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## 35 DEAD IN SAINT LOUIS DISASTER

### PROMINENT BUSINESS MEN CAUGHT LIKE RATS IN TRAP IN AWFUL CATASTROPHE

Missouri Athletic Club Total Ruin From Fire Which Spreads Through Whole Building in Twinkling of an Eye—Windows Shed Terrified Inmates Like Hail to Death and Injury on Sidewalks Below.

### MILLIONS IN CASH BURIED IN VAULTS OF BOATMAN'S BANK

Believed that all of Ghastly List of Missing are Buried in Blazing Ruins—Origin of the Fire Remains a Mystery Although numerous Explosions were Heard—Building Crowded with Members and Out of Town Guests.

St. Louis, March 9.—Between 30 and 35 dead was the estimate made this afternoon by officials of the Missouri Athletic club as to the number who perished in the fire that destroyed the club building here today. Six bodies are in the morgue. The bodies of 25 or 30 unaccounted for are believed to be in the ruins. Walter Fritsch, chairman of the board of directors of the club, said that after a thorough checking of the names of those registered at the club last night he thought 35 were dead. Ed Bourneholder, secretary of the club, said he thought at least 35 perished. It said about 100 guests were registered at the club for the night.

#### LISTS OF THE DEAD, INJURED AND MISSING

(By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.) St. Louis, March 9.—Six are known to be dead, 25 or 27 are unaccounted for and it is feared have perished, and about 25 are injured as a result of a fire that destroyed the seven-story building occupied by the Missouri Athletic club today. The loss is estimated at more than \$350,000. The fire, which broke out about 2 o'clock this morning, was still burning at noon, and Fire Chief Swingle said it would be unsafe to send any one into the ruins to search for the missing until tonight or tomorrow. The building was owned by the Boatman's bank, which occupied part of the first floor. The bank opened temporary quarters this morning in a building four blocks away. In the vaults of the burned building, bank officials say, were \$1,345,000 in currency and \$12,000 in coin. This is believed to be intact. The building was fully covered by insurance. The loss to adjoining buildings is estimated at \$15,000. Uncertainty as to the number of men in the building when the fire broke out made it difficult to determine the exact number of missing. Jack Reisinger, night clerk at the club, said 45 club members had rooms there and that the registration of guests brought the total number at the club for the night to 75. Whether all of the regular guests were in their rooms when the fire broke out is not known. The cause of the fire is not known. Believed to Have Been Explosion. Assistant Fire Chief Tucker said he found the story about the death of the clerk covered in but that an adjoining part of the floor seemed to have been blown upward, indicating that the fire was due to an explosion. A fireman who climbed a fire escape of the building six hours after the fire was discovered found the blaze still burning on the fifth and seventh floors and that whole interior caved in. Started on Third Floor. The fire is believed to have started on the third floor of the building, which was occupied by the dining room. On this floor one man was found dead. The fire was discovered by an unidentified woman, who was waiting with her escort for a taxi cab. Looking out of the window of the club house she saw the reflection of the flames in a plate glass window across the street. Rushing to the clerk of the Missouri Athletic club,

four. R. C. HOLMES, MCCONNELL, MIRR. L. L. LEONARD, lawyer; jumped; ribs fractured, feet crushed; hurt internally. LEE WOLF, merchant at Carruthersville, Mo., contusions and possible fracture of spine in fall from second floor of fire escape. DAVID BLUM, purchasing agent for department store, right foot fractured in fall from improvised fire escape he made of sheets. A. D. BARNED, Chicago, superintendent of an electrical supply company; right arm and ankle fractured in jumping from sixth floor. EDWARD T. KAUB, Chicago, salesman; abrasions and contusions on right hand and left knee; rescued by firemen who found him clinging to sixth floor window sill. WILLIAM KEHNER, houseman at Missouri Athletic club, both feet fractured in jumping from sixth floor to roof of four-story building. F. W. WILLIAMS, New York; hands burned and head bruised. T. C. LITTLE, Chicago; knee wrenched. LEE WALSH, CHARLES SCHMEL, Chicago, both legs broken and internally injured in leap from sixth floor. JOHN DWYER, engine company No. 6, right leg fractured; caught under falling wall. The list of missing: JAMES MCGINNIS, driver for large St. Louis department store. ALLEN DOW, buyer for large St. Louis department store. BEET CROUCH, sales manager Western Electric company, St. Louis. ALLEN HANCOCK, typewriter salesman. WILLIAM E. BECKER, president of a paint company. JOHN REYZ, president of a plumbing company. WILLIAM A. KINZEL, president of a construction company. THOMAS H. SHYNE, Syracuse, N. Y., Underwood typewriter company. WILLIAM SHIELDS, president Lyle company. GEORGE CABENER, president of a commission company. DEAN WEATHERLY, salesman wholesale dry goods company. THOMAS WRIGHT, secretary of the Apollo club. WILLIAM ERD, real estate dealer, East St. Louis, Ill. J. L. PARKER, MARR HAMMAH, president St. Louis retail store. J. E. CHESLEY, L. A. TILLEY, L. R. RUSSELL, C. E. SMITH, W. A. HUNCKE, D. E. FITZGERALD, sales manager Pierce Oil corporation, Springfield, Mo. MARSHALL REIER, local fire dealer. J. E. CHASSOFF, of St. Joseph, Mo., advertising manager for the St. Louis Republic. FRANK W. ALBRIGHT, traveling salesman. ROBY GREEN, Herrin, Ill. JENNINGS, non resident member of Missouri Athletic club. MCKENNA. BURGESS. F. W. WILLIAMS, St. Louis. NORMAN HANCOCK, St. Louis. JOHN J. RATZ, president local plumbing company. WOLFSON. A. T. RANXUS, Mount Vernon, Ill. The man listed as unidentified in the among the dead may be William K. Erd of East St. Louis, Ill. Letters in the clothing were addressed to Mr. Erd. The body also was identified as that of Allen Hancock of St. Louis.

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BITTER ATTACK ON THE ADMINISTRATION Declares that Immediate Armed Intervention is Only Possible Course Remaining for This Government

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PITCHED BATTLE FOUGHT IN SACRAMENTO STREETS Three Hundred Deputy Sheriffs Armed with Pickhandles Engage Thousand Blood-Thirsty Tramps. Hoboes Undertake Assault on State Capitol. Governor Johnson Forced to Issue Call for State Militia.

(By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.) Sacramento, Cal., March 9.—Three hundred deputy sheriffs armed with pick handles fought with double that number of Industrial Workers of the World armed with clubs in an attempt today to drive "General" Kelly's army of unemployed off the Southern Pacific right of way. A score of men received injuries before the campers were routed. When driven from the head the Industrial Workers took up the cry "On to the capitol," and started for the state house. City and county officials appealed to Governor Johnson to call out all available state troops to handle the riot. The clash at the Southern Pacific grounds followed the arrest of "General" Kelly and thirteen of his subordinates officers, who were jailed on vagrancy charges. City and county officials then demanded that the rank and file of the army "move on." The Kelly wing of the army obeyed but the opposition faction, composed of the Industrial Workers, defied the sheriff's posse. After the first clash the rangers returned to their camp and much blood was shed in a second attempt to drive them out. Deputy sheriffs beat into submission all those who resisted. Many heads were fractured and grievous men lay in the street. Officers of the army picked up stones, bricks or anything they could lay hands on and began smashing street cars and store windows. They finally were driven off by the use of fire hose and it was announced they would be driven across the Sacramento to river into Yuba county.

(By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.) Laredo, Tex., March 9.—The identity of the persons who crossed the border and recovered the body of Clemente Vergara Sunday morning, was still unknown here today, but two circumstances about them were declared apparent from the mass of reports on the exploit. They were Texans, or most of them were, according to all reports available, and the Texas rangers, the state border police did not cross the border. The report that the rangers crossed the border was based on one incident only, according to all information so far available. That incident was the telegram of Ranger Captain Sanders to Governor Colquitt, that he had "broccoded to Hidalgo, Mexico." Captain Sanders afterward denied this was intended to mean he had crossed the border. He maintains that neither he nor any of his men entered Mexico. Efforts were continued today to induce him to break his silence, which has continued since his explanation to the governor last night, and explanation in his telegram. Efforts to find other basis for the alleged reported crossing of the rangers were unsuccessful and these attempts brought further assertions that no rangers were involved in the incursion.

(By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.) El Paso, Tex., March 9.—A warrant charging M. E. Diebold, inspector of Mexican consulates, San Diego, S. Mexican consul here, and two others with organizing filibustering expeditions on American soil was served today by agents of the department of justice. At the consulate when the officers arrived with the warrant they found the defendants in conference with their attorneys and a long delay ensued. The lawyers contended that it would be illegal to make the arrests in the consulate and finally it was agreed that the defendants should come voluntarily before United States Commissioner Oliver and surrender themselves. The warrant was sworn out by E. M. Bingham, special agent of the department of justice, before George W. Oliver, United States commissioner. The prisoners will be admitted to bail which probably will be \$2,000 in each case. It is charged in the warrants that the defendants conspired to violate the neutrality laws of the United States, and that they have recruited a number of Mexicans who had agreed to join the federal general, Carranza, at Pedras Negras, and were given tickets last Saturday from El Paso to Eagle Pass, across the Rio Grande from Piedras Negras. The recruits had the tickets in their possession last Saturday when they were arrested at the union station.

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