

# Family's Peril; Home Destroyed.

Twelve Persons Caught in a Flame-Enveloped House This Morning—Heroic Mother Badly Burned in Effort to Rescue Her Babe—Father Threw Children Through an Upside Window to Save Them—Lost His Own Hair.

Twelve persons had a narrow escape from cremation in a fire that occurred this morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bell, 615 South Fifth East street. It was only by the most earnest efforts that the family was saved. Mr. Bell, who was in the house, was badly burned about the head, face and hands in her effort to rescue her six-month-old child. The house was a two-story affair, about half of which was destroyed. It was insured for only a small sum. The contents were nearly all destroyed, but were insured for \$200.

**ORIGIN A MYSTERY.**  
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**STAIRWAY CUT OFF.**  
By this time the flames were leaping up the stairway and Mr. Bell dashed through them to rescue his family and himself. The stairway was cut off by the flames and Mr. Bell was forced to jump from the second floor window. He landed on the ground and was badly injured. The fire continued to burn for some time before it was extinguished.

**MOTHER SAVES HER BABE.**  
The mother, Mrs. J. H. Bell, was in the house when the fire broke out. She was badly burned about the head, face and hands in her effort to rescue her six-month-old child. The house was a two-story affair, about half of which was destroyed. It was insured for only a small sum. The contents were nearly all destroyed, but were insured for \$200.

**OUT IN THE COLD.**  
The members of the household, at the time of the fire, were in their night clothes. They were badly burned about the head, face and hands in their effort to escape. The house was a two-story affair, about half of which was destroyed. It was insured for only a small sum. The contents were nearly all destroyed, but were insured for \$200.

## BLANCHE SORENSON'S GUARDIAN

Another and Sister of the Girl Protest Against the Appointment of S. W. Darke, Their Sister's Choice—Appointed Anyway.

A protest against the appointment of S. W. Darke as guardian of the person and property of Blanche Sorenson, a minor, who has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Darke ever since she was left an orphan about nine years ago, occupied the attention of Judge Hall yesterday afternoon and was attended by a large number of spectators. The case was brought on by the testimony of the young girl's history. The girl, who is now 15 years of age, was left an orphan about nine years ago. She was brought up by Mr. and Mrs. Darke, who are now her legal guardians. The girl, however, has been protesting against their appointment as guardians.

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# Bloody Battle With Strikers.

Eight Killed, Twelve Wounded—Hundred Deputy Marshals And Sheriffs and Two Hundred and Fifty Striking Miners Engaged—Attacked Officers While Serving Papers.

**MURDERERS RESPIRED.**  
Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 25.—Gov. Dockery today respite until April 14 the following murderers sentenced to be hanged on March 12: James Gartell, St. Louis; Chas. May, St. Joseph; and Bud Taylor, Kansas City.

**D. O. MILLS EXPEDITION.**  
Astronomical One Sails for Chili Next Saturday.  
Berkeley, Cal., Feb. 25.—The D. O. Mills astronomical expedition to the southern hemisphere, after two years of preparatory work, will sail from San Francisco for Chili next Saturday. The expedition will be conducted by the University of California astronomer, Dr. William H. Wright, of the Lick observatory. The expedition is to throw additional light on the motion of the solar system through space. Since 1885 the line-of-sight velocities of some 400 of the brighter stars have been measured at the Lick observatory by means of the spectrograph presented by D. O. Mills. The results so far obtained indicate that the solar system is moving approximately toward the southern pole of the constellation of the Lyre with a speed of 12 1/2 miles a second. This conclusion, however, cannot be considered as final, for the stars of the southern hemisphere are not represented in the calculations and for the purpose of observing them the Mills expedition is being sent to Chili.

**FOURTEEN RACE HORSES BURNED.**  
Cambridge City, Ind., Feb. 25.—A large barn belonging to John S. Dickey was destroyed by fire today and 14 fine race horses, being held for next week's sale, were lost to death. All had good records. The loss is \$10,000, with no insurance.

**COOPER-WELLS KNOTTING WORKS BURNED.**  
St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 25.—The Cooper-Wells Knitting works were destroyed by fire today, throwing 30 employees out of work. The loss is estimated at \$20,000. The fire originated from an electric light wire in the carding department. Several members of the night force were burned and had narrow escapes from an explosion which occurred at the outbreak of the fire.

**ANOTHER CORNELL STUDENT DEAD.**  
Middletown, Conn., Feb. 25.—Louis H. Babin, a student at Cornell university, died today of typhoid fever. He was 23 years old. He left Cornell two weeks ago on account of the typhoid epidemic and was taken sick shortly after his arrival here.

**REGIE VANDERBILT TO BE MARRIED.**  
New York, Feb. 25.—It is reported that the wedding of Miss Catharine Regie, daughter of Mrs. Frederick Vanderbilt, to Reginald C. Vanderbilt, son of the late John D. Vanderbilt, will take place on Saturday in Easter week, April 18, says the Herald today. At the bride's home, 100 Fifth avenue, no details have been given out, nor is the date admitted by the relatives of the couple.

**EX GOV. SEMPLE JAILED FOR CONTEMPT.**  
Seattle, Wash., Feb. 25.—Ex-Gov. Semple has been sent to jail by Judge Bell of the superior court for contempt of court. Gov. Semple refused to answer the grand jury's questions regarding the books of the Seattle Lake Washington Waterway company or products in court. He was ordered confined until he was ready to answer the grand jury's questions.

**PANAMA CANAL CO.**  
Officials Accept Atty-Gen. Knox's Suggested Modifications.  
Paris, Feb. 25.—It is reported in responsible quarters that the chief officials of the Panama Canal company have informed American officials here that the former had no objection to the two changes in the agreement suggested by Forehand.

**DETACHED ENGINE.**  
Ran it Down Track and Then Abandoned It.  
Lebanon, Mo., Feb. 25.—About 1 a. m. today while Engineer Parnes Amelia and his fireman were eating at the St. Louis and San Francisco lunch room here, four men detached their engine from an extra through freight west-bound train and ran it about two miles west and abandoned it on the main track. Passenger train No. 6, was stopped by a telegram to Conway and a posse started in pursuit of the men who were believed the purpose of the men was to

a teacher in the University of North Dakota, read a paper on "Literature in the Grades and How to Use It."

**A Big Trolley Scheme.**  
Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 25.—A dispatch from Jamestown says: A big trolley line scheme is on foot in southern New York and western Pennsylvania. The purpose of the company which has been formed, is to build trolley lines between Erie, Cambridge Springs, Union City and Corry, Pa., and from Corry to build a connecting line with the proposed Warren and Jamestown lines, thus giving connection with Jamestown, Chautauque, Lake Wood, Mayville and Freewburg in this state.

**Lady Gordon's Presentation Cancelled.**  
New York, Feb. 25.—A most extraordinary notice has been awarded to Lady Gordon, who is to present the American London representative, by the official notification issued in the London Gazette from the lord chamberlain's office, the cancellation of her presentation to Queen Victoria at the drawing room held March 13, 1903. This notification is due to Lady Gordon's confession while on the witness stand of a divorce suit.

**Kaiser and Pope on Common Ground.**  
Rome, Feb. 25.—The Rome correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt telegraphs, according to a Herald dispatch from Berlin, that the Kaiser's letter to Admiral Holman has been received with much satisfaction in the Vatican. A cardinal told the correspondent that "even in biblical regions the Kaiser and the Pope have at last met."

**Twining and Connell Arrested.**  
Asbury Park, N. J., Feb. 25.—President Twining and Treasurer Connell, of the failed Mammoth Trust company, were arrested today charged with falsifying reports of the condition of the trust company.

**FIFTEEN PEOPLE HURT.**  
By Collision of Inter-Urban Cars During a Fog.  
Peoria, Ill., Feb. 25.—During a dense fog this morning three inter-urban cars crowded with workmen collided at Acme, five miles from here, and 15 people were injured, six seriously. The injured were brought to the city and sent to the hospital. The motorist, Daniel White of Peoria, died soon after reaching the hospital. Five cars are scheduled to pass at this point, and it is thought that the accident was due to the dense fog.

**BARONESS DE FONTENILLAT GETS DIVORCE.**  
New York, Feb. 25.—It has just been learned, says the Paris representative of the American, that the Baroness de Fontenillat, a French noblewoman and the Duchess of Marlborough, and a sister of Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont, has obtained a divorce from the baron. The baroness has been ordered to resume her maiden name of Miss Mimi Smith.

**BARON DE FONTENILLAT, WITH COUNT FIJAJAMES, SECURED SOME NOTORIETY BY REASON OF A THRILLING ADVENTURE AT THE TIME OF THE MARTINIQUE DISASTER WHILE ATTEMPTING TO EXPLORE THE SHORES OF ST. PIERRE.**

**A DIABOLICAL DEED.**  
Outlaw Asks for Money, Gets it and Shoots His Benefactor.  
Lesueur, Minn., Feb. 25.—William Ratliff, aged 22, for whom a reward of \$50 was offered for housebreaking, appeared last night at the home of Lewis Ballman, a farmer, and demanded money. Ballman gave him \$10, all he had. Ratliff, enraged at getting so little, shot Ballman in the eye and breast. The farmer then knocked his assailant down with an axe and with the help of his wife and hired man, bound him. Ballman can live but a few hours. Ratliff is in jail here.

**FIRE AT ROBINSON.**  
Smith & Murray's Saloon Completely Destroyed—Loss is \$4,000.  
(Special to the "News.")

**CONVENTION OF ANARCHISTS.**  
A Secret One to Meet in Paris—Plans That Will Radically Affect Crowned Heads of Europe and Destinies of Reigning Houses May be Devised.  
New York, Feb. 25.—The Evening Telegram today prints a story to the effect that Anarchists from all over the world are about to meet in a secret convention at Paris to devise plans that may radically affect the crowned heads of Europe. All preparations for the convention were carefully guarded but the plans became known through the boastful talk of a youthful delegate from this city. This man, an Italian known as "Angelo," and "Rudolph,"

**FOUR MEN KILLED IN A FREIGHT WRECK.**  
Altoona, Pa., Feb. 25.—One man was killed, one fatally injured and four others more or less seriously hurt in a freight wreck on the Pennsylvania road at Kittanning Point seven miles west of here today.

**THE DEAD.**  
J. H. Cox, aged 22 years, flagman.  
F. E. Cooney, aged 28, an extra engineer, was fatally injured.  
H. K. Storey, fireman; W. Leech, conductor; C. L. Brinkman, and John D. Troupe, were all injured. The wreck was caused by a freight train of 30 loaded cars running wild down the eastern slope of the Allegheny mountains and colliding with another freight which was standing on the same track. Thirty cars were demolished.

**NAT'L EDUCATIONAL ASS'N.**  
Cincinnati, Feb. 25.—The department of superintendents of the National Educational association today elected the following officers: President, Henry Emerson, superintendent at Buffalo; vice presidents, Edwin E. Cox, superintendent at Xenia, Ohio, and John Abernethy, of Tuscaloosa, president of the University of Alabama and formerly state superintendent of instruction; secretary, J. W. Hineman of Little Rock, state superintendent of instruction for Arkansas; Alfred Bayless, state superintendent of instruction for Illinois; read a paper on "Industrial Education in Rural Schools," which was discussed by L. D. Harvey, former superintendent of public instruction for Wisconsin; W. A. Stetson, state superintendent of instruction for Maine, and others.

**LYNCH FOR CHIEF.**  
Said This Afternoon That Mayor Thompson Will Name Him Tonight.  
It was stated at the city and county building this afternoon that in all probability Mayor Thompson would send to the council tonight the name of W. J. Lynch for chief of police to succeed Captain Paul. This report comes on top of the claim that the mayor has been convinced that the appointment of Sheets could not be confirmed. Mr. Lynch was formerly county assessor and is a well known Republican. The belief is that he will be confirmed in the event of his appointment.

**THE MURDER TRIAL.**  
The only new evidence in the case of the state vs. Blass and Reese this morning was given by Detective Elin and Deputy Sheriff Sebring. They testified that they heard both of the defendants state that it was very necessary for them to stay by the stories which they had formerly given out about their connection with the case, and if they could do this they were sure to be acquitted of the crime charged. A number of other witnesses testified, but their evidence was of little importance.

# The Ministers' Association.

Secures the Services of "Blocks of Five" Dudley of Indiana To Represent That Body in Their Fight Against the Sealing of Senator-Elect Reed Smoot—The "Blocks of Five" System Was a Most Corrupt One.

(Special to the "News.")  
Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—The Ministers' association, Salt Lake, has secured Gen. W. A. Dudley and L. F. Michener to represent that organization before the senate committee in their protest against Reed Smoot, Gen.

Dudley is the well known politician, who has become famous for his course in the campaign in Indiana in 1880, in the "block of five" method. This consisted in marching voters in "blocks of five" to the polls and voting, thus being under a boss' supervision until they had cast their ballots.

## MINERALS ON RESERVATION.

Conferees Agree to Amend Indian Bill So as to Permit of Entry of Lands Containing Gilsomite, Elaterite and Like Substances.  
(Special to the "News.")  
Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—The conferees on the part of both houses have agreed to amend the Indian bill as follows: That lands in the Uncompaghe Indian reservation containing gilsomite, asphaltum, elaterite or other like substances, which were reserved from location and entry by the provision in the act of Congress, approved June 7, 1897, shall be open to any such mineral lands by qualified persons prior to Jan. 1, 1901, not previously discovered and located, who respected notices of such discoveries and locations prior to Jan. 1, 1901, either in the state of Colorado or in the offices of the county clerk of the county in which the lands are located, shall have all the force and effect accorded by law to locations of mineral claims upon the public domain. All such locations may hereafter be perfected, and patents shall be issued therefor upon compliance with the requirements of the mineral laws, provided that the owners of such loca-

## IDAHO LAWMAKERS OBEDIENT.

Quickly Pass State Funds Bill at Governor's Request—Sugar Measure is Sleeping—Anti-Trust Memorial—Senators By Direct Vote of the People.

(Special to the "News.")  
Boise, Idaho, Feb. 25.—Gov. Morrison today sent to the two houses, a special message, urging the adoption of the bill creating a state depository board and depositing all state funds in banks which would give security for their safety and would consent to pay a rate of interest on daily balances. Immediately following receipt of the message, the senate passed the bill introduced by Allen of Canyon, for that purpose, by a vote of 12 to 8.

The sugar bounty bill is not yet reported from committee on livestock and agriculture of the senate which has it under consideration. It is believed a favorable report will be made in a very short time. The bill is creating but little talk among the legislators, but its course in passing the house by a strict party vote, and a favorable opinion by its supporters in the senate.

The joint memorial to Congress asking for anti-trust legislation was passed by the house on a strict party vote, 8 to 5. The bill creating a sixth judicial district out of Bingham, Fremont, Lemhi and Custer counties, introduced by Mathewson of Lemhi was passed by a vote of 25 to 15.

The joint memorial to Congress by Fitzpatrick of Custer, asking for election of senators by direct vote of the people was argued at length and finally passed by a vote of 24 to 7. The only vote against it was by Jones, the public house leader, Speaker Hunt, Jensen, Keetch, Moore of Fremont, Peede and White.

In the certiorari proceedings brought by Attorney A. B. Edler against Judge Turner, of the city court, Judge Hall this morning overruled the motion of Attorney Dana T. Smith, representing defendant, to quash the writ, and gave defendant leave to file an amended answer. The attorney and Judge Turner both filed affidavits to the effect that Attorney Edler, representing Dr. James Davidson, in the court below, had made false representations to the lower court and had by fraud induced the court to enter a default judgment in favor of his client and against the Cook Medical company and to issue execution on said judgment.

The affidavits set out that Mr. Edler represented that the Cook Medical company was in default, when in fact it had several days in which to answer to the amended complaint filed in the case. The amount of the judgment fraudulently obtained was secured by a levy and paid over to Attorney Edler before it was discovered that an error had been made in entering the default. The judgment was ordered set aside by Judge Turner and the money ordered refunded. This Edler refused to do, and he and his client were adjudged in contempt of court. At this point in the proceedings a writ of certiorari was applied for.

Attorney George F. Goodwin, representing Edler, this morning moved that the affidavits of Judge Turner and Dana T. Smith be stricken from the files on the ground of being immaterial. The motion was taken under advisement by Judge Hall until this afternoon, when further hearing on the writ will be had.

**SMALLPOX CASES.**  
Two cases of smallpox were reported to the board of health today. They are: Irene Bickford, 23 West Second North; J. M. Smith, formerly of Butte, Mont. The latter has been coming from Franklin avenue since his arrival in this city. He was removed to the isolation hospital today. One case was reported yesterday, namely Bert Shaw, 241 East Eighth South.