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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 Inter-
ference 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 wag-
ons 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 an-
cient 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 vari-
ous parties suffering from the fire
are fully covered by insurance. The
Carpenter brothers of Cincinnati, who
own the building, carried \$3,000 insur-
ance. William Kettler, who did car-
riage repair work, carried \$150 insur-
ance. Charles Hummel, 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, Sev-
enth and Main, would have been de-
stroyed. Heavy loss of property was
prevented by the excellent and sys-
tematic work of Chief Miller and his
well trained fire fighters. Shortly after
the blaze started an ember 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 discov-
ered 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 fireman was considerably hamper-
ed. 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 ladders
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 emer-
gency, for the sole reason that he
would not have had enough men or
wagons. This fire emphasized the
necessity of an additional fire com-
pany.

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 commu-
nity and no tears were shed by the
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 West-
ern 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 Per-
sons 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 major-
ity 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 mur-
dered so that other parties could se-
cure his money and that the body had
been placed in an old well.

This story reached the ears of Pros-
ecutor Jessup and he made an inves-
tigation, but found that the murder
theory was nothing but a myth. Since
that time the story that Baker's body
was at the bottom of an old well near
the Ulrich farm has been frequently
revived and each time the well has
been examined with unsatisfactory
results. Consequently when it was
learned today that Baker was enjoying
good health in the regular army, the
Cambridge City people heaved a sigh
of relief.

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 un-
precedented outward rush of aliens to
their former homes in Europe. These
figures are given by the North German
Lloyd which has made a careful com-
putation, based on figures furnished
by steamship agents, money chang-
ers and others in a position to be in-
formed.

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. Wil-
son says that he will not act now on
the petition received for a pardon for
Caleb Powers following the disreputa-
ment 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 Pow-
ers stands little chance for executive
clemency. Powers' friends hope, how-
ever, to influence the governor with
petitions which are being circulated
all over Kentucky and which will be
signed in other states.

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.

EARLY TRIAL FOR JOHN F. TAGGART

City Clerk Will Be Given a
Hearing Soon.

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 De-
partment.

At a meeting Tuesday evening Rich-
mond Company, No. 14, Uniform Rank
Knights of Pythias elected the follow-
ing officers for the year:
Captain—A. Ireton.
First Lieutenant—Will Minck.
Second Lieutenant—W. J. Rhodes.
Recorder—August Schroeder.
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 prom-
ises to be one of the most pleasant of
social events. The regular annual
dances will be given the middle of Feb-
ruary.

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 Rich-
mond for the Association.

A committee has been appointed for
the purpose of making a selection of
a physical director for the Y. M. C. A.
and this committee is to canvass the
field and make recommendations to the
directors. Those composing the com-
mittee are Prof. D. R. Elieberger, A.
L. Bramkamp and Levi Peacock. The
committee will work in connection
with Secretary Goodwin, John H. John-
son has been appointed chairman of
religious work and this department of
the Y. M. C. A. will be in his charge.
For the present Mr. Johnson will
make an effort to get a better co-op-
eration of the church interests for the
Y. M. C. A. and it is probable that a
union of all of the various men's or-
ganizations of the city churches will
be perfected.

All of the foundation work of the
building has been completed and it
is now being given time to "season" be-
fore the work on the superstructure
begins. All the bids for this work
will be in on January 25, and active
work will begin just as soon as the
contract is let.

HAWORTH IS HERE.

Richard Haworth of Wabash, Ind.,
is visiting at Eastham this week. Rev.
Haworth is an Earlham graduate and
a pastor in the Friends' church at
Wabash.

THE WEATHER PROPHECY

OHIO—Fair Wednesday, except snow
flurries near the lakes, lower tem-
perature; Thursday fair.

INDIANA—Fair and cooler Wednes-
day; Thursday fair; fresh to brisk
northwest winds.

HICKS—"A reactionary storm per-
iod will make itself felt on the 13th,
14th and 15th. The results in a pro-
gressive way from west to east, will
be change to warmer, falling barome-
ter, growing cloudiness and rain, turn-
ing into snow. Tendency to stormy,
threatening weather will prevail con-
tinuously through more than half of
January.

CROMER DENIES HE WAS REBUKED BY THE GOVERNOR

Says That Their Consultation
On Strike Situation Was En-
tirely Lacking of This Un-
pleasant Feature.

ANSWERS THE CHARGES
MADE BY McCULLOUGH.

Says That If Traction Man
Made Statement That Poli-
tics Figured in Strike He
Told a Lie.

Muncie, Ind., Jan. 8.—With refer-
ence to the report that George F. Mc-
Culloch, of the Union Traction com-
pany, had told Governor Hanly that
George W. Cromer was responsible
for the Muncie street car strike and
riots, because he wanted to put Mc-
Culloch 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 publica-
tion without his consent. It was
friendly and pleasant, however, and
neither of us upbraided 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 purpo-
sely told a falsehood. I have had no-
thing to do with the strike or the riots.
There is no politics in the strike or
riots, except such politics as was in-
jected by Mr. McCulloch himself."

Cars have been moved regularly to-
day, but no demonstrations were
made.

This morning track walkers found
two sticks of dynamite on the Con-
gerville track covered with dirt.
Governor Hanly who was carried all
over the city in an automobile return-
ing home satisfied with the situation.
Today the militia began to leave.
Two of the 13 companies will go home
and others will follow daily.

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 em-
ployes 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. Ma-
lone, national president of the Amal-
gamated Association arrived here to-
day to assist in conducting the street
car strike.

WHIR OF FACTORY WHEELS NOW HEARD

Many Local Manufacturing
Concerns Rapidly Resum-
ing Operations.

MANY MEN RE-EMPLOYED.

STARR PIANO COMPANY, HOOS-
IER DRILL AND RICHMOND MAN-
UFACTURING COMPANY HAVE
RESUMED BUSINESS.

A general resumption of manufac-
turing industries is promised by the
Richmond firms in the near future and
it is thought that it will not be long
until all of the local factories will take
on their full force of men.

The Starr Piano company has put
on about one-half of their regular
force and are running full time. At
the Richmond Manufacturing company
fully one-half of the force has been
re-employed and the concern is run-
ning full time. The Hoosier Drill is
increasing its force and it is believed
that the outlook for the year is good.
The Wayne Works has 200 men em-
ployed 9 hours daily, which is more
than one-half of the force. It is said
that all of the local factories will be
in operation by the end of the month.

CLASS OF CANDIDATES.

Webb lodge of Masons will initiate
a class of candidates in the third de-
gree tonight.

TIME TO EAT IS GIVEN EMPLOYES

Street Car Company Adopts
New Rule.

A new rule has been adopted by the
local street car management, whereby
the men operating on the Main street
cars are privileged to 30 minutes for
dinner. The members of other crews
must as heretofore carry their dinners
with them when they go to work in
the morning and eat when ever oppor-
tunity affords.

DECLINE IN RENTS IN RICHMOND

Rentals Are Lower Than in
Past Few Years.

There has been gradual decline in
the rent for houses in Richmond dur-
ing the fall and winter. This is said
to apply mostly to houses averaging
\$15 and \$18 per month. There is not
the shortage in rental houses in Rich-
mond at present as was evidenced
some months ago, when not an empty
house could be found in the city of
any kind.

AGRICULTURE IN WAYNE SCHOOLS

For This Reason Representa-
tives Will Take Lead in
Discussion.

MEETING IN INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANA DELEGATE TO STATE
BOARD OF AGRICULTURE TO
HOLD INTERESTING SESSIONS—
PORTER A CANDIDATE.

Meetings of several state organiza-
tions will be held in Indianapolis next
week, and Richmond and Wayne
county will, as usual, be well rep-
resented at each meeting. At the meet-
ing of the Indiana Delegate State
Board of Agriculture and the meet-
ing of the Indiana Industrial and Breed-
ers' Association, the question of in-
dustrial education in county schools
will be a principal topic for discussion.
Wayne county leads in this branch of
study, as for the past two years the
children of the county schools have
been taught in industrial branches,
particularly in agriculture. Agricul-
tural exhibits have for two years been
held by the Wayne county school chil-
dren. Knute Porter, of Hagerstown,
represents the sixth district on the
State Agricultural Board and is a can-
didate for re-election.

The Indiana Hereford Breeders' As-
sociation, the Indiana Wool Growers'
Breeders' Association will also hold
meetings next week at Indianapolis.

DELAY IN ERECTION OF PRIEST'S MONUMENT

Large Granite Stone for Base
Not Arrived.

A delay has been caused by the in-
ability of the contractors to secure
the large granite stone that is to con-
stitute the base for the monument to
Father McMullen in St. Mary's cem-
etery. The stone was supposed to have
been delivered here the first of Nov-
ember, but conditions prevented the
owners of the quarry to supply as
large a stone at that time as desired.
It will weigh 18 tons.

LADIES AUXILIARY INSTALLS OFFICERS

Osa Coryell in Charge of Cere-
monies.

Last evening the Ladies' Auxiliary
of the Sons of Veterans held their in-
stallation of officers for the coming
year at the G. A. R. hall. The fol-
lowing officers were installed by the
installing officer, Mr. Osa Coryell:
President—Della Plenis.
Vice President—Flora Coryell.
Secretary—Mrs. May Evans.
Treasurer—Mrs. Williams.
Chaplain—Miss Haner.
Guide—Mrs. Harris.
Assistant Guide—Miss Stacks.
Inside Guard—Mrs. Coryell.
Outside Guard—Mrs. Gross.
Osa Coryell was installed by the
President as Judge Advocate of the
Auxiliary for the coming year.
The next meeting of the Auxiliary
will be held a week from next Tuesday
at the hall.

THREE FACTORIES FOR RICHMOND IN COURSE OF YEAR

President Blickwedel in Report
To South Side Association
Says Negotiations to This
End Are On.

GREAT INTEREST IN
ASSOCIATION AFFAIRS.

Organization Will Ask Council
To Take Some Decided Ac-
tion Upon the Bill Board Nui-
sance, Worrying Many.

APPROVES INVESTIGATION.

THINKS THIS WOULD BE THE
PROPER MODE OF PROCEDURE
IN LIGHT PLANT CASE BUT
WOULD NOT FAVOR ITS SALE.

At the annual meeting of the South
Side Improvement association, the re-
port of President A. W. Blickwedel
was received and action was taken on
a number of matters of importance to
Richmond as a whole. One was the
passage of a resolution, calling upon
the city council to abolish the bill
board nuisance, another was the pas-
sage of a resolution against the sale
of the municipal lighting and power
plant, and approving the report of the
committee of council and the board
of works in regard to it, and another
was the passage of a resolution pro-
testing against the removal of the
chemical wagon from No. 4 hose
house. The report of President Blick-
wedel is a comprehensive one, and
shows much activity on the part of
the association, especially in reference
to the Heavlyview project, which is
dealt with at length. Below is the re-
port in full:

Richmond, Ind.,
Jan 7th, 1908.
To the Directors and members of the
South Side Improvement Association.
Gentlemen:

I herewith present my yearly report
for the year ending January 1st, 1908.
First—We undertook the largest
proposition ever before us, and one
that no other association in this city
has ever taken up for the benefit of
the city of Richmond, the buying and
planting of "Heavlyview Addition." By
the assistance of our city civil engi-
neer, we laid out the new addition,
providing for building lots, factory
sites, parks, streets and alleys, mak-
ing it one of the most desirable parts
of the city to live in. There has been
set apart in this addition a piece of
ground to be used for park purposes,
on which we have erected a pavilion,
which can be used for speaking, con-
certs and dancing, or used for dining
hall when picnics are held in the park.

Second—We have under consid-
eration at the present time, propositions
from several parties desiring to lo-
cate factories in this addition, and
there is no doubt but that some con-
clusion will be reached whereby there
will be at least two or three factories
located within the next year or two.

Third—There has been about 250
building lots sold, 50 of the purchas-
ers having a deed, and about 300 sold
on payments, the majority of the pur-
chase price having been paid in.

Fourth—We have spent about \$1,-
500 in the making of streets, a full
report of which will be found in the
report made by our honorable Secre-
tary, Matt Von Pein, which is in the
hands of the social members and
stockholders, and I desire to say that
I can verify that report.

Fifth—We have advanced the rent
for our Overall factory from \$270 to
\$400. And we have remodeled and
painted the factory, which is now in
an excellent condition.

Sixth—We have collected \$16,000
for the purchase of the Boyce farm,
which is now the "Heavlyview Addition"
on which we had an option for \$25,000.

Seventh—By the efforts of the as-
sociation, the board of public works
and common council has improved
South VI street, adding another beau-
tiful thoroughfare to that part of the
city.

Eighth—By the hard work of the
association, we have succeeded in op-
ening a thoroughfare from South
Ninth street to Liberty avenue along
the south corporation line of the city
to a width of 66 feet, this cost the
association about \$500, which we con-
sider money well spent.

Ninth—The association has at pre-
sent about 230 members, and I think
that every owner and citizen of this
city should become a member of our
association, especially when the dues
are so small, and the amount of bene-
fit to the whole city is so great.

Tenth—The meetings during the
past year have been well attended and
the interest shown gives evidence
that the members are awaking to the
fact that the interests of the associa-
tion are their interests. To those not
acquainted with the association, I de-
sire to call their attention to the fact
that the regular meetings of the as-
sociation are held every first and third
Tuesday of each month at the corner
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