

BALTIMORE FIRE

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Story of the Fire.

In addition to the destruction of the city's commercial and financial district, the postoffice building and the \$4,000,000 courthouse were consumed in the conflagration, which swept everything before it. The fury of the fire was beyond description. The flames swept down the streets with the onward rush and fury of a tidal wave. Great billows of fire 200 feet in height would fill the space between the buildings and, sweeping from side to side, would blot out of existence a skyscraper as though it were a box of matches.

The burned district is the heart of the business section, including the entire wholesale trade and a great part of the retail trade. In the fire district were all the important business and office buildings, all the newspaper offices, two hotels, the central building of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, the city hall, the courthouse, the postoffice building, the Western Union and Postal Telegraph offices, the Bell Telephone building, police headquarters, Holiday street theater and several of the important banks.

Following the rapid destruction of the palatial commercial buildings in the wholesale district the cyclone of roaring flames burst into Baltimore street, licking within a few minutes, the seven-story Mullins hotel like some insatiable monster and rapidly rolling with irresistible force both eastward and westward cutting down wholesale and retail houses, manufactories, shops, jewelry stores, furniture emporiums and restaurants. At Charles street the remorseless tide swept on down Baltimore street, but also turned into Charles street, where it quickly engulfed the eleven-story Union Trust building starting eastward on Fayette street. By 8 o'clock the occupants of the Daily Herald building at Fayette and St. Paul streets and of the Record building opposite were compelled to vacate by the on-flying flames as were the occupants of the Calvert and Equitable structures, two of the most massive office buildings in Baltimore.

Down Baltimore street a parallel wave of roaring, crackling flames swept, consuming everything in its course, speedily reaching the Evening News building from which the employees had to hastily flee, though not until valuable records had been removed. Shortly thereafter the Continental Trust company, a fourteen-story building, took fire. A block below the American newspaper building was enveloped in clouds of sparks and burning splinters and the employees were ordered out. The financial district, including the chief banking and brokerage firms on South and German streets, then seemed to be doomed, and scores of the city's leading financiers and business men scurried in and out of their offices bearing packages or placing valuables in conveyances.

During the hours of the night the pyrotechnic display was magnificent and imposing beyond the power of painter to depict. Vast columns of seething flame were shooting skyward at varying points of the compass, and the firmament was one vast prismatic ocean of golden and silver-hued sparks. Great multitudes of people lined the streets, awe-struck with the panorama which was being enacted before their eyes.

Though every bit of fire-fighting apparatus in the city was called into

Upon the disclosure of Japan's position the Russian authorities met the situation with great promptness. Instructions recalling Baron de Rosen were forthwith telegraphed and he was directed to leave Tokyo immediately. Count Lamsdorf's circular to the Russian representatives abroad, instructing them to inform the government of the countries to which they were accredited of Japan's action, was then prepared. This circular was printed in the Official Messenger Sunday morning.

With war imminent orders have been given for a rigid censorship over all information relating to naval and military movements. Preparations were also made for the czar's journey to the ancient capital, Moscow, where

will continue the discussion. Washington, Feb. 8.—The senate will proceed this week with the Panama canal treaty, both in open and executive sessions, and there are not a few senators who express the opinion that the week may see a vote on the treaty. Some senators fix the day for the vote as Friday or Saturday of this week and none put it beyond ten days hence.

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in accordance with the traditional custom of his forefathers to invoke Divine guidance. While the imperial train is passing to Moscow troops will line every foot of the way. M. Kurino will leave at the earliest possible moment, but he probably will not be able to get away before Wednesday. The current business of the Japanese legation, it is believed, will be turned over to the British embassy, although it was once thought possible, in view of the fact that Great Britain as Japan's ally might be drawn into the quarrel, that Mr. McCormick, the American minister, might take charge. Mr. McCormick, however, has received no instructions on this point. It is possible the czar may personally undertake the protection of the Japanese in Russia, as Nicholas I. did in the case of the English during the Crimean war.

Amid the crop of stories afloat here today there are some of the wildest character, as for example, that a naval battle has already been fought and a Japanese fleet sunk. Another story, which is repeated circumstantially, is that while the Japanese government did not wait for the official presentation of the Russian response, the contents of it were communicated privately to M. Kurino, who telegraphed it to his government. This, it is authoritatively announced, is not true. When Count Lamsdorf informed M. Kurino on Thursday night that the response had gone to Viceroy Alexieff, he did not give him a copy of it, but it is understood that he made known, in a general way, the Russian position. Russia, while making concessions, declined to yield on the four following points:

First—Japan's right to ask for a treaty covering the sovereignty of Manchuria; second, she insisted upon mutual recognition of the independence of Korea; third, that there should be no fortification of southern Korea which might strengthen Russian communication with Port Arthur and Vladivostok, and fourth, she declined to meet Japan's wishes with regard to a neutral zone on both sides of the Yalu river.

It is the general opinion of military men here that Japan will immediately land troops in Korea, whence will come the first news of fighting unless there should be an accidental encounter at sea.

WILL KEEP OUT

France Will Not Mix Up in Russo-Jap Muddle.

Paris, Feb. 8.—The attitude of France in the presence of the grave Russo-Japan emergency is a subject of deepest concern among officials. Naturally no declaration officially laying down the government policy is forthcoming, although it is expected that M. Delcay will during the week make a statement in the chamber of deputies clearly outlining the French position and explaining the action taken by the French government to avert war. France undoubtedly will maintain strict neutrality and she will endeavor in every way to keep free from all possible entanglements which might draw her into hostilities. This is primarily due to the belief of French officials that France has no deep interest involved in the region in dispute.

Japan's Moderate Demands.

London, Feb. 8.—The Times today asserts that the Japanese demands were of a moderation that will astonish the world when they are disclosed. Japan did not even ask Russia to promise to move a single soldier from Manchuria or to renounce a single right in Manchuria. The Daily Graphic, dealing with the same subject, asserts that the original draft of the treaty submitted to Russia was drawn up by Baron Komura in consultation with Baron de Rosen.

Only a Step to War.

Paris, Feb. 8.—The official announcement that Japan has broken off diplomatic relations with Russia has caused a profound sensation here, as it was generally accepted as being only a step short of actual war.

Brakeman Fatally Injured.

Franklin, Ind., Feb. 8.—Ferd Baldwin, a brakeman on the Big Four railroad, was perhaps fatally injured at Fairland. While trying to set the brakes with the assistance of a stick they were released and the stick, flying around, struck him on the head, crushing one side of his skull and cutting a fearful gash across his face. He was taken to his home in Martinsville.

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OVER THE STATE

Various Matters of Interest to Hoosiers Briefly Presented Here.

WILL END LITIGATION

Federal Judge Anderson Intends to Wind Up the Zier Bankruptcy Affairs at Last.

Case Has Been Transferred to the United States District Court at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Feb. 8.—The Zier bankruptcy case has been transferred by Judge Anderson to the United States court in this city and Deputy Clerk Cardwell of New Albany has been instructed to make a transcript of the case at once. Edward M. McCulloch, trustee in the Zier proceedings, was notified by Judge Anderson to appear before him next Thursday with all the books, accounts, vouchers and receipts. Although no reason was given for Judge Anderson's orders, it is intimated that he is tiring of the apparently endless litigation and intends to wind up the Zier bankruptcy affairs.

PHYSICAL CULTURE

Proves a Strong Card With Anderson Young Women.

Anderson, Ind., Feb. 8.—Physical training is receiving prominent attention in the Anderson high school. A trained physical director is in charge of the high school girls, and more than sixty young women are taking a systematic course of instruction under the direction of Miss Margaret Poarch. There are three sections and the gymnasium is the frequent scene of stirring contests and drills. The young women take to the new departure. It is said by some of the instructors that those who are leaders in physical development are most effective in mental vigor. Certain it is that members of the faculty have given their unqualified indorsement to the work.

Assassin Kills Wrong Man.

Linton, Ind., Feb. 8.—An assassin believed to have been hired to shoot down Jesse Mavity of Linton as the result of a feud, murdered the wrong man in cold blood, killing Charles Skaggers, twenty-five years old, in the Rose-Blackwell saloon at Antioch. In the excitement following the murder the slayer escaped. The murder is the direct result of a feud against Jesse Mavity which started with a fight between him and some Antioch miners in a saloon two years ago. It was reported at the time that threats had been made against Mavity and it is believed that several attempts have been made to involve him in a fight and kill him. The murder of Skaggers was deliberate and without the least warning or provocation. He was standing at the bar in the saloon when his assassin suddenly stepped in front of him and, without a word, fired one shot from a revolver. The bullet struck Skaggers above the eye, entering the brain and causing instant death.

Held on Counterfeiting Charge.

Goshen, Ind., Feb. 8.—Orville D. Munger, aged twenty-two, a farmer's son, three miles west of Lagrange, was arrested on the charge of counterfeiting and was sent by United States Commissioner Zigler to Indianapolis to await transfer to Detroit for trial. He and Albert A. Ewing of Midland county, Michigan, were indicted by the federal grand jury for counterfeiting 200 nickels at the latter place on Sept. 3. Munger denies the charge.

Raises a Legal Question.

Portland, Ind., Feb. 8.—Jack Stout, fifteen years old, was arraigned in Justice Lewis' court on a charge of attempting to criminally assault Ida Garringer of Bluff Point, aged thirteen. The boy promptly pleaded guilty and was sent to jail in default of \$1,000 bond. His case raises a point as to whether local courts have jurisdiction since the passage of the juvenile court act, there being no juvenile court here.

Echo of Bank Failure.

Elkhart, Ind., Feb. 8.—The affairs of the Garden City Stationery company have been placed in receivership by Judge Farrell, who appointed ex-County Treasurer I. O. Wood as receiver. Lack of harmony among stockholders and financial troubles arising from the recent bank failure caused the action. It is admitted the liabilities are about \$100,000 and the assets from \$60,000 to \$80,000.

Fell to His Death.

New Albany, Ind., Feb. 8.—Edward Birik, an old resident of this county, fell from a tree and his neck was broken. He left home with the intention of cutting firewood. A partially cut limb indicated that he had climbed the tree and in swinging his ax had probably lost his balance and fallen to the ground.

Child Killed by Hasty Man.

Vincennes, Ind., Feb. 8.—Thomas Brock, a young farmer at Decker, threw a brick at boys who used him for a snowball target. The brick struck Bertha Smith, five years old, in the temple, inflicting fatal injuries. "Squire Sage is holding Brock under \$500 bond.

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