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FIRE AND SMOKE DRIVE OUT PLAINVILLE BLOCK TENANTS; DAMAGE BY FLAMES \$10,000

Occupants of Clarendon Routed in Night Clothes, One Being Carried To Safety Down Ladder.

Several Town Firemen Hurt Fighting Blaze— New Britain Department Responds to Appeal for Help.

(Special to the Herald.)
Plainville, Nov. 20.—The most
dangerous and most spectacular fire
in many months, and the second
blaze in the same place within a
few weeks, forced the occupants of
the Clarendon block on Central
square to flee in their nightclothes
early this morning and did damage
to the building estimated at well
over \$10,000.

Three alarms were blown, and, de-
spite determined work which brought
the fire under control, the blaze
spread so rapidly that the fire de-
partment, the blaze assumed such
proportions that outside help
had to be called from New
Britain.

To Chief William J. No-
ble of New Britain and his men is
given the credit for subduing the
flames and preventing them from
destroying the neighboring buildings,
and Chief Edward P. Prior of the
local company is credited with his
promptness of the work of the Hardware
City men.

The fire apparently started in the
kitchen of the Clarendon restaurant,
although the cause is not known, and
spread rapidly. It is thought to
have burned for some time before
it was discovered at 4:15 o'clock by
Bernard Stanley, who sent in an
alarm. The flames were also seen
by the crew of a passing freight
train, and the engine whistle was
blown until the steam exhausted. A
second alarm was blown by the
Columbia Electric Mfg. Co. whistle
at 4:45 o'clock and a third one 20
minutes later.

Game Fight To Check Flames

The full hose supply of the local
department was brought into use and
several men in the company set to
work with a damage which thrilled
the large crowd of onlookers. Chopping
their way through the roof at the
rear of the building and attacking
it also with streams from front
and side, the men fought with flames
all about them in utter disregard
of the injuries which they constantly
received from falling embers and
flames.

In spite of their utmost efforts the
firemen could not handle the
fire, which broke through the
roof and walls in so many places
that the hose and manpower were
insufficient. Chief Prior sent a hur-
ry call to New Britain, and Chief No-
ble and No. 2 truck responded. From
that time the fire had no chance.
Under the direction of the New Britain
chief, the newcomers and the local
men attacked the flames in a
more efficient way and gradually
checked and extinguished them.

Block Complete Ruin

The Clarendon block is practically
total ruin. The rear portions are
totally burned out; the stock room,
kitchen, and restaurant proper are
practically beyond repair. The
vacant store in the block was badly
damaged; and the Palace of
Fashions suffered heavily from water
and fire and smoke. At one time it
appeared that the flames would
reach across and carry the New
Britain block with the Clarendon, but
the arrival of the New Britain company
prevented this.

Chief Prior and half of his men
suffered injuries during their battle
with the flames. The chief received
a bad laceration on the hand and
suffered more serious injury when
a large plate glass window
crushed down right at his feet.

All credit is given to Chief Prior
and his men to Chief Noble. "With-
out him the condition here would
have been a disaster," the local chief
said today. "and we can't praise them
enough." While the Plainville fire-
men fought hard, they could not, he
said, have been successful had it not
been for the able direction given by
Chief Noble, whose experience at
large fires proved the deciding fac-
tor in the battle with the flames.

IRISH BOYCOTT VOTED

Dublin, Nov. 20 (AP)—The Sinn
Fein conference here has adopted
a resolution favoring an advertise-
ment boycott in the United States
if Republicans now hold prisoners
in Northern Ireland are not re-
leased before Christmas.

OBERLANDER, WYCOFF, EDDIE TRYON SOUGHT

Callahan Trying to Sign Football Stars for Miami Profs.

GRANGE OFFERED TEN TO TWENTY THOUSAND A GAME

Columbus, O., Nov. 20 (AP)—
Red Grange will receive from
\$10,000 to \$20,000 a game if he
decided to play professional foot-
ball, starting Thanksgiving Day,
it was stated today by Clyde
Tuttle, treasurer of the Colum-
bus Tigers, a member of the
National Professional Football
League.

New York, Nov. 20 (AP)—Acting
on behalf of Miami, Fla., interests, Tim
Callahan, former Yale gridiron cap-
tain and all-American star, an-
nounced today he had offered pro-
fessional football contracts to Eddie
Tryon of Colgate and Swede Ober-
lander of Dartmouth, two of the
east's outstanding backfield stars, as
well as Doug Wycoff of Georgia
Tech.

Callahan said he and his associ-
ates had been commissioned to as-
semble an all-American star team
of college players to play profes-
sional football in Florida. It is ex-
pected that this team, he said, would
among other contests, meet an ag-
gregation featuring Red Grange in
his lineup in a Christmas day game
at Miami Beach.

Callahan asked some new light on
Grange's expected professional ven-
ture by saying it was his under-
standing that C. C. Pyle, Cham-
paign theater owner and repre-
sentative of Red, had signed for the
Illinois captain to play professional
football. Callahan expressed the
opinion that this had been done by
Pyle under the latter's supposed
contract with Grange and that the
football star was not yet officially
informed of his step.

Callahan admitted he had not yet
signed any players of prominence for
the Miami team, but declared at-
tractive offers would be made to a
number of star players besides
Tryon, Oberlander and Wycoff. He
expects to have his outfit recruited
within a week.

Hanover, N. H., Nov. 20 (AP)—
"Swede" Oberlander, Dartmouth
backfield star, admitted today he
received an offer from Tim Callahan,
former Yale captain, to play profes-
sional football in Florida, but re-
fused to make public his decision.
"Any announcement will have to
come from Callahan," he said.

Detroit, Nov. 20 (AP)—The Detroit
News today quoted officials of the
Wills St. Claire company makers,
as saying that Harold (Red) Grange
appeared at the main offices of the
company at Marysville, Mich., last
June and demanded an automobile,
"to square" the use of Grange's
name in a series of advertisements.
The demand was refused.

Grange was accompanied by C. C.
Pyle, whom he introduced as his
manager, the News quoted Harold
C. Wills head of the factory as say-
ing, "A. H. Moorman, general man-
ager of the Wills St. Claire company
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Papers In Chapman's Final Fight To Escape Noose Not Yet Offered

If They Are Not Presented Today They Will Be To- morrow, Judge Groehl Says—Alcorn Will Not Oppose Reprieve Re- quest if One Is Necessary

Hartford, Nov. 20 (AP)—Whether
the petition of Gerald Chapman for a
writ of habeas corpus will be pre-
sented to Judge Edwin S. Thomas
today had not been determined at
noon. Judge Frederick J. Groehl,
chief of counsel for Chapman, plan-
ned to be in Hartford this afternoon
to go over the papers in the case,
and to go to the state prison at
Wethersfield for a conference with
Chapman and for his signature to
the papers.

If it is found not feasible for
counsel to take the papers to South
Norwalk this evening for the signa-
ture of U. S. District Judge Edwin
S. Thomas, chief of counsel for Chap-
man, who is under sentence to be
hanged at the state prison in
Wethersfield on December 2.

TO BE EXECUTED MUST DIE DURING JANUARY

Mrs. Soper, 49, Convicted in New York Court

If Sentence Is Carried Out, She Will Be the Fourth of Her Sex To Pay Extreme Penalty in N. Y. State

Elizabethtown, N. Y., Nov. 20 (AP)—
Mrs. Fannie Soper, 49, convicted of
murder in the first degree, for the
killing of her husband, Henry Soper,
was sentenced to death in the
electric chair by Supreme Court
Justice Whittemore today.

The date of execution was set for
the week beginning January 3.
Convicted by jury.

A jury, drawn largely from the
soil of Essex county, yesterday re-
turned a verdict of murder, first
degree, after having listened for ten
days to a trial which has attracted
wide attention in the Adirondacks.

If Mrs. Soper is put to death she
will be the fourth of her sex from
whom the state has exacted the ex-
treme penalty. Martha Kossila
was hanged in Herkimer,
February 28, 1887, for the murder of
her husband, Martha Place, who
was convicted in New York county,
was executed in Sing Sing prison on
March 20, 1889, and Mary Farmer,
convicted in Jefferson county, was
put to death in Auburn prison on
March 29, 1909.

Mrs. Soper's attorney, Patrick J.
Tierney, of Plattsburgh, has an-
nounced that an appeal from the
verdict would be taken on the ground of "improper
admission of evidence."

Showed No Emotion

Mrs. Soper received the verdict
with the same lack of emotional
display as has characterized her
outward appearance in court. Only
once did she falter and that was
when she took the stand in her own
defense and told her version of the
fatal shooting. Compelled to de-
tail how she had touched her hus-
band's arm after the shooting, the
widow faltered, wept and then
broke down.

Henry Soper was shot twice in the
head as he slept in the kitchen of
his quiet farm house after a hard
morning's work in the potato fields.
Mrs. Soper maintained that an
admission and was allowed to en-
ter the room in which her husband
rested. Then, the widow main-
tained, she heard two shots, found
her husband dead, and saw the
stranger disappear in an automo-
bile. The prosecution basing its
case largely on circumstantial evi-
dence, contended that Mrs. Soper
did the shooting, attempting to
prove, through testimony of an ex-
pert, that the two bullets were fired
from Soper's own revolver, which
the widow attempted to keep from
the investigators.

Among the character witnesses
who appeared for Mrs. Soper was
her only daughter, Mrs. William
Elisbury, of Elizabethtown. Mrs.
Elisbury told of the "happy home
life" of Soper and his wife. Soper
had two sons by a former marriage,
and the Elquist property was willed
to them.

The jury deliberated one hour and
forty-five minutes.

IT. SKOGLAND RESIGNS

Hartford, Conn., Nov. 20 (AP)—
Second Lieutenant Victor R. Skog-
land, 115th Observation squadron,
A. C. has resigned from the National
Guard, the fact being noted in
adjutant general's orders today.

Emergency Aries

Mr. Mills, commenting on yester-
day's sudden adjournment, said:
"Yesterday afternoon an emer-
gency arose, which I had not the
slightest information. Mr. Jacobs
and I took every possible means to
learn the entire status of the case
before the trial started, but Mr.
Davis, during the conference, gave
me some information that produced
a new situation and I felt it was my
duty as leading counsel to make
some investigation to see what ac-
tion we should take in this emer-
gency. Mr. Jacobs and I investigated
this new situation but have not
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"In view of this condition I asked
for an adjournment until Monday."

Mystery Letters

The "mystery" letters have been
used by Mr. Davis under dramatic
circumstances twice. Once he per-
mitted Oberlander to read one of
them to the jury. "Do you wish
to continue with this case?"
The plaintiff replied: "Yes."

Yesterday Mr. Davis permitted
young Oberlander to read it and
then asked for a recess.

During this time, Davis, Mr. Mills
and Justice Moerschauer held a pri-
vate conference and the trial was
adjourned until today although it
was still early in the afternoon. The
letters have been produced both
times in the midst of cross-exami-
nation into intimate details of the
pre-marital relations of young
Oberlander and his wife.

ITALIAN LOAN FLOATED

New York, Nov. 20 (AP)—The
\$10,000,000 Italian loan offered
through a Boston-wide bank-
ing syndicate headed by J. P. Morgan
and Co. was sold before noon to-
day with an indicated oversub-
scription. While the Morgan firm
merely announced the closing of
the subscription books, other large
banks associated in the offering
said that orders for the bonds were
unusually heavy and estimated that
total subscriptions would run to
\$400,000,000.

EXTRA 4 P. C. DIVIDEND DECLARED BY L. F. & C.

Board of Directors Also Votes To Pay Regular Quarterly of 3 Per Cent

At a meeting of the directors of
Lunders, Frary & Clark, held this
morning the regular quarterly divi-
dend of 3 per cent was declared pay-
able December 31, and an extra divi-
dend of 4 per cent was declared
payable January 3, 1926.

Both dividends are payable to
stockholders of record at the close
of business December 21. The stock
transfer books of the corporation will
be closed from December 22 to
December 31st, both days inclusive.

NEW SENSATION IN RHINELANDER CASE

Lawyers for Plaintiff Ask Post- ponement Until Monday

SURPRISED AT EVIDENCE

Defense Introduces Letter Which, It Is Claimed, May "Wreck" Rhine- lander—His Own Lawyers Are Taken By Surprise.

White Plains, N. Y., Nov. 20 (AP)—
The Rhinelanders' annulment trial
scheduled for resumption this morn-
ing, was adjourned until Monday to
give counsel for Leonard Kip Rhine-
lander, the plaintiff's opportunity to
make necessary investigations into
the contents of one of the "mystery"
letters that caused sudden adjourn-
ment of the case yesterday.

Both In Court

Although the case had been ad-
journed yesterday under circum-
stances that gave rise to rumors it
would be withdrawn, the principals
were in court this morning shortly
after 10 o'clock. Young Rhineland-
er took the stand for his fifth day
of unrelenting cross-examination and
Lee Parsons Davis, counsel for Allice
Beatrice Jones, the defendant, was
in his place.

Isaac N. Mills, counsel for Rhine-
lander, then arose and told Justice
Moerschauer that he had just been
given certain information by Mr.
Davis which he felt needed thorough
investigation before continuation of
the cross-examination. He there-
fore asked for adjournment until
Monday. Mr. Davis agreed, and Jus-
tice Moerschauer ordered the ad-
journment.

Lawyers Confer

Just before the case was sched-
uled for this morning, Mr. Davis and
Mr. Mills were in conference in Jus-
tice Moerschauer's chambers. Later
Mr. Davis left and Leon K. Jacobs,
associated with Mr. Mills in the case,
went into conference with his col-
league. It was understood that Mr.
Davis had revealed the contents of
at least two of the letters, which
have made their appearance in the
case under unusual conditions, but
which have not been made public.

The two letters are among about
thirty handed which Leonard sent
to Allice. Mr. Davis has refused to
make them public, an act which
he has said would "wreck" young
Rhinelanders. The contents of these
letters are admittedly of a sensa-
tional character.

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NAVAL ARSENAL BLAZE

Toulon, France, Nov. 20 (AP)—
The naval arsenal was on fire to-
day. High wind caused fear that
the flames might reach powder and
explosives magazines. Vigorous ef-
forts were made by civilians and
naval authorities to prevent a
disaster. The fire was extinguished.

FOLEY CLEARED IN REPORT OF COURT

Shenandoah Probe Officer Ex- onerated of Charges

MITCHELL CASE NEAR END

Testimony From Witnesses In Honor

Washington, Nov. 20 (AP)—Captain
Paul Foley was exonerated today by
the Shenandoah naval court of in-
quiry of charges that he had sought to
sway her testimony.

The court held that Captain Foley,
its former judge advocate, was not
guilty either of seeking to cause
false testimony to be offered before
the court, or of seeking by "improp-
er means to influence" the widow
of the Shenandoah's commander.

Court's Decision

The decision read by Rear Ad-
miral Hilary P. Jones, president of
the court, follows:

"It appearing to the court after a
careful consideration of all evidence
adduced and of record in that con-
nection that the defendant, Captain
Paul Foley, United States navy, late
judge advocate of this court, is not
guilty of seeking and endeavoring
to cause false testimony to be
offered to this court and is not
guilty of seeking and endeavoring
by improper means to influence a
witness about to testify before this
court, and it further being a matter
of judicial notice in this court that
it was an obligation imposed by law
upon the defendant, Captain Paul
Foley as judge advocate to make a
preliminary examination of witness-
es to be examined before this court,
and it further appearing to this
court upon consideration as afore-
said that the said Captain Foley has
in no wise been guilty of improper or
unethical conduct, as such judge
advocate, and all of the evidence
known to the court having been ad-
duced before it and made a part of
its records:

"It is hereby adjudged and or-
dered that the said defendant, Cap-
tain Paul Foley, United States navy,
is not guilty of the matters and
things alleged against him;

"Said defendant is hereby dis-
charged and released from further
attendance upon this court."

Mrs. Lansdowne Protest

Just as the decision was being
handed down, Judge Advocate
Lansdowne received formally the pro-
test of counsel for Mrs. Lansdowne,
asking dismissal of the court be-
cause before it had barred her at-
torneys from taking part in the in-
quiry. The protest had been filed
with Secretary Wilbur, and forward-
ed by him to Mr. Leonard.

With the Lansdowne-Foley in-
cident out of its way, the court con-
tinued its general inquiry into the
causes of the wreck of the Shen-
andoah.

Mitchell To Testify

Washington, Nov. 20 (AP)—Chances
that the Mitchell court-martial trial
will proceed to its end without any
prolonged delay brightened consid-
erably today.

Defense and prosecution counsel
agreed that the testimony of several
witnesses who are in Honolulu be
taken by deposition at once.

Representative Frank R. Reid,
counsel for Colonel Mitchell told the
court he would put the defendant on
the stand Monday to testify in de-
fense of his public accusation against
air service administration, which re-
sulted in the charge of misconduct
now pending against him.

The court today gave its attention
largely to documentary evidence
read by the defense from the re-
cords of the house aircraft commit-
tee and the president's air board.

DAMAGE OF \$1,500 BY FIRE ON ARCH STREET

Three-story building at rear of
No. 119 Thatched—No. 6
Company Answers

Fire in a three-story building at
the rear of 149 Arch street shortly
after 6 o'clock this morning re-
sulted in about \$1,500 damage be-
cause it was put out by the fire de-
partment in answer to an alarm
from box 34 at the corner of West
Pearl and Arch streets. The build-
ing is owned by L. Mikowicz and
the loss is covered by insurance.

Chief William J. Noble of the
fire department investigated the
blaze and reported that it had
been caused by a defective chim-
ney. The fire is believed to have
started in the partitions of the
third floor and made its way up-
ward to the roof, which was a mass
of flames when the department ar-
rived.

THE WEATHER

Hartford, Nov. 20.—Forecast
for New Britain and vicinity:
Generally fair tonight and
Saturday

KING GEORGE'S MOTHER DIES TODAY AND ALL ENGLAND MOURNS HER LOSS; WOULD HAVE BEEN 81 ON DECEMBER 1

CHILD STRUCK BY AUTO IS DEAD AT HOSPITAL

John Barnes, 6, of 462 Myrtle St., Dies of Fractured Skull

John Barnes, six-year-old son of
Fireman and Mrs. Lester Barnes of
462 Myrtle street, died shortly be-
fore noon today at the New Britain
General hospital from a fracture of
the skull, received when he was run
down on Myrtle street in front of
his home last night by an automo-
bile driven by Merwin W. Keelner
of 190 Curtis street. The boy was
a grandson of Deputy Chief Eugene
F. Barnes of the fire department,
and his father is connected with
Engine Company 4.

Chief William C. Hart said this
afternoon that unless evidence
comes to light that tends to dis-
credit the report on the ac-
cident, there will probably be no
criminal action taken against Keel-
ner. The facts that have been gar-
thered by the police thus far have
been turned over to Prosecutor Jo-
seph G. Woods for his consideration.

The dead boy is survived by his
parents and one brother, Lester.

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ANDERSON HATED ALL BUT ONE OF FAIR SEX

And She Now Plans to Advise Aged Mother of "Dutch's" Death

Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 20 (AP)—In
a copyrighted story, the Rochester
Journal and the Post Express today
revealed another colorful chapter in
the life of "Dutch" Anderson, notori-
ous bandit slain several weeks ago
in Muskegon, Mich., with the body
of Anderson still in Muskegon. It
developed upon Miss Grace Cramp-
ton, attorney, and former associate
of William J. Baker, another of An-
derson's attorneys here, to bare fur-
ther details of the life of the arch
criminal.

Miss Crampton today was endeavor-
ing to communicate with the dead
bandit's mother in Denmark, with
a view to making arrangements for
the final disposition of Anderson's
body.

That the notorious bandit, self-
confessed woman hater, had yet one
man to whom he turned from
time to time for the consolation of
friendship and undertaking was re-
vealed today when Miss Crampton
admitted having been the dead band-
it's only woman friend and con-
fidante.

NEW ENGLAND TRANSPORTATION CO. CHARACTERIZED AS OUTLAW CONCERN

A. L. Shipman, Counsel for Conn. Motor Stage Assn., Attacks Standing of New Haven Road Subsidiary Organization.

Hartford, Nov. 20 (AP)—The New
England Transportation Co. is an
outlaw concern and cannot be re-
cognized by law, Arthur L. Shipman
of Hartford, counsel for the Con-
necticut Motor Stage association,
argued before the public utilities
commission at the state capital to-
day in opposition to the 12 appli-
cations of the transportation com-
pany for the establishment of bus
routes in Connecticut. The proposed
lines would cover 550 miles of high-
way. The applicant has no standing
before this commission, since by the
charter of the New Haven road, its
admitted owner, neither its stock
nor its assets are held legally by that
company, asserted Mr. Shipman. By
amendment to its charter the rail
company, by special laws, was pro-
vided from acquiring directly or
indirectly the securities of this cor-
poration, since they were not owned
by the rail company on May 19,
1915.

Chapter 29 of the special acts and
resolves of Massachusetts, 1917, was
to like effect and was even a stronger
act. So far as Connecticut is con-
cerned, the applicant is, therefore,
an outlaw corporation.

"This commission is a state
agency. It cannot shut its eyes to
an illegal act on the part of the real
applicant who is applying to the
commission for the exercise of its
powers in the name of an illegally
owned subsidiary."

Reply Is Made

Benjamin I. Speck, general coun-
sel of the road, replying to Mr.
Shipman, quoted from a decision of
the Connecticut supreme court.

ANGERED BY PEST HOLE ON OVERLOOK AVE.

Revolted Conditions in Yards and Highway Reported

Unless speedy relief is given by
the city of New Britain to relieve
alleged unsanitary conditions
caused by the lack of sewer facili-
ties on Overlook avenue, owners
of property on that street will ap-
peal to the state department of
health.

City Engineer Joseph D. Wil-
liams, First Sanitary Inspector
John A. Dolan of the health de-
partment and Plumbing Inspector
P. J. Tormay have made visits to
the street yesterday and today and
conditions there have been pro-
nounced the worst existing in any
part of the city.

For several years efforts have
been made to have a sewer con-
structed there but without avail. A
new petition is now before the
common council and board of pub-
lic works, and unless favorably
acted upon, the state department
may be asked to insist upon sewer
installation.

Almost unbelievable conditions
of filth are reported to be exist-
ing in yards and in the street, and
the health department is concerned
in the possibility of disease spread.

FORCED AGAINST CURB, AUTOMOBILE TURNS OVER

Driver Escapes Injury But Is Taken Into Custody for Reckless Driving.

Striking the curb, blowing out a
tire and crashing sideways into a
pole, an automobile driven by
Walter E. Fitzpatrick of 566 Arch
street was capsized near the Whit-
ting street railroad crossing about
1 o'clock this afternoon, but the
driver miraculously escaped with-
out so much as a scratch. The ma-
chine was badly damaged.

Policeman Thomas J. Feeney in-
vestigated the accident and ar-
rested Fitzpatrick on a charge of reck-
less driving. Fitzpatrick said that
he was driving along Whitting
street at a speed of 25 to 30 miles
an hour when he came upon an
other machine that was being
driven ahead in the center of the
road. Fitzpatrick said that he blew
his horn to warn the driver ahead
and then he was going to pass him,
and then, just as he was abreast of
the other car, the driver turned sud-
denly to the left without giving
any signal. Fitzpatrick swung quick-
ly to the left to avoid hitting the
other machine and as he did, he
struck the curb.

KING HURRIES HOME

King George was the host of a
shooting party when news of the at-
tack reached him, and he hastened
to his mother's bedside. His first
glimpse of the anxious tear-stained
faces of the servants and officials of
Sandringham house told him plain-
ly that words of the true situation
from King stayed with his mother
as long as the doctors thought ad-
visable. The physicians and nurses
remained in constant attendance.
Last evening the son again visited
the Queen mother. At that time
word had been given out that there
had been no change and that the
Queen was resting peacefully, but
the watchers learned the ominous
additional fact that arrangements
had been made to remove the body
of King Edward VII almost as one
of their own family. Little groups
waited along the highway to Sand-
ringham scanning every passing ve-
hicle and submitting any arrivals
from the Royal home to searching
questioning.

Others flocked to the places where
there were wireless installations,
thinking to get the first tidings of
her condition from one of the broad-
casters. A touching scene was en-
acted at one of those places when
the radio announcer suggested that
nobody would desire dance music in
view of the Queen's grave con-