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DEATH IN FIRE TRAP. Many Dead and Missing in Kansas City Disaster.

SUDDEN BLAZE CUT OFF ALL ESCAPE. Inmates of Chamber of Commerce Building, Driven by Flames to Roof, Jumped Before Rescuers Could Reach Them. KANSAS CITY, Kan., Oct. 26.—In the ruins of the Chamber of Commerce building, destroyed by fire at an early hour, there are from half a dozen to thirty bodies, according to estimates by firemen.

A single body has been removed from the ruins, that of D. R. Young. It is known that Charles A. Lynch and the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George Sparks are dead, but their bodies have not been recovered. J. F. Branham, a wagon maker, has died in a hospital. It is thought that the total dead will be about ten.

The building, used as a tenement house and containing a hundred rooms, held thirty families of more than a hundred persons and a large number of transients. So quickly did the flames, which started on the ground floor, spread that a few minutes after they were discovered all means of escape by the stairways was shut off. On two sides of the building the elevated railway tracks hemmed it in and made still harder the work of the firemen.

When the firemen arrived they saw men hanging from window sills on the upper floors and frantic women, with babies in arms and children clinging to them, leaning far out from the windows, unable to find any means of escape and yet taking advantage of the little fresh air which the windows afforded. Escape for those on the upper three floors was completely cut off. The inmates were asleep when the fire started, and by the time they crowded to the fire escapes the flames had enveloped that side of the building, making the descent to the street impossible. The fire ladders fell short.

Men, women and children fought their way to the roof. Children were passed from hand to hand through the opening in the roof like buckets of water along a fire line. In a few minutes the roof was crowded with terrified persons, and more were massed in the hallways below. Unable to stand the heat longer, several on the roof leaped to the ground below. Many were badly injured. Some are believed to have been killed. The firemen scaled their ladders and carried the children and fainting women, some with their dresses ablaze, to safety. At the last moment those remaining on the roof escaped over a ladder to an adjoining building.

H. G. Wilson pitched his wife from the fourth floor to the firemen on the ladders below and then, with his young baby, jumped into the arms of the firemen himself. Jesse Ford, a laborer, with his wife and young baby, climbed out of a room on the fourth floor and, walking along a beam to a point directly above the firemen, dropped both wife and baby safely to them. He himself jumped and was saved by the firemen. An unidentified child was dashed to the street when those below failed to catch it. Of the persons seriously hurt, Frank Ditar swung himself by a rope from the fourth floor. He was injured about the body and internally.

Firemen searching in the ruins say that from twenty-five to thirty persons will be found to be buried there. The Chamber of Commerce building was at Park and Central avenues, in the River view district. The loss is estimated at \$90,000.

A Wedding at Haverstraw. HAVERSTRAW, N. Y., Oct. 26.—Miss Beattie Debaun Foss, daughter of Mayor Odell Foss, and Everett Fowler, son of Everett Fowler, a wealthy brick manufacturer of Haverstraw, were married at the Central Presbyterian church. Rev. George M. Bonsall officiated. The wedding was one of the most notable social affairs that has taken place in Haverstraw in a number of years.

CHURCHMEN ACCUSED.

New York Police Charge Evils to Y. M. C. A. and Antislavery Men. NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—"Landlords of the very places we are trying to reach—gambling houses and disreputable resorts—are among the shining lights in the Y. M. C. A. and your own society," said Third Deputy Police Commissioner Mathot to the Rev. Dr. Parkhurst and the latter's counsel, Frank Moss. The occasion was the clergyman's presence in the Jefferson Market police court in response to a subpoena issued after the publication of a letter written by the Society for the Prevention of Crime to Mayor McClellan last week.

Both Dr. Parkhurst and Mr. Moss jumped to their feet and heatedly denied the assertion. They demanded the proof, and this Mr. Mathot said he would supply. Later, owing to his inability to obtain the necessary papers, the deputy commissioner said he would be delayed in producing the evidence in question, but insisted that eventually he would do so. In the meantime the purpose for which Dr. Parkhurst was taken to court was fulfilled later when Mr. Moss, speaking for him, said that the society stood ready to supply the police department with the information upon which the recent communication was based. Upon the adjournment of court Dr. Parkhurst made a statement in which he said: "We stand ready, as we have always done, to make good! We upset one city administration; we can upset another, unless they upset themselves."

FIGHT WITH THE UTES.

Five Cowboys Killed and Cattle Raided in Wyoming. SIOUX CITY, Ia., Oct. 26.—Troops have been hurriedly started from Fort Meade, S. D., to reinforce the soldiers at Fort Robinson, who have surrounded the rebellious Ute Indians in Wyoming, but cannot move them. A telegram to headquarters says five cowboys have been killed and a big herd of cattle raided. Six troops of the Sixth cavalry have left Fort Meade and will go 135 miles to Wyoming.

The band of Ute Indians who are being rounded up by the United States cavalry and escorted back to their reservation was reported on Little Powder river about forty miles north of Gillette, Wyo., and was temporarily camped there on account of the storm. Major C. H. Grierson, in command of Troop M, Tenth cavalry, which was sent to escort the Indians back to their reservation, had decided, after they refused to surrender, to await reinforcements before rounding them up, and orders had been issued by Major General A. N. Greely for the dispatching of two more troops of the Tenth cavalry from Fort Robinson, Neb.

It is thought that the entire force moved forward and surrounded the Indian camp on Powder river and demanded the surrender of the Utes, who were 300 strong, and that an attack followed. Troops have been ordered from Fort Meade, S. D., to join those north of Gillette.

Loan From Monastery Funds. ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 26.—Arrangements are well advanced by which the treasure of the Orthodox church will be made available toward balancing the deficit in the imperial budget. Minister of Commerce Filsoff has recently had interviews with the Moscow merchants' guilds, which are large holders of the existing 4 per cent notes. With a view of placing the French international loan of 100,000,000 rubles the holy synod has responded favorably to a proposal that a great part of the new loan shall be taken by the monastery funds.

Liquor Men Hit Back. NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 26.—Prohibitionists and antisaloonists were criticised in resolutions adopted at the closing session of the fourteenth annual convention of the National Liquor League of the United States, which has been in progress here for the past three days. The resolutions declared that "antisaloon agitators promote savas and disregard of law and indirectly the commission of crime."

Roosevelt's Friend Exonerated. WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The president has the reports of a special agent of the department of justice and a representative of the Indian bureau on the charges preferred against Governor Frank Ferguson of Oklahoma. The reports completely exonerate the rough rider governor, who is the president's friend. The president, it is understood, will approve them.

Postmaster Held Blameless. WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—Charges of pernicious political activity recently were filed with the postoffice department against Postmaster Lewis of York, Pa. The matter was turned over to the civil service commission, which made an investigation of the charges, and the postmaster has been exonerated of all blame. Sixteen Voters in Family. SHELBYSVILLE, Ind., Oct. 26.—Elias P. Thompson, widely known as the father of the biggest Republican family in Indiana, is dead. He was eighty-eight years old. Thompson's eight boys all followed their father's politics, and his seven girls married Republicans, a total of sixteen voters in all. Court Punishes Hazing. MARIETTA, O., Oct. 26.—The first conviction of hazing in the state of Ohio was secured in the probate court here when Sidney Coit and Clarence Tibbets were each fined for attempting to kidnap and haze their schoolmate, Frank Bartlett, son of a wealthy oil operator.

TROUBLE WITH JAPAN.

Protest From Mikado's Ambassador at Washington.

FRISCO SCHOOLS BAR JAP CHILDREN

United States Has Requested Tokyo Government to Punish Poachers Who Raided Alaskan Hookers. Some Robbers Were Shot. WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—Viscount Aoki, the Japanese ambassador, at a conference with Secretary Root at the state department made the request in behalf of his government that the United States see that Japanese subjects in California are ascribed their full rights under the treaty of 1894, including the right of children to freely attend the public schools of San Francisco.

Secretary Root will take the matter up with the president, and it is likely that representations will be made to the authorities of California. The treaty which the ambassador referred to was made between the two countries in 1894. Article 1 provides that the citizens of either country have the right to all of the privileges of natives of the other country. The Japanese diplomats here regard the situation as serious. The state department has informally requested of Japan that she punish Japanese fishermen who escaped from



VISCOUNT AOKI

the American authorities of St. Paul's island, Alaska, after their raid upon the seal rookeries some weeks ago. The Japanese fishermen regard the action of the Japanese fishermen not only as a violation of treaty rights, but as an invasion of American territory. Those Japs who were captured will be punished in American courts if convicted. No protest has been made on the part of Japan to this government because of the killing of her subjects in this case, and none is expected. The ambassador said that the exclusion of Japanese children from San Francisco schools was the chief cause of the harsh criticism of the United States in his country. He was inclined to discount the other causes given for the sentiment against this country. The viscount went on: "There is much misunderstanding in Japan concerning the true situation. The Japanese government fully realizes that the action against the Japanese children is local and not general in this country, but all the Japanese people do not understand conditions in this country, and a local unfriendliness to Japanese is regarded by many persons as a national action."

The action against the Japanese is regarded as extremely serious by Viscount Aoki, and he made no attempt to discount its importance. "After all the years of friendship between the two nations it seems too bad that the poor innocent little Japanese school children should be subjected to such indignities," said the ambassador. "Such action on the part of local authorities in this country is resented very bitterly by all Japanese." In the opinion of Viscount Aoki the killing of the Japanese by the American government agents has played little part in arousing Japanese public sentiment against the United States. A dispatch from Tokyo says that the Japanese foreign office has received a reply through Ambassador Viscount Suga Aoki at Washington to the effect that the exclusion of Japanese children from the schools of San Francisco was quite a local affair. The American government was not aware of the details of the incident until after the receipt of the cablegrams from Japan. The American ambassador at Tokyo, Luke E. Wright, has given a pledge that the United States will not discriminate between Japanese and other foreign children and that she undertakes to protect Japanese interests fully.

Baron Kentaro Kaneko, a member of the privy council, in the course of an interview on this subject said the incident was lamentable in view of the ever increasing friendship between Japan and the United States. How Tokyo Views It. TOKYO, Oct. 26.—It is believed here that the anti-Japanese feeling existing in America is confined to the labor element in California. The tone of the Japanese press is sobering down. Thoughtful Japanese believe that if the country allowed itself to be carried away by a momentary excitement against America this would only play into the hands of those who are anxious to alienate foreign sympathies from Japan. It is generally felt that the friendship between America and Japan is too deep rooted to be sacrificed through local animosities.

EASY FOR ORACULUM.

Hempstead Selling Stakes at Jamaica Won by Favorite.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—Three favorites and three outsiders divided first moneys at Jamaica. Oraculum scored an easy victory in the Hempstead selling stakes at six furlongs. He opened at 6 to 5 favorite, but as there was a heavy lay on Loring from 2 1/2 to 1 down to 7 to 5 the price on Oraculum was forced up to 5 to 2 at the close. Miller broke Oraculum off in front and, making the pace, won easily by three lengths. Summaries: First Race—They're Off, first; Montgomery, second; Botanist, third. Second Race—Albert F., first; Cloister, second; Homelander, third. Third Race—Crossina, first; Stampground, second; Palette, third. Fourth Race—Oraculum, first; Belcast, second; Loring, third. Fifth Race—Bragg, first; Niblick, second; Delmore, third. Sixth Race—Molesley, first; Jennie Wells, second; Hancock, third.

Woolgatherer at Benning Track. WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The inauguration of the second annual meeting of the United Hunt Racing association, held at a large society attendance. The feature of the card, the National Capital steeplechase, was closely contested over the two and a half miles. Woolgatherer only winning in the last furlong. Stoner Hill at 15 to 1. CINCINNATI, Oct. 26.—Three favorites and three outsiders won the card at Latonia. Stoner Hill, at 15 to 1 in the betting, won the fifth event at six furlongs from St. Joseph, with Marvel P. third. The steeplechase handicap over the clubhouse course went to Lady Jocelyn, the favorite, Frank Mac second and Pica third.

Fear Appendicitis For Norton. ANNAPOLIS, Md., Oct. 26.—Homer Norton, quarterback of the Naval academy football team, was taken to the academy hospital, suffering with what is thought to be appendicitis. Every effort is being made to avoid an operation, as the surgeon's knife would put Norton out of the game for the remainder of the year. Massachusetts Press Men Protest. WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—Under a ruling of the interstate commerce commission transportation over railroad lines no longer may be given to newspaper publishers or editors in exchange for advertising space in their newspapers. A protest against this ruling has been received by the commission from the Massachusetts Press association through William J. Hefferman, the secretary of the association. In Mr. Hefferman's communication he says that the association unanimously voted to "enter its protest against the reported ruling in holding that the payment for railroad transportation at full rates in advertising shall be treated on any other basis than that of transportation paid for in cash."

Chinese Army Up to Date. CHANGTSEU, Oct. 26.—A notable feature of the autumn maneuvers of the Chinese imperial army, which opened in the neighborhood of Changtseu, has been the presence in the field of a portable wireless telegraph apparatus, carried upon light wagons, and so adjusted that it can be erected in less than thirty minutes. These stations were operated by Chinese officers belonging to the telegraph corps. The maneuvers came to an end with victory for the northern army. Sent England Bad News. LONDON, Oct. 26.—Replying to a question in the house of commons, President Burns of the government board said that of 418 tons of meat seized and condemned at the Smithfield meat market between July 15 and Sept. 13 twenty-four tons came from the United States and about 232 tons from the Argentine. Mr. Burns said he hoped the government's proposed legislation would prevent the possibility of the recurrence of such a state of affairs.

Victory For Macon College. NORFOLK, Va., Oct. 26.—Judge Hanel of the court of law and chancery has overruled the demurrer filed for the dismissal of the suit brought here to compel the production and probation in Virginia of the will of the late Mrs. Columbia Rhea of Norfolk, who was burned to death in Baltimore. The decision is a victory for Randolph Macon college, which was left \$100,000 in the will. Murder at North Fayston, Va. MONTPELIER, Va., Oct. 26.—A mysterious murder has taken place in North Fayston, a town fifteen miles distant. The victim was Henry Tracy, thirty years old, an employee in a saw-mill, whose body was found lying in the road. There were four revolver bullet wounds in the body, and the authorities believe that the man was murdered. Beverage at Terre Haute. TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Oct. 26.—Senator Albert J. Beverage addressed a mass meeting at the Coliseum. He devoted most of his remarks to the Cuban question. Senator Beverage also refuted the assertion made by William J. Bryan that the Democrats proposed the reforms now advocated by the Republican party. After Roosevelt's Return. WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The statement was made by a cabinet officer here that the appointment of a governor of the Panama canal zone in all probability would not be made until after President Roosevelt's return from the trip of inspection to the isthmus.

HOOE TAKES IT BACK.

Hartje Negro Coachman on Trial For Perjury.

EXONERATES MILLIONAIRE'S WIFE.

Testimony Showed That Prisoner Had Said, "This Woman is a Good Woman; I Want to Make a Clear Confession." PITTSBURGH, Oct. 26.—The third day of Clifford Hooe's trial for perjury, the allegation being that he had sworn falsely in a deposition against Mrs. Mary Scott Hartje in Augustus Hartje's application for a divorce, began with Edgar Ray, a private detective, under cross examination by Attorney J. Scott Ferguson. Ray had testified to tracing Hooe to East Liverpool, O., and to a sensational confession made by Hooe after the negro coachman's arrest in Ohio. Ray said Hooe confessed that he had been promised \$5,000 for the statement and had never received but \$700. Hooe's confession, according to Ray, was most sensational. In cross examination Ray detailed Hooe's arrest and second confession, denying that he had told the prisoner that a mob was waiting in Allegheny to lynch him and that he had promised to protect him if he said his first statement was false. Detective Ray's statements were corroborated by a number of other operatives of the agency with which he is associated. One of these, Harry Mall, stated that on the way from East Liverpool Hooe said: "I want to go to Pittsburgh. This woman is a good woman, and I want to do anything for her I can. I'm tired of going all over the country. I'd have been in Pittsburgh long ago, but I was afraid Weisbous would shoot me." Weisbous is the merchant friend of Augustus Hartje, who is under indictment for conspiracy. Alderman King, who issued a number of warrants for Hooe, was called and said he had heard Hooe dictate his statement and that Hooe was cautioned before he made it that what he said might be used against him. According to the alderman, Hooe replied: "I know. I want to make a clear confession, a clear statement. I am sorry for the other statement. Mrs. Hartje is a lady and wouldn't do those things. I oughtn't to have said them." William Johnston, who was charged with burglary, said he had talked with Hooe in jail. He declared Hooe told him he had not been intimate with Mrs. Hartje and that he would get out of the perjury charge by being released on bail; that there was money behind him.

Bonaparte Complaints of Dives. WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—Mayor Madigan of Vallejo, Cal., will undertake to better the conditions in that town according to suggestions from the navy department. Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte received a dispatch from the California mayor stating that he would take immediate steps to bring about the changes desired by the naval establishment. Frequent complaints have reached the navy department concerning a number of saloons and dives in Vallejo. Employees of the Mare Island navy yard are compelled to pass many of the places complained of. In Constant Touch by Wireless. WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—A remarkable achievement in wireless telegraphy is reported from the Panacola station. That plant has been able to keep in constant communication with the United Fruit company's steamer Preston from the time that vessel left New York until it arrived at Honduras. The station also received messages from the Preston while that ship was entering New York harbor, where she was undoubtedly bathed in electric waves from other stations and ships.

T. P. O'Connor at New York. NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—T. P. O'Connor, the Irish parliamentary leader, was the guest of the Periodical Publishers' association at luncheon given at the rooms of the Aldine association. There was a large attendance of the makers of magazines and weeklies. Last night Colonel George Harvey and Clarence Mackay gave a farewell dinner to Mr. O'Connor at the Metropolitan club. The guests included many prominent men. Stole His Son From Mother. NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—Charged with abducting his nine-year-old son Arthur from the home of the boy's mother in this city several months ago, Count Guala de Festilles was arrested here. De Festilles and his wife separated in 1900, and the mother was awarded the custody of the child. De Festilles, it is alleged, objected to his wife and sister-in-law treating the boy for a disease according to Christian Science methods. Crasher Brooklyn to Come Home. WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The cruiser Columbia, at New York, was ordered to proceed at once to Havana to relieve the Brooklyn, which is to be put out of commission. The naval force in Cuban waters will then consist of six ships—the Columbia, Des Moines, Tacoma, Cleveland, Prairie and Celtic. Mrs. Bell Sells For Havana. NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Oct. 26.—Mrs. Bell, wife of General Bell, left Washington last night for Cuba, taking passage on the army transport Sumner from here. This is regarded as an indication that General Bell is to remain indefinitely in command of the American troops in Cuba.

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