# MIDDLE CLASS HOMES RAZED BY TORNADO

### Downtown Section of City Escapes Wind That Swept Six Square Miles of St. Louis

racks today. These troops are on patrol duty and aiding in quartering and feeding the homeless.

**SMALL HOMES SECTION.**

The section of the city to suffer greatest loss of life and property is that inhabited by the homeowners and people in moderate circumstances. Great downtown St. Louis, with its steel structures, escaped great damage, but the little cottages were smashed like match boxes and many of the older brick structures, some of them built before the Civil War, are in ruins.

**"The territory hit hardest is not the districts of the rich or of the very poor," Mayor Miller said today. "It is the middle class district of small and medium sized homes. The people in the houses in the stricken area in a majority of cases are the owners."**

**IN NORTHWEST OF CITY.**

**A survey of the storm zone today indicated that the tornado spent its greatest force in the west and northwest part of the city. No great damage was done outside of St. Louis. The tornado apparently formed just on the outskirts of the city, gathered force as it approached and died away after crossing the Mississippi river.**

The rapidity with which the work of destruction was accomplished was terrifying to spectators. They could hardly realize what was taking place before them. And people living downtown were unaware of the holocaust for many hours. They heard a storm had struck the residential section and scores made their way in that direction. An hour after the storm the sun was shining brightly. These sightseers went laughing into the storm zone, only to be overcome by the awfulness of the tragedy and join other rescuers in working feverishly throughout the night.

**SOUGHT SAFETY—KILLED.**

**Two women sought safety and found death when they abandoned their automobile at the approach of the storm. Mrs. Agnes Straumann and Mrs. Elsie Voelker, according to an eyewitness, jumped from their car and rushed into a house along the street. The house crashed as they entered the doorway. Both were dead when removed from the ruins.**

## Eight Killed by Storm In St. Louis Suburbs

ST. LOUIS (Mo.), Sept. 30.—(A.P.) — Course of the tornado as it left the Missouri side of the river and tore a path of destruction through Venice, Madison and Granite City, taking a toll of Illinois lives which tonight numbered eight, was plainly discernible today from the McKinley bridge over the Mississippi.

Six men lost their lives when the storm blew down one of the buildings in the St. Louis Coke & Iron Company's plant, deluging them with molten iron.

## *Co-ed Arson Jurors Are Unable to Agree*

GEORGETOWN (Texas), Sept. 30.—(INS)—The jury which had been weighing evidence in the Rebecca Bradley Rogers arson case since yesterday afternoon today reported to Judge Cooper Sansom that there was no hope for an agreement, and was discharged.

Mrs. Rogers, former University of Texas co-ed, was charged with arson in connection with the burning of a vacant building at Round Rock last December 10, twenty-four hours before the robbery of the Farmers National Bank of Buda, Hays county, for which she is also under indictment.

## *S. F. Germans to Join in Celebration*

Celebration of the 244th anniversary of the first German settlement in America will be held by the Germans of San Francisco today and tomorrow. The first German colony came to what is now Germantown, Pennsylvania, in 1683.

The ceremonies will be conducted in the German House at Polk and Turk streets. Combined with the anniversary celebration, the Germans will also observe the 80th birthday of General von Hindenburg, president of the German republic.

## *Five Held in Plot on Jerusalem's Mayor*

JERUSALEM, Sept. 30.—(INS)—Five persons were arrested today and held without bail charged with complicity in a plot to assassinate Mayor Nashashibi of Jerusalem, and two of his friends. One of the prisoners is an official of the Moslem supreme council.

# WHAT HAPPENED—ALL IN FOUR MINUTES—IN ST. LOUIS TORNADO

**TIME FOUR MINUTES BY YOUR WATCH and see what a brief period it is for all this to happen, as it did in St. Louis Thursday. This picture shows the wreck of homes in the Central Park area of the Missouri metropolis, where the death toll was the heaviest. Most of the homes were occupied by middle-class families, according to the mayor of the city, and the majority of the 5,000 buildings destroyed were owned by their occupants. This picture is a telephoto wired from St. Louis to "The Examiner" by the A. T. and T. Company.**

# BEAUTY CLASS TEACHER CITED

Verbal breakers about marcel waves and such things swirled around the desk of William Golden, chief bond and warrant clerk in the office of the district attorney yesterday.

Christine Horton. Loretta Holland.

A dozen would-be "mistresses of the marcel" swept into his office with much vocal atmospheric disturbance. When the storm had subsided it was revealed that Mrs. Adele Frances Murphy, proprietor of a beauty culture college at 150 Powell street, was directed to appear before Judge Lile T. Jacks this morning to show cause why a warrant shall not be issued against her.

The storm arose when the girls allege, the beauty culture teacher failed to live up to promise made to them when they paid their tuition fees. They are all students at her college.

The girls declared that the woman painted alluring pictures of her training equipment. They paid fees as high as $183. Later they learned that her course would not prepare them to take the examination under the new law, provided by the State Board of Cosmetology, the girls asserted.

"She got our money, and we can't even get a license," bewailed pretty Miss Christine Horton of Sausalito. She said that she paid Mrs. Murphy $125 for tuition. "Me too," interpolated Miss Loretta Holland, 1316 Hyde street, who said she paid the teacher $189.

## *Father of Author Is Stricken Ill*

CHARLESTON (S. C.), Sept. 30.—(AP)—Ottavus Cohen, 67, father of Ottavus Roy Cohen, author, is seriously ill at his home here. While the nature of the illness was not made known, it was said at his home tonight that he had been ill for several days.

# G. O. P. Opens Guns on Smith

## Roosevelt Assails "Al" at Confab

ROCHESTER (N. Y.), Sept 30.—(By Universal Service)—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt fired a thundering verbal broadside at Governor Alfred E. Smith at the Republican state convention here today.

Declaring that "a man must be judged by the company he keeps," and that Governor Smith "is sponsored and backed by Tammany Hall," the colonel charged that the "red light district is crowding to the very steps of the state capitol."

Governor Smith, who was at the executive mansion at Albany, is reported to have heard the vitriolic attack via radio.

**The bitter attack on the governor of the state of New York was the sensational feature of the keynote address and, as Colonel Roosevelt put it, "serves notice on the nation that New York will be found in the Republican column in the presidential contest next year."**

"For the first time in the history of the nation," Col. Roosevelt declared, "The shadow of Tammany Hall lies athwart the White House."

Notwithstanding Colonel Roosevelt's attack the convention endorsed John F. O'Brien, a Smith man, for judge of the Court of Appeals.

**SMITH FOREWARNED.**

**Yesterday at the Democratic convention at Albany Governor Smith opened fire on Colonel Roosevelt when he declared he had been informed that such a speech was to be delivered today. He challenged Colonel Roosevelt to tear up the speech which he said was written by four or five men and tell the truth about State finances.**

Regarding State finances today the Colonel bitterly assailed the Governor's administration of New York's local affairs and declared that if "Al's" financial program had been carried out at Washington during the last seven years "bread lines would be standing where automobiles are parked now."

**"LIKE LEOPARD."**

His most bitter broadside of Governor Smith came near the end of his address when he asserted:

A man must be judged by the company he keeps, and although we do not question the personal integrity of Governor Smith, he is sponsored and backed by Tammany Hall.

Next to being corrupt yourself is tolerating it in your supporters. A leopard cannot change his spots, and there is no such thing as a "new Tammany Hall." That organization has lived too long by corruption to reform and become a member of the honest ballot association.

Tammany still is and always will be the same sinister Tammany. The sooner the state and the nation realize this, the better for both.

# N. W. P. WANTS RATES BOOSTED

It seems to be generally agreed that the improvements in equipment of the Northwestern Pacific Railway in Marin county, recommended by railroad commission engineers on Thursday, should be made. The residents of "Marvelous Marin" are positive. Officials of the railway say that "it would be a wonderful thing."

But the company's statement bears a trick proviso. "We will make the improvements if the railroad commission will allow an increase in rates."

And there is where the matter stands which has become known as the "Toonerville Trolley controversy."

Engineers of the railroad commission made their recommendation before Commissioner Leon O. Whitsell. He set December 13 as the date for the next hearing of the case in the San Rafael courthouse.

The improvements recommended included new rolling stock, improved electric system, new stations, and more safety devices. Cost of such improvements would be approximately $500,000.

W. P. Palmer, president of the company, said yesterday that the engineers' report "was a very fine thing, in its way."

"But," the official declared, "the outlay of half a million dollars by a company which lost $117,000 last year is quite another matter."

## *Flats Easy to Rent, Says Realty Man*

"I wish I had a dozen flats to rent. With the help of 'The Examiner' Want Ads I'm sure I'd have no worry at all."

So declared W. S. Dutil yesterday when he cancelled the ad he had ordered for a month and only used for four days. Reports that certain unfurnished flats were difficult to rent had caused him some anxiety when his flat at 925 Corbett avenue became vacant.

"The people who couldn't rent their flats should do as I did," Dutil said. "I had callers enough to have rented a dozen flats after I put that ad in 'The Examiner.'"

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# FIRE MENACES RANCH HOMES

SANTA ROSA, Sept. 30.—Between three and four hundred men were pressed into service in Healdsburg and the countryside to fight a fierce grass fire which started this afternoon near Chiquita station, two miles north of Healdsburg.

## *Judge Wants Felons Kept Till Employed*

EXAMINER BUREAU, SACRAMENTO, Sept. 30.—Legislation providing employment he obtained for prisoners before their release from the state penitentiaries, as a means of rehabilitating them and preventing return to lives of crime, was advocated in an address here today by Judge J. A. Plummer, associate justice of the Third District Court of Appeals. He said:

A suit of clothes and $5 in money is not enough for a man leaving prison. I think a job should be found for every one of these men before they leave the prison doors. Service clubs of the state can be of great aid in bringing about this legislation.

**Stove Blast Kills Four.**

MOOSEJAW (Sask), Sept. 30.—(A.P.)—Mrs. Thomas Glendenning, her daughter, Nancy, 5, a son, George, one and one-half, and Mrs. Reid, a friend of the Glendenning family are dead, and four others had narrow escapes as the result of the explosion of a cook stove this morning.

# PERSHING'S SON ENTERS YALE

NEW HAVEN (Conn.), Sept. 30.—(AP)—Warren Pershing, only son of the commander of the A. E. F. in the World War, is among the freshmen who yesterday started their four-year courses at Yale University.

Warren Pershing.

Young Pershing held high rank as a student and was on the crew and football team at Phillips Exeter Academy, where he was graduated last spring. His interest has been directed toward mechanics rather than military affairs, so far at least.

## *Deputy Ousted in Larrecou Killing*

Into the atmosphere of mystery attending the killing last Sunday of Undersheriff Pierre Larrecou at Menlo Park a new element was suddenly injected yesterday.

Deputy Sheriff John Fickisen of San Mateo county was suspended on orders of his chief, Sheriff J. J. McGrath, on the charge that he had turned over to the undersheriff's widow, Mrs. Hazel Larrecou, papers and keys taken from the pockets of the dead officer.

According to Sheriff McGrath, the deputy exceeded his authority in so doing, and should have placed the effects in the keeping of himself and District Attorney Franklin Swart, as an aid to their investigations.

## *Labor Secretary to Visit San Francisco*

Secretary of Labor James J. Davis will arrive in San Francisco October 8 on official business and to attend a meeting of the supreme council of the Loyal Order of Moose, members of which are coming from all parts of the country. Attorney Walter McGovern, chairman of a committee of local Moose, will preside at a banquet to be given in Davis' honor in the Whitcomb Hotel, at which 1,000 people will be present.

## *Moonshiners Lose $250,000 in Month*

Prohibition activities during the month of September cost the California moonshiners just $250,000 in confiscated equipment and liquor, according to figures compiled yesterday by E. R. Bohner, administrator.

# *Crockers Sue Millionaire for House Rent Bill*

Douglas Smith, multi-millionaire retired business man of Chicago, who has been spending the summer in one of the Crocker homes at Pebble Beach, is behind in his house rent, according to a suit filed in Superior Court here yesterday afternoon. He will move out today, but that is said to have been according to his previous plan and no attempt will be made to hold his baggage.

The suit was filed by William W. Crocker, San Francisco banker, and his sister, Mrs. Helen Crocker Russell, owners of the property known as the "Jack Rittenhouse house," which Smith occupied. Crocker has recently returned from Europe.

The deficit alleged is stated in the complaint to be the rent for the month of August and September at $1,000 a month. Interest on the amount at 7 per cent is also asked in the suit.

According to information from Pebble Beach, there is no lack of funds in the Smith exchequer and the suit is said to be due to a disagreement between tenant and owner as to what is due in a financial way to the Crockers. In fact Smith is said to have so much loose change that he recently gave $1,000,000 to a Chicago hospital. He maintains a winter home at Pasadena.

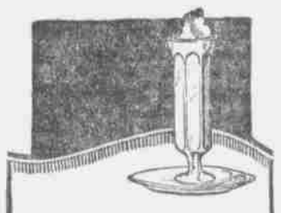
## *Broker Jailed in $2,000,000 Shortage*

NEW YORK, Sept 30.—(By Universal Service)—Herman W. Booth, lawyer and expelled member of the New York Stock Exchange, was arrested tonight after a thrilling day in which for a time he was sought as a suicide and reports fixed losses of his former customers at $2,000,000.

Booth, benign in appearance, and asserting he would settle every dollar of debt in full, was locked up on complaint of Mrs. Jennie C. Renton, of Riverside Drive. She asserts that Booth failed to return to her or to account for $150,000 in securities that she gave him in 1924.

## *Fire Damages Dollar Liner's Refrigerators*

Fire in the refrigerators of the President Hayes, Dollar Line steamer en route for Los Angeles, forced her to put in to Manzanillo, Mexico, yesterday, according to word received here by the Dollar Company. Little damage resulted, the report states, and the President Hayes continued on her way as soon as the flames were extinguished.



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# COLD BAY NIPS SUICIDE PLAN

If San Francisco Bay hadn't looked quite so cold—and if Max Dunn, proprietor of the cafe out at the Cliff House, hadn't been quite so kind, there mightn't have been any Margaret Hosmer this morning.

But it did, and he was—and so there it is.

A little crumpled note, found on the floor of the apartment at 938 Geary street where the 21-year-old stenographer had been living with her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pruss, told "Betty" that "maybe I'm a coward, but the bay for me."

But the kindness of her physician and of a casual acquaintance has restored Margaret Hosmer's faith in life. She came back home yesterday, more scared of the scolding she feared from her friends than of the thing she had contemplated doing.

"Oooooh, but the bay looked so cold," she shivered reminiscently from the davenport where she lay curled up, in a blue negligee. "I was so nervous and weak—I just got out of the hospital after my second operation for appendicitis—and then I got this letter—" and she fished from her bag the letter from the firm for which she had been working. It advised her "with the rush season approaching, we are obliged to find someone to take your place."

"And I could have gone back in a couple of weeks," she wailed.

"I just get to thinking about my hospital bills, and everything, and I wrote that note.

"Then I walked down to the office of Dr. Charles Schwartz, my physician, and he was just wonderful to me. Afterward, anyhow, I took a car and went out to the beach. I stopped in at the cafe to have a good meal—I was pretty hungry, after hospital fare.

"When I left the Dunn's I walked over to the car, but I'd been exercising so much that I nearly fainted, and two policemen got a taxi for me. I was going to come home, right then. But I got down here and I was afraid they'd give me the deuce—if they'd found the note. I should have torn it up.

"So I went over to the Gartland Hotel and stayed all night. This morning when I was sure they'd gone, I came home."

# SMOOT SAYS BOULDER BILL WILL PASS

### Utah Senator, in S. F. on Visit Believes States Interested Will Put Measure Through

A Boulder Dam bill will be passed by the next session of Congress.

This was the prediction last night of United States Senator Reed Smoot of Utah, who is here on a brief visit en route to his daughter's home in Portland.

Sen. Smoot.

"We of Utah had no quarrel with the six state pact," added the veteran senator, "except that it left Arizona outside the corral like a wild horse running loose, with the privilege of using all the water it pleased, while the rest of us were limited. But I think we will all get together now on a modified form of the Swing-Johnson bill and pass it through the next session."

**COOLIDGE OUT OF RACE.**

On politics the Republican Senator had this to say:

"President Coolidge was serious when he said: 'I do not choose to run.' However, I think if the Republican convention found itself in a position where he was indispensable, that he would consent to be a candidate. But that is not liable to happen."

"How about Herbert Hoover?" he was asked.

"I think the world of Hoover," was the prompt reply. "Herbert Hoover would make a wonderful president. He has done so many outstanding things, not alone for California, his home State, but for the nation and the world."

**TAX SLASH FORECAST.**

A tax slash of $350,000,000 doubtless will be made by the next session of Congress in the remoulding of the revenue laws, the Senator declared, by cutting down the corporation tax, all discriminatory taxes such as those on theater tickets and autos, and by reduction of income taxes on incomes ranging from $20,000 to $60,000.

Smoot favors the Republican convention coming to California and had a talk last night with William H. Crocker in which he pledged his fullest co-operation to that end.

The Utah senator has been touring California by auto with Harold Spurrier Anderson, of San Francisco and Hillsborough. He spent the night at the Mark Hopkins Hotel and leaves this afternoon by auto with his host for Portland.

## Move Made to Solve Hydro-Electric Row

DENVER, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Ground was broken today for what probably will be a solution of the hydro-electric power problem after three weeks' of negotiations at the Colorado river conference. United States Senator Key Pittman of Nevada announced tonight following a meeting of several hours participated in by representatives of Nevada, California and Arizona.

Starting on the foundation work of the general principles laid down in the States' rights resolution introduced early in the proceedings by the Nevada delegation, the three lower basin States are more than hopeful that a tri-State compact will be consummated shortly, Pittman said.

The pact will include agreements on both the disposition of power benefits from a dam on the Colorado river and the distribution among the three States of the 7,500,000 acre-feet of water allocated to the basin.

# RICH S. F. BROKER TOLD HE'S 'IN JAIL IN WYOMING CITY'

The theft of a license plate from a San Francisco man's automobile, and its transference to a stolen car of identical description, yesterday almost entangled the San Franciscan in a tragedy of errors.

Lester L. Brandenburg, a member of the investment securities firm bearing his name, had to explain just how he could be here attending to business and at the same time in the county jail at Laramie, Wyoming—charged with stealing tires!

The mixed identities began to assume shape about ten days ago when Brandenburg parked his big sedan in front of the Palace Hotel. When he returned to it he noticed that the rear license plate, bearing number 709-213, had been stolen.

He reported the matter at once to the police and to the State Motor Vehicle Department.

A few days passed, and suddenly things began happening near Cheyenne. Typically, the arrest of one "Louis L. Brandenburg, San Francisco bond man," for Tony Basso on a charge of stealing $80 worth of tires, some gasoline and oil from a truck at a highway construction camp.

The two men were taken to Laramie, where they are now held on charges of grand larceny, according to a message received by "The Examiner" from W. W. Tipton, prosecuting attorney. Two associates are said to have escaped.

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