



FOREST FIRE SPREADS IN CUMBERLAND

Whole Towns Menaced In Adjacent County Where Hundreds of Men Are Working

FLAMES IN ALL PARTS OF STATE

House of Representatives To-day Calls Upon the Governor to Spend Funds With Free Hand in Hiring Workers to Battle With Conflagrations

(Special to the Star-Independent.) Carlisle, Pa., April 22.—The fierce forest fires in the South mountains, Cumberland county, which during the last two days have destroyed 20,000 acres of State forest reserve and at least five thousand acres of private property, and which yesterday passed over the little village of Laurel, leaving behind the smoking ruins of summer cottages, are to-day advancing in many different directions.

No less than three hundred men are desperately fighting the flames in their efforts to protect not only the timberland in the county in which the fire is advancing, but also entire towns which are seriously menaced.

Flames on the edge of Hunter's Run this morning were fought for many hours by residents, but a change of the wind came at a time when the danger was greatest and saved the town from partial if not entire destruction.

At Mount Holly the flames reached the base of the mountain last night and threatened frame houses on Hill street. These houses were soaked with water and the flames were prevented from spreading into the town and the park. The Holly Inn was for a time in great danger.

Flames are spreading rapidly north of Hunter's Run, and the hundreds of men who are opposing them seem to be checking them but slightly.

The employees of the clay works and the cement works number a hundred and fifty men in all. They are assisted in the fire-fighting by a large force of men working under the supervision of deputies of the State fire marshal.

The flames this afternoon reached the J. H. Gardner farm, near Toland, and are spreading toward the estate of David Cameron, of Harrisburg. Caledonia Park also is in the path of the fires. There are reports of a big fire Centerville.

Loss Now Totals \$150,000

The fire which Tuesday night swept over Laurel, doing damage to the amount of \$70,000, has been advancing northeast. That is the general direction, but sparks have been the means of spreading the flames to all sides. A total of 25,000 acres of timber land has thus far been devastated, bringing the loss to-day to \$150,000.

The loss to the United Ice and Coal Company of Harrisburg, whose ice house at Laurel was burned to the ground, is estimated at \$15,000. Seventeen thousand tons of ice had been stored in the building. Much of it melted, but a large pillar of ice remains on the site of the structure.

WANTS GUARD CALLED OUT TO FIGHT FOREST FIRES

Alarmed at the great destruction of game as a result of many forest fires that are now raging in Pennsylvania, the Wild Life League of Pennsylvania yesterday addressed a letter to Governor Brumbaugh asking him to use all of available resources at the State's command for fire prevention and to stay the progress of the flames and the further destruction of birds and animals. At the same time the League sent a letter to the sportsmen's associations of the State asking them to help. The letter to Governor Brumbaugh says in part:

"In almost all the mountain counties and particularly along the rights of way of the various railroads of the State vast areas are being burned over, the small fire-fighting force of the Forestry Department being utterly inadequate to cope with the emergency in an effective way.

"We would pledge the aid and support of the county organizations of the League in fighting this fire emergency, and would respectfully urge that the entire force of state police, every available fish and game pro-

HOUSE GIVES GOVERNOR FREE HAND IN FIGHTING SPREADING FOREST FIRES

Efforts on the part of the state officials to check forest fires which are raging in every section of the state will be rebolstered in response to a resolution unanimously passed in the House this morning at the instance of Mr. Phillips, of Clearfield.

The resolution requests Governor Brumbaugh to call in for consultation the heads of the Department of Forestry, the State Fire Marshal, the State Police and the Adjutant General with a view of devising ways and means of extinguishing the fires.

The Governor is given a free hand in the matter of expending money for this purpose. The preamble of the resolution sets forth that forest fires are causing great damage to the parched woodland of the state and that the present methods of the state have proven inadequate to extinguish the fires.

"Forest fires prevail in every county in the State," said Deputy Forestry Commissioner Williams to-day, "but we have reason to believe that with the dying out of the high wind that was instrumental in spreading the flames we will soon have the flames now under control. The dry condition of the woods, with the terrific high winds, created conditions that all the force engaged in fighting fires could not combat. Every man in the state who was concerned in fighting forestry fires was on duty, and there was some excellent work done, but so fierce was the wind that it was almost impossible to repel the advance of the fires. We have as yet no estimate of the damage done. Last night was damp and the wind has gone down, and we now believe we have the fires almost under control.

Secretary Kalbfus, of the State Game Commission, says that the destruction of forests was very widespread, and the people seemed powerless to stem the course of the flames. The grouse and turkeys are nesting now and hundreds of the birds were destroyed. In Clinton county especially the destruction of game birds has been great.

BABY COACH FOR LAWMAKER

Representative Benninger Congratulated on Arrival of a New Republican

Hundreds of congratulations and not a few presents were showered on Representative Benninger, of Northampton, who made it known in the House this morning that he is the father of a baby boy, which arrived on Saturday.

Mr. Stein, of Allegheny, after praising Mr. Benninger of taking into Northampton a new Republican, presented him with a bottle of beer for "personal use," saying that it was "fine stuff after the action of the House yesterday." Flowers and a baby coach were given immediately afterward.

Mr. Benninger thanked the House for its gifts.

RAILROAD DETECTIVE KILLED

Caught Between a Locomotive and Girder of a Bridge

Philadelphia, April 22.—George E. Johnson, 38, of 810 West Seventh street, Wilmington, Del., was killed here to-day when he was caught between a locomotive and a girder of a bridge which spans the Pennsylvania railroad tracks.

Johnson was a railroad detective and operated between this city and Wilmington. He frequently rode on the tender of locomotives and it is believed that he misjudged his distance when he attempted to alight.

\$25,000 STRUCTURE TO REPLACE ONE BURNED

Four-Story Concrete Building Will Rise On Site of the Montgomery Storage House—Changes in Management of the Company.

Announcement was made this afternoon from the offices of the Montgomery Storage Company, whose South Tenth street storage building was destroyed by fire on Sunday, that the company plans to build a massive four-story concrete storage house that will cost in the neighborhood of \$25,000 on the site of the ruined structure. The building is to have a floor space that will more than double that of the frame structure destroyed by fire. It is to be of fireproof construction.

With this announcement came also the statement that the management of the Montgomery Company has changed so that the business now is under the control of Frederick L. Morgenthaler, H. M. Askins and J. Montgomery Traace. Joseph Montgomery, for many years head of the firm, has retired and the estate of W. K. Alricks and J. B. Montgomery also have withdrawn from the business.

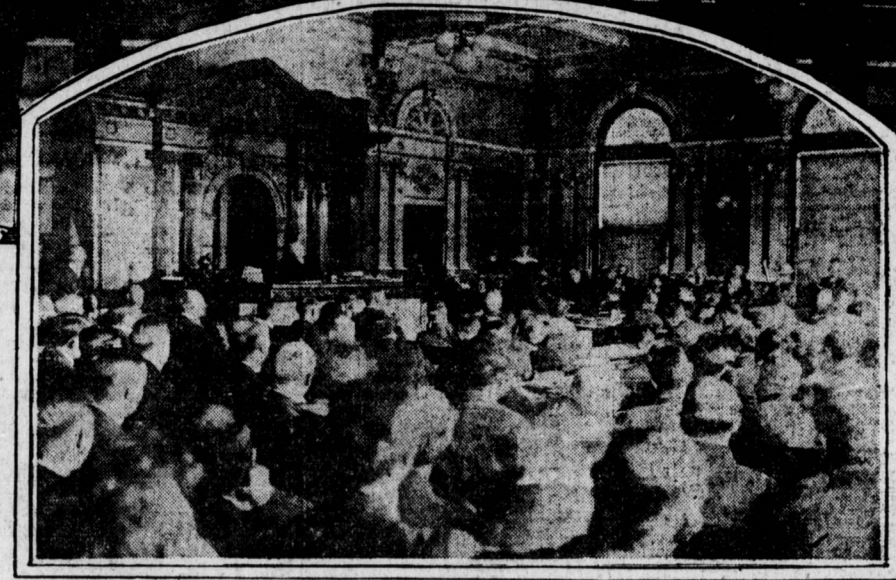
The confirmation of the new building plans came when it was learned that one of Harrisburg's City Commissioners has been asked to introduce an ordinance at next Tuesday's meeting of the commission under which the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company will be permitted to extend a siding over Tenth street, 380 feet south of Market, to the proposed warehouse.

The siding is essential from an economic standpoint, members of the Montgomery firm said to-day, and upon the assurance that permission will be given to construct it depends whether the building plans will be carried out. They stated further that the siding will be used twice a day, at 7 a. m. and at 12 o'clock noon. The ordinance was offered at the next meeting of the Commissioners.

JURORS IN BARNES-ROOSEVELT CASE AND SCENE AT TRIAL



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GENERAL SCENE, SUPREME COURT, SYRACUSE

BARNES' ALLEGED SCHEME OF GRAFT

Excerpts From Report of Probing Committee Read at Roosevelt's Trial for Libel

COLONEL'S 3D DAY ON STAND

His Cross-Examination at Hands of Barnes' Counsel Again Takes Up Much Time—William Loeb, Jr., Probably Next Witness

Syracuse, N. Y., April 22.—Theodore Roosevelt again went upon the witness stand in the Supreme Court here to-day to submit to cross-examination at the hands of William Ivin, counsel for William Barnes, in the latter's suit against Colonel Roosevelt seeking \$50,000 damages for alleged libel. It was the former President's third day on the witness stand.

During the first part of his cross-examination of Roosevelt William Ivin brought from the former President the statement that he knew the constitution of the State of New York provided that no man is eligible to the office of Governor unless he has been a resident of the State for five years prior to the date of his election and that he had made an affidavit the year previous to his own election that he was and for some time had been a resident of Washington.

Colonel Roosevelt's counsel made no objection whatever to the line of questioning which resulted in these statements.

Papers and Records Galore

Three bundles of papers containing notes and two suit cases of records and pamphlets were taken into the Supreme Court here to-day by counsel for William Barnes. The documents were to be used by William Ivin, chief counsel, in his cross-examination of Theodore Roosevelt.

Mr. Barnes himself was said to have suggested many questions for his opponent to answer.

William Loeb, Jr., private secretary to Colonel Roosevelt when he was President, and later collector of the port of New York, was an early arrival at the Court House to-day. Mr. Loeb is under subpoena and it was considered probable that he would be the next witness.

SHANNON ELECTED COLONEL

Chosen on Tenth Ballot As Commander of Fourth Regiment N. G. P.

Reading, April 22.—Brigadier General T. C. O'Neil, of Allentown, to-day conducted an election for colonel of the Fourth regiment, N. G. P., to fill the vacancy caused by the recent promotion of General O'Neil, who was colonel many years.

The candidates were Major Frank D. Biery, of Allentown, and Major Edward C. Shannon, of Columbia. Major Shannon was elected on the tenth ballot.

Machinist Drops Dead in Street John D. Weibner, 58 years old, a machinist, residing at 549 Race street, fell dead of valvular heart trouble in front of his home this afternoon, according to information received from Coroner Eckinger's office.

Above are shown eleven of the twelve jurors who will decide the Barnes-Roosevelt \$50,000 libel case, and a general scene at the trial. The eleven jurors are:

Back row—No. 1, F. W. Pierce, carpenter, Syracuse, Republican; No. 2, Leonard K. Hungerford, contracting painter, Syracuse, Progressive; No. 3, Franklin S. Rhoades, farmer, Elbridge, Republican; No. 4, Walter J. Zull, manufacturer, Syracuse, Progressive; No. 5, Irving J. Mills, woodworker, Syracuse, Republican.

Front row—No. 6, Peter E. Bonnie, coal dealer, Liverpool, Democrat; No. 7, Edward Burns, motorman, Syracuse, Republican; No. 8, George E. Bescher, manufacturer, Syracuse, Progressive; No. 9, John W. Brown, farmer, Memphis, Republican; No. 10, Ray Tanner, farmer, Marcellus, Democrat; No. 11, Henry Hoag, clerk, Fayette, Republican.

CHARGES MINORITY SEEKS TO RUN A WATER COMPANY

Holding Concern Obtains Temporary Injunction Against Group of Stockholders of Williams Valley Corporation in Court To-day

How an effort was made to oust the Sterling Consolidated Electric Company, a holding company, composed of up-county capitalists, from its control of the Williams Valley Water Company and also to dismiss the superintendent of the Williams Valley Company, which furnishes water in Williams town, at an alleged "conventional" meeting of the Williams Valley stockholders, all is set forth in an injunction suit launched in the Dauphin county court this morning.

Through this injunction action the Sterling company has obtained a court order primarily restraining the Williams Valley stockholders, P. B. Shaw, George Parkman, R. W. McConnell, James A. Tanner and William J. Kennedy, from carrying out their alleged plans to interfere with the plaintiff concern by ousting its superintendent, taking the books and money—something like \$1,500, and collecting back water rents which total approximately \$2,000, dating up until May 1, next.

Judge McCarrell directs the defendants severally to appear in court next Tuesday morning, April 27, at 10 o'clock and show cause why the injunction order should not be made permanent.

PLANT STOPS FOR FUNERAL

Whistles Blow and Bells Ring in Steelton as Tribute of Respect for the Late Major Bent

For the second time in 50 years every wheel at the big plant of the Pennsylvania Steel Company, in Steelton, was stopped this morning from 11 to 11:05 o'clock as a tribute of respect, simultaneously with the beginning in Overbrook of funeral services for Major L. S. Bent, former superintendent of the plant. The first occasion of the plant closing down at the time of the funeral of Samuel Felton, father-in-law of Major L. S. Bent.

The Steelton fire siren, on the blast furnace, gave six blasts of ten seconds each with intervals of one minute. This salute was answered by the large whistle on the Bridge and Construction building. The bells on St. James' Catholic, Trinity German Lutheran and Trinity Episcopal churches were tolled during the five-minute period. The flags on the various school buildings throughout the borough were at half mast the entire day.

Among prominent men of the borough who attended the services at Overbrook were J. V. Reynolds, W. E. Abercrombie, H. S. Gross, T. T. McEntee, H. O. Smith and R. M. Rutherford.

CHOSEN PRINCIPAL FOR CENTRAL HIGH

Howard G. Dibble, of Lambertville, N. J., to Succeed the Late W. S. Steele

70 CANDIDATES TO CHOOSE FROM

Successful Applicant Recommended by President Hadley, of Yale University, Where He Finished Education in Graduate School

The Harrisburg Board of School Directors, meeting in special session at 2 o'clock this afternoon, selected How-



HOWARD G. DIBBLE

ard G. Dibble, supervising principal of the schools of Lambertville, N. J., to the principalship of the Central High school in this city.

In selecting Mr. Dibble the Board approved the report of the special committee selected for the purpose. The

THAW, U. S. AVIATOR, IS REPORTED KILLED WHILE SERVING IN FRENCH ARMY

Paris, April 22.—A report has been received here that William Thaw, an American aviator serving with the French army, has been killed near Verdun. The report has not been confirmed, however. A postcard dated the 17th sent by him to a friend showed that he was in good health on that date.

Pittsburgh, April 22.—It was said at the residence of Benjamin Thaw, father of William Thaw, early to-day that no report regarding the death of Mr. Thaw had been received and members of the family were inclined to discredit it. The elder Mr. Thaw returned from New York last night. It was said he has not heard anything from his son recently.

William Thaw 2nd, is the son of Mrs. Benjamin Thaw of Pittsburgh and New York. He joined the Second regiment of foreign volunteers fighting for France, soon after the war began at about the time he became of age. He offered to serve either as an engineer or an aviator, in both of which activities he had had considerable experience.

Thaw is a nephew of Harry K. Thaw and did considerable work as an aviator in this country before the war. On one occasion he began a fight at New Haven, circled the Statue of Liberty and flew under the four bridges across the East river. He was appointed to the French aviation corps in December and was the first American to be accepted as a pilot for the French service. Since that time he has seen considerable service in the air.

Submarine Examines Dutch Steamer Stockholm, April 22, Via London, 2:45 P. M.—A German submarine to-day stopped a Dutch steamer outside of Gelle, on the Gulf of Bothnia, and examined her papers and cargo. From this incident the deduction is made here that Germany in this manner intends to keep a close watch on the traffic between Sweden and Finland.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

The German admiralty announced to-day that a British submarine was sunk five days ago in Helgoland bay which lies between the mainland and the island of Helgoland, one of the most important German naval stations. It is said British submarines have been observed and attacked repeatedly in this bay and that others probably have been destroyed.

In Petrograd it is asserted that attacks of Austrian forces on the Russians who invaded Northern Hungary have failed. The Austrians attempted outflanking movements along the section of the Carpathian line where the Russians succeeded in reaching the Hungarian plains, but according to the in-

GREEK SHIP HITS MINE; 11 ARE DEAD

Captain, His Wife and Nine Members of the Crew Perish in the Aegean Sea

VESSEL STRUCK DRIFTING MINE

Turks Entrench Themselves Strongly Along Coast of Gulf of Saros, Apparently to Resist Proposed New Attack on Dardanelles by Allies

Paris, April 22, 1:15 A. M.—The Havas Agency has received the following dispatch from Athens:

"The Turks have entrenched themselves strongly along the coast of the gulf of Saros from a point near Enos on the mainland with particularly formidable works opposite Bulair. This move of the Turks is an apparent effort to resist the proposed new attack of the land and sea forces of the allies on the Dardanelles.

"The allied fleet yesterday bombarded Turkish encampments near Bulair, the position of which previously had been indicated by aviators.

"An allied aeroplane dropped bombs Monday on Tchesme in the gulf of Smyrna.

"A British torpedo boat bombarded a Turkish camp at the village of Katoppanagi near Smyrna.

"Information received at Piraeus states that a Greek sailing ship which left for Samos two days ago struck a mine in the Aegean sea and blew up. The captain, his wife and nine members of the crew were killed. The mine is supposed to have drifted from the Dardanelles."

DIES WITH SECRET ON LIPS

Victor Hugo's Daughter, 85, Kidnaped When Girl, Never Revealed Tragic Story of Her Life

Paris, April 22.—Adele Hugo, youngest daughter of the late Victor Hugo, died yesterday at her residence in Suresnes, a suburb of this city, at the age of 85 years.

The sad and tragic story of Adele Hugo many years ago aroused the sympathy of the entire world. As a girl she was kidnaped at Guernsey by an English officer. All Europe was searched for her by her parents, but they obtained no trace of her whereabouts.

Several months later a girl found wandering alone in the streets of New York, apparently demented, declared "I am the daughter of Victor Hugo." This was the only statement she ever made.

She was sent back to France to her parents, but her lips remained sealed until the end and the tragic story of her life never was revealed. She failed to entirely recover her reason and after the death of her father, lived a solitary existence in her villa, morose and seldom speaking. When she did consent to converse it never was of the past.

POSSESSES CHARMED LIFE

B. & O. Fireman Has Had Seven Narrow Escapes From Death

Connellsville, Pa., April 22.—William E. Stewart, a Baltimore & Ohio locomotive fireman, believes he possesses a charmed life. Tuesday night, Stewart was struck by lightning at his home here and rendered unconscious for four hours. He recovered, however, and feels no ill effects.

Recently he was hurled from an engine when it blew up, but escaped with only a few bruises. Stewart says he has had seven narrow escapes from death.

WALL STREET CLOSING

New York, April 22.—Lowest prices were made in the last hour, principal issues then showing losses of 1 to almost 2 points. The closing was irregular. The duller market in over a fortnight was accompanied by variable movements. Leaders were lower, with strength in coppers and specialties.