

GREATEST FIRE IN BUTTE'S HISTORY

Before Flames Were Under Control Damage to the Amount of a Million Dollars Had Been Done.

TAKES IN BUSINESS PORTION

Eight People Hurt—Anaconda and Other Towns Sent Aid as Soon As Possible.

Butte, Mont., Sept. 24.—The fiercest fire that ever visited Butte broke out at 1 o'clock this morning in the basement of the Synanon dry goods store, and before the flames were brought under control the afternoon the damage amounted to \$1,000,000. Following are the heaviest losses:

HEAVIEST LOSSES.
Synanon Dry Goods company, public library building, clothing block, Walker shoe company, Atlantic saloon, Turk block, Newark block.
The Synanon store is a total loss of \$1,000,000. The building, the library and the clothing block were gutted. A strong wind was blowing and the smoke business portion of the city was threatened. The Anaconda fire department arrived at noon with one steamer.

INJURED.
John Noll, slightly burned and head cut.
Frank Harrison and Robert Simons, bruised by fall from roof of Newark block.
Moll Pearl, colored, scalp wound.
Jack Curley, head cut.
W. D. Trevelyan, arteries cut in left wrist and right hand badly cut.
Frank Robertson, volunteer fireman, hands burned.

Chief of Police Mulholland, right leg cut by flying glass.
The burned district includes the entire business portion of Butte lying between the Shoshone block and Newark block, on the south side of West Park street.

The fire coil was turned in at 8:40. At noon the entire four stories of Synanon store was a mass of flames and the public library and other places were burning simultaneously. At 1 o'clock Mayor McGinnis announced the fire under control.

Had the blaze once crossed Main street into the old buildings on the north side of Park street, or had it not been checked at the Newark block, Butte would have been suffering today from a \$2,000,000 fire.

The alarm went in at 3:40 o'clock and First Assistant J. T. Shinnick and his men went to work. At the first opening smoke, thick, yellow and suffocating, belched forth, making entrance impossible.

The cigar company occupied part of the ground floor and basement of the big Synanon Dry Goods company's building. At once the men realized that to keep the fire confined to the basement and away from the elevator shaft was the only hope of saving the block.

Three lines of hose, manned by crews from the fire engine, were directed to the rear sidewalk windows and held the hose as close as they could to the edge of the smoke.

Finally, with the favorable change in the wind, which kept the smoke back temporarily, the firemen broke in the three doors on the ground floor and poured the water in the direction of the elevator shaft, which roared like a mill race. A perfect geyser of sparks and burning shingles sprang, its torrent smothered by the water from the Newark block.

From 1 o'clock until noon the Synanon company building burned free as a house and the department confined its efforts to saving adjacent property. The Newark building seemed doomed, as did the Lewis, Kim & Clarke building, Lewis (confectionery), in the Clark block, stayed until his plate glass windows cracked, when he looked up and remarked that all a man had to do would give for his life.

Early in the course of the fire Chief of Police Mulholland had stretched ropes across Roushauway alley and later Brochiera, across West Helena at Montana and at Colorado.

The Miner building, the Broadway, Hovey, and other buildings were saved by the hungry flames, but good work on the part of the owners

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and the firemen from the hill prevented what seemed for a time a general conflagration, as a stiff wind was blowing flaming embers everywhere.

By 11 o'clock every piece of fire apparatus in Silver Bow county was at the scene of the fire. The departments from the Rarus, Curtis, Parrot, Original, Gagnon, Anaconda and other mines responded with alacrity and rendered great service. The fire battalions from the Centennial, however, from Walkerville, from Williamsburg, the Butte fire department works and other places, answered the general alarm and lent valuable assistance to the regular service.

A. H. Wetthey, general manager of Senator W. A. Clark's Butte properties, volunteered the use of the fire crews from the Clark mines and the Butte fire department works as soon as he learned of the extent of the fire. Mr. Wetthey also called up the water works and offered to start the pumping plant at the Butte fire department works, if it was found necessary.

About noon telephone messages began arriving from Anaconda, Helena, Dillon, Missoula and other places, offering the services of the fire departments of the various cities.

Anaconda was one of the first to volunteer, and her offer was accepted. At 12:30 three wagons and a steamer, 25 full crews, accompanied by Mayor McKenzie and other citizens, were placed aboard a special train for this city.

Shortly 33 minutes were consumed in making the 25-mile run to this city. Quickly the apparatus was removed from the cars and within three minutes after the train pulled into the depot Acting Chief Harper and his men were on the scene and had several streams playing on the big blaze.

The Smelter City firemen went to work with a vim and spirit that encouraged their tired brothers, who had been battling with the flames since early morning. The big steamer began pumping and with the assistance water was directed into the interior of the blaze with good effect.

The losses follow:
Blocks totally destroyed: Maule, York, Barker, Woodward and Ogden, Public Library.
The following is the estimated loss and insurance, given by the parties affected by the fire:

Synanon store, Maule and York blocks, owned by the New York Realty company, loss \$800,000; insurance, \$1,000,000; of which is on the buildings, \$700,000; insurance, \$1,000,000.
Baltimore block, \$200; insurance, \$200,000.
Washington block, \$200; insurance, \$200,000.
Harriet block, owned by A. H. Barker, total loss, insurance amounting to 60 per cent.

George Woodward block, owned by Rose & Pearson, total loss, partly covered by insurance.
Walker shoe company, \$15,000 loss; insurance, \$3,000.
Clark block, damage \$2,500, fully insured.
Goldberg block damage \$1,000, fully insured.

Renshaw block, damage \$2,500, partly insured.
Ogden block, total loss, \$4,000 insurance, owned by Hayes Cannon & James Davis.
Atlantic saloon, loss \$11,000; fully insured.

V. Strassberger, cigar store, \$300; total loss, partly insured.
Emery Saville, Eureka meat market, total loss, \$500; partly insured.
Cassio saloon, in Renshaw block, \$300.
W. P. Hayes, grocery, damage by water.

Lubliner & Co., damage by water, small loss.
Fred Kuhn, Ogden block, cigar factory, small loss.
Kille, Bergman & Rau, barber shop, Ogden block, loss \$500; no insurance.
Albert Brodbeck, shoe shop, Ogden block loss \$500; no insurance.

Butte clothing company, loss by smoke \$500; covered by insurance.
A. Jacob company, \$1,000; covered by insurance.
Rosenstein, Clark block, \$300; insurance.
Crown Tailoring company, \$200; fully insured.

Reckless Brothers, bakery, loss \$1,000; partly covered by insurance.
Ren Anderson, saloon, Ogden block, loss on stock \$500; no insurance.
H. R. Barrett, confectionery store, loss \$2,000; insurance.
Black confectionery store, loss \$5,000; insurance, \$5,500.

Yellow Fever Report.

New Orleans, Sept. 24.—Official report to 6 p. m. Sunday:
New cases, 34. Total to date, 2,811.
Deaths, 2. Total, 267.
Under treatment, 283.
Discharged, 2,170.

The low Sunday report is almost a duplicate of that of last Sunday. Two cases were brought into the city from Atlanta Springs and one from Grand Lake, in the Barataria country. The Atlanta Springs case excited some interest, as that is one of the resorts in St. Tammany parish, whither many of the people of New Orleans went when the quarantines were closed to them by quarantine.

GREAT WELCOME GIVEN THE SWEDISH COMMISSIONERS

Stockholm, Sept. 24.—Christian Lundberg, the premier, Carl Wachtmeister, minister of foreign affairs; M. Staaf, member of the cabinet and portfolio, and M. Hammarskjöld, minister of education and ecclesiastical affairs, the ministers of Sweden who have successfully negotiated an agreement with the commissioners of Norway at Karlstad, arrived here today and were met at the railroad station by the regent, Crown Prince Gustave, the ministerial cabinet, all the members of the riksdag and a great outpouring of the general public.

The state council met in the afternoon under the presidency of the regent and decided to summon the riksdag.
The newspapers discuss the result of the conference at Karlstad with approval. The Svenska Dagbladet says: "It is to be hoped that the Karlstad convention will give us neighbors whose eyes will be opened to their newly won sovereignty and isolated position, to the great dangers threatening their national existence. When Norway proves by her acts that her policy is at one with the only policy possible for the Scandinavian peoples having regard to the great dangers threatening their national existence, her policy is at one with the only policy possible for the Scandinavian peoples having regard to the great dangers threatening their national existence."

"The thanks of the whole nation are due to the whole commission and not to its individual members."
Christiania, Sept. 24.—The newspapers comment without bitterness on the result of the Karlstad conference. The tone of the press indicates that while some opposition is probable, the result will be accepted by the majority as the best conclusion possible. The Verdens Gang says:

"We are convinced that our delegates accepted only what was necessary for the maintenance of peace and not what would be prejudicial to the Norwegian people."
The papers warn the younger element to avoid noisy demonstrations when the terms are published, as such demonstrations avail nothing and only damage the common cause.

FRANCE ASKS VENEZUELA TO RECONSIDER ITS LAST NOTE

Caracas, Venezuela, Sept. 24.—The French government has asked the Venezuelan government to reconsider its last note.
The note referred to was issued Sept. 20 by the Venezuelan government and was in reply to a protest lodged Sept. 19 by M. Taigny, the French chargé d'affaires against the closing of the land stations of the French cable company and the expulsion of the manager of the company, M. Brun. It said: "The government has received documents proving that the French cable company has accepted the result of the judicial proceedings brought against it. The government is still waiting to establish new relations between it and the company. M. Taigny knows this and therefore the protest can only be considered an act of personal hostility. For this reason the government will abstain from treating with the French government through M. Taigny."

STREET CAR MEN Will Hold a Great Meeting in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Sept. 24.—More than 1,000 men interested in the operation of street car lines, including manufacturers of street cars and appliances, will be here this week for the annual convention of association of interested street carmen. The organizations to meet are the American Street Railway Association, the American Mechanical & Electrical Association, Street Railway Accountants' Association of America, the American Association of Street Railway Claim Agents and the Street Railway Manufacturers' association. The conventions will cover six days.

A new feature of the convention will be the presence of a large number of steam railroad officials, about 5,000 invitations being sent to railroad officers. All the sessions of the associations will be held in the south pavilion of the Philadelphia museum.

In conjunction with the conventions there will be an exhibit on a large scale of street railway cars and appliances in the exhibition halls of the museum. About 75,000 square feet of floor space will be given up for exhibition purposes.

Trading Stamps are Upheld.

San Francisco, Sept. 23.—The state supreme court today held that the law prohibiting the giving of trading stamps was unconstitutional. The court ruled that the giving of trading stamps was not a lottery nor a gambling device and was not productive of harm.

Capt. Godfrey Suicides.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 24.—Capt. G. M. F. Godfrey, assistant surgeon in the United States army, stationed at Fort McPherson, committed suicide at a late hour Saturday night by shooting himself through the brain with a army revolver at his residence at the post.

Capt. Godfrey was a son of Col. E. S. Godfrey, commander of the Ninth United States cavalry at Fort Riley, Kan. Capt. Godfrey was 35 years old and a graduate of West Point. He came to Fort McPherson from Washington three months ago. He is survived by his wife and small son.

ARMORED CRUISERS.

Interesting Tests Made at Indian Head of Their Resisting Power.

Washington, Sept. 23.—An account was given today by the naval bureau of ordinance of an interesting test conducted yesterday at the naval proving grounds at Indian Head, in connection of the series of experiments begun last March to determine the resisting power of the Tennessee class of armored cruisers, when under the attack of projectiles with various kinds of explosives. The account says:

"The 6 and 8 inch guns were used in the test, the striking velocity of the projectiles being those corresponding from ranges from 3,000 to 5,000 yards. The target was a structure built in exact imitation of the side of the Tennessee."

POICYHOLDER WRITES OPEN LETTER TO JOHN A. MC'CALL

He Was a Candidate for Congress and Wants to Know How Much of His Money Was Used to Defeat Him.
New York, Sept. 23.—In an open letter to President John A. McCall, of the New York Life Insurance company, Franklin Leonard, Jr., a defeated Democratic candidate for Congress in the Seventeenth district of this city, today asked Mr. McCall how much of his money had been paid on a life insurance policy had been used to defeat him. Mr. Leonard's letter was prompted by President McCall's statement before the legislative investigating committee that he had ordered a contribution of about \$45,000 to the Republican national campaign fund in 1904. The letter follows:

"I would particularly like to know how much of my money paid to your company in trust for my little family after my death, together with the funds of more than 23,000 other Democrats and friends who cast their votes for me in the Seventeenth district, was used to bring about my defeat and to defeat the will of the voters."

"I venture the opinion that even my Republican opponents would hardly advocate the use of my funds and the funds of thousands of other policyholders in this manner. Yours truly, 'FRANKLIN LEONARD.'"

Sprains.

S. A. Read, Class, Texas, writes, March 15th, 1901: "My wrist was sprained so badly by a fall that it was useless and after using several remedies that failed to give relief, used Ballard's Snow Liniment and in a few days was able to use my hand as usual. I am suffering from sprain." 1210 Lee St. Bldg. by Z. C. M. L. Drug Dept.

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