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SEVEN LIVES LOST. Chi Psi Lodge at Cornell Destroyed. FAMOUS CHAPTER HOUSE A RUIN. Four Students and Three Volunteer Firemen Perish.

SCHMUCH DIED TO SAVE ROOMMATE. Cornell University Has Disaster. Fire Early in Morning, the Cause of Which May Never Be Known, as Famous Structure on Campus, Once Known as McGraw-Fiske Mansion, Is Now a Rubble-Thirty Students in Fraternity Bunkhouse Awakened to Find a Heaving Furnace Under Them—Many Deeds of Heroism Related of Rescue Work—Firemen Crushed to Death by Falling Walls.

ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 8.—Seven lives were lost in a fire that destroyed the chapter house of the Chi Psi fraternity at Cornell university. The building, which was a famous structure, was for many years known as the McGraw-Fiske mansion.

The dead are: William Holmes Nichols of Chicago, student; burned to death; body recovered. Frederick W. Grell of East Orange, N. J., student; burned to death; body recovered.

The bodies of the dead, with the exception of those of W. H. Nichols of Chicago and F. W. Grell of East Orange, were recovered. It has been decided to dynamite the ruins to facilitate the search for the missing bodies.

The burning building was a romantic history. It was built by Mrs. Jennie McGraw-Fiske, the benefactor of Cornell, whose will was contested by her husband, Professor Willard Fiske, in a celebrated series of suits.

The following students were injured: Henry Milo Curry of Pittsburgh, seriously burned; in the Cornell infirmary. Weinar Goetz of Milwaukee, Wis.; in the Ithaca City hospital; suffering from serious burns and a broken ankle.

When the fire was given by the ringing of the fire bell at the city hall, the blowing of the whistle at the pumping station near the inlet and also by the ringing of the large bell in the tower of the university library.

TWAIN IN FLANNELS. Congress Committee Laughs at Clemens' Satiric Speech. TALKS SERIOUSLY OF COPYRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) brought to a close with laughter a day of argumentative strife over the terms of the copyright bill, now the subject of hearings before the senate and house committees on patents.

Mr. Clemens was attired in a suit of white flannel. He followed a brief statement by Rev. Edward Everett Hale, chaplain of the senate.

"I am particularly interested in the portion of the measure which concerns my trade," he continued. "I like that extension from the present limit of the life of copyright from forty-two years to the life of the author and fifty years thereafter."

Mr. Clemens argued that there was really no legislative ground for making any limitation to the life of a copyright. "But," he added, "I understand it must have a limit, because that is required by the constitution of the United States, which sets aside that prior constitution, we call the decalogue."

Mr. Clemens added: "My copyrights produce to me a great deal more money than I can spend. However, if I did not have them I could take care of myself. I know half a dozen trades, and if those ran out I would invent a half dozen others. But for my daughters I hope congress will extend to them the charity which they have failed to get from me."

Miss Thompson Dead of Old Age. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8.—Born in 1803, when Thomas Jefferson was president of the United States, Miss Adeline Thompson, a belle in the social world of the nation in the early days of the last century, is dead at her home in this city.

Loss an Elevator by Fire. FORT WILLIAM, Ont., Dec. 8.—With the thermometer at 20 degrees below zero a fire broke out here in the working house of the Canadian Pacific elevator "D," and within half an hour the whole structure was in flames.

Earthquake at San Luis Obispo. SAN-LUIS OBISPO, Cal., Dec. 8.—At 10:40 o'clock at night this city experienced an earthquake which lasted more than thirty seconds. The shock was "from north to south."

Slayer of Marshall Banned. BLANCHETT, O., Dec. 8.—Henry White, the slayer of Marshall Bannard of Franklin, O., and a fugitive from the law, was arrested here Tuesday.

DEAD AT VATICAN. Dr. Lapponi, Physician to Pius X., Had Complication of Diseases. ROME, Dec. 8.—Dr. Lapponi, physician to the pope, is dead.

NEW ORLEANS Handicap Captured by a 15 to 1 Choke. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 8.—With the mud dried out of the Fair grounds favorites again resumed their winnings, taking four of the six events.

First Race.—Gold Circle, first; Glendover, second; Spider Web, third. Second Race.—Woodsay, first; Operator, second; Happy Jack, third.

Pepper and Salt at 40 to 1. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 8.—Pepper and Salt, a 40 to 1 shot, ran the first race from a very bad start in a field of ten and finished first.

Fireball at Oakland. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—Jockey W. Miller had his first mount at Oakland on Fireball in the Geraldine handicap.

Tigers Run at Basket Ball. PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 8.—Princeton defeated the Fordham college basketball team here last night by the score of 40 to 17.

Old Theatrical Man Dead. BALTIMORE, Dec. 8.—George A. Gardner, who was stage manager of the Holiday Street theater in its old stock company days, is dead after a few hours' illness following a stroke of paralysis.

Should Be Death Penalty, Says Judge. NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Peter Polykronos was sentenced to twenty years in state prison by Judge Roanaky for enticing young girls into his fruit store at 82 Oliver street.

Cubans Do Honor to Patriot. HAVANA, Dec. 8.—The anniversary of the death of the Cuban patriot, Antonio Maceo, was observed here by the customary closing of all government departments, the flying of flag at half mast and the suspension of business.

FREE LABOR BILL. Congress Puts Limit on Prison Made Articles. BAR OUT ALL CARNEGIE SPELLING.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—By a practically unanimous vote the house passed the bill limiting the regulation of interstate-commerce between the several states in articles manufactured by convict labor or in any prison or reformatory.

Mr. Hunt of Missouri, a stone-mason, asks for passage of Workmen's Measure in Interest of Manufacturers as Well as Artisans.

It is cruel," he said, "to ask the free labor of this country to maintain its citizenship, its dignity and its self respect if it has to wait until the product of the state prison is sold before the employer can get a reasonable price for his honestly manufactured product."

With an appropriation of over \$31,000,000 and a provision barring "simulated spelling" in documents authorized by law or ordered by congress, the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill for 1906 was reported to the house by the appropriations committee and was made a special order for Monday.

The amount carried by the bill is \$685,642 less than the estimates. The appropriation for miscellaneous expenses for the senate is cut from \$100,000 to \$50,000. The salary of the secretary to the speaker is increased from \$3,000 to \$4,000.

A bill was also passed creating a game preserve in the Olympic mountains, in Washington. The Democrats in the house opposed the consideration of the bill conferring United States citizenship upon the inhabitants of Porto Rico.

Representative Southwick (N. Y.) introduced a bill increasing the salaries of all civil service employees 10 per cent.

Many Aids Given to Indians. NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—At the annual meeting of the National Indian association held here committees of forty-three branches widely scattered over the United States reported, showing that many activities have been carried on during the past year for the religious and material benefit of many tribes of Indians.

Pittsburgh Woman Shoots Herself. PITTSBURGH, Dec. 8.—Kebel G. Ferver, twenty-five years old, cashier for a dermatologist, shot and died at the apartments of her father in this city to escape being taken as a detective on a charge of forgery.

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