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## KANSAS CITY, MO., IS SCENE OF FATAL FIRE

### The Building Used by Montgomery, Ward & Co. Burns.

### QUARTER OF A MILLION LOST

**Two Hundred Women and Girls Employed in the Building Have Narrow Escapes—One Person Dead; Many Injured.**

Kansas City, Mo., May 10.—Fire Wednesday afternoon destroyed the five-story university building, at the northwest corner of Locust and Ninth streets, causing a property loss estimated at a quarter of a million dollars. One life was lost, six persons are missing, and may be buried in the ruins, and fifteen persons were more or less seriously injured. The debris is still burning, and cannot be searched until the fire goes out.

The building was occupied by Montgomery Ward & Co., as offices, and by numerous artists and musicians, who lost everything.

Among the missing is Miss Maud Wittenborn, piano teacher; last seen at the window of her studio on the fifth floor.

The building was of brick, five stories high, and extended one hundred feet north on Locust street, and half a block west on Ninth street. Because of the unsafe condition of the building, it was abandoned by the Young Men's Christian association ten years ago. Since then the first and second floors have been occupied by Montgomery, Ward & Co., who used it as offices, and employed about two hundred clerks, mostly girls. It contains two small auditoriums, one of which, on the third floor, is used by the Kansas City Anthenaeum, which was holding a session when the fire started, half a hundred prominent women being in attendance. The third, fourth and fifth floors were occupied by artists and musicians, and some of the upper rooms were used as living apartments. There is but one elevator in the building, adjoining a stairway, the only means of exit.

The fire started a few minutes before 3 o'clock in the basement in a quantity of twine in the Montgomery Ward store room, close to the elevator. Ten minutes after the fire broke out, the flames began to pour into the elevator shaft and the escape, save by the fire escapes, were shut off.

The halls quickly filled with a dense smoke, and ten minutes later, when the first fire apparatus arrived on the scene, people crowded almost every window appealing for help, while a score of others, mostly women and girls, filled the fire escapes, and were descending wildly to the ground.

George DeMare, aged 82 years, art instructor, in the Central High school and a portrait painter, jumped from his studio window on the fifth floor, and was picked up dead.

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Kansas City, May 10.—Search for bodies was begun at dayNght Thursday morning in the ruins of the University building, at Ninth and Locust streets, destroyed by fire Wednesday.

One body at least is known to be in the debris, that of Miss Aurora Wittebart, an artist, and it is believed that others may be found. The fire was still smouldering Thursday morning, and it will be late in the day before a thorough search can be made.

The known dead now number two, Miss Wittebart and Professor DeMare.

It is believed that all the injured will recover. The most seriously hurt is Miss Alexander Brumberg, the Russian countess, whose skull is fractured. Her condition Thursday morning was considered serious, but Dr. Eugeneia Metzger, her physician, with whom she made her home, expressed the belief that the countess would recover.

Countess Alexandria Andrevna Blumberg, an artist, shared a studio on the third floor with Dr. Metzger. She was taken to the Swedish hospital in a semi-conscious condition, and Dr. Metzger and the entire hospital force bent all their energies toward saving her life. She was conscious at times during the night and Thursday morning was reported somewhat improved.

Countess Blumberg is the daughter of a Russian nobleman, Count Andrev Blumberg, once a member of the privy council of the czar, who fell under the displeasure of the crown and was exiled after his immense estates had ben confiscated. His daughter went to Paris soon after the death of her parents and studied art for several years, being a pupil of Bouguereau, Courtois and James Whistler. She has traveled in many countries and speaks fluently several languages.

George DeMare, who lost his life by jumping from his studio on the fifth floor, came of a family more than noted in the art world. His maternal grandfather was G. P. A. Healy, one of the greatest of American painters, who had painted portraits o fClay, Lincoln and other notables. His father, who was a noted painter in Paris, died in that city a few years ago.

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### INJUNCTIONS DELAY LAWS.

**Judge Jones Grants Preliminary Injunctions on Part of Ten Roads.**

Montgomery, Ala., May 10.—Judge Thomas G. Jones, of the United States court, has granted preliminary injunctions on the part of the ten roads in Alabama, restraining the state from putting into operation certain laws just enacted. Continuance was taken in the application of the Louisville and Nashville and South and North because of their having made rates in violation of the law which says that rates in effect January 1 last shall be the maximum charge. This feature was continued for 80 days by request of the state. The roads which secured the injunction are the Atlantic Coast Line, the Seaboard, the Central of Georgia, the Southern, the Mobile and Ohio, the Atlanta and Birmingham, the 'Frisco and the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis.

The laws resisted makes rates January 1, the maximum rates, fixes rates on 110 articles and classifies roads, and provide for an abrogation of license of any road removing a case from the state to the federal courts.

The question of a master will be determined on the first motion day, the first Tueday in June.

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**Sent to Jail in Auto.**

West Palm Beach, Fla., May 10.—Thos. W. Troy came ashore from steamer Cecilia, two thousand tons, from South America loaded with lumber, to take train to New York ahead of the vessel. He went into Seapf's aloon Wednesday and had some words with and emptied his revolver into George G. Newcomb, killing him instantly. He was arrested by Deputy Sheriff aMrtin and jailed without resistance. Coroner Chillingworth summoned a jury and testimony was taken and he was held by the jury for murder and sent to Miami by auto on account of hard feeling in this city.

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**Alabama Postoffice Looted.**

Deposit, Ala., May 10.—The safe of the postoffice at Deposit, in Joseph E. McCaleb's store, was blown open some time during Tuesday night, and $40 in money and a large quantity of stamps secured. Nitro-glycerine was used, and the job was apparently the work of experts. A skeleton key was used to gain entrance to the building. Nothing of value in the store room was removed. No trace was left behind by the burglars.

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**All But Seven Recovered.**

Montevideo, Uruguay, May 10.—An official report from the government authorities on the spot says that all the pasengers motly Spanish immigrants, of the French steamer Poitou wrecked off San Jose Ignacio, were recovered with the exception of thirteen. Seven of these ar known to have ben drownd and six wre classed as missing.

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**Old Confederate Suicides.**

Huntsville, Ala., May 10.—W. J. Corvin, aged 62, suicided in Dallas Wednesday night by shooting himself through the heart. He was a confederate. Ill health was the cause.

## LIVES ARE LOST IN WRECK OF TRAINS

### One Accident In Illinois Another In State of Ohio.

### SUBURBAN TRAIN IS WRECKED

**Leaps from Track and Goes Down an Embankment—Engineer, Blinded by Smoke, Crashes Into the Rear End of Train.**

Chicago, May 10.—A suburban passenger train on the Burlington railroad running between Aurora, Ills., and Chicago, was wrecked Thursday near Lawndale, about 6 miles from the city, and about 20 passengers were hurt. It is reported that several were killed.

The train was running at a high rate of speed when the engine struck a broken rail, and leaped from the track. It dragged the baggage car and one passenger coach with it, and all three rolled down a small embankment. The other five passenger cars in the train remained on the track.

It was at first supposed that many people had been killed and ambulances were summonded from all the police stations in the west side of the city

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Cincinnati, May 10.—One man was killed, one fatally hurt and two others seriously injured in a rear-end collision at Jones Station, 7 miles south of Hamilton, O., Thursday.

An engine was following No. 1 passenger train on the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railroad and heavy smoke prevented the engineer seeing the train, into the rear of which the engine crashed.

Frank King, of Ivorydale, who was making his second trip as an engineer, was instantly killed, and Sullivan, of Hamilton, superintendent of tracks, was badly, probably fatally injured internally and receiving serious cuts on the head.

Jacob R. Easler, of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton, agent at Ivorydale, suffered serious internal injuries and Thomas Kirk, of Jones Station, had two ribs broken.

Most of the passengers were shaken up considerably, but no others were injured.

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### TRAGEDY ON CREEK BRIDGE.

**Runaway Team Dashes Into Buggy With Fatal Results.**

Monroe, Ga., May 9.—Wednesday morning while on their way to this place to do some shopping, two ladies of Walton county met with a strange and tragic accident.

As a result of this, one of the ladies is dead and the other lies at the point of death.

These ladies were Mrs. Henry Richardson, who died in a very strange manner, and Mrs. John Palmer, who is not expected to live.

Just as Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Palmer, on their way to town, drove on the bridge which spans Balle Prong creek, a mile from Monroe, they were met by a runaway team in which were a negro man and woman and two children.

Mrs. Palmer, in attempting to get out of the way of the vehicle, caught her dress on the step and was thrown to the floor of the bridge. The horse ran over her, dragging the buggy with him.

Mrs. Richardson ecaped without a scar, yet, strange to say, she was the first to die. The excitement and worry in trying to care for her injured sister caused congestion of the lungs, from which she died. It is not thought that Mrs. Palmer will survive her injuries.

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**Will Lay Cornerstone.**

Wrightsville, Ga., May 10.—Friday, May 24, will prove a historic date in the annals of this city. The cornerstone of the new main building of Warthen college, now in course of erection, will be laid out on that day with appropriate and imposing ceremonies. The Masonic grand lodge of Georgia has been invited to conduct the ceremonies incident to the occasion, and there will doubtless be a large gathering of Masons here.

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### LORD BERESFORD'S FINAL END.

**Body of Bogus Lord Embalmed and Is on Exhibition at Asheville.**

Atlanta, May 10.—A most wonderful story has just been told by a prominent laywer who has just returned from New York of the final end of the celebrated crook, Lord Beresford, who has exploited himself in his particular line all over this country and in Europe.

The gentleman who tells the story was returning from New York a few days ago, and stopped a day or so at Asheville. He had occasion to stop at an undertaker's etablishment. While conversing with the proprietor he glanced around and saw standing on a pedestal the real Lord Beresford perfectly embalmed and looking just as he did in life. The gentleman had no doubt of his identity, as he knew him well, having represented him as one of his leadin gcounsel during his various trials in Rome, and saw him every day for many months.

The proprietor of the undertaking establishment said that Lord Beresford had come to Asheville many months ago, accompanied by a physician and a trained nurse, and representing himself as a man of great wealth. He was very ill. He died about five months ago, and his body was embalmed by the undertaker and placed in an expensive casket, preparatory to shipment to his relatives in England. The doctor, the nurses, the hotel keeper and the undertaker cabled to England to the address given by Lord Beresford as that of his relatives, but no such people could be found, and their bills remained unpaid. The undertaker has since then been using his body as an advertisement of the embalming department of his establishment. He stated that Beresford came to Asheville under an assumed name, and that since he had been on exhibition no less than six different women had appeared claiming that he had married them under different names, taken their money and disappeared. They all wanted his body.

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### CORNERSTONE IS LAID.

**Magnificent New Masonic Temple Is Dedicated In Atlanta, Ga.**

Atlanta, May 10.—Nothwistanding the threatening clouds on Wednesday afternoon, several thousand men and women gathered upon and about the raised platform to witness the dedicatory exercises of the laying of the cornerstone of the magnificent new Masonic temple, to be erected at the corner of Peachtree and Cain streets.

The scene was an impressive and inspiring one. Grand Master Max Meyerhardt, of the grand lodge of Georgia, assisted by several other prominent members of the order in the state, conducted the dedication exercises, the regular Masonic ritual for such occasions being employed.

The other exercises of the day were most appropriate and interesting, the Masonic parade being a pleasing feature.

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**Florida House Defeats Suffrage Bill.**

Tallahassee, Fla., May 10—Senator Beard's resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the state of Florida limiting suffrage to white male citizens, was defeated on Wednesday in the house by a vote of 47 to 14. The senate passed the resolution three weeks ago by a vote of 23 to 5, and had it been submitted to the house then, it would probably have passed. Strong opposition developed within the last ten days. Its effect would have been to test the validity of the ratification of the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments of the United States constitution.

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**Popular Yeung Lady Suicides.**

New Hope, Ala., May 10.—Miss Lena Yann, a popular young lady of New Hope, Ala., committed suicide Wednesday by taking a dose of poison. She was found in her room in a dying condition and never recovered consciousness. No reason for the deed is known by her relatives.

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**Jordan to Return Soon.**

Columbus, Ga., May 10.—G. Dunby Jordan, president of the Georgia Immigration association, saide Wednesday for America, and is expected to reach the state in about ten days.

## STRIKE SITUATION GROWS MORE SERIOUS

### Trouble With the Longshoremen at New York.

### BUSINESS IS GREATLY CRIPPLED

**Severe Fight Occurred in Williamsburg Between Strike-Breakers and Strikers—Number of Longshoremen Now Out Is About 12,000.**

New York, May 10.—The gravity in the longshoremen's strike grows with the hours.

This is principally because the congestion of freight is becoming rapidly greater, the total monetary loss being reckoned thus far at about $600,000, involving business in many parts of the country. It is also because an element of the strikers seem to be ready to resort to violence, as was manifested Wednesday night when 300 Italian and Polish strike-breakers were surprised and attacked by several hundred strikers and sympathizers in Williamsburg and a severe fight ensued, in which stones, knives and clubs were used and numbers of persons were hurt, including some policemen. Then, again, both sides display a fixity of purpose which does not presage an early end of the trouble.

The strikers, who now number almost 12,000, declare that they will not yield unless their demand for a higher scale of wages is granted, and this, the American steamship companies are equally insistent that no concessions will be made by them, and that they will stand together to resist the men's exactions. Meantime Police Commissioner Bingham has taken the precaution to keep in reserve at the stations all policemen except those on patrol, which, is in one sense, a mobilization of 8,000 policemen.

J. H. Thomas, operating manager of the International Mercantile Marine company, speaking for the trans-Atlantic lines involved in the strike, said that the heads of all these lines had discussed the situation. They were unanimous, he said, in the position that the demands of the strikers were exorbitant, that the companies could not afford to meet them, and that the strikers' places would be filled with other men at the present scale. The companies will bend their energies to getting their vessels away on schedule time, even if this be with partial cargoes.

To emphasize their contention that higher wages are needed because living expenses are higher, the strikers are having a parade of their wives and other dependent upon them.

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**Japanese and American Interests.**

Berlin, May 10.—The Vossiche Zeitung asserts that it has received from an official source the announcement that the United States and Japan will begin negotiations for an agreement protecting their mutual interests in the Far East. Editorially the paper says that America's motive, like Great Britain's and France's, is fear of Japan's power. It also predicts that Japan will tear up the treaties as soon as it suits her purpose to do so.

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**To Urge Greater Atlanta.**

Atlanta, May 10.—The directors of the chamber of commerce at a meeting held Tuesday afternoon, decided to have a smoker at an early date at which the question of extending the limits of Atlanta, will be discussed. President J. Wylie Pope and Secretary Walter G. Cooper were appointed a committee to fix the date and make all arrangements for the entertainment.

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**Burglars Rifle Three Safes.**

Oliver, Ga., May 10.—Burglars Sunday night cracked three safes here and escaped with considerable money. The large safe of the Oliver Trading company was completely wrecked and practically the entire office is a mass of ruins. The town was not awakened by the series of terrific explosions. Savannah detectives have been put to work on the case.