

SIX DEAD IN FIRE.

Four Business Blocks In Lenox, Mass., Destroyed.

MISS FRENCH KILLED BY LEAP

Four Other Women Pinned In Among Exploding Oils and Dynamite In Clifford Building.

Lenox, Mass., April 12.—Six people lost their lives, three others were badly burned and a property loss of about \$400,000 was caused by the fire in the heart of the business section of this town.

Four business blocks, two dwellings and two other structures were destroyed in a section bounded by Franklin, Main, Housatonic and Church streets. The fire is believed to have started in the Clifford building from spontaneous combustion.

The dead are: Edward C. Ventres, electrician; Mrs. Edward C. Ventres, Miss Leslie Ventres, Miss Alice French, bookkeeper; Miss Isabel Cook, bookkeeper; and Miss Mary Sparks, schoolteacher.

The injured were Mrs. Catherine Root and her two sons, George Root and Arthur Root.

Some of the principal losses were: Mahanna building, owned by William Mahanna, \$25,000; F. P. Dumbar & Co. of New York, oriental shop, \$8,000; B. H. Rogers & Co., electricians, \$4,000.

William B. Bull building, \$36,000. Clifford building, \$25,000; James Clifford & Sons, hardware, \$20,000; Murray A. Brown, grocer, \$10,000.

Eddy building, Charles Eddy estate, \$15,000; John Cutwood, plumber, \$10,000; Frank Morrier, department store, \$12,000; James Cassidy, druggist, \$10,000.

The other buildings burned included the residences of Joseph Regnier, Mrs. Rose Colbert, Mrs. Theodore Cowbig and B. H. Rogers.

A fortunate shift of wind from the northwest to the southwest saved the Curtis hotel. In the hotel there were several Easter parties from New York.

The loss of life occurred in the Clifford building, where the blaze started, and resulted primarily from a series of explosions among the oils, dynamite and turpentine stored in the building of the James Clifford & Sons company, hardware dealers.

Mrs. Root and her sons had barely crossed the street before there was a terrific explosion in the building behind them. This explosion was heard in the surrounding territory for a distance of six miles, shattered windows within a wide radius and caused the fire alarm to ring. In an instant the Clifford block was wrapped in flames.

Horace Perrill and his wife, other occupants, aroused by the shouts of the roots, had got halfway down the front stairs when they saw the flames leaping up to bar their exit.

Three women were below them trying to get out through the front door, but Perrill saw that the attempt was by that time useless. He then rushed his wife through a long corridor to the back stairs, where he got out in safety. All the other occupants of the Clifford block lost their lives.

The death of Miss Alice French was one of the pitiful tragedies. While the fire in the Clifford block was at its height a woman was seen to climb out of a flame filled room to a veranda on the second story with her night clothing and hair ablaze.

Staggering to the railing, the woman leaped to the sidewalk beneath, landing in a heap within five or six feet of the blazing walls.

Some of the horrified onlookers attempted to rush in to drag her out, but the intense heat drove them back and not until the flames had practically died out several hours later was the body recovered.

AMATEUR BOXERS' EVENT.

They Will Contend in Boston For Titles and Gold Medals.

Boston, April 12.—Some of America's best amateur boxers are entered in the championships which will be decided tonight and tomorrow night in Mechanics' hall under the rules of the Amateur Athletic union. The bouts will be managed by the Boston Athletic association.

The tournament promises to be one of the greatest of its kind ever held in this country. Solid gold championship medals will be awarded the victors in each class. Entries have been received in the following classes: Bantamweight, featherweight, special weight, lightweight, welterweight, middleweight and heavyweight.

ABANDON STRANDED STEAMER

Mahratta, Ashore Off English Coast, Breaks In Two.

Dover, England, April 12.—The British steamer Mahratta, from Calcutta March 6 for London, which went ashore on Goodwin sands, has broken in two and been abandoned. The passengers were landed soon after the vessel struck, and all the crew were rescued.

A large quantity of cargo was taken off the ship, but the loss involved in the vessel and the remainder of the cargo is estimated at \$1,000,000. The Mahratta was commanded by Captain Peterkin.

FUNERAL OF PETROSINO.

Immense Throng Shares In Last Honors to Slain Detective.

New York, April 12.—The greatest throng which has attended a funeral in this city in years shared today in paying the last honors to Lieutenant Joseph Petrosino of the New York detective bureau, who was assassinated by the Black Hand in Palermo, Sicily.

Funeral services were held in St. Patrick's church in Mott street after thousands had viewed the body at the detective's late home on Lafayette street.

Only about 1,500 of the immense army of mourners could enter the church, and the neighboring streets were packed with those who came to pay their respects.

Mgr. Kearney was the celebrant of the solemn high requiem mass that was held after the casket had been brought in by the police pallbearers and laid at the rail of the altar.

Mgr. Lavelle of St. Patrick's cathedral on Fifth avenue preached the funeral sermon. Father Domenico Enfaio, deacon, and Father Thomas Dougherty, subdeacon, assisted in the services. Father Gaetano Arcese was master of ceremonies.

The Rev. Dr. Parenti, secretary to Archbishop Farley; the Right Rev. William H. Murphy, pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, and Dr. Wall, pastor of St. Charles' church, were in the chancel.

ROOSEVELT LANDS IN EGYPT.

Ex-President and His Son Kermit Get Bird Specimens.

Suez, April 12.—The steamer Admiral, with ex-president Roosevelt on board, made a brief stop at Suez, then proceeded down the Red sea. The Admiral will make stops at Aden and Mogadiscio, on the east coast of Italian Somaliland.

During the trip through the canal the Admiral slowed up to permit a party to land at Ismailia, which is about halfway distant between the Red and Mediterranean seas. The landing party consisted of Kermit Roosevelt, Major Mearns, Edmund Heller, zoologist, and J. Alden Loring. They made a collection of bird specimens and proceeded to Suez by train.

Mr. Roosevelt took occasion to deny vehemently an alleged interview with him which appeared in the Paris Journal, saying, "I have not seen any representative of that paper and have made no statement to the press except that given out at Messina."

During the voyage through the canal the Admiral passed the steamer City of Paris, from Kurrachee, crowded with British passengers. These massed on the steamer's decks and cheered the ex-president enthusiastically. A large Teddy bear occupied a prominent place on the bridge deck. Mr. Roosevelt answered the cheers by waving his hat ardently. He seemed to enjoy the experience very much.

DESCENDANTS VISIT TAFT.

Their Ancestors Signed Declaration of Independence.

Washington, April 12.—In the White House today President and Mrs. Taft received the members of the Society of Descendants of the Signers, who are lineally descended from the men who affixed their names to the Declaration of Independence. The reception in the executive mansion preceded a visit made by the Descendants to the state department, where they viewed the document signed by their ancestors.

Tomorrow, the one hundred and sixty-sixth anniversary of the birthday of Thomas Jefferson, the Descendants will visit the University of Virginia and the tomb of Jefferson at Monticello. The visitors will take part in the founder's day exercises at the university.

The signers' descendants held their first meeting at the Jamestown exposition. Several hundred members have been enrolled in the society. It is estimated that the descendants of the forty-six signers who left children now number about 5,000.

GERMANS HIGHLY EXCITED.

"An Englishman's Home" Hosted Off at Berlin Theater.

Berlin, April 12.—The German version of Du Maurier's play "An Englishman's Home" was produced at the Neues theater before a distinguished audience, which included high officials of the imperial court. This is the play that created a sensation in England, dealing as it does with the invasion of that country by a foreign force, and originally it was thought that the play was aimed at Germany.

Its reception was so hostile that it is improbable the play will be repeated. It practically was laughed and hissed off the stage. The hissing, stamping and hooting began with the second act and continued almost incessantly until the final scenes, which were completely drowned in the din.

GYPSY QUEEN BURIED.

Services Lasted For Twelve Hours Over Mary Gorman.

Cincinnati, April 12.—The funeral of Queen Mary Gorman, wife of James Gorman, king of gypsies, was attended by tribes of gypsies from all parts of the country.

The gypsy funeral service lasted for twelve hours, including the rites at St. Joseph's cemetery.

The queen died on Nov. 6, 1908, in Pittsburg, Kan. Her body was shipped to Cincinnati and placed in a vault. For a week past tribes poured into Cincinnati and went to the gypsy camp grounds of the Mill Creek valley. At the grave services were held by Father Hickey of St. Patrick's church.

SEAL CATCH IS 200,000.

Prospective Fur Coats Are Scarcer This Season.

St. John's, N. F., April 12.—A total catch of 200,000 seals, slightly below last season's, is reported from the sealing fleet, the first of which, the steamer Florizel, has arrived here. The Florizel brought in a heavy catch of 31,000 seals.

She reported that the Beothic has 32,000, the Bellaventure 28,000, the Boraventure 26,000, the Eagle 17,000, the Adventure 11,000, the Bloodhound 10,000, the Iceland 5,000, and the remaining vessels have small catches.

Alderman Drops Dead on Street.

St. Paul, Minn., April 12.—Alderman Alfred E. Merrill, chairman of the common council of Minneapolis, dropped dead on the street while on his way to the state capital to see Governor Johnson.

Girl's Negro Assault Lynched.

Arcadia, Fla., April 12.—John Smith, the negro who attacked Miss Mary E. Wing by dragging her from a buggy, was captured here and lynched.

CASTRO PROTESTS

Declares Act of Deportation Imperils His Life.

BREACH OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Intends to Leave France For Spain as Soon as He Is Landed and Go Thence to Tenerife.

Fort de France, Martinique, April 12.—Prior to his being taken aboard the steamer Versailles for deportation to France ex-President Castro prepared a written protest against the action of the French government, which reads as follows:

"I hereby protest against the action of the French authorities of Martinique in having me put by force on board an outgoing vessel—

"First.—Because I was ill at the time and because the act imperiled my life.

"Second.—Because I have committed no offense against the government of France and the authorities of Martinique during the time that I was permitted to remain on that island.

"Third.—Because the decree of expulsion which orders my deportation out of French territory compels me to take passage aboard a vessel which will again land me on French territory.

"Moreover, these considerations aside, the case constitutes a breach of international law and a denial of the rights of individuals.

"That such a thing should have come to pass in the land which saw the birth of Josephine and from which came the inspiration and presage of liberty and at the hands of a people who shed their blood by torrents unpaired the rights and prerogatives of man is inconceivable."

The ex-president said just before the sailing of the Versailles that if he was at liberty when he arrived at St. Nazaire he would immediately proceed to Spain in order to take passage for Santa Cruz, Tenerife. General Castro added that he was leaving his brother Carmelo here for the purpose of receiving mail which he expects to be forwarded from Trinidad and Venezuela.

The Versailles will stop at Base Terre and Point a Pitre, Guadeloupe. Hardly had the steamer left port when a party of Castro's friends arrived on the steamer Golette from St. Lucia. They were very much surprised that the former president had been expelled from the island and had a long consultation with Castro's brother.

The removal of the former president of Venezuela from the hotel to the steamer was not without its pitiful aspect. Immediately on the announcement of the medical commission who made a lengthy physical examination of Castro that he was quite capable of making the voyage the commissary of police, with an escort of gendarmes, invaded the hotel and proceeded to his chamber.

They found the ex-president lying in bed, and, although he still protested that he could not move, they carried him downstairs, the patient all the while moaning dismally, on a mattress and placed him in a stretcher.

Officers from the United States cruiser North Carolina in civilian dress helped to make him as comfortable as possible, and then the stretcher was picked up by four negroes and taken to the steamer dock. Gendarmes guarded it on either side, and a crowd of people numbering fully 2,000 followed the procession through the streets.

The entrance to the French line piers was guarded by police, and no one was permitted to enter except those who were directly connected with the transference of the ex-president. Some difficulty was experienced in hoisting the litter aboard, and for a moment Castro was in peril of falling out.

The stretcher was set down in one of the cabins, and Castro at once declared that the room was too small and demanded that he be transferred to another cabin. He was promised that a change would be made during the course of the voyage. In saying farewell to his brother he waved his hand and exclaimed, "Goodby for the moment."

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CLASSIFICATION AND APPRAISEMENT.—The undersigned duly appointed and qualified appraiser of Mercantile Tax for the year 1908, makes the following classification and appraisal of vendors of merchandise, etc.

| NAME | CLASSIFICATION | APPRAISEMENT |
|----------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Dunn, Wm. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Hessler, Geo. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Ives, Wm. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Fantz, Judson B. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Carey, J. A. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Farley H. N. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Knapp, E. C. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Lord, Cain | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Layton, Joseph | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Lake, Ralph E. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Randall, John | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Spencer, H. W. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Starlight Dairy Co. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Woodmansee, C. E. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Lake Lodore Imp. Co. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Cobb, W. J. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Brown, F. C. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Boner, R. B. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Kaechner, F. W. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Stahl, Louis | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Fitze, M. D. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Gummoe, Mrs. Wm. T. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Mills, Harry | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| O'Neil, H. J. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Pika, John O. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Abraham, G. C. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Abraham, A. J. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Haebler, H. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Knapp, E. C. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Canfield, J. A. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Canfield & Rutledge | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Decker, Mrs. Julia | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Frantz, T. W. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Gregg, A. G. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Gulph, W. B. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Hill, J. C. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Kays & Page | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Loveless, Isaac | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Reid, C. M. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Rutledge, J. A. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Skinner, Cora E. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Sheard, Joseph | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Stalker, D. M. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Carlton, Mrs. C. M. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Ehrhardt Jr., F. A. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Ehrhardt, Sr., F. A. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Gilpin & Barnes | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Lange, C. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Miller, H. R. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Robacker, H. E. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Sommer, J. E. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Sieg, Mrs. H. B. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Smith, David B. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Smith, H. B. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Simons, Frank | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Waltz, Frank D. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Wert, Chas. F. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Bates, J. I. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Bodson, W. F. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Hauser, J. J. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Kimble, A. K. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Kimble, M. K. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Reiffel & Sons | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Atkinson & Quinney | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Babcock, O. E. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Barrett, M. R. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Blair, Fred | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Blair, S. R. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Bower, P. J. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Bea, H. F. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Caschon, Jr., Jos. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Curran, John | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Corcoran, M. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Drake, James E. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Deitzer, Mrs. Mary | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Everding, John | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Forster, Frank | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Frank, J. H. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Guinn Bros. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Goldback, Edwin | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Gesler, Louis | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Holden's Cash Store, Wells | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Hughes, F. J. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Hensel, L. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Kearney, P. H. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Kohlman, Geo. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Lehmann, C. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Latham, J. W. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Lynch, Michael | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Langan, C. E. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Miller, S. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Matter & Son, G. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Mayer, Mary | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Mangan Estate, Mrs. Thos. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| McDonough, F. H. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Nell, C. P. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Nallon, M. J. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Obel, J. P. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Phillips, Lewis | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Peltz, L. H. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Palmer, J. F. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Pepper, Fred | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Richardson, E. J. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Reader, Martin | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Recker, Carl | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Schmidt, Wm. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Schmidt, Wm. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Swingle, F. E. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Schweizer, E. W. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Skell, M. D. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Snyder & Frethy | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Skier, Benjamin | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Skier, Jos. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Teeter, R. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Thompson, John H. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Tull & Co. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Thompson, Geo. S. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Vonfrank, Henry | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Vogler, E. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Woodward, C. H. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Watts & Son, Graham | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Welch & Ames | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Watterson, Mary A. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Warr, R. F. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Wetzel, Aug. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Wick, Gustave | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Woods, L. M. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Ammer, J. G. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Abrams, A. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Ackerman, Jos | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Brandon Mrs Lucy | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Boeckert Henry | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Brown I. B. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Barber, A. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Bodie J. A. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Bregstein Bros | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Betz C. N. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Brady J. J. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Brown Est John | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Brumby, John | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Burnard W. L. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Brooks & Marsh | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Concannon L. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Chambers D. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Crosby & Magonia | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Clark & Bullock | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Dodge, Edw. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Dunkleberg H. A. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Dunning C. L. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Deitz, Chas. W. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Dunn J. P. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Deitzer Edward | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Deck H. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Edred Mrs A M | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Eberhardt Jr A | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Freund Henry | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Fisher David | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Freeman Morris | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Freeman's Store | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Ferber Bros | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Flynn F. F. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Gray Chas H | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Green John Tea Co | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Green Mrs Theresa | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Galvin Michael | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Graham A. A. | Gen'l Mds | ... |
| Gilbert & Sibly | Gen'l Mds | ... |
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