

DISASTROUS FIRE AT CONEY ISLAND

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Of Amusement Quarter
Were Destroyed.

LOSS MORE THAN A MILLION.

Only a Lucky Shift of the Wind Saved
The Famous Pleasure Resort from
Complete Destruction.

New York, July 28.—Coney Island was visited by a disastrous fire early today and seven blocks in the amusement zone were destroyed.

The loss is estimated by the showmen at more than \$1,000,000. Tiliyou's Steeplechase park and nearly a score of small hotels were wiped out, and for a time the flames threatened destruction to Luna park and Dreamland, great home of summer amusement, the scores of smaller places which fringe the water's edge for a mile. A lucky shift of the wind seaward aided the firemen and probably saved the whole picturesque area.

The destruction of Steeplechase park was a spectacular sight. Tongues of flames leaped higher and thinner, licking up the scenic railway, and the horse racing track. The Steeplechase and hotel and nearly a score of smaller wooden hotels which fronted along the western side of the park soon were blazing.

Fire Commissioner Laney, seeing that nothing could be saved in the park, ordered that all efforts be concentrated on the east side of the flaming blocks, to keep the fire from getting into the dining buildings in the Bowery and thus making a fire trail to Dreamland and Luna park. The firemen were massed at the entrance of the Bowery and, although a Japanese skating rink, a small dance hall and a restaurant were destroyed there, the fire was checked. The wind had in the meantime switched into the south, and this favorable shift of breeze aided the firemen in confining the fire to seven blocks.

The alarm of fire woke up dozing Coney Island with a start, and in a few minutes Surf avenue was jammed with excited freaks and frolics, chorus girls, snake charmers, animal trainers, performers, amusement employees—all the miscellaneous population of the island, in fact.

Inside the burning park all was excitement and confusion among the two score employees who slept in a house near the entrance. Carrying grips and luggage, they scurried to the street, and while the exodus was in progress a cry went up that Sandra, the armless and legless man, who eats a dozen meals a day just to show that he can do it without the aid of arms and legs, was missing. Seizing a basket, two employees hurried back and found Sandra wiggling along the floor toward the door. The "wonder" was piled into a basket and though the flames and smoke threatened to engulf his rescuers, he was carried to a hotel, where he remarked that his escape had been effected "without the loss of life or limb."

The hotels burned like tinder, and a few minutes sufficed to wipe them out clean. One of the first to escape from his lodging place was Francesco, the fire eater. When things are calm and placid Francesco eats fire and breathes it forth again, all for a livelihood. Sometimes he is advertised to bathe in tongues of flames. But tonight a conflagration was too much even for Francesco, and he wisely gave way to the firemen.

The fire put many small dance halls and bathing pavilions out of business, and many sandwich men and frankfurter purveyors who stored their stands and carts in nooks and crannies between buildings lost everything.

Arthur Lee, manager of Steeplechase park, speaking for Mr. Tiliyou, said that the loss on the park, which

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was completely destroyed, would reach \$1,000,000 and there was no insurance.

The hotels destroyed were small and the property loss on them will not reach more than \$100,000. The police report three injured by the fire, Gottfried Messerle, a fireman, struck by a falling cornice; Sylvester Mead, slightly burned, and Frank Franklin, also burned. The Coney Island postoffice was damaged. Estimates of the total loss by the show people are somewhat in excess of the figures set by the police and fire departments. The fire chief, who directed the firemen, said later that "over \$200,000" would be a conservative estimate of the damage.

TILYU'S HARD LUCK.

New York, July 28.—Gen. C. Tiliyou, chief owner of Steeplechase park, Coney Island which was burned early Sunday, has for years been one of the picturesque figures of Coney Island. He has lived near the ocean practically all his life and was one of Coney Island's pioneers in the amusement line. Years ago, when only a small part of the beach was utilized as a pleasure resort, Tiliyou bought much of the adjoining land, and these holdings, in times of stress have put him on his feet again.

Sunday's fire was only one of several hard blows that have come to Tiliyou. Some years ago, when John Y. McKane was "Czar of Coney Island," Tiliyou gained his enmity by opposing certain of McKane's projects. So strong was McKane's influence that Tiliyou's enterprises began to fail, and he had, himself, stated that his affairs were in a serious shape when McKane's downfall came, because of his utter contempt of election and other laws. It is said Tiliyou was at the Grand Central station under guard, for Sing Sing prison.

Tiliyou has announced that he will not rebuild at Steeplechase park, but friends who know the man say he will change his mind when the first blow he has just received wears away. It was characteristic of Tiliyou Sunday to take what profits he could from the sad situation by selling tickets at 10 cent a piece to people who wanted to enter his grounds and see how little he had left. He also put up a cheerful sign thanking people for past favors and sympathy.

An idea of the size of the Sunday's fire may be gained when it is said the area burned aggregated about 30 acres. From 200 to 300 firms of individuals were put out of business by the fire which caused a financial loss of about \$1,000,000. The insurance aggregates only \$150,000. A cigarette stub, landing in a waste paper can, caused all the trouble.

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TWO STAGES HELD UP.

Lone Bandit Relieves Passengers of Their Money and Valuables.

Ukiah, Cal., July 28.—The stage leaving this city for Winter Springs, Blue Lake and Upper Lake, was held up yesterday by a lone bandit, and 13 passengers were lined up alongside of the conveyance and relieved of their jewelry, money and other valuables. A few minutes later a second stage from Ukiah, bound for Potter valley and carrying about 10 passengers, came into view, and the robber proceeded to line up these people along the roadway with the occupants of the first stage, and appropriated all that they possessed of value.

After making sure that he had secured all the valuables the passengers possessed he ordered them to proceed on their way up the mountain road.

GOV. SWANSON ON STATE RIGHTS

Declares Judge Pritchard's Order
In Virginia Rate Case Is
Outrageous.

HE FAVORS IGNORING IT.

If Rate Is Sustained, It Means Destruction of the Very Foundations of Free Institutions.

Richmond, Va., July 28.—The Times-Dispatch, in an interview today with Gov. Swanson of Virginia, gives his position regarding the railroad rate situation in the state. The governor says the case in Virginia is different from that in North Carolina, as no law establishing rates in this state has yet been perfected, and that the paramount authority for "fair rates" is vested in the corporation commission, which Judge Pritchard recently enjoined from publishing its order for a uniform 2-cent rate. The governor says that under Judge Pritchard's injunction the commission was prevented from "perfecting the third act necessary to fixing the rate" (publication thereof), and that thus there is no 2-cent law in Virginia today. Under the constitution, said Gov. Swanson, in order for the commission to fix a rate it must take three necessary steps, viz: Give notice to the transportation companies to appear; second, give a hearing and enter an order; third publish the order four weeks before it can take effect.

The order of Judge Pritchard in the Virginia case is outrageous, says Gov. Swanson. He says the fixing of a rate by the corporation commission is a legislative act, and yet he restrains this legislative body in Virginia from doing what is absolutely necessary under our constitution. The corporation commission is paramount to the general assembly or house of representatives. If Judge Pritchard can enjoin the corporation commission from performing its duties in fixing a rate and completing this legislative body in Virginia, he can enjoin Congress from passing laws until he has examined and ascertained whether they are, in his judgment, just and constitutional.

If this rule or order of his is permitted and sustained, it means the destruction of legislative bodies and means that they shall become subject to the courts. It means the destruction of the very foundations of free institutions.

He favored, and continue to favor, ignoring the order of Judge Pritchard prohibiting the corporation commission from publishing the order as required by the constitution and for the publication to proceed and to be completed as required by our constitution.

"To acquiesce in a federal judge's act in arresting the legislation of a state in their processes of enacting legislation in destructive of state society and all free institutions. This order of Judge Pritchard makes the Virginia case broader and far more important than any question of passenger rates."

"The members of the corporation commission are prepared and willing to proceed with publication or to do anything else that is necessary to vindicate their rights, to attain the purpose desired. The delay in action has been to enable counsel to look into the matter thoroughly and to reach a definite conclusion as to what they think the best and most advantageous course for the state to pursue."

"The rights and dignity of the state will be maintained to the fullest extent. When the 2-cent rate is perfected by publication and becomes operative in the state, it is my purpose to see it enforced, and to do this I shall exercise all the powers possessed by me as governor."

AMERICAN PROPOSITION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

The Hague, July 28.—M. Nelidoff, president of the peace conference, in order to prevent further comments upon erroneous interpretations of the debate taken before the committee on the collection of public and private debts, made the following statement today: "The American proposition regarding the collection of contractual pecuniary debts was unanimously adopted in principle, as the abstentions from voting do not affect the unanimity. The commission of examination is simply entrusted with the editing of the text of the proposition, aiming to better satisfy the desires expressed during the debate."

The special commission entrusted with the editing of the proposition relating to the bombardment of undefended towns and villages met today, Dr. Hagerup of Norway presiding. There was a long discussion, summarized in an important report of 10 pages which as yet has not been distributed to the delegates.

Recalling how Count Tornelli of Italy had combined the original proposal of the United States with the propositions presented by other powers, the report proposes to use the term "undefended" instead of "unfortified" towns.

The article establishing that the commander of a fleet can destroy the military establishments of an undefended town only when the local authorities refuse to do so themselves within a reasonable time, was approved by a vote of 71 to 6.

A discussion occurred over the question of signs to be hoisted during a bombardment, and it finally was decided that the sign shall consist of a large rectangular panel of wood or given divided into two triangles, the upper triangle to be black and the lower white.

A GOLD BRICK SWINDLE.

A Brass One Was Substituted for Genuine One.

Guthrie, Okla., July 27.—A special to the State Capital from South McAlester says that J. J. McAlester, president of the American National bank of that city, was today swindled into paying \$10,000 cash for a worthless brass brick. A brick was offered to the banker by a man representing himself to be a miner. It was taken to Muskogee, appraised at the government office, and stated to contain 90 per cent of pure gold. When the deal was completed, the McAlester banker was given the imitation instead of the brick the appraiser had examined. The swindle was discovered a few hours after the transaction. Mr. McAlester is Democratic candidate for railroad commissioner and one of the most influential banks in Indian Territory.

UNCLE SAM'S SOLDIERS SAID TO BE UNDERPAID.

Washington, July 28.—It has been asserted that Uncle Sam's soldiers were by far the best paid in the world, and that belief has in large part been the cause of the failure of attempts made in the past to secure increase in pay for our own soldiers. But now, in connection with the systematic preparations that are being made to lay the

subject of "something wrong with the army" before Congress at the next session, it has been discovered that this belief is founded in error, and that several nations are much more liberal in treatment of their soldiers than is the United States.

This fact will be brought to the attention of Congress in connection with the subject of a general increase of salaries of both army and navy. Copies of recruiting pamphlets circulated freely in Canada make a strong showing on this point. A Canadian sergeant, for instance, enters upon his service with a wage of \$1 per day, which increases according to the provisions of the longevity law to \$1.25.

The American sergeant gets \$18 at first and his expenses are larger than the Canadian non-commissioned officer because of the considerable differences in the scale of living and the lower tariff rates upon the necessities of life in Canada. The same difference of wages runs through all the grades of the two armies.

Even Cuba pays her soldiers three times as much as the American private. The Cuban rural guard gets the pay of a New York policeman. Other countries than these two exceed America in the pay allowed their soldiers and the data are being gotten together to make up a strong case to demonstrate to Congress that the real

reason for the numerous desertions from the American army is not dissatisfaction with the hard work, or dislike for some particular officer, nor even the lack of a simple and well regulated canteen, but the small wage paid to the soldier compared with the compensation in civil life. And in this connection it will be shown in the presentation of the subject to Congress that the present scale was fixed by law more than 50 years ago (there has been only one increase, and that of only \$1 per month in that time), when the wages of civilian workmen were probably not much more than a third of the present scale.

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