

FATAL BLAZE DUE TO DRIP PIT FIRE

Witness Blames Spontaneous Combustion for Tarlow Disaster, in Which 6 Lost Lives

BUILDERS ARE ON THE JURY

Spontaneous combustion in the fly-wheel drip pit caused the fire at the Robert Tarlow & Sons' factory, 415 Addison street, January 20, which cost six lives, according to Benjamin F. White, a witness today at the coroner's inquest.

Chief Deputy Coroner Arthur Sellers, with a jury composed of builders and engineering experts, began the inquest this morning. Sixty witnesses are to be heard, and a verdict is not expected until late today.

White, employed as engineer at the cabinetworking plant where the fire occurred, testified that shortly before 6 o'clock he had observed fire in the drip pit, and he tried to extinguish it with water. This failing he gave the alarm.

Richard H. Hoff, superintendent of the plant, and son of one of the six men killed, testified that those who lost their lives were smothered and that some of them could have escaped had they not gone back to save their tools.

It was testified that workmen could have escaped from the second floor by climbing on an airshaft, or from the upper floors by going from the roof to adjoining buildings.

The jurors who will decide whether the blame for the fire should rest on any individual are: George F. Pawling, prominent engineer, foreman; Edwin De H. Steel, contractor; Joseph A. Vogdes, engineer; George Zane, builder; Edward C. Hoff, builder; and J. B. Douglas, chief claim agent, U. G. I. Co.

FORGERY ALLEGED IN NEWBERRY TRIAL

Witnesses Deny Signatures on Nominating Petitions in Senatorial Campaign

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 11.—(By A. P.)—In the election conspiracy trial in which United States Senator Truman H. Newberry and 123 others are defendants in the Federal Court, William Osborn, an automobile dealer of this city, today was shown a nominating petition for Helme as a Democratic candidate for United States senator in 1918.

United States Assistant Attorney General Daugherty asked the witness: "Did you sign or authorize any one to sign that petition?"

"I did not. It is not my handwriting," said the witness.

Williams Tolman, also of this city, made a similar answer when confronted with a petition bearing the name of another witness, who repudiated their signatures on Helme petitions.

Ernest Adams, of Kalamazoo, and Ernest R. Baxter, of Grand Rapids, Benjamin O. Bush, who lived in Kalamazoo "over fifty years," testified that Merrill, one of the defendants, had introduced him to Thomas Biggar, state boxing commissioner.

"M. Merrill said to me," declared the witness, "here, do you want to make a little easy money? This is my friend, Mr. Biggar. He wants those petitions circulated for James W. Helme."

Biggar offered the witnesses \$25 for \$250 names. Bush said he asked them if they "were trying to beat Ford both ways."

He said Biggar told him "they have Ford beat in the Republican primary now and are going after him on the other."

Bush said he put a dozen Helme petitions in his pocket, had four or five friends sign and later destroyed all the petitions. A few days later Merrill asked about the petitions and Bush told him he had "lost them."

Andrew Van Krimpen, of Grand Rapids, found his name on his petition, but said he did not sign it.

He was not a voter in July, 1918, he said.

"Are you foreign-born?" asked Judge Eichhorn.

"No, I was born in Holland," said Van Krimpen.

George E. McKinley, of Flint, said Fred Henry, defendant, offered him \$100 to get twenty Helme petitions signed with his name. He never turned the petitions in, witness admitted.

On cross-examination Mr. Littleton brought out that McKinley was a Democrat.

Edward J. Jeffries, judge of the Superior Criminal Court in Detroit, testified that Fred W. Castator, a defendant, asked him into his influence to get Helme into the race.

"I replied," said the judge, "that I was for Ford and thought Helme ought not to get into the race. I asked him how he, a Republican, was interested in Helme's candidacy. He only smiled, and I told him that I did not think he ought to get mixed up in a deal like that."

A check for \$350, which Claude Hamilton, chairman of the Kent county Republican committee, received from Truman H. Newberry last October, was read into the record by the defense.

This check was first mentioned in the testimony when Hamilton was under cross-examination regarding the Gold Star Club of Grand Rapids.

G. Sherman Collins, of Muncie, Ind., testified that he received just before the primary an envelope from Detroit containing a check for \$500. The government brought out that he gave this money to H. S. Jennings, deceased, mayor of Muncie. Collins said this was pursuant to a previous arrangement.

FIRE ROUTS 6 FROM HOUSE

Blaze in Cellar on South Eighth Street Does \$200 Damage

Fire which started in the cellar of a three-story building at 1827 South Eighth street drove six persons into the street shortly after 7 o'clock this morning.

The first floor is occupied by a upholstery store run by Louis Tuler, who lives with his wife and two children on the second floor. Mrs. Fannie Schmalz and her son, David, also live at the house.

Neighbors across the street saw smoke issuing from the cellar and turned in an alarm. The occupants of the house jumped hurriedly and escaped. The origin of the blaze is unknown. The loss amounted to about \$200.



Three firemen and three patrolmen were today publicly commended by Mayor Moore and Director of Public Safety Cortelyou for heroism in performance of their duties. Mayor Moore is seen shaking hands with John Rogers, thirty-second and Woodland avenue police station. The others, left to right, are: Frederick Louyinger, Eighth and Jefferson streets station; Edwin S. Moore, Engine Co. 40; Battalion Chief Harry Pippert; James Fleming, Engine Co. 51; Robert Platz, Eighth and Jefferson streets police station, and Director Cortelyou.

WINSTON ON JOBS HITS 'SMALL GROUP'

Director Asserts Certain Independents With Swelled Heads Cause Friction

FORGERY ALLEGED IN NEWBERRY TRIAL SAYS THEY DON'T COUNT

Reported dissatisfaction in one group of the Independent Republican wing is due to a small group of men who overestimate their importance and do not represent the feeling among their constituents.

This is the belief of Director John C. Winston, of the Department of Public Works, himself an Independent of many years' standing.

He took a verbal slap at those Independents said to be the cause of the friction in the various departments have been distributed.

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"Every member of the board of trustees," said Mr. Pepper today, "charges the feeling I have very strongly, that until the trustees have put forth every effort to secure a reconsideration of Doctor Smith's determination, all talk about a successor is premature."

Dr. E. Smith will retire June 30, work out and penniless.

His resignation was largely prompted by his thought that he was physically incapable of bearing up under the strain, he said.

Doctor Smith has applied to the Carnegie Foundation for a pension to care for him the remainder of his life. Doctor Smith has worked at Penn for forty years—since 1911 as provost—and finds he has put not only his whole vitality into the University, but has put back into it all his salary, with the exception of a few dollars for living expenses.

He is firm in his determination to quit. He made this fact plain to the board of trustees on the other concerning graduate body, as well as the board of trustees and will not reconsider.

Big Endowment Urged For some time the board of trustees and the alumni have been urging that a campaign be launched to raise an endowment of at least \$50,000,000 to take care of the spectacular growth of the University and the enormous increase of enrollment. At the present rate of increase, it is said, the endowment will number 20,000 within ten years, and it will require a huge fortune to keep the institution out of debt.

Doctor Smith acknowledged he had deferred the beginning of this movement as long as possible, realizing he did not possess sufficient strength to direct it.

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WREATH FOR KERNAN

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A floral wreath with these simple words across the face deposited at Broad street and Lehigh avenue today by unknown motorists, testifies to the regard in which the motorists held Maitly Kernan, "the whistling cop," whose station was at that corner before his death.

Kernan died on Monday in the Woman's Homeopathic Hospital. Death was caused by pneumonia, which followed cold he got while working at his post.

Edison Congratulated by President Wilson

Orange, N. J., Feb. 11.—(By A. P.)—President Wilson was among those who sent messages of congratulations to Thomas A. Edison on the inventor's birthday.

"I cannot deny myself the pleasure of sending a message to be read at the celebration of Mr. Edison's seventy-third birthday," the letter said. "I am proud to count myself among the friends and admirers of Mr. Edison and I beg that you will convey to him my warmest congratulations and my hope that he will receive many very happy returns of the anniversary, marked by an increasing number of scientific triumphs."

Falls Dead Preparing Supper

Mrs. Herman Melts, of 425 Manton street, fell dead while preparing supper for her family last night. Death was caused by heart disease.

Young Man Urged for Penn Provost

Continued from Page One. Personal man; but a business man would be impartial."

Mr. Mendelhall believes that alumni should have a big part in selecting the successor to Provost Smith. He thinks that a vote should be taken by alumni before the trustees make their decision.

A man whose reputation lies ahead rather than in the past, should be chosen, according to Ralph Morgan, '08 College.

"The University needs a definite, clear program that will fit up its alumni with the work of the provost. The present policy of mass education should be studied. No instructor could give himself to classes of 125 boys."

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"I feel as if they were my brothers. When I read my letter of resignation to them I almost broke down. I told them it was impossible for them to realize how hard it was for me to read that letter. One of the trustees jumped from his chair and said: 'Gentlemen, I move to tear this up!'"

In the forty-four years, I have worked here there never has been one discordant note between the trustees, the alumni, the students and myself. All have been invariably very good to me. And I have done the best I could."

Mayor Publicly Lauds Six of City's Heros

Continued from Page One. moment of the accident. He was sick and on his way to see the police surgeon. Yet he hurried to an elevator, found his way to the roof, and went down the rope, hand over hand, to the helpless workman. There was a little window just opposite the end of the rope. Moore began to swing the rope like a pendulum. Finally he swung it close enough to grasp the window ledge. By that time others were there to help him, and he got Eitnski in.

January 7 last Moore was walking along Woodland avenue near Sixty-third street. A double team, drawing a heavy wagon, came tearing along. He stopped them.

Saved Life of Girl Hoseman Fleming saved a little girl's life when her clothing caught fire. Two of the patrolmen cited for bravery today made double arrests under circumstances of great danger to themselves. The third performed a heroic rescue at a fire.

Patrolman Louyinger on December 13 last arrested two men on Girard street. He disarmed and subdued both men single-handed and took them to the police station.

Disarmed Two Men Patrolman Rodgers performed a similar feat, February 9.

Patrolman Krantz lives at 822 Oxford street. January 15 there was a fire in the house of Benjamin Simon, 1005 Oxford street. He saved Simon, his wife and two children.

Leasing Bill Up to Wilson Senate Adopts Conference Report, Ending Ten Years' Fight

Washington, Feb. 11.—(By A. P.)—Enactment of the oil land leasing bill was completed today with the adoption of the conference report by the Senate. The bill now goes to the President.

The Senate's action terminated a ten-years' fight. A similar bill was agreed upon at the last session, but the Senate failed to adopt the conference report in the rush of legislation in the closing hours.

The bill provides for the leasing and development of government owned oil, coal, gas, phosphate, sodium and oil shale lands by private enterprise and affects approximately 75,000,000 acres of public domain, principally in western states.

MAN KILLED AT MIDVALE

A workman was scalded to death this morning at the Midvale Steel Co.'s works at Newtown. Isaac Evans, forty-four years old, 5221 Knox street, was the victim. He was deluged with live steam from a burst pipe. The plant physician pronounced him dead.

ROB WALNUT STREET SHOP

Robbers early this morning smashed the plate-glass window of a specialty shop conducted at 1316 Walnut street by Miss Gertrude Wilkinson. Women's handbags and blouses displayed in the window were stolen. The police report the value of the articles to be \$370.

Camden Man Drops Dead on Street

Sammuel Schofield, 639 North Ninth street, Camden, dropped dead on the street today near his home, while on the way to visit a relative. His death is believed to have been due to heart disease. He is the fourth member of his family to die within the last eighteen months, his wife and two daughters having died within that period.

SAYS CITY IS HALF FOREIGN FAMILIES

Rev. John N. Mills Tells Conference Aliens Represent Big Civic Problem

ASKS FOR AMERICANISM Philadelphia, good old Quaker city of Philadelphia, which we are in the habit of regarding as distinctly American, has a population that is more than one-quarter foreign born. More than one-third the remainder of the people are children of the foreign born."

The Rev. John Nelson Mills, of Washington, D. C., who is here in connection with the Christian Americanization Conference, which is holding sessions in the Arch street M. E. Church, Broad and Arch streets, made this statement today. Dr. Mills is an attorney, a minister and a traveler. He is scheduled to speak this afternoon on the "Problem of the Foreigners."

"The two great perils that confront us in connection with the foreign born are ignorance and un-Americanism," Dr. Mills said. "Our government reports that there are more than 10,000,000 people among us who are still aliens."

"The foreign-born people among us are more in number than the combined population of Holland and Belgium, of Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Switzerland. They are one-sixth of our population, and with their children they number 35,000,000, or one-third of the population."

"The problem of the foreigner is largely a city affair, for 72 per cent of the foreign-born in the United States live in our large cities. Indeed, only 5 per cent of our fifty-seven cities of 100,000 and more population are really American."

"We are immensely dependent on these foreigners for the daily necessities of our life. They and their children number 95 per cent of the clothing we wear; they refine 95 per cent of the sugar we use, and make 90 per cent of our cotton goods."

"They do 65 per cent of the work in the most parking industries. They manufacture 80 per cent of our furniture; 75 per cent of our wooleens; 50 per cent of our collars, cuffs and shirts, and 70 per cent of the clothing of our cotton mining. And in return for this indispensable labor, they have been receiving until lately, less than \$600 on an average per year."

Wilson Party Grip Growing Stronger

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Mr. Cummings, traveling through New York state, encountered a good deal of it in both parties.

CINCINNATI RETURNS IN

First to Complete Census—Nation's Population Known by October

Washington, Feb. 11.—(By A. P.)—Cincinnati was the first city to complete its fourteenth decennial census enumeration, it was announced today at the census bureau.

FOR BUSINESS MAN AS NEXT PRESIDENT

Retail Hardware Dealers' Secretary and Treasurer Urges This Choice of Candidate

TAKES RAP AT CONGRESS Support of a business man for President of the United States was urged upon members of the Pennsylvania and Atlantic Seaboard Hardware Association today.

Herbert P. Sheets, secretary and treasurer of the National Retail Hardware Association, who made the suggestion, called on his hearers to forget party lines at the next election and to vote for a man with a "constructive business record."

The hardware men are holding their nineteenth annual convention in the Commercial Museum, Thirty-fourth and Spruce streets. The convention opened Monday and will close Friday.

Mr. Sheets, whose home is in Argos, Ind., substituted as speaker for J. M. Cambell, president of the national association, who was detained because of illness.

Attacks "Dawdling" of Congress The national secretary opened his address with an attack on what he termed the "dawdling tactics" of Congress.

"It is now fifteen months since the armistice was signed," he said, "and members of Congress are still dawdling about, working for political advantage. During the war, with the whole nation behind them, they did wonderful work, but since the war political preference only has been striven for in Congress."

During his appeal for support for a business man for President, Mr. Sheets praised the Curtis Publishing Co. for editorial advocacy of the choice of a business man for the nation's highest office.

The president of the Pennsylvania Hardware Association, George B. Sprowls, Chayville, Pa., in an address, declared this country now needs "a new six-hour man and a new four-hour man."

"The question of prosperity or a panic," he said, "is up to labor. It must produce. It is not a question of getting money, but of doing work. A man would bring labor to its senses, but why should it be necessary to have a panic to do this?"

Committees Appointed Numerous committees were appointed this morning at the first business session. Heretofore the members have been busy with their trade exhibits in the Commercial Museum and with preliminary meetings and discussions. Sharon E. Jones, Pittsburgh, secretary of the association, said its present strength is 1200 members. Three hundred members were added last year, he said.

C. W. Scarborough, Pittsburgh, the treasurer, outlined his annual report. The hardware dealers were interested today in the exhibit of a local firm, consisting of a realistic mill and a water fall, made up entirely of hard ware. The "waterfall" was made up of sugar bits and chains in motion, which gave the effect of falling water.

WAREHOUSE FORCE OF U. S. HERE IS CUT

Quartermaster Chief Announces 25 Per Cent Reduction of Employes

Washington, Feb. 11.—Brigadier General R. C. Marshall, Jr., chief of the construction division of the army quartermaster corps, discloses in a letter to Representative Vane, of Philadelphia, that a cut of 25 per cent has been made in the personnel of the army warehouse in Philadelphia, where it was first proposed to reduce the force by one-half.

LODGE MODIFIES 8 RESERVATIONS

Presents Bipartisan Compromise Provisions to Senate for Its Consideration

WOULD ALTER PREAMBLE By the Associated Press

Washington, Feb. 11.—The peace treaty reservations as revised tentatively in recent unofficial bipartisan compromise conferences were formally presented in the Senate today by Senator Lodge, the Republican leader, for consideration when the treaty comes up next Monday.

The modifications do not agree entirely with the draft which Democratic members of the bipartisan committee have said were tentatively agreed on.

Eight of the fourteen reservations would be modified under Senator Lodge's proposal, and the preamble would be changed so that affirmative acceptance by the other powers would not be required.

Four of the remaining six reservations were accepted by the Democratic conferees without change, the Republicans on the committee say, while the other two, relating to Article X and the Monroe doctrine, were left unchanged.

ASSAY U. S. COINS TODAY

Money Made During Last Year Being Tested at Mint

Coins minted during 1919 are being tested today by the assay commission at the United States Mint, Seventeenth and Spring Garden streets.

Director of the Mint Baker and John Skeleton Williams, comptroller of the currency, both came to the Mint this morning to take part in the inspection. There are twenty-three members of the assay commission, two of them women for the first time in the history of that body. The feminine members are Mrs. Kellogg Fairbanks, of Chicago, and Mrs. B. B. Munford, of Richmond, Va. The Pennsylvanians on the commission are T. V. Gregory, Easton; Siedwick Kistler, Lock Haven; Samuel W. Traylor and Representative John M. Ross, of Allentown.

Today and tomorrow the commission, after a general inspection of the mint, will examine for fitness coins of both gold and silver and distinguished service medals and crosses made at the Mint.

It is the job of the commission to test the quality of coins minted during 1919 at Philadelphia, San Francisco and Denver.

HELD FOR LIQUOR SIGNS

First Arrest Made on New Charge. Also Say Whisky Was Sold

Patrick McGillen, Seventeenth and South streets, is to be the first saloonkeeper prosecuted for displaying a whisky sign at his place of business. He was held in \$1000 bail for court today on that charge and a charge of selling liquor at 40 cents a drink.

His bartender, William McNamee, was held for court also by United States Commissioner Munley in the Federal Building. H. M. Gaylord, assistant prohibition commissioner, on a visit here yesterday announced liquor signs in this city must go.

JACK LAPP BURIED

Funeral of A's Catcher at Mt. Pease Cemetery

Jack Lapp, the former Athletics' catcher, was laid to rest today at the Mount Pease Cemetery. He died Friday night, succumbing to an attack of pneumonia.

Funeral services were held at his former home, 2229 North Franklin street. The Rev. J. Charles Leven good, pastor of the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Berwyn, and the Rev. Eschol Sellers, of the First Baptist Church, Berwyn, officiated.

The funeral cortege was massed with floral wreaths. Many flowers were sent by Lapp's friends and baseball admirers. Lambertson Lodge of Masons had charge of the funeral.

The pallbearers were Perry Reifsnnyder, Robert David, Edward W. Sorbacher, William Wahl, George McCarron and Leonard Wheatley.

LOST AND FOUND

BRACELET—Lost, diamond bracelet, flexible, with fine platinum chain underneath. Liberal reward if returned to J. E. Caldwell, Juniper and Chestnut sts.

HELP WANTED—MALE

EMPLOYMENT MANAGER Large company has exceptional opening for first-class man. Furnish references and details. Salary expected in first letter. If qualified write to 606 LEDGER OFFICE.

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BARGAIN—Oldest established toy business on Boardwalk, including stock fixtures on a 4-room apartment. furnished; cheap rent; doing a big business; good reason for selling; price \$10000. Knox's Wonderland, 531 Boardwalk, Atlantic City, N. J.

J. E. CALDWELL & CO.

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DESIGNERS AND MAKERS OF IMPORTANT JEWELRY

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D. M. HEPBURN, CHIEF, Bureau of Street Cleaning, Room 334, City Hall.