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FIFTY-SIXTH YEAR.

## RAND POWDER WORKS BLOW UP.

Number of Dead Not Ascertained But Probably Thirty or Forty Men Are Killed.

## SIX BODIES TAKEN FROM RUINS

Hundreds of People Are Engaged in the Work of Rescue.

## CAUSE OF EXPLOSION NOT KNOWN

Five Buildings Were Destroyed—Passing Passenger Train Had a Narrow Escape.

Cannonsville, Pa., Sept. 9.—The Rand powder works, six miles from Uniontown, Pa., blew up about 9:15 o'clock this morning. There are about 50 men employed at the works and it is feared many have been killed. All the telephone and telegraph wires have been blown down and communication is interrupted. Relief parties from Cannonsville and Uniontown have left for the works.

It is stated in a telephone message to Fairbanks that the dead would probably be between 25 and 40. The Rand powder company had five separate buildings and employed about 40 people. The entire five buildings are said to have been destroyed. Six bodies have been taken from the ruins already. There were two explosions. Intense excitement prevails and it is impossible at this time to get details of names.

The rescue work is being carried on by hundreds of willing hands in hopes some will be taken from the ruins alive. It is said the explosion started in the second and spread to all the buildings of the plant. One of the odd features of the affair is that passengers from No. 52 on the Baltimore & Ohio, northbound from Morgantown to Cannonsville, was passing the scene at the time the explosion occurred. The train was jarred tremendously and every window was broken. A number of the passengers were cut by the shrapnel of glass which fell about them but nobody was killed on this train, but it is said that some were very seriously hurt. The concussion was like an earthquake to the country roundabout and in the excitement which ensued great excitement which was not lessened by the fact that communication on the trolley line was broken off several miles from here.

It was said that Manager Rand was not killed, but was seriously hurt. The first thing he did after being rescued was to insist upon being carried to a telephone so that he could talk to his wife and children. He knew she would hear the report of the explosion and believed that nothing else than his voice would reassure her. The search for bodies in the wreckage is still on and will be continued before anything like an estimate of the casualties can be made.

It is probable that the cause of the explosion of the car of powder never will be known. All the men who worked about it are believed to have been taken to pieces. From this car the explosion spread to the magazine which carried with it about everything there was to the plant.

## SANTA FE ELEVATOR DESTROYED BY FIRE.

It Contained 845,000 Bushels of Grain. Covered by Insurance—Was One of Most Spectacular Fires in Years.

Chicago, Sept. 9.—The Santa Fe elevator, containing 845,000 bushels of grain, was destroyed by fire today. Loss \$125,000, fully covered by insurance. The building, located at Twenty-seventh and Wood streets, was a five-story frame structure. The fire is thought to have been started by spontaneous combustion in a wheat bin on the top story where an explosion was heard to occur. Before the fire department arrived, the flames had made a way to the first floor and were beyond control. The firemen experienced difficulty in reaching the bins and obtaining water, although 20 engines and two fire trucks were at the scene.

The elevator is controlled by Harris Reeder & Co., grain brokers, and was valued at \$200,000. Forty or more grain cars were standing on a side track and were moved under heavy risk by the train crew and saved. Within 15 minutes after the fire had been discovered the entire building was a mass of flames. The heat was intense and the firemen were forced back from the building. An hour after the fire broke out the building collapsed and hundreds of bushels of grain flowed into the river. The elevator contained about 845,000 bushels of grain of which wheat was the bulk.

The fire was one of the most spectacular that has occurred in years. Large embers were carried to the river to the north and fell among the lumber piles in the yard of the John S. Lumber company, Hines Lumber company and the South Side Lumber company. To prevent a repetition of the lumber yard fire of 1891, five engine companies were sent to the fire to extinguish several small fires which had been started by the flying embers.

## A SCRUB WOMAN. Accused of Stealing \$10,000 Worth of Jewelry.

New York, Sept. 9.—While employed as a scrub woman, Mary Drennan, an aged widow, is accused of having acquired in the last month jewelry valued at \$10,000 from a large pawnshop in Brooklyn. Her nephew, 20 years old, is alleged to have been used in disposing of the plunder. Both were arrested last night, the police stating that they had found and that about one-third of the pawnshop's stock had been recovered. A disposed of considerable jewelry also is under arrest.

Drennan's work of scrubbing, Mrs. Drennan, a police spy, managed to secure a great quantity of small but valuable gems and gold. So secretly

## RESIDENTS OF UTAH ON PENSION ROLL NUMBER 973

(Special to the "News.")

Washington, D. C., Sept. 9.—The annual report of the commissioner of pensions shows 573 residents of Utah borne on the pension rolls during the last fiscal year who drew \$129,343.

was the work conducted that it was only detected by accident. About a week ago a patron of the pawnshop applied for the redemption of a diamond ring valued at \$250, which he had pawned for \$200. When the manager endeavored to find the ring it was missing. Subsequent investigation disclosed the heavy loss noted.

## A MOTHER'S SORROW.

Mrs. Abraham Coulter Travel With Dead Baby in Her Arms.

Chicago, Sept. 9.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Stockton, Cal., says: With the body of her 18 months' old baby clasped in her arms as though it were a living child, Mrs. Abraham Coulter covered the journey from Reno, Nev., to Carters, Tuolumne county, this state, keeping back the tears as she held her child, and sharing with no one the fact that her child had died on the train.

Mrs. Coulter feared that if the conductor of the train on which she was coming west from her old home in Wisconsin should learn of the little one's death he would take the corpse from her. Accordingly she resolved to tell no one the facts, and took care to her two children who were with her, while holding the tiny corpse.

She arrived at Carters yesterday, where her husband, who had gone there several months ago from Wisconsin, has made a home for her.

## DEVASTATION AND MISERY AT SHUSHA APPALLING

Fighting Continued Five Days—Hundreds Dead and Wounded Lying in the Streets—Towns in Ruins.

Tiflis, Caucasus, Sept. 9.—The Armenian bishop of Shusha has sent a message to the authorities here saying that the devastation and resultant misery at Shusha is appalling. The fighting between the Tartars and Armenians continued unceasingly for five days and hundreds of killed and wounded are lying in the streets. The report adds that the greater part of the town now consists of charred ruins, the buildings destroyed including the government offices, churches, schools and shops. He urgently appeals for food, funds and other necessities for the starving and homeless thousands.

## Travel to Portland Exposition.

Chicago, Sept. 9.—The Lewis and Clark exposition at Portland this summer has created a stream of travel toward the Pacific coast which exceeds anything before heard of for so extended a period. The Transcontinental Passenger association through the joint agency during the period between April 10 and August 31, validated 76,094 tickets which originated east of Chicago, as follows: To Portland 47,113; to Seattle, 2,002; to San Francisco, 19,749; and to Los Angeles, 5,230. The validation charge is 50 cents, showing \$38,407 revenue to the association.

## Komura and Takahira.

New York, Sept. 9.—Baxon Komura and Minobe Takahira, Japanese ministers, left last night at a private dinner given by fellow countrymen at a Fifth avenue restaurant. Fourteen persons were present and Consul General Uchida acted as host. Outside of the waters none but Japanese were present, and the speeches which continued for three hours, were entirely in the tongue of Nippon. It was stated that the international treaty at home formed the chief topic of discussion.

## AMERICAN CAPITAL IN CHILE.

New York, Sept. 9.—Newspapers here announce, says a Herald dispatch from Valparaiso, Chile, that an American syndicate has been organized with a capital of \$100,000,000 for investment in Chile.

## TOKIO MOB.

Makes Another Attack on Home Minister Yoshikawa's Residence.

Tokio, Sept. 9, a. m.—Delayed in transmission, another attack was made upon the residence of Home Minister Yoshikawa early this morning. The members of the mob closed in on the building, which was surrounded by firebrands and succeeded in starting a small blaze, which the military guards extinguished and beat off the attacking party. It is reported that explosives were thrown at the building during the attack, but this is not confirmed.

The guards and the members of the attacking party and imprisoned them within the compound. The crowd sent emissaries to the guards who begged for the release of the captives.

## BRITT-NELSON GLOVE CONTEST

Squabble Over the Referee Has Bad Effect on the Box Office Receipts.

## FIGHT MAY NOT COME OFF AT ALL

Many Intending Patrons Have Become Disgusted and Cancelled Their Reservations.

San Francisco, Sept. 9.—The crowds that will make the trip to Colma today to see the Britt-Nelson glove contest started out this morning without any definite information as to who will fill the all-important position of referee. For one brief hour late last night it looked as if all was settled, the announcement being made that finally Nolan had withdrawn his objections to Jeffries and all would be smooth sailing. There was a rush to place bets on this report and an overwhelming amount of Britt money forced the odds to 10 to 6. The satisfaction was short-lived, however, as Nolan turned around and repudiated his withdrawal. He would not accept Jeffries. There the matter stands this morning. The weather promises to be favorable for the taking of pictures of the contest. The forecast given out last night by the local weather bureau promised cloudy skies and fog and the picture people were much worried. At 10 o'clock this morning, however, the fog was whisked away by the breeze and the clouds dissolved, leaving a clear sky. A continuance of these conditions this afternoon will make the work of the moving picture machines easy.

All sorts of rumors were flying about town early today. Some heard that Eddie Graney would step in at the last moment and act as a referee with the consent of both men and the management. This would not occasion much surprise to those who have followed the tiresome talk regarding referee. There has been a strong suspicion all along that things were being arranged for Graney and that the Britts would accept him if Nelson persisted in his objection to Jeffries until the men got into the ring. There may be nothing in this report, as it is impossible to follow the plot and plans of pugilist promoters. It was also reported late last night that the sheriff of San Mateo county would take a hand and stop the fight. This probably arose from a quoted interview with the sheriff in which he is said to have remarked that "if the fight degenerates into a slug-fest and it appears that one of the men is likely to be seriously injured" he would interfere.

Withal, the uncertainty that exists as to just what will happen at Colma this afternoon, there will be an immense crowd at the ringside. Manager Coffroth acknowledges that the delay in naming the referee has materially affected the box office receipts. Many persons who had reserved seats became disgusted and cancelled their reservations.

Battling Nelson weighed in promptly at 10 o'clock today at Harry Corbett's, as provided for in the articles of agreement. His weight was 132½ pounds. There was no manifestation of ill-feeling though it is believed that the final settlement of the referee question will be only at the ringside.

Ringside, Colma, Cal., Sept. 9.—Manager Coffroth made the following statement at noon regarding the referee question: "Jeffries has once been selected and agreed upon by both Britt and Nelson. The fact that Nelson's manager has since changed his mind and now objected to Jeffries will not alter the situation. Jeffries will go into the ring. If Nelson still holds out against Jeffries and Britt will not accept anyone else, there will be nothing for me to do but call it all off and give the people their money back. I have no authority to name the referee. I can only suggest some one, in case the men consent to another selection."

Coffroth estimates the attendance at

## To Out-Of-Town Newsboys—Christmas News.

To the army of enterprising news boys who sell the Deseret News in cities and towns outside of Salt Lake. This paper will present a handsome watch to the boy whose record shows that he has sold the greatest number of papers, including the Christmas News, between Sept. 15, 1905, and Jan. 1, 1906. In addition the picture of the successful newsboy will be printed in the Saturday "News."

9,500, adding that the controversy over the referee has hurt the attendance to a material extent. He is running this paper to place bets on the changes and either Britt or Nelson's manager backs down in his determination, there will be no fight. Willis Britt made the following statement regarding his stand:

"Mr. Jeffries was selected for referee on the toss of the coin. He was accepted by both men. No one else will be permitted to referee. Manager Coffroth was given this title. He is running it and it will not be taken away from him and pulled off at Mechanic's paxion by Morris Levy."

"Well, said Nolan, immediately after he gave his statement, "You can say for me that Jeffries will not referee the fight. I will not bring my man into the ring until the matter is settled." With this determined stand by the resolute manager and seemingly no disposition on the part of the management to take steps to settle the matter, the outlook for a fight are not very promising.

The blood of the fight he called off and the announcement he made that the money of the ticket holders will be returned, there will doubtless be a very exciting time in the vicinity of the big arena out on the barren hills.

## EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY WAS MOST DISASTROUS

Villages Reduced to Ruins—Inhabitants Seek to Find and Bring Bodies of Their Relatives—Spectacle Very Distressing.

Rome, Sept. 9.—A meeting of the cabinet ministers will be held tomorrow to consider measures of relief for the sufferers from yesterday's earthquake in Calabria. King Victor Emmanuel has given \$50,000 for the relief of the families of the victims.

At Messina, Sicily, the walls of many houses and churches were cracked by the earthquake, and otherwise were more or less seriously damaged. The railway station at Calabria are much damaged, and the trains are proceeding slowly.

Travelers arriving here from Calabria are profoundly impressed with the disaster. The depot at Farghella is completely destroyed. The travelers report seeing villages reduced to ruins and men and women weeping and seeking to find and bury the bodies of their relatives. The depots from San Giljovanni to Santa Eufemia are invaded by the populace demanding succor. The spectacle is terrifying.

## TROUBLE AT BAKU.

Renewal of it is Apprehended Momentarily.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 9.—Private advices from Baku say that the machinery of 300 out of 3,000 oil wells has already been destroyed. Despite the temporary halt a renewal of the warfare and incendiarism is apprehended momentarily. The tens of thousands of hungry unemployed persons whose ranks are constantly increasing constitute an additional danger.

## To Save The Salt Lake Forest Reserve.

Important Meeting Under Way This Afternoon at Knutsford Hotel Between Government, State and City Officials—Proposition to Plant Trees and Conserve Waters for Irrigation and Domestic Purposes.

At a meeting which commenced at 2 o'clock this afternoon Uncle Sam and Salt Lake City discussed the proposition of co-operating on the preservation of the Salt Lake forest reserve. The contracting parties were Gifford Pinchot, chief forester for the United States and Porio Riso, and Mayor Morris and members of the city council.

Mr. Pinchot has been here several days looking over the Utah situation and in connection with his visit this morning the ranger foresters of Utah gathered in answer to a call in his room at the Knutsford hotel and listened to instructions from their chief looking towards a better unification of forest reserve work and to develop the conservation of Utah with a view of conserving the waters for culinary and irrigation purposes and to perpetuate the forests by undertaking wise policies.

THOSE PRESENT. Those present at the meeting in addition to Senator Reed Smoot and Messrs. Fetheroff and Hadley, two department men from Washington, who are out here studying tree planting for the government, were A. W. Jensen of Mantl, John F. Squires of Logan, D. S. Pack of Payson, C. F. Cooley of Grantsville, and Mr. Smith of Salt Lake, rangers of the respective reserves in the districts in which they reside.

VISITED THE RESERVE. Yesterday Mr. Pinchot and Senator Reed Smoot accompanied by several of

## FIELD MARSHAL YAMAGATA ON WAR

Cessation of Hostilities Advantageous to the National Development of Japan.

## CONTINUATION MEANT WASTE.

Would Have Been Injurious to Both Countries—Japan's Military Strength Unimpaired.

Tokio, Sept. 9, 6 a. m.—The Nichi Nichi publishes an extended statement from Field Marshal Yamagata, reviewing the war. He first discusses the Russian advance into Manchuria and Korea and gives details of the futile negotiations. He then refers to the increase of the Russian naval force and Japan's resolution to draw the sword for her own protection and conquest or die.

"After the victory at Mukden the principle of humanity," he says, "started the cry for peace in Europe and America. After the naval victory in the sea of Japan, President Roosevelt asked both belligerents to cease their offensive operations. Difference of opinion and dissension over the terms of peace were unavoidable, but the people must remember that Russia's obduracy and desire to continue the war left no hope of obtaining adequate reparation to the Japanese without further sacrifice of blood and treasure on our part. The cessation of hostilities was also advantageous to the national development of Japan. A continuation of the war meant the wasting of the country's energies and resources."

Yamagata concludes by asserting that Japan's military strength is unimpaired and the armies could have taken Harbin.

The Nichi Nichi declares that the home minister and the chief of the metropolitan police are responsible for the rioting and demands their resignations. It says that their unwarrantable arrogance in trying to suppress the expression of national sentiment has resulted in great humiliation.

## PLANS FOR A GREAT RELIGIOUS GATHERING IN N. Y.

New York, Sept. 9.—Plans are nearing completion for the great religious gathering to be held in this city Nov. 1st under the name of the Inter-Church Conference on Federation. The meeting, which is to be held in Carnegie hall, will be the first in the religious history of the United States to which delegates have been named officially by the various protestant denominations, previous conferences on missions and other topics having been unofficial in character. There will be present from 500 to 600 delegates, representing 24 religious bodies with an aggregate membership of over 18,000,000.

A general committee composed in large part of leading ministers and laymen of this city and vicinity, is in charge of the arrangements for the conference. The program will make evident the fact that the conference is in no sense an attempt to bring the various religious bodies of the country into organization. It is the hope of the leaders of the movement that the conference will be the first in the religious history of the churches, which shall bring the various denominations into better and closer relations than have ever before existed; an organization that will make it possible to voice the attitude of the United Christian churches on great questions, social, ethical, economic and religious, in a way that has never before been possible.

During the six days of the conference the foremost men in almost every Protestant religious body in the country will be heard from the platform. Among these will be five bishops of the Episcopal church, six bishops of the Methodist church, three of the Methodist church, two of the Moravian bishops, and one each from the United Brethren, Reformed Episcopal and African Methodist bodies. A number of laymen prominent in public life will

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