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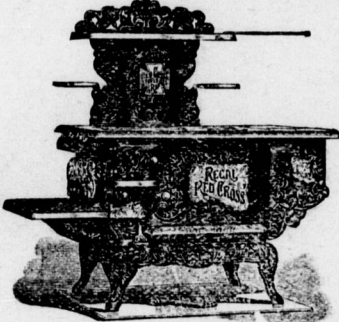
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FOREST FIRE GIVES LAPORTE A SCARE

Ravaging Flames Threaten To Destroy Buildings.

Last Saturday evening the alarm of fire was sounded in Laporte, and a fire in the woods came raging up the hill from the border of the Lake. There was a furious cold wind which drove the fire directly toward Ford's Cottage, the Cemetery, the School House and the Gansel Cottage. It was realized at once by those who reached the fire, that it must be stopped, or very serious damage done to the town. The bells were rung and a call for help telephoned to Tannery Town which was quickly responded to. Men and women also came to fight the fire; but fire cannot be fought to much advantage without water, and none was near, but many brought pails full, and very soon active hands were raking away leaves, and pounding the advancing flames with wet hemlock branches.

When it was possible back firing was resorted to, but not much could be done back firing against the wind, and it seemed at times that it would be impossible to save the buildings.

About midnight it was thought the fire was so much subdued that a few could handle it, but that was a mistake. The fire got a new start, and the bells were rung again, and the fire fighters came back, but it was found that the fire had approached much nearer to the buildings and the danger was greater than ever. The wind blew a perfect gale and drove before it showers of sparks starting new fires which had to be extinguished at once.

It was after four o'clock in the morning before it was fully checked, and even then it has to be watched. Some of the workers remained until daylight before the fire was completely extinguished. The citizens of the Borough appreciated very highly the assistance rendered by the active residents of the Tannery Village.

It is satisfactory to know that the fire has so completely cleaned up the woods in that section that no danger from fire is apprehended from that direction again.

Ed. Kennedy Believed to Have Been Robbed.

Says the Towanda Daily Review—Ed. Kennedy a lumberman from Ricketts, is believed to have been robbed in Towanda Monday night. He was found on the sidewalk in the rear of the Keystone opera house by a boy, who notified Special Officer D. W. Allen, who took Kennedy to the lockup.

Kennedy was very much intoxicated, and was unconscious to all that took place. Yesterday morning when arraigned before Burgess Foust on the charge of intoxication he made a statement which was found to be true, and which shows that some one "touched him" for his money.

He came to Towanda on the evening train Monday, and had \$24.65 in his possession. The last he remembered about his money he had \$16, but when taken into custody he had only a dollar which was in another pocket. Burgess Frost suspended sentence.

Chief Miller has made an investigation, and is satisfied that Kennedy was robbed.

Lopez Man in Trouble.
Alex Honjknlich of Lopez was brought to this place Tuesday and lodged in the jail on the charge of assault and cruelty preferred by his wife. After a short sojourn in the county safety vault he dug up the price of freedom and was allowed to go his way. Mr. Honjknlich is a native of Austria Hungary.

ORDER REHEARINGS ON TRUST CASES

Supreme Court Action Puts Off Decision on Government Suits for a Year Perhaps

NO EXPLANATION IS OFFERED

The Court Desires a Full Bench to Decide Them—With Two Vacancies the Court is Evenly Divided—Interest in Brewer's Successor.

Washington, D. C., April 19.—In the brief announcement that the cases of the government against the Standard Oil Company and the American Tobacco Company were ordered for rehearing, the Supreme Court demonstrated the absoluteness of its power and threw the industrial world backward in its history at least a twelvemonth.

This decision is taken to mean that the court is divided 4 to 3 on these important cases. Whether the court stood for or against the Government is of course purely a matter of speculation, but the report current at the Capitol to-day was that three of the Justices had stood for the Government's contentions and three against them, with one member of the court undecided. This would make a 4 to 3 decision whichever way the one undecided member voted, and it is believed that the court came to the conclusion that at least a majority of the full court of nine ought to be behind decisions of so great importance to the business world.

Late this afternoon President Taft let it be known that this action of the court had not in any way altered his intentions with regard to the filling of the vacancy caused by the death of Justice Brewer two weeks ago. No date was set for the rehearing, but in the natural course of events it can hardly come much, if any, before the Christmas recess.

The order in the two great trust cases completely surprised all in the courtroom. It is another evidence of the absolute secrecy which surrounds the doings of the Supreme Court, that not an inkling of what was to come had reached even the closest of the court attaches.

SEVEN DIE IN AGONY.

Three Women and Four Men Succumb from Wood Alcohol.

Westerly, R. I., April 18.—As a result of drinking whiskey of the "made-while-you-wait" brand three women and four men are dead in or near this city, and so great is the excitement over the tragedies that Attorney General Greenough, at Providence, has ordered an investigation into the deaths and also of all places in which so-called medicinal whiskey is made and sold.

The Dead.

DOUGHERTY, EDWARD, Pawcatuck, Conn.
HOOD, CHARLES H., Pawcatuck, Conn.
LARROW, HENRY, Pawcatuck, Conn.
MURRAY, MRS. ELLEN, Westerly, R. I.
PERRIN, W. D., Hopkinton, R. I.
TUCKER, MRS. ALBERT, Westerly, R. I.

HUGHES DEMANDS INQUIRY. Calls for Legislative Investigation into Bribery.

Albany, N. Y., April 18.—In a special message Gov. Hughes called on the Legislature to follow up through a general investigation the trails of legislative corruption laid bare by the Aldis bribery trial and the Hotchkiss investigation into the business methods employed by the fire insurance companies.

"They have caused every honest citizen to tinge with shame and indignation, and have made irresistible the demand that every proper means should be employed to purge and to purify," said the Governor in his message.

The message was formulated by the Governor after a report summarizing the results of his investigation had been submitted to him by State Superintendent of Insurance Hotchkiss.

JOY RIDERS IN ENGINE KILLED.

Four Bodies Found in Wreck at Foot of Steep Embankment.

Oil City, Pa., April 19.—In the wreck of a locomotive found at the foot of a steep embankment on the Baltimore & Ohio narrow gauge line, between Shipperville and Clarion, the bodies of four men were found.

There were those of Engineer Kelley, Fireman Watson of Foxburg, D. Dennison and M. Neuland of Lucinda. The latter were friends of the engineer and fireman. The wreck occurred during the night at a time when no other trains were moving, and it is believed the party was having a joy ride in the engine cab.

FOUR MEN CLIMB MOUNT M'KINLEY

Members of Fairbanks Expedition Reach Summit After a Month's Work

COOK DATA WAS NOT FOUND

Tom Lloyd's Party from Fairbanks Got to the Summit on April 3 After a Month's Effort—Two Peaks Visited—Cut Steps in Ice for 4,000 Feet.

Fairbanks, Alaska, April 19.—The party consisting of Thomas Lloyd and three companions which left here three months or so ago to attempt the ascent of Mount McKinley, the highest mountain in North America, has succeeded in its purpose. The summit was reached on April 3 after a month of steady climbing from the base of the mountain.

The party left Fairbanks on December 22. They established a camp at the base of the peak in March.

No trace of Dr. Cook's ascent could be found on either peak and no records were discovered.

Thomas Lloyd led the party. His companions on the perilous ascent were W. R. Taylor, Charles McGonigle and Daniel Patterson. There were six other men in the party, but they were left in charge of the four camps which were established on the way toward the top of the Great Peak.

According to Lloyd no trouble was experienced in making the ascent for the first 12,000 feet. The next 4,000 feet, however, was covered only after steps had been hewn out of a solid sheet of ice. The final dash was made by the four men from the last camp which had been established at the 16,000 foot level.

The expedition was financed by August Peterson and William McPhee of Fairbanks when the Cook controversy was raging.

The obstacles encountered were not so great as had been predicted. Four camps were established during the ascent and a trail was blazed all the way to the crest. Up to 12,000 feet the climbing did not present unusual difficulties.

For the next 4,000 feet the way led over a steep ice field which at first seemed to forbid further progress, but over which upon exploration it was found possible to establish a path.

The final dash to the top was made from the 16,000 foot camp. Mount McKinley terminates in two peaks of equal height, one somewhat rounded and covered with snow, the other composed of bare and wind swept rock. On the rocky peak the Fairbanks climbers placed an American flag in a monument of stones.

The expedition was provided with Dr. Cook's maps and books and attempted to follow and verify his route, but failed to do so.

In the centre of a great Alaskan wilderness, 20,300 feet high, stands Mount McKinley, in latitude 63 degrees, longitude 151 degrees west, forming the apex of a great watershed.

EDITOR KILLS MAYOR.

Result of Three Years of Ill Feeling in Morehouse, Mo.

Morehouse, Mo., April 18.—Claude B. Hay, editor of the Hustler, a local newspaper, shot and killed in the main highway Dr. L. W. Hart, the Mayor of Morehouse. The tragedy marks an epoch in a feud that has lasted three years and has involved all of the public men in this part of Missouri in one phase or another of the bitter controversy. The friends of the leaders in both factions say tonight they fear for further consequences, owing to the wrought-up state of the community.

Hay and Hart both come from old and prominent families of this State, and each has been influential in town and county politics.

NO MORE COEDS AT TUFTS.

Trustees Adopt Reports in Favor of Separating the Sexes.

Boston, April 14.—Separation of the sexes at Tufts College was decided upon by the trustees after a special committee of the trustees had reported to the full board of recommendation for the establishment of a women's department at the college next fall, to be known eventually as the Jackson College for Women. The committee urges that action be taken at once to raise the necessary funds.

Loses Life from a Canoe.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 12.—William Knipe, 17 years old, of Wilkinsburg, was drowned when he and his brother-in-law, Ernest M. Johnson, opened the canoeing season in the Allegheny River. The men of whom they rented a canoe had argued that it was preasing the season, and had tried to persuade them to take a skiff.

MUTUAL CHARGED WITH EVADING LAW

Superintendent Hotchkiss' Report Filed at Albany Says It Merits Severe Criticism

MORE PAID THAN RECEIVED

Accusations Against the Insurance Company Were Made After a Long Investigation of Its Business with Evidence to Support Them.

Albany, N. Y., April 19.—The Mutual Life Insurance Company, as late as 1908, was evading the Armstrong Law (which its irregularities helped to place on the statute books after the Hughes investigation, by making illegal payments to its agents for obtaining new business.

The Board of Directors of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, acting under the advice of Joseph H. Choate and James McKee, in 1908, squandered nearly a quarter of a million of the policy holders' dollars by "compromising" the suits against McCurdy and others, exceedingly \$6,000,000, but reduced by counter claims to \$3,000,000, the compromise costing \$250,000 more than the company received.

The Mutual Life Insurance Company at the end of 1908 understated its liabilities by more than half a million dollars.

These accusations, with direct evidence to support them, are made in a report which has been placed on file here by State Superintendent of Insurance Hotchkiss after a searching investigation of the company's business for the years 1906-7-8.

"The company merits severe criticism" for those palpable infractions of the law," the report reads, although in other ways the investigation revealed valuable reforms. The worst offence, the report declares, was squandering \$250,000, under the legal guidance of Choate and McKee.

The committee's statement advising the compromise was, in Superintendent Hotchkiss' mind, "untrue in at least two particulars and deceptive in one more."

Concerning the first-named violation of the Armstrong Law, the report says:

"The examiners find that during the year 1908 the company paid for supervision of old business," the sum of \$354,144. There is no record at the home office of the company which satisfactorily explains what was done in return for the expenditure of this money.

"The company claims it was paid in good faith to various agents for looking after business already on the books, to prevent the lapsing of policies. The examiners state, however, that an investigation of a few of the branch agencies, which received a considerable part of this amount, leads to the inevitable conclusion that the money was paid, not for supervising old business, but substantially in the form of business to those agents who were most successful in securing new business."

It is pointed out that in this way the salutary purposes of Section 97 can be utterly defeated.

"The examiners also note that in 1906, during a campaign for the election of directors, the company increased its agents' advances by more than double the amount paid during any other quarter of the year, and that during the same period the managers expended \$168,351 more than they had been authorized to expend by the Committee of the Board of Directors."

SEE THEIR MOTHER SLAIN.

Two Children Are Eye Witnesses to Their Father's Crime.

New Rochelle, N. Y., April 18.—Milton Wood, a janitor in a mat factory at North Pelham, went to 51 Winyah avenue, New Rochelle, where his wife went to live after she had left him two weeks ago, and shot her four times. One bullet pierced her heart and killed her instantly.

The crimes was witnessed by Wood's two children and Thomas King. Wood acknowledged the crime, and the revolver was found in his pocket.

Wood and his wife, who are negroes, came to New Rochelle from the West Indies several years ago.

MRS. SAYLER GUILTY.

Dr. Miller Too—Her Sentence Three Years for Manslaughter.

Watseka, Ill., April 18.—Mrs. Lucy Sayler and Dr. William R. Miller were found guilty of killing J. Byron Sayler, Mrs. Sayler's husband, July 12 last.

The jurors after deliberating thirty-six hours fixed the crime as manslaughter, and directed, as is their legal privilege in this State, that Mrs. Sayler be imprisoned for three years and Dr. Miller for twelve years.