convict Found Against Members of All Parties—To Call Grand Jury

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Evidence sufficient to convict 200 Chicago political workers is in the hands of Federal investigators, officials said today. A special Grand Jury will be summoned to return indictments soon. The investigation has not been confined to party lines. Many of those against whom evidence has been obtained are Republicans.

A large part of the evidence is said to have been procured through confessions of "ward heelers" and members of the "vice ring," recently arrested by States Attorney Hoyne.

Norway Resumes Mails to U. S.
CHRISTIANIA, Feb. 23.—It is officially announced that mails can again be sent to western Europe and America. The dates of sailings will not, however, be published.

FIREWORKS FACTORY BLAST DAMAGES CHURCH

American Sparkler Plant and Residences Destroyed in Pittsburgh. Girls Flee to Safety

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 23.—An explosion in a mixer at the plant of the American Sparkler Company, manufacturers of fireworks at Carnegie, a suburb, today, started a fire which destroyed the plant and two residences and damaged St. Luke's Catholic Church, parochial school and convent. The damage is estimated at \$25,000.

Cook Banks, seventeen years old, was burned in the explosion, and twenty-five girls employed in the building fled in terror when the blast rocked the structure. Burning embers, carried by a strong wind, ignited the roof of St. Luke's Church, a square distant, and when fire broke out there Clifford McSherry, a painter, scaled the steep gable, while thousands of spectators stood breathless, fearing he would be dashed to death. He succeeded in staying the spread of the flames until firemen could haul up a chemical apparatus.

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Our varied assortment of these is particularly interesting.

A practical one is made of Mahogany, porcelain lined, with sterling silver lid—capacity fifty cigarettes—\$10.50.



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With rather flat set brim, slightly curled; narrow binding; beautiful silk band with novelty edge; bow at the back.

Embodying the style note of the day as only a Stetson can—and decidedly becoming to most men.

For your other hat—look at the Comfort Derby—a recent Stetson advance that makes a Derby set as kindly to the head as a soft hat. Any

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We Shall be Wonderfully Busy! Can't You Start Early To-morrow?

We shall again have more than NINE HUNDRED DIFFERENT Clover Day specials—from a 15c whisk broom at 10c, to a handsome suit of furniture at half price. All these hundreds of things are reasonable and desirable, including many articles of year-around staple character, at decisive reductions in price—

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Selling Newest \$15, \$18 and \$20 Suits at... **\$11.75**
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One hundred per cent of these 2179 suits are ALL WOOL.

Between ninety-five and ninety-eight per cent of the total offering are pure wool WORSTED suits.

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Any retailer of clothing will tell you that those three considerations are the highest praise that can be spoken of any suit in these days of cotton-mixed clothing—days of substitution, when every buyer has to be constantly on the lookout to detect cotton where he can see only all wool.

The cloth experts and dye experts of the Wanamaker & Brown store have subjected every suit in this unusually large offering to the acid test and found all right up to specifications.

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