

OVER 2000 HOMELESS

Incendiary Starts Disastrous Blaze at Ottawa, Ind.

HUNDREDS OF HOUSES BURNED

Fire Started in Lumber Yards and Spread Over Wide Area Before It Was Checked—Break in the Water Mains Handicapped Firemen.

Ottawa, Ont., May 11.—A fire, suspected of being incendiary origin, yesterday afternoon and evening destroyed hundreds of houses and millions of feet of lumber in this city. John White, who has just been released from the penitentiary after serving a term of imprisonment for arson, was caught near where the fire was first discovered. He was taken to the police station and will be charged with starting the disastrous conflagration.

The fire originated within a stone's throw of where the great Hull fire of April 26, 1900, was checked. The Hull fire started on the opposite side of the river and spread to the Ottawa side, destroying millions of dollars worth of property. It burned out near where the Ottawa and Parry Sound Railway enters the western part of the city, and it was in the lumber yards near the railroad that yesterday's fire originated.

The fire was confined to the following area: The Ottawa and Parry Sound Railway on the south, Division street on the east, First avenue on the west and the Richmond road on the north. From the Parry Sound road to the Richmond road is about one mile, and from First avenue to Division street is about one-quarter of a mile.

While the fire was burning fiercely among the lumber piles the whole brigade of the city, which had been summoned, were forced to remain idle by a break in the water main. For an hour not a drop of water was thrown into the flames. A stiff south-west wind was blowing, and by the time the water main had been repaired the lumber yards were a mass of glowing embers. From the lumber yards the flames spread to a group of frame houses on the outskirts of the city, formerly known as Rochesterville, but which is now united to the city. Every house in the little settlement was destroyed.

Another lumber yard in a thinly settled section northeast of Rochesterville was swept by the fire in an incredibly short time. This brought the fire to the more thickly settled sections.

After leaving the lumber piles the flames swept over Pine street, which runs east and west; down Willow, Poplar, Anderson, Eckles, Somerset, Spruce, Elm, Maple, Albert and on to the Richmond road, or, properly speaking, Wellington street, where it was stopped, a short distance from the Canadian Pacific Railway depot.

Fifteen million feet of lumber were destroyed. It belonged chiefly to J. R. Booth and was sold. The loss on the lumber will be about \$300,000. The buildings burned were principally dwelling houses and stores. They were all built since the last great fire and were either solid brick or brick veneered, as the city would not permit of any other kind being erected. The loss on the buildings is estimated at various figures. Mayor Cook said that there were from 500 to 600 families homeless, or about 2,000 individuals.

THE THIRD BACH FESTIVAL

Bethlehem's Great Musical Event an Unprecedented Success.

Bethlehem, Pa., May 12.—The third Bach festival was auspiciously opened in the large Moravian Church last evening after the announcement by the trombone choir from the church steeple. The church was well filled with many who are prominent in the musical work of the entire country. The programme comprised the cantata, "Sleepers Wake, For Night is Flying," followed by the "Magnificat in D," for the second time in America. Theodore Thomas' Cincinnati chorus rendering it in 1879.

The soloists, Miss Effie Stewart and Miss Lucy A. Brickenstein, soprano; Miss Marguerite Hall, alto; John Young, tenor, and Herbert Witherspoon, basso, achieved a notable success. The large audience joined in the chorales. The first night of the Bach festival was considered an unprecedented success, and Director J. Fred Wolfe was overwhelmed with congratulations.

This afternoon and evening the Christmas oratorio will be given, the chorus numbering 110 and the orchestra 60.

German Societies of Jersey Organize.

Trenton, N. J., May 11.—Fifty delegates from various German societies throughout the state met here to form a state federation of such societies. A temporary organization was effected, with Charles J. Woerner, of this city, as president; Otto Schaller as secretary and Charles Kling as treasurer. Another meeting will be held here on May 26. June 1 was selected as a day to be celebrated by German societies throughout the state.

Plot to Murder 300 Persons.

San Francisco, May 12.—Two of the four Chinese highlander societies' presidents arrested for alleged complicity in the killing of Tom Yick, a member of the Chinese Educational Society, have signed confessions in which they admit that a conspiracy existed among the different ramifications of the powerful See Yop Society to put out of the way 300 members of the educational organization.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, May 6.

R. M. Olyphant, president of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company, will resign at the next annual meeting.

H. E. Morean, of Helena, Mont., who had been in Baltimore, Md., for his health, committed suicide there by shooting himself.

The Royal Oak colliery at Shamokin, Pa., is closed because 300 employees went on strike for a 20 cent increase on contract work.

New York custom house officials are making strenuous efforts to stop the smuggling of diamonds into this country by dealers and passengers on incoming steamers.

Thursday, May 7.

A bill granting women the right to vote was defeated in the Connecticut legislature.

The annual convention of the National Congress of Mothers met in Detroit, Mich.

During a free fight at a hotel dance at Bay City, Mich., two men were shot and killed.

Joseph Trepani, the head of a gang of Italians who defrauded New York insurance companies by bogus deaths, was sentenced to four years' imprisonment.

Colonel Asa P. Stanford, brother of the late Leland Stanford, of California, died in New York. He was once a millionaire, but died in absolute poverty.

Friday, May 8.

Rudolph Dolge, of New York, has been appointed a secretary for the Caracas arbitration commission.

Willis Sweet, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, has been appointed attorney general of Porto Rico, to succeed J. S. Harlan, resigned.

The American Medical Association's convention at New Orleans adjourned after naming Atlantic City, N. J., as the next meeting place.

It is announced from London that the Transvaal, South Africa, loan of \$175,000,000 will be issued at par, with interest at 3 per cent.

Frank Roth and Conductor Bennett were killed in a train collision on the New York, New Haven and Hartford road at Shelton, Conn.

Saturday, May 9.

The first meeting of the coal strike conciliation board will be held in Wilkesbarre next week.

Secretary of War Root was the principal speaker at the Lotus Club dinner in New York today.

It is said John Wanamaker will build a 16-story fire-proof department store in New York, at a cost of \$4,000,000.

A disastrous fire swept the business portion of Colliersville, Tenn., destroying four stores and entailing a loss of \$100,000.

The R. F. Morris Manufacturing Company, at Durham, N. C., sold out to the American Tobacco Company. The price paid was \$105,000.

Monday, May 11.

Lee S. Becker, of York, Pa., while at work, was caught in machinery and almost skinned alive.

Secretary Hitchcock inspected the government reservations at Sulphur Springs, I. T., yesterday.

The Southern Cotton Buyers' Association, organized to control cotton prices, will incorporate in Georgia.

Professor William H. Hall, famous as a musician and vocal instructor, died at Columbia, Pa., aged 75 years.

The 12th annual convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution met in New York, with 1,200 delegates present.

Albert Roberts, cashier of the government ice plant at Manila, P. I., is short in his accounts \$4,000. He has been arrested.

Tuesday, May 12.

The National Stove Manufacturers' Association held their annual convention in Chicago.

VESSEL DISABLED AT SEA

Passengers and Crew of Vera Cruz III Had Thrilling Experience.

HAD 433 IMMIGRANTS ABOARD

Was Driven Far Out of Her Course and All Hands Nearly Perished From Thirst—Finally Wrecked on North Carolina Coast.

Norfolk, Va., May 12.—The 433 shipwrecked Portuguese immigrants from the barkentine Vera Cruz III, driven ashore at Ocracoke Inlet, N. C., last Saturday night, are still being cared for on the coast. A revenue cutter will carry them to New Bedford, Mass., whither the barkentine was bound when she anchored off the North Carolina coast Friday for food and water, and later was wrecked. Of the immigrants 390 are men. One man died from starvation. The others are well. The barkentine lies high and dry and may yet be saved. Norfolk wreckers have left for the scene. A thrilling story of the experience at sea of the barkentine came to Norfolk over the government sea coast telegraph from Hatteras, N. C.

The Vera Cruz, bound from the Cape Verde Islands to New Bedford, Mass., was within 135 miles of the Massachusetts coast two weeks ago when a terrific storm carried away the vessel's sails and drove her far out to sea.

It was thought the craft would founder, and most of those aboard abandoned all hope of ever reaching shore again. Jury sails were finally rigged, but another storm carried them away.

The barkentine arrived off Ocracoke helplessly Friday afternoon. The immigrants aboard had been drinking sea water for five days to prevent perishing from thirst and food of all kinds had given out. The immigrants' baggage and portions of the ship's deck load had to be burned for a fire to make as good condensation of salt water as possible.

The captain, on arriving off the North Carolina coast, declared he never would put to sea again with his human freight. That night a bad storm drove the ship ashore. All the immigrants are destitute and dependent entirely on charity until the government takes charge of them on the revenue cutter Boutwell.

The Merritt and Chapman Wrecking Company first intended sending the steamer Rescue to make an immediate attempt to save the Vera Cruz, which lies high and dry, but later this plan was abandoned and Agent W. S. Tooker left here by rail to make an inspection of the vessel for the purpose of ascertaining if she is worth saving.

EXPRESS MESSENGER CONFESSES

All But \$200 of the \$20,000 Stolen in Transit Recovered.

Philadelphia, May 12.— Detectives have recovered all but \$200 of \$20,000 in currency stolen from the safe of the United States Express Company in transit from Pottsville to this city.

William J. Murphy, an express messenger in the employ of the company, who was arrested Saturday on suspicion of having some knowledge of the mysterious disappearance of the valuable package, is said by the police to have made a confession which led to the recovery of the money. He was given a hearing today.

The money was consigned by the Safe Deposit Bank of Pottsville to the Tradesmen's National Bank, of this city. Murphy received for the package, but when the safe was opened the money was missing. The messenger was questioned, but his replies were vague and he was taken into custody. Yesterday, the police say, Murphy admitted his guilt, and accompanied the detectives to the house of a friend, where \$19,800 was found buried in the cellar. Murphy has been in the employ of the United States Express Company for 15 years.

Town Threatened With Destruction.

Johnstown, Pa., May 12.—The town of Vintondale, this county, is threatened with destruction by a fierce forest fire, which is raging near there. Help was summoned from this city, and a fire engine left on a special train. Two fire companies, with two engines, two wagons and 70 men have also started from Altoona. The fire started in the woods six miles away last Friday, and has been burning steadily since then. The fire is within one-quarter of a mile of the town, and fears are entertained that help may not reach there in time. The place is entirely surrounded by timber, nearly all of which is ablaze.

Found Check For \$21,000.

Rahway, N. J., May 11.—It became known that Patrick Moore, a flagman at the New Brunswick avenue crossing of the Pennsylvania Railroad, found a check for \$21,000, which flattered out of a window of the Long Branch express as it passed through here. The check was drawn on the Merchants' National Bank of Chicago in favor of Mrs. Isabella Stewart, but the name of the maker was undecipherable. The check was turned in to the lost property department of the railroad.

McKinley's Niece in Vaudeville.

New York, May 11.—Mrs. Mabel Bear, a niece of the late President McKinley and a daughter of Abner McKinley, the late president's brother, it is announced, will appear in June on the Hertz and Seamon vaudeville circuit for 25 weeks, arrangements to that end having been completed. Her first appearance as a professional vocalist will be made in Washington, D. C.

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