

FOUR FIREMEN HURT AT \$100,000 BLAZE

Two Fall From Third Floor at Twelfth and Buttonwood Streets Fire

FIRMS ARE HEAVY LOSERS

Two firemen walked off a roof and fell three stories to the street and a third was rescued and carried down a fire-escape from the fourth floor by a comrade during a four-alarm fire which raged last night in the building of the Baker Compressed Air Carpet Cleaning Co., southwest corner of Twelfth and Buttonwood streets. A fourth fireman was overcome by smoke.

The injured: Charles P. Fox, Truck No. 1; possible fracture of left hip, fracture of left arm and cuts and bruises. Habnemann Hospital; serious.

Albert Sickle, Engine Company No. 2; possible fracture of arm and cuts and bruises. Jefferson Hospital.

Leonard Daybill, Engine Company No. 26; smoke.

Joseph Spencer, Engine Company No. 1; smoke.

During the height of the fire, which was not entirely out until 6 o'clock this morning, the flames could be seen for miles, and a heavy pall of smoke hung over the eastern section of the city, drifting slowly toward the river by a west wind. People squares away from the fire were aroused by the smoke and looked for a fire near their homes.

Families Alarmed The flames were kept from spreading, but caused alarm in the neighborhood. Half a dozen families occupying dwellings nearby prepared to move their furniture to the street and flee.

The building is four stories high, extending 175 feet on Buttonwood street and 150 feet on Twelfth. Seven firms are manufacturing businesses in it, and all lost more or less heavily. The third and fourth floors were burned out and the other floors and basement heavily damaged by smoke and water. It is estimated that about \$100,000 worth of damage was done. The cause has not yet been determined.

A man passing a few minutes before midnight saw the flames and ran to Engine No. 26, at Tenth and Buttonwood streets, to give the alarm. Captain Schaefer, of that company, turned first alarm and Deputy Chief J. E. Walbert sent in second, third and fourth alarms as the flames spread.

The flames had broken out between the second and third floors apparently, and they spread by means of the elevator shaft. The whole back building was soon a furnace, and firemen clinging to fire escapes and shooting streams from nearby buildings had a hard time striking to their posts in the face of the flames and smoke.

Sees Comrade Fall Daybill was working on a fire escape at the fourth floor when the smoke overcame him. A comrade, James Ferguson, of the Tenth and Buttonwood streets company, saw Daybill fall and sent for the rescue.

Ferguson got Daybill on his back, and in spite of choking smoke, staggered with him down the three flights of iron steps and brought him safely to the street.

The fire was at its height when Fox and Sickle were hurt. They had taken a line of hose to the roof of a smaller building adjoining the burning factory, and were maneuvering for a better position from which to fight the flames. The smoke was so dense that they could not see their way, and before they knew it had come to the edge of the roof and they were falling. Fortunately it was a low building, and though they fell three stories, the fall was not more than about 30 feet.

Other firemen saw them fall, and they were out in waiting ambulances and hurried off to hospitals. It is expected that both will recover, though Fox is very badly hurt.

Just before the fourth alarm was turned in the roof collapsed, and its heavy beams crashed down from the fourth to the third floor, wrecking both floors on the way, and sending a geyser of flame and sparks skyward.

VALUABLE PAPERS PASS THROUGH FIRE



H. P. Clossman, of the firm of Miller, Clossman & Co., manufacturers of trunks and bags, is shown recovering valuables from the firm's safe after flames had raged for hours through the building of the Baker Compressed Air Carpet Cleaning Co., at Twelfth and Buttonwood streets, occupied by a number of concerns.

GIRL ANXIOUSLY WAITS; NO \$1000 SUITOR CALLS

Only Visitor Was Reporter, Who Lacked Necessary Cash New York, March 22.—Fifteen-year-old Dorothy Miller, who offered to marry any man who would give \$1000 for an operation which it is believed would save her mother's life, waited with thumping heart at her home, Trenton, yesterday for the coming of the thirty suitor.

"The first time the bell rang," she said, "I was so excited that I can't tell you how I felt. I rushed to the door and opened it, and sure enough there stood a strange young man. He wasn't as tall as I had hoped he would be."

"Of course, I realize that the most important qualification is the \$1000. I said it did, and sure enough—there stood a strange young man. He wasn't as tall as I had hoped he would be."

"The young man looked at me hard and said, 'Does the offer stand?' and I said, 'Then he told me he was just a reporter.'"

"I think I am worth more than a thousand dollars," stated Dorothy. "How much more?" Ten thousand dollars?" queried the interviewer.

"One hundred thousand?" "Yes, easily that and more. I come of a good family, and you can't buy birth."

"My grandmother was the daughter of an Irish peer, and my mother was a Philadelphia and Brooklyn belle," Mrs. Miller refused, however, to disclose the name of her family, saying she would not want friends of other days to know of her poverty.

A night's reflection seemed to make her doubtful of the wisdom of her daughter's experiment.

"I don't know how I could promise to let Dorothy marry a man I don't know anything about," she said.

"But you could investigate, and, anyway, I'd be eighteen before I took that step, and you wouldn't have anything to say about it," said Young America airily.

John Miller, the father, came in from a fruitless day spent, he said, looking for employment. He is a mild-mannered, pleasant-voiced man.

"We could have managed the operation without any help if I had not lost my job," he said. "Now I don't exactly know what we are going to do."

"Something will happen at the last minute," said Miss Miller cheerfully. "It always does in this family."

MAYOR LOOKS UPON PENROSE AS FRIEND

Declares, However, Caven Didn't Place Quotation Marks on Senator's Statement

DIRECTOR EXPLAINS REMARK

Mayor Moore said today he regarded Senator Penrose as "a friend of the administration" when asked to comment on the statement given out last Saturday by Director of Public Works Caven after an interview with the senator in Washington.

Senator Penrose said yesterday that although he confirmed his assertions of friendship toward Mayor Moore's administration, he did not authorize Director Caven to quote him and that words had been credited to him which he had not used.

When asked to comment today, the Mayor was disinclined to talk, saying he could understand why it would be disagreeable to Senator Penrose or any other public official to have quotation marks placed upon words he did not personally use.

"My information is, however," said the Mayor, that Director Caven did not place the quotation marks on Senator Penrose's words, but merely yielded to a request for information as to the senator's attitude.

"Even the Mayor," said his honor smiling, "is sometimes obliged to suffer from quotation marks placed in print on words not uttered by him."

When Director Caven was informed of Senator Penrose's objections to the statement issued by him last Saturday, he said:

"I did not use 'quotes' when speaking of what the senator had told me. I simply told substantially what he had said to me, in reply to several inquiries."

Draft Obstructor Predicted End of World on March 4

Denver, March 22.—(By A. P.)—Joshua Sykes, self-styled "Jehovah, king of heaven and earth, author of the Bible and prophet of the tabernacle of David" in this city, left last night for San Francisco en route to McNeill's Island, Washington, to begin serving an eighteen months' sentence for obstructing the draft.

With Sykes went Dean, his secretary, who will serve a prison term on the same charge.

Twice before Sykes has boarded trains for the Pacific coast. Both times he returned to Denver because he said he had seen a vision portraying the destruction of the world on March 4, and he desired to be with his 300 followers here when the end came.

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'Take 'Em or Leave 'Em,' Says Mayor of His Bills

"The people can take them or leave them," Mayor Moore said today. As to these bills, the Mayor said he had laid his views before the committee of seventy, the committee of one hundred and others a few days ago. He had nothing to add to the views he then expressed. The suggestions were made, he said, in the interest of efficiency.

It is said the Mayor and Senator Woodward will remain good friends in spite of the senator's refusal to offer the bills.

ADMIRAL IN BOOK ASSAILS DANIELS

New Sensation in Navy at Publication of Fiske's Criticisms

IN VINDICATION OF SIMS

Washington, March 22.—A new sensation in the navy department threatening to rival that caused by the Sims charges against Secretary Daniels has resulted from publication of a book entitled "Naval Lessons of the Great War," author's copies of which have been received here.

Tracy Barrett Kittredge, during the war a lieutenant in the naval reserve, and formerly a historian in the University of California, is the author. Among naval officers who have read it, the volume is interpreted as an intended justification of Admiral Sims' position on questions of naval strategy, medal awards and other subjects involved in the controversy with Secretary Daniels.

Kittredge, who was associated with Admiral Sims in the war, has dedicated the volume to his former commanding officer. A distinct stir was caused in naval circles by the introduction, written by Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, U. S. N., retired, in which no words are minced.

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"It (the book) shows that the principal naval lesson of the war is the menace to the national honor and safety that was involved in committing the management of the navy to unworthy hands," Admiral Fiske declares in the introduction.

"The secretary of the navy should be a man of the highest order of ability, knowledge and foresight. This book shows that Secretary Daniels was so far below this standard that then any would have been caught wholly unprepared when the war broke out, and would have been ineffective during the war, if certain navy officers had not sacrificed or endangered their positions by putting through important measures with- out his knowledge."

Accuses Daniels "The secretary of the navy should be a man of the highest character. This book shows that Secretary Daniels, both in writing over his official signature and in oral official testimony before congressional committees made many statements about important naval matters within his cognizance, that were absolutely false."

Following an elaborate review of Senate naval hearings the book summarizes the testimony in a series of conclusions in which legislation is urged to save the navy from ever again falling into the position which Admiral Sims and his followers say they found working against them during the war. These conclusions are an open denunciation of so-called "Danielism," in which the former secretary is charged by inference with having allowed politics and social position to warp his judgment in the selection of officers for the higher posts in the naval establishment.

SHIP CAN FLY OR CRUISE

New Type of Seaplane Invented by British—Two Now Building

London, March 22.—(By A. P.)—Details of an entirely new type of seaplane which can either fly and cruise as a warship have been made public here. Two of these ships are being built for the air ministry. The vessels are said to be much like small ships with wings added. They are larger and stronger than any seagoing aircraft yet constructed and each will carry a crew of seven with accommodations for five machine guns.

The vessels are being so constructed that, while being light, the hulls are sufficiently seaworthy to ride out the roughest waves. They will be capable of co-operating with the navy and joining in all maneuvers without a parent vessel, operating from a sea base just as the submarine does.

They have a range of 1500 miles and when not flying will be able to "taxi" along the water, driven by their propellers.

TODAY'S SMARRIAGE LICENSES

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FIFTY EMPLOYEES LED FROM BURNING FACTORY

Detective and Surgeon Guide Workers at Second Blaze in Building Fifty frightened workers at the Premier Spring Bed Co., 1207 Callowhill street, were marshaled into line and led to the street by District Detective Tynan, of the Eighth and Jefferson streets station, and Police Surgeon Jackson this morning, when fire was discovered for a second time within an hour in the factory.

One fireman was overcome by smoke in fighting the blaze, and revived when accidentally a stream of water was turned on him where he had fallen unnoticed. Two of his comrades rescued him and led him to safety. He was treated by the police surgeon and returned to his duty.

Workers from nearby factories, crowding to windows and fire-escapes, cheered the firemen as they battled the flames. Though the fire was a stubborn one, it was brought under control without the need of turning in a second alarm.

It was the second time since the night that the firemen from stations nearby had been called to fight fires in the neighborhood, the same men having fought until 6 o'clock this morning to put out a more serious fire at Twelfth and Buttonwood streets.

Crossed electric wires are believed to have caused the fire at the Premier Co.'s plant.

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