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## BUSINESS BLOCKS THREATENED BY A DANGEROUS FIRE

For Almost Three and One-half Hours, Fire Raged in The Old Schneider Carriage Factory Last Night.

## MOST THREATENING ONE IN CITY IN MANY MONTHS

Both Miller and Grand Blocks Were in Danger for Some Time, But Hard Fighting Firemen Protected Them.

## NEED BIGGER DEPARTMENT.

**FIRE SHOWED THAT RICHMOND'S FIRE PROTECTION IS TOO SMALL AND THAT ONE MORE HOSE COMPANY IS NEEDED.**

## FIREMEN WERE HAMPERED.

The Small Number of Policemen on The Scene Could Not Check Interference on the Part of the Hundreds Of People Who Rushed to the Blaze.

From 10 o'clock last evening until 1:30 o'clock this morning, Chief Ed Miller with his twenty-one men, four combination hose and chemical wagons and the hook and ladder wagon, successfully battled with the most threatening fire that has occurred in this city for some time.

The fire was in the old Schneider carriage works building, which joins the rear of the Miller block, 617 Main street, and the alley frontage of which faces the rear of the Grand block, 619-623 Main street. The walls of the ancient pile were left standing after the blaze, but the interior of the building was completely gutted. The loss is estimated at about \$2,500. The various parties suffering from the fire are fully covered by insurance. The Carpenter brothers of Cincinnati, who own the building, carried \$3,000 insurance. William Kettler, who did carriage repair work, carried \$150 insurance. Charles Brumley, who did blacksmithing and carriage repair work states that his loss is covered by insurance.

The blaze was a threatening one and had there been a high wind from the south it is almost certain that all the Main street business blocks, from the Adams drug store, Sixth and Main, to the Irvin Reed Hardware store, Seventh and Main, would have been destroyed. Heavy loss of property was prevented by the excellent and systematic work of Chief Miller and his well trained fire fighters. Shortly after the blaze started an emer set fire to the roof of the Grand block and it looked for a minute as if that building and all the others in the block were doomed. The firemen quickly discovered this blaze and in a few minutes had it extinguished. Streams of water were played on the Grand and Miller blocks in a successful effort to protect them.

The origin of the fire is unknown. It was thought that the overturning of a lamp of William Kettler, who sleeps on the second floor of the building and who had a narrow escape from the flames, caused the blaze, but this could not be ascertained. Chief Miller says that the fire started on the ground floor near the alley entrance to the factory. Near the place where he thinks the blaze originated was a stove, but it is stated that there was no fire in it last night.

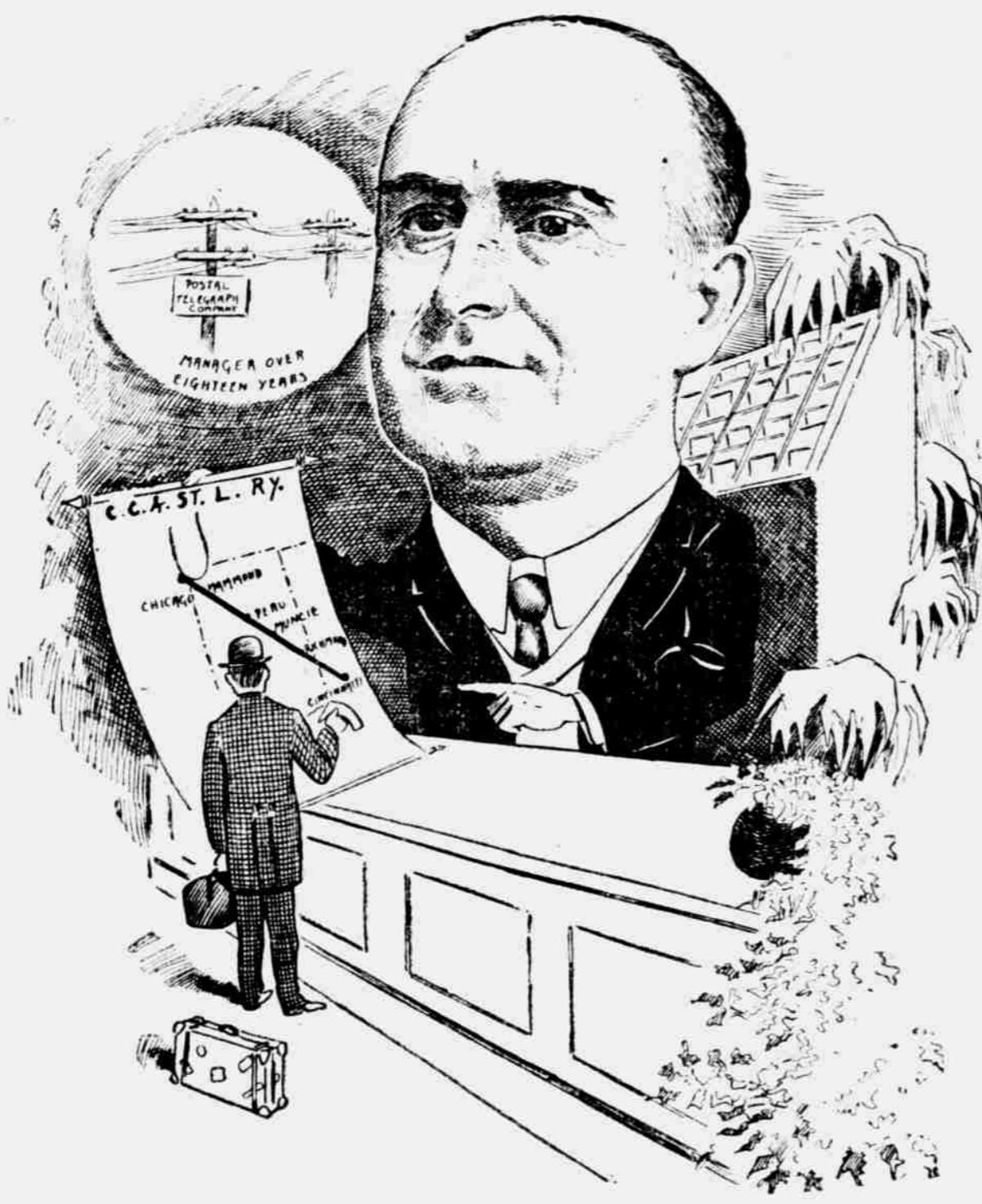
While the flames crackled and roared the scene presented, resembled a reproduction of the infernal regions. Hundreds of people were attracted to the scene and as a result the work of the firemen was considerably hampered. The police detachment—three in number—was entirely too small to handle the crowd and the firemen could not stretch the fire-lines because every man in the department was needed to fight the dangerous blaze. While all praise is due the fire ladies for their splendid work, it was the opinion of those who witnessed the fire that had there been a high wind from the south Chief Miller would have been unable to meet the emergency, for the sole reason that he could not have had enough men or wagons. This fire emphasized the necessity of an additional fire company.

Not only did the blaze at the old Schneider carriage factory threaten the neighboring Main street business blocks, but the numerous shacks and dilapidated looking houses on the east side of South Sixth street from the first alley south of Main nearly to South A street. These buildings have long been an eyesore to the community and no tears were shed by the big crowd of onlookers when it appeared these buildings were about to go up in smoke.

The partial destruction of the old

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## MEN OF AFFAIRS IN RICHMOND



CHARLES A. BLAIR, P. & T. A.  
C. C. & L. R. R.

## SUPPOSED MURDER CASE AFTER MONTHS IS AT LAST SOLVED

Samuel Baker of Cambridge City Is Not Dead as It Was Currently Reported in Western Wayne County.

## IS NOW SERVING IN THE U. S. REGULAR ARMY.

Story Went, That He Fell Heir To Large Estate and Was Murdered by Designing Persons Who Wanted Share.

Cambridge City people learned today for the first time facts concerning the disappearance last June of Samuel Baker, a well-known young man who had made his home with relatives near Cambridge City. Instead of being the victim of a cold-blooded murder, it has been ascertained that Baker is alive and well and serving the flag in one of the regular army regiments.

Last summer shortly after Baker had disappeared, it was learned that the young man on attaining his majority would come into possession of a fair-sized estate. When his twenty-first birthday arrived no one could supply any information concerning his whereabouts. As a result a story was circulated that Baker had been murdered so that other parties could secure his money and that the body had been placed in another state.

The ten jurors who voted to acquit Powers believe also that James B. Howard, now under life sentence as one of the principals in the Goebel murder, had nothing to do with it. They have petitioned the governor to pardon Howard.

The trial of John F. Taggart

City Clerk Will Be Given a Hearing Soon.

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FOREIGNERS TAKE HOME MUCH MONEY

\$110,000,000 Almost Enough To Build Panama Canal.

New York, January 8.—More than \$110,000,000, or almost enough to build the Panama Canal, was taken out of the United States last year by the unprecedented outward rush of aliens to their former homes in Europe. These figures are given by the North German Lloyd which has made a careful computation, based on figures furnished by steamship agents, money changers and others in a position to be informed.

## PARDON UNLIKELY FOR CALEB POWERS

Kentucky Governor Says That He Will Not Act Now In the Case.

## ACTION TO FREE HOWARD.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 8.—Gov. Wilson says that he will not act now on the petition received for a pardon for Caleb Powers following the disagreement of the jury in his fourth trial for complicity in the assassination of Gov. Goebel. The impression gained from the governor's attitude was that Powers stands little chance for executive clemency. Powers' friends hope, however, to influence the governor with petitions which are being circulated all over Kentucky and which will be signed in other states.

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EARLY TRIAL FOR JOHN F. TAGGART

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An early trial of John F. Taggart, city clerk, for embezzlement of the funds of the Municipal League, is promised by Judge Henry C. Fox. The state asked that the case be heard in the October term of court, but it was never called.

UNIFORM RANK HAS LARGE MEMBERSHIP

Sixty-five Belong to This Department.

At a meeting Tuesday evening Richmond Company, No. 14, Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias elected the following officers for the year:

Captain—A. Irion.

First Lieutenant—Will Minck.

Second Lieutenant—W. J. Rhodes.

Recorder—August Schreeder.

Treasurer—M. T. Nordyke.

First Sergeant—Jared Fisher.

Second Sergeant—Joseph Schattell.

The membership is at present 65. A dance was arranged to be given on January 15, which will be the first dance of the third series, and promises to be one of the most pleasant of social events. The regular annual dance will be given the middle of Feb-

## PHYSICAL DIRECTOR FOR THE Y. M. C. A. TO BE SELECTED

Committee of Three Appointed To Secure Services of a Good Man to Take Charge Of This Branch of the Work.

## JOHN H. JOHNSON TO TAKE CHARGE OF DEPARTMENT.

Effort Will Be Made to Get a Better Co-operation of the Church Interests of Richmond for the Association.

## ORDERED TO LEAVE.

A. L. Behner Given Walking Papers at Muncie.

Muncie, Ind., Jan. 8.—A. L. Behner, the vice-president of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway employees was arrested today and advised to leave town, which he did, but he said he would return.

MALONE TO ASSIST.

Has Arrived in Anderson to Take Charge.

Anderson, Ind., Jan. 8.—W. D. Malone, national president of the Amalgamated Association arrived here today to assist in conducting the street car strike.

## WHIR OF FACTORY WHEELS NOW HEARD

Many Local Manufacturing Concerns Rapidly Resuming Operations.

## MANY MEN RE-EMPLOYED.

STARR PIANO COMPANY, HOOCH DRILL AND RICHMOND MANUFACTURING COMPANY HAVE RESUMED BUSINESS.

## THE WEATHER PROPHET

OHIO—Fair Wednesday, except snow flurries near the lakes, lower temperature. Thursday fair.

INDIANA—Fair and cooler Wednesday; Thursday fair; fresh to brisk northwest winds.

HICKS—"A reactionary storm period will make itself felt on the 13th, 14th and 15th. The results in a progressive way from west to east, will be change to warmer, falling barometer, growing cloudiness and rain, turning into snow. Tendency to stormy, threatening weather will prevail continuously through more than half of

January.

CLASS OF CANDIDATES.

Webb Lodge of Masons will initiate

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## CROMER DENIES HE WAS REBUKED BY THE GOVERNOR

Says That Their Consultation On Strike Situation Was Entirely Lacking of This Unpleasant Feature.

## ANSWERS THE CHARGES MADE BY MCCULLOUGH.

Says That If Traction Man Made Statement That Politics Figured in Strike He Told a Lie.

Muncie, Ind., Jan. 8.—With reference to the report that George F. McCulloch, of the Union Traction company, had told Governor Hanly that George W. Cromer was responsible for the Muncie street car strike and riots, because he wanted to put McCulloch and the anti-Cromer city and county officials in a hole by getting the labor element worked up against them and that Governor Hanly called the latter to Indianapolis yesterday and upbraided him, Cromer made the following signed statement:

"I would say that my interview with Governor Hanly was not for publication without his consent. It was friendly and pleasant, however, and neither of us unbraided the other, as has been suggested. I cannot believe that George F. McCulloch told the governor that I caused the Muncie riots to put McCulloch and the anti-Cromer officials in the hole by getting the labor element worked up against them. If Mr. McCulloch made such a statement he knowingly and purposefully told a falsehood. I have had nothing to do with the strike or the riots. There is no politics in the strike or riots, except such politics as were made by Mr. McCulloch himself."

Cars have been moved regularly today, but no demonstrations were made.

This morning track walkers found two sticks of dynamite on the Congerville track covered with dirt.

Governor Hanly who was carried all over the city in an automobile returned home satisfied with the situation. Today the militia began to leave. Two of the 13 companies will go home and others will follow daily.

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