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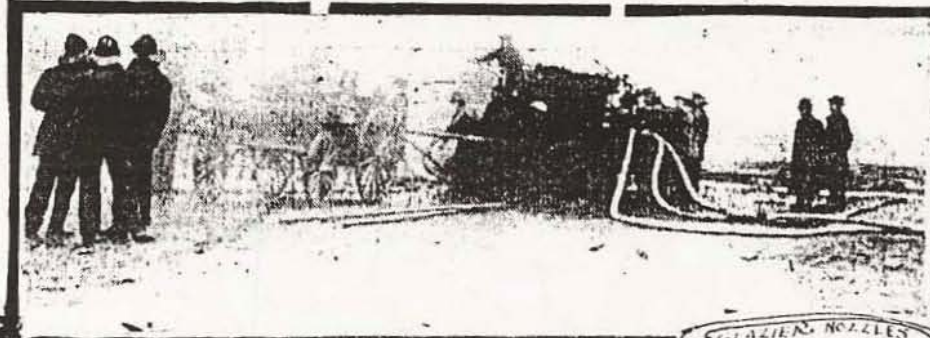
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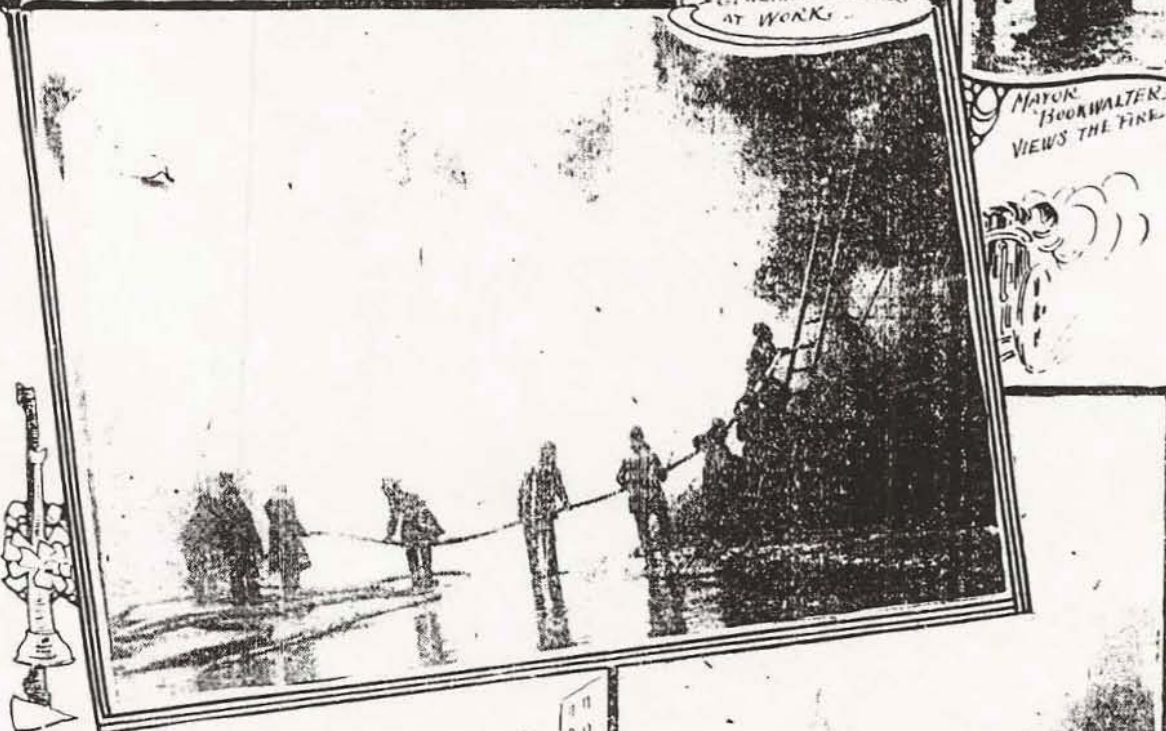
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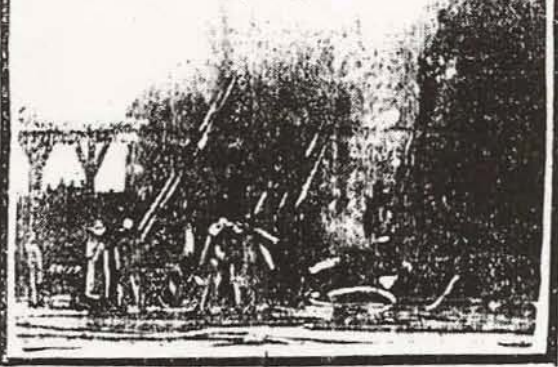
MAYOR BOOKWALTER VIEWS THE FIRE.



## INSANITY HIS PLEA

BEASLEY INTRODUCES EXPERT

Dr. Jameson of Indianapolis Says,  
Man Who Killed Wife Is of  
Unsound Mind.



## TRAINMEN AGREE TO LAY WRECK BLAME ON OPERATOR

Excluding Eastern Between Two  
Trains When Forty Were Killed

## URNS TO FAIRBANKS

EDITOR SAYS HE IS CHOICE  
Vice President Named as Man  
Wanted by People as Roose-

## EXPERT PILOT STARTS TO JOIN EVANS'S BATTLE FLEET

Man Who Has Spent Life at Ship's  
Wheel Will Guide Vessels Through  
Straits of Magellan

## MITCHELL READY FOR DEATH CAL

Believing Last Hour at Hand  
Calls Priest to His Bedside  
and Is Baptized.

SENDS FAREWELL MESSA

Miners' President, Sudden-  
ly Stricken, Gratifies Wife and  
Becomes Catholic.

## IN VALLEY OF THE SHADOW.

"I believe that my time is at hand  
and do not care—I am half glad that it  
should over."  
"If I do not see the sun again,  
then for me that shadow I have  
for them, whatever success I  
brought to them, has not been for  
empty hands. It has been becau-  
se of them."—President Mitch-  
ell when he believed death was near.

Convinced that his vitality was  
giving way through the physical  
exhaustion of several operations and  
during the last year, and believed  
death to be a matter of a few ho-  
urs, the most able Mitchell, president  
of the United Mine Workers of America,  
received the Roman Catholic  
faith and sent a final message to his  
family and friends at 11 o'clock  
last morning.

President Mitchell was stricken  
while dining at the conference of mine  
operators at the Grand Hotel  
last week. The attack was sudden and  
the cause was due to the com-  
plications of a long illness. During the last  
few days he had been confined to his  
bed.

The scene of his death was  
witnessed by Mr. Mitchell's family  
and the Rev. Peter Kibben, a  
member of St. John's Parish,  
who was called to the bedside  
at the request of Mr. Mitchell.  
The priest performed the last rites  
and the body was placed in a coffin.

## Nothing With of Baptism.

Following the performance of  
the last rites, Mr. Mitchell's wife  
and family left the bedside. The  
body was placed in a coffin and  
the funeral was held at St. John's  
Parish on Monday morning.

The funeral was a simple one,  
but it was a fitting tribute to  
the life of the man who had  
been a leader in the mine  
workers' movement.

During the solemn moments  
of the funeral, the head of the  
mine workers' organization, believed  
in the possibility of a new  
organization, was heard to say  
that he believed that the mine  
workers' movement was a  
movement for the future.

Because he loved them  
and because he believed that  
the mine workers' movement  
was a movement for the future,  
he believed that the mine  
workers' movement was a  
movement for the future.

USE STAR "WANT" ADS,  
Then Add Up the Profit  
Column on Your Ledger.

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## PREST-O-LITE LETS GO AGAIN

Employee, Terribly Burned, Dies  
After Night of Suffering at  
Hospital.

### MEN RUN THROUGH FLAMES

State Factory Inspector to Investigate  
Second Similar Disaster Within Year.

#### DEAD.

ELMER JESSUP, 323 South New Jersey; terribly burned about the entire body.

#### INJURED.

JOHN VAN GARDER, 583 West Thirtieth street; burned about the face.

O. H. SKINNER, Market and East streets; slightly burned about face and hands; refused medical attention.

CHARLES HALL, hair singed and right hand hurt.

Fire, accompanied by many loud explosions, and of sudden and unknown origin, burned fiercely for fully two hours, gutting the Prest-O-Lite plant, East and Pearl streets, yesterday afternoon, burning one employee, Elmer Jessup, 323 South New Jersey street, so badly that he died

### Prophecy of Weather Man.

FAIR

Forecast for Indiana for Saturday and Sunday:

Fair today and Sunday; fresh west winds.

Forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity for today:

Fair weather and not much change in temperature.

GO EARLY,  
STAY ALL DAY,  
AND KEEP DELIVERY WAGON  
BUSY.



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#### DOMESTIC.

Stuyvesant, de-  
fending the session of Illinois Central stock-  
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talk politics.—Page 2.

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and kills himself.—Page 2.

Strong labor organization probes congress-  
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### BECOMES

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Pearl streets, yesterday afternoon, burn-  
ing one employe, Elmer Jessup, 323 South  
New Jersey street, so badly that he died  
afterward, and slightly burning three other  
men. The machinery and stored product of  
the manufacturing plant were ruined and  
Carl G. Fisher, one of the owners of the  
plant, estimates the damage at \$30,000.  
On Aug. 17, 1907, a similar fire, with ex-  
plosions, damaged the plant to the extent  
of \$50,000.

Jessup suffered through the night at  
the City Hospital, where he was taken,  
and died at 3 o'clock this morning.

Two disasters similar in character hav-  
ing occurred at the plant, State Factory  
Inspector William E. Blakely will today  
begin an investigation. The plant had  
not been inspected by Mr. Blakely's men  
since the fire a few months ago. Prior  
to the first fire the plant was found to be  
in fair shape by the inspectors. A force  
of inspectors from Mr. Blakely's office  
will visit the scene of the fire today and  
endeavor to get at the exact cause of the  
fire and fix the blame.

While it seems to be uncertain as to the  
exact origin of the fire, which started  
about 2:20 o'clock, the fact that it  
spread so rapidly and caused such great  
damage was due to the presence of gas  
manufactured by the plant for automobile  
lights. Employees who were in the room  
at the time the fire started say that  
simultaneously with the first explosion  
flames waist deep spread over the floor.  
The burning gas rose toward the ceiling  
and it was through this flame that ten  
or a dozen employes ran for safety out-  
side.

Elmer Jessup, the last of the employes  
to escape from the burning building, was  
working at the buffing machine polishing  
the brass cylinders, which had been filled  
with illuminating gas. He was farthest  
from any escape, and when he finally  
reached the East street door of the plant  
almost every piece of clothing was burned  
from his body.

#### Human Torch on Streets.

Frightened, dumb with pain, and not  
knowing where he was going, Jessup ran  
toward Washington street. A transfer  
man named Feasler sprang from his  
wagon, threw his blanket about Jessup  
and assisted Dr. E. H. Katterhenry in  
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to Indiana leaders in Congress urging  
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Mrs. Frances Cooper, in jail for drowning  
her child, talks to her sweetheart  
through the bars.—Page 4.

Attorney General Bingham has taken  
charge of the prosecution in the cases  
against the alleged whitecappers to open  
Monday at Columbus.—Page 4.

Farmer, who has quarrel with employer,  
slashes his arm and bleeds to death,  
fighting off those who would save him.  
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Employees of American Steel Company at  
Anderson are to receive generous  
bonuses Jan. 1 through profit-sharing  
plan.—Page 9.

#### LOCAL.

Fire and explosions wreck Prest-O-Lite  
plant second time within six months  
and one man is fatally in-  
jured.—Page 1.

President John Mitchell prepares for  
death call—but physician says his ill-  
ness is not critical and recovery is ex-  
pected.—Page 1.

State Land Department finds no record  
of treaty giving descendant of Indian  
chief title to valuable land in Allen  
County.—Page 3.

Customer and proprietor engage in fight  
and interior of restaurant is wrecked.  
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Negro charged with attempting to mur-  
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religion in courtroom and prays for de-  
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The exact number of men working in

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the school chorus; kindergarten carols, sung by "Christmas Time," "et and I," "I Looked at French Finger Play" and Christmas recitations by three Buttolph and Alice is carols, "Silent Night," chorus; "La Chantre," by "Christmas Lullaby," by g and Mabel Lee; "The by Miss Mary Gavin; duet, by Mildred and Charlene song, "Tannen Baum," by Christmas recitations by Ernestine Reisenberg; Christmas Hymn," by er; "The Christmas Song," "The Christ Child," by nt; "The Birthday of a an and chorus; recitation given by Hazel Benson; of violin, harp and piano; "It Came Upon a Midnight ool.

he annual exercises was a Christmas tree, to l donated, which will be Kindergarten.

## T FOLLOWS R'S INVESTIGATION

f Brebric's Estate De-  
Damages From Nugent  
ction Company.

filed by Julius M. Kamin-  
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## ARD ENDS WORK.

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ographical Wage Scale.

Board of Arbitration,  
in session in Indianapolis  
considering appeals from  
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composed of three mem-  
nding committee of the  
ishers' Association and  
he International Typo-

JOHN MITCHELL.

## Prest-O-Lite Lets Go Again

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the building prior to the fire was vari-  
ously estimated at from eight to twenty-  
five. W. A. Lucky, the foreman, said  
there were about fourteen men at work.  
John Van Garder, next to the last man to  
emerge from the building, said there were  
about eight. Carl Fisher said he thought  
there were about twenty men at work in  
the plant.

Dr. Katterhenry, who dressed Jessup's  
wounds before the man was hurried to the  
City Hospital, said the man had not one  
chance in 5,000 to recover.

"His feet are the only spots where he  
isn't seriously burned," said the doctor.  
"Most of the burns are second and third  
degree burns and there isn't the slightest  
hope for him."

The first thing Jessup asked for when  
he had reached the Mueller drug store  
was his wife. He gave her name and ad-  
dress and asked repeatedly that she be  
sent for. She went to the City Hospital  
to see him and while he was still con-  
scious he was suffering such pain that he  
could not talk. On the way to the hos-  
pital in the City Dispensary ambulance  
Jessup asked again and again for his  
wife.

## LUCKY AGAIN ESCAPES INJURY.

Passes Through Second Peril and Says  
He Has Had Enough.

W. A. Lucky does not belle his name.  
Lucky went through his second Prest-  
O-Lite fire yesterday and came out whole.  
He was working with the gas generator  
when the explosions started. He held the  
same position at the time of the last fire.  
On the former occasion his knee was  
slightly injured. He escaped yesterday  
without a scratch, but left a brand new  
overcoat hanging in the ill-fated build-  
and, and it, of course, was destroyed.

Once more, Lucky said, yesterday, that  
he believed he had enough of the busi-  
ness. He said the same a few minutes  
after he escaped from the former fire by  
a hair's breadth. But he was on hand  
when the old building was occupied tem-  
porarily ten days from the time when he  
was so sure he wanted to get out of the  
business.

## NEW BUILDING FIREPROOF.

Prest-O-Lite Company Plans to Prevent  
Further Fire Disasters.

Carl G. Fisher, who was on the scene of  
yesterday's fire almost from the time it  
started, explained how in the new building  
which the company is to occupy on South  
occurred yesterday

## Mitchell Ready for Death Call

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yesterday afternoon after the unsucces-  
ful adjournment of the conference, made  
it a last duty to inquire as to Preside  
Mitchell's condition.

## MINERS' CONFERENCE ENDS.

May Meet Operators Again to Consid-  
Wage Convention Call.

After two days of wrangling over tec-  
nical conditions in the central competi-  
coal field, composed of western Penns-  
vania, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana, the co-  
ference of operators and miners, called  
fix a date for an interstate wage conve-  
tion, adjourned yesterday without defin-  
results being accomplished.

The operators and miners adjourned  
meet in this city on Jan. 30, which will  
shortly after the close of the natio-  
convention of miners to begin in Indi-  
apolis about the middle of next month.

After adjournment yesterday b-  
operators and miners expressed the fe-  
ling that "something would be done"  
the next meeting.

The attitude of the Illinois operato-  
it is explained, stood in the way of  
definite conclusion being reached yest-  
day. The operators of Pennsylvania,  
Ohio and Indiana were ready to fix  
date for a wage convention. The min-  
of all the states in the district w-  
clamoring for a convention.

"The miners and many of the op-  
ators," said one of the operators, "that  
the interstate movement ought to be  
restored so that the next wage scale  
be arranged by an interstate agree-  
instead of by states and districts as  
have done in the last two years."

## Not a Wage Convention.

In the conference yesterday  
Illinois operators made demands that  
miners felt they could not grant at  
time. They said they had not come  
to make a scale but to arrange for  
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## NEW BUILDING FIREPROOF.

### Prest-O-Lite Company Plans to Prevent Further Fire Disasters.

Carl G. Fisher, who was on the scene of yesterday's fire almost from the time it started, explained how in the new building which the company is to occupy on South street such a fire as occurred yesterday would be impossible. The new building is of steel and concrete. The gas tanks, after they have been charged, will be stored in a concrete vault and few of them will be in the filling room at one time, he says.

The permit for the erection of the new building was issued by Building Inspector T. A. Winterrowd some time ago despite the fact that the new building is within a stone's throw of St. Vincent's Hos- pital, the inspector explaining that there was no ordinance by which he could re- lieve himself from issuing the permit.

## BUILDING TO BE ABANDONED.

Owners and occupants of the property in the neighborhood of the twice-de- stroyed Prest-O-Lite plant will see that the company is not allowed to equip the East street building again, they said yes- terday, and they had things to say about the city officials for allowing the plant to be established again following the former fire and explosions.

Building Inspector T. A. Winterrowd, who was on the scene of the fire early, assured those who asked about it that the company would not be permitted to occupy the building again. Later he talked with Carl G. Fisher, one of the owners of the concern, who told him that no effort would be made to fit the place up for use again.

## MAYOR AT SCENE OF FIRE.

Wet and chilled, Mayor Bookwalter, Fire Chief Coats and Police Chief Metzger were on the scene of the Prest-O-Lite fire dur- ing much of yesterday afternoon, and the mayor offered some suggestions as to the manner of fighting the fire.

Police Chief Metzger has been ill for some time and some of his friends urged him to return to his office, but he de- clined to heed their advice and remained on the scene of the fire as long as his services were of value to his men.

## NO WOMEN IN THE BUILDING.

There were no women in the Prest-O- Lite Building yesterday and thus were lives saved, for yesterday's fire seemed to gain ground faster even than the fire of last summer, when three young women in the office on the third floor then barely escaped down a fire escape.

Since the experience of that fire, when some of the company's books were de- stroyed, an office has been maintained elsewhere.

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The miners and many of the operators regret that some understanding was not reached.

"The interests of the whole country demand that these questions be settled as soon as possible," said A. M. Ogle, president of the Vandalla Coal Company, last night. "Personally, I have always been in favor of peaceable settlements with the men and trust that an interstate convention will result from the next conference."

Questions as to the rate of wages next year were not discussed in the conference yesterday. The men in the central district are at work according to 1904 scale. The operators do not antici- pate that a strong effort will be made by the miners to obtain an increase for next year.

## MINERS TO GIVE RELIEF.

### Executive Board Votes Aid to Families of Explosion Victims.

The executive board of the United Mine Workers of America, in session yesterday afternoon, voted to expend a considerable sum of money out of the miners' national treasury toward the relief of families afflicted by recent mining accidents.

The board will send \$1,000 to the sufferers at Monongah, W. Va., \$1,000 to stricken families at the Barr mines at Connellsville, Pa., and \$500 to the widows and children of the men who lost their lives in a recent Alabama mine horror.

The board yesterday heard a report from a committee of miners from Monroeville, Ky. The committee represents the Hopkins County district, where miners' organization is making an effort to agree on a scale with the operators. The board will be in session today. Vice President T. L. Lewis is siding at the sessions of the board.

## WIFE AND SON LOCKED OUT

James Carter, living in the Shiel apartments, at Indiana avenue and 11th street, locked his wife and son in a corridor just outside Room No. 13 last night and the two, barred from home, called the police. Officers Schla and Radamacher responded and arrested Carter for assault and battery on wife.

## OBJECTS TO CRAPS LESSONS

Hert Reeder, aged 23, was arrested last evening charged with contributing to delinquency of Charles Brown, a boy teaching him to shoot craps. Further is alleged by the father, Alonzo B. that Reeder won \$2 from the boy.

Don't forget them—Red Cross, C. Drops, 5c per box.