

MINISTER CALLED TO WASHINGTON

SPEECHES DISPLEASE
SECRETARY OF STATE

C. R. Crane Says Eastern Situation is at Present Delicate.

Chicago, Oct. 9.—"The situation at present involving China, Japan and the United States must be admitted to be delicate," said Charles R. Crane, the United States minister to China, who was recalled from San Francisco on the eve of his departure to take up the duties of his post to which he was recently appointed.

Crane arrived here to-day on route to Washington, where it is understood that he will be criticized by Secretary of State Knox, for his utterances, which it is stated, were in such strain as to give the impression that his frank speeches had the full approval of the president.

Notwithstanding that Crane had a long private conference with President Taft in San Francisco immediately preceding his departure from San Francisco, he affirmed here that he had no knowledge of the reasons that caused Secretary Knox to recall him to Washington.

THREE TRAINMEN KILLED IN WRECK

Two Engines and Fifteen Coal Cars Pile Up on Track.

Butte, Mont., Oct. 9.—In a wreck which occurred on the Red Lodge branch of the Northern Pacific railway last night, three trainmen, all living at Livingston, Mont., were killed when an extra freight "side-swiped" a regular freight train.

The two engines and fifteen coal cars were piled up in a tangled mass.

FRENCH TROOPS AND PIRATES FIGHT

Fifteen Killed and Over Forty Wounded in Encounter in Cochinchina.

Saigon, French Cochinchina, Oct. 9.—A severe fight occurred on October 3rd between a column of French troops and a band of pirates under command of a Chinaman named Detham. The pirates were put to flight. Detham was wounded and the pirates lost eight dead on the field.

The French troops lost seven Europeans killed and twenty-two wounded, including one officer, while twenty-two of the native French troops also were wounded.

CHINA'S RAILWAY LOAN.

Objections of German Government Have Been Withdrawn.

Peking, Oct. 9.—The objection by the German government against the signing of the Hankow-Soo Chuen railway loan by the local German bank has been removed, according to information received here. The loan calls for \$20,000,000, which will be borrowed from German, American, English and French capitalists.

The British and French representatives have not received instructions from their respective governments regarding what action to take in connection with the signing of the agreement.

WOMAN GOLF CHAMPION.
Philadelphia, Oct. 9.—Miss Campbell, Scotland, to-day won the woman's gold championship of the United States by defeating Mrs. R. H. Barlow, of Merion, Pa., three up and two play.

TWO FIREMEN CAUGHT UNDER FALLING WALL

Injured While Fighting Fire at San Francisco—Damage \$200,000.

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 9.—Fire early to-day destroyed four manufacturing plants and a lumber yard in the Mission district, doing damage aggregating \$200,000. Two firemen, John Mullen, and Lieutenant Martin Puddy, of engine company No. 15, were injured but not seriously, when they were caught under a falling wall.

The plants were: The Western Refinery Company, G. A. Buell, planing mill; the Pacific Washboard Manufacturing Company. The Dunphy Lumber Yard was partially destroyed, as was the Metropolitan Roofing Company's plant.

The disastrous blaze was started from a spark which fell from a chimney nearby and lighted on the roof of the Western Refinery Company. Within a few minutes the flames had swept through the gap between the other buildings and was licking up the Buell planing mill and the Pacific Washboard factory. The three concerns were partially destroyed before the arrival of the firemen, and despite all efforts the flames spread to the Dunphy Lumber Yard and the Metropolitan Roofing Company's plant before they were subdued.

INDICATIONS OF ELECTION

RUMOR THAT PREMIER
'IS PREPARING WAY

Current Report That Early Dissolution May Be Expected.

That Premier McBride will ask for a dissolution of the Legislature on a date falling within the last week of the present month and that the general elections will be brought on thirty days later is the opinion held to-day by local politicians popularly supposed to be closely in touch with the situation and in a position to get private information.

That the Premier and his colleagues have for some months been preparing for an appeal to the people has been apparent to everyone taking an interest in British Columbia politics, and it may be recalled in this connection that at several of the party meetings held during the summer supporters were exhorted to prepare for the coming battle. It is well known that at the recent annual meeting of the Conservative Association of Victoria, when officers were elected for the ensuing year, Hon. Capt. Tatlow in his address prognosticated an early appeal to the people.

During the period which has ensued since the meeting other signs on the horizon indicated that the Premier was preparing to "take the plunge." Ministers have visited most of the outlying constituencies, those who will be candidates have been bestirring themselves in the matter of seeing that voters were registered, and, finally, last evening there arrived from the mainland Martin Burrell, M.P., who is regarded as the leader of the party in the Boundary country, and George H. Cowan, M.P., of Vancouver. These gentlemen have been in conference with Premier McBride and his colleagues to-day.

A circumstance which lends color to the rumor of an early appeal to the people is that the government has disposed, for the time being, of a knotty problem which was an obstacle to a successful outcome of the elections—the matter of conciliating the timber interests. The royal commission has concluded its inquiry into all matters affecting that industry, and while the report has not been prepared, the evidence taken during the inquiry leads the supporters of the government to believe that the threatened revolt of the large and influential number of people affected by the timber regulations will be averted.

Negotiations have been in progress with McKenzie & Mann in regard to the matter of the amount of aid to be given to the Canadian Northern for the extension of that line through this province to the coast, and while it is anticipated that within a few days representatives of the company will be here to interview the government, it may be that an agreement has been made possible by the medium of the royal commission. Had not circumstances prevented it, Premier McBride intended meeting McKenzie & Mann some months ago.

While it is generally understood that Premier McBride will base his request for a dissolution on the desire of the people on a railway policy, which at that time will have been formulated, it is common knowledge that the real motive is to snatch another lease of life when conditions throughout the country are favorable to the government. It is undeniable that the country on the whole is prosperous, due to the policy of the progressive policy of the Dominion government in regard to the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and the fact that, with the pouring of population into the prairie provinces there has been a filtering through of people to British Columbia with their subsequent identification with enterprises here.

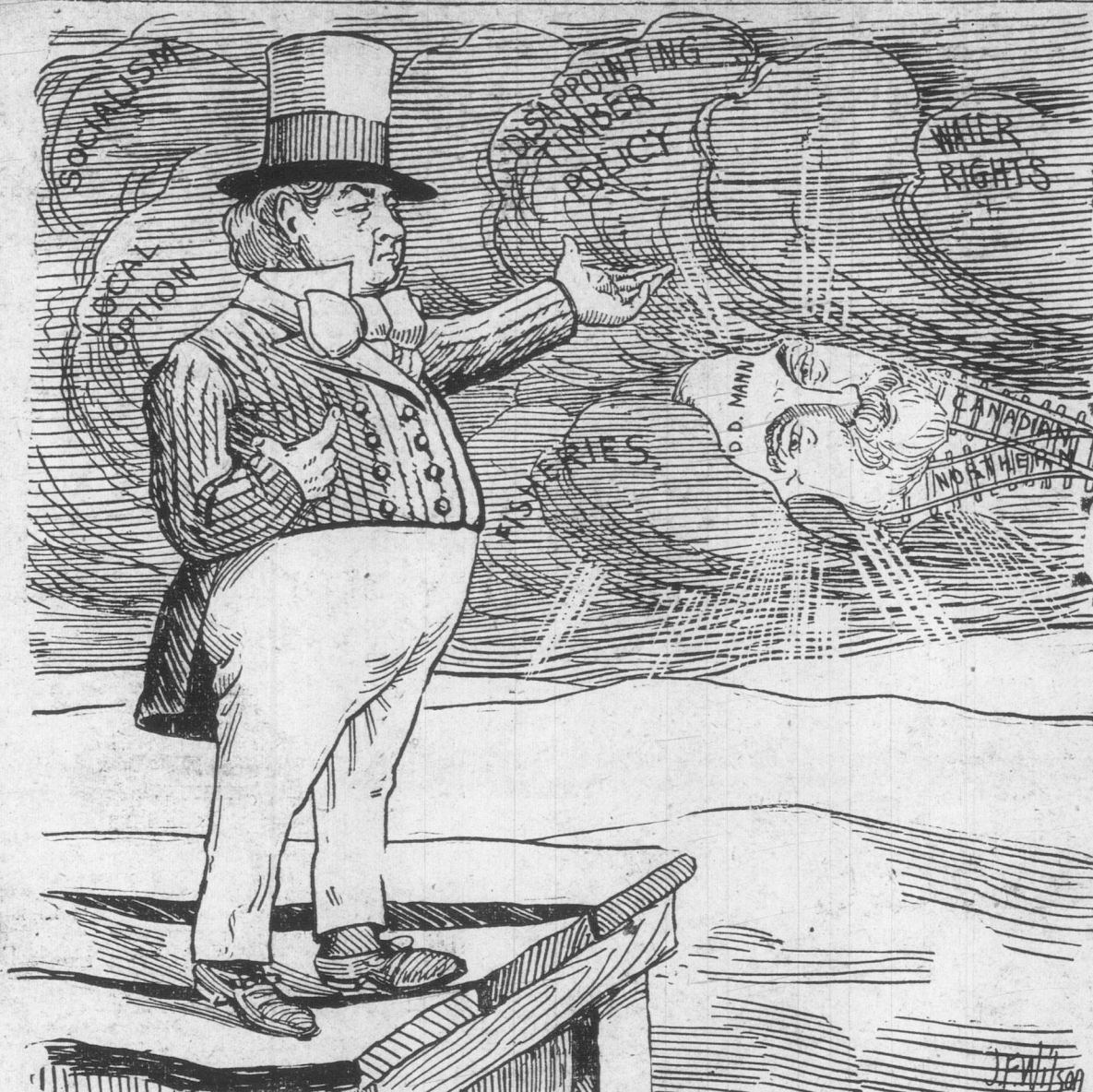
It is only two years and eight months since the date of the last general elections. The statutory term of the life of a legislature is four years, so that one more session, or even two sessions, might be held and the business of the country constitutionally transacted without submitting the community to the turmoil of an election campaign.

Whatever the verdict of the country may be, Premier McBride can count on but little support from Victoria and throughout Vancouver Island generally. It is well known that the Premier, though representing this city, has failed lamentably in his promises to "do something for Victoria," when he asked the electors of this constituency for their votes. And throughout the island generally there is a feeling amongst the people that the government has sacrificed their interests by handing over much land to aliens who have tied it for a long period in idleness. Victorians are especially incensed at the government because of its policy in favoring Vancouver in the matter of public works to a conspicuous extent.

TRADE COMMISSION AND JAPANESE FIRMS

Harris Says His Warning Applied to Only One Company.

Ottawa, Oct. 9.—The department of trade and commerce has received a cable from Mr. Harris, Canadian trade commissioner in Japan, that in the letter to a Toronto business man he had said it was not safe to ship goods direct to the Japanese merchants because they were not to be trusted. He says his warning applied to one firm only, and not to Japanese business concerns as a whole. Harris, before his appointment, was a resident of Vernon, B. C.



AN OLD METHOD OF OBTAINING A "POLICY."
MICAWBER MCBRIDE: "I'll just wait till something turns up."

BUSINESS MAN ACCUSED OF THEFT

W. J. C. HUNTER, OF
VANCOUVER, ARRESTED

Victoria Partner Swears Out Warrant After Failure of Company.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 9.—The wind-up of the Hunter-MacKicking Wholesale Fruit Company last week after a brief career of a little over six months, culminated yesterday in the arrest of Wm. J. C. Hunter, one of the managers, and a well known figure in local business circles, on the charge of theft of \$127. The warrant for his arrest was taken out at the instance of one of the partners in the business, Mr. MacMillan, of Victoria, who is stated to be the man who put up most of the funds when the company organized.

For some time the Hunter-MacKicking company has been in difficulties, and when its doors at 170 Water-street were closed last week, it was stated that the firm had gone behind about \$20,000. The company, since its formation a few months ago, spent \$75,000 in stock, and it is said that the books now show that only \$55,000 was sold. This in itself would mean a loss of \$20,000, as there is no stock on hand and expenses are not included. It is further alleged that the \$127 mentioned in the warrant represents a much greater sum. The accused is well known in the city, having formerly been secretary of the Vancouver retail grocers association.

FALLS TO DEATH FROM HOSPITAL WINDOW

Typhoid Fever Patient is Third Victim at Seattle Institution.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 9.—Thomas Goad, aged 35, fell to his death from a fourth-story window in the city emergency hospital early to-day while a delirium from typhoid fever. Goad is the third man within a few weeks to fall a victim to the lack of protection for the windows of the hospital. Chief Medical Inspector Bourne has been trying for months to induce the city council to appropriate money for a railing around the hospital windows for the protection of delirious patients, but without success.

Goad was driver of the police auto patrol and had been in the hospital suffering from typhoid fever.

MISTAKEN FOR DEER.

Saranac Lake, N. Y., Oct. 9.—A lamentable accident occurred here yesterday, when Henry Lewis, proprietor of the Wayside Inn at Clear Lake Junction, was supposedly mistaken for a deer and fatally shot at Little Fishpond, 12 miles from this place.

DIED FROM APOPLEXY.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 9.—A Boston special says Medical Examiner Barrell announces that the death of Attorney-General Phips was due to apoplexy.

AN INSPECTION TRIP.

Winnipeg, Oct. 9.—G. J. Bury, manager of the western lines of the C. P. R., left to-day for Vancouver, on an inspection trip.

GRAIN GROWERS MAY OPERATE ELEVATORS

Negotiations Are Now in Progress With Canadian Pacific Railway.

Winnipeg, Oct. 9.—D. W. McCuaig, president of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, said yesterday: "There is a strong probability that the C.P.R. terminal elevators at Port William will be operated by the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, and that the farmers' wheat of Western Canada will be handled through these elevators next season. The capacity of the C.P.R. elevators is, I believe, about nine million bushels, and with these in our hands, the farmers of Western Canada will have all the necessary equipment to take the grain from the producers and land it at Liverpool or the consuming market, and at the same time be assured that the grain will arrive on the other side, or in Eastern Canada markets, in its original state, namely, as it left the farmers' hands."

Mr. McCuaig was in the city Thursday looking into the details of the duplicate sampling system of the farmers' cars shipped to the farmers' agency. This sampling system is being operated under the supervision of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association.

In speaking of the negotiations with the C.P.R. for the purpose of securing a lease of the Fort William elevators, Mr. McCuaig said: "This advanced move on the part of the grain growers is merely a step, albeit a strong one, in the organization which the farmers of the West are making for the handling of their own grain. It is true that the farmers, by co-operation, have secured redress for many of their grievances; but there is still much to be done. We have for a number of years been dissatisfied with the methods pursued by certain dealers who handle a large part of the Western grain. There is a strong feeling throughout the entire West among the farmers that they are entitled to a complete mechanism for wheat marketing, under their own control."

"With this in view, on behalf of the Grain Growers' Association, I approached Mr. Langman, of the C.P.R., early in August, and had a lengthy discussion with him, which was followed by subsequent interviews. Later Mr. McCuaig said: 'This advanced move on the part of the grain growers is merely a step, albeit a strong one, in the organization which the farmers of the West are making for the handling of their own grain. It is true that the farmers, by co-operation, have secured redress for many of their grievances; but there is still much to be done. We have for a number of years been dissatisfied with the methods pursued by certain dealers who handle a large part of the Western grain. There is a strong feeling throughout the entire West among the farmers that they are entitled to a complete mechanism for wheat marketing, under their own control.'"

"Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of your favor, 22nd ult., a reply to which has been delayed owing to my absence from the city. "The season is so far advanced now that it would not be convenient to leave any of our terminal elevators this year. In any event, we should not care to lease a single elevator, and I should be glad to know if you have any proposition to make in respect to taking over all our elevators at Fort William, so that if we decided to lease them all the negotiations could be undertaken and arrangements completed to handle next year's crops. (Signed) D. W. McCUAIG, President, M.G.G.A., Portage La Prairie, Man."

"Second Vice-president." "That is how the matter stands at the present time," said Mr. McCuaig. "Negotiations will, of course, be continued with the C.P.R. during the winter, and developments are probable before the movement of another crop."

MUST REMAIN IN JAIL.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 9.—Governor Marshall to-day refused to pardon Ray Lamphere, who was convicted of burning the house on the Guinness murder farm, where a number of men were murdered. Lamphere is said to be dying of tuberculosis. Governor Marshall declared that the demands of justice are not yet satisfied in Lamphere's case.

B. C. FRUIT IN GREAT DEMAND

IS SUPPLANTING
EASTERN PRODUCT

Large Shipments of Pears Being Made to Winnipeg Market.

Winnipeg, Oct. 9.—British Columbia is beginning to show signs of successful competition with eastern Canadian and American markets for the supply of fruit for Manitoba and the west. Speaking to-day R. R. Scott, manager of the MacPherson Fruit Company, said: "We are now drawing our supply of D'Anjou pears from British Columbia and have several cars in transit. The idea of growers respecting prices are, however, high this year. We have to pay British Columbia growers \$1.50 a box more than we had to pay two years ago. Nevertheless we have great demand for these pears in the Winnipeg market, and people seem to want them."

TORONTO MERCHANT DEAD.

Toronto, Oct. 9.—Thomas Thompson, formerly of the drygoods establishment, known as the Mammoth House, on King street East, and one of Toronto's oldest business men, died yesterday at the age of 78 years. Mr. Thompson leaves a widow, who was formerly a Miss Corbett, and four sons, one of whom is George T. Thompson, a barrister residing in Cranbrook, B. C.

RETURNS FROM FORT CHURCHILL

Mrs. Moodie Arrives at Ottawa on Her Way to Medicine Hat.

Ottawa, Oct. 9.—Mrs. Moodie, wife of Major Moodie, in command of the R.N.W.M.P. at Fort Churchill, arrived here this morning on her way to Medicine Hat to visit her children, whom she has not seen for three years.

Mrs. Moodie left Churchill on September 16th, coming by the steamer Adventure. Previous to her start the Hudson's Bay company's steamer Pelican arrived at Fort Churchill so badly damaged that the vessel will not be able to leave this winter. Besides Mrs. Moodie, the missionary's wife, Mrs. Moodie, is the only white woman there. On the ship coming down were also two government engineers, who have been engaged on the survey of the proposed Hudson Bay railway. The survey is now completed to the proposed terminal at Churchill, and all the engineers have returned home.

TRADE COMMISSION.

Montreal, Oct. 9.—Lord Balfour of Burleigh, chairman of the West India trade commission, leaves for England next week, having completed the taking of evidence in Canada respecting trade conditions between Canada and the West Indies. The commissioners will not hold further inquiries until Hon. Messrs. Fielding and Paterson, the two Canadian commissioners, are relieved of parliamentary duties. The next inquiry will be held in the West Indies.

M'MASTER UNIVERSITY.

Toronto, Oct. 9.—Chancellor McKay announced last night that certain western colleges were going to affiliate with McMaster University and form a great Baptist teaching university.

OVER TWO THOUSAND PERSONS ARE DROWNED

Hurricane Sweeps Yucatan Coast and Islands Near Shore, Wiping Out Number of Fishing Settlements—Several Vessels Wrecked.

New Orleans, Oct. 9.—Between two and three thousand natives were drowned during a hurricane which swept the Yucatan coast and islands of that section of the Mexican mainland, according to the captain and crew of the steamer City of Tampico, which arrived in this port to-day. Most of the victims were poor fishermen.

The great tidal wave which carried three hundred to their death on the gulf coast and devastated the shore line for nearly a thousand miles, was the same one which is responsible for the terrible loss of human life at Yucatan.

According to the captain of the City of Tampico, the waves were so high

that they carried many of their victims' bodies and the huts in which they lived far inland. Great damage was done to shipping, a number of vessels along the coast were wrecked on the beaches. The devastation was so complete that the relief workers have but little to do, as life is practically extinct throughout the section visited by the storm and the tidal waves.

Along the Yucatan coast affected by the hurricane there are but few towns of any importance, the majority being small fishing settlements composed of a few scattered huts. A short distance off the coast are a number of islands, and the ship's officers report that many of them were swept clean of inhabitants and buildings, and that even the trees were uprooted and carried out to sea by the awful force of the wind lashed waves.

ADDED TO DOMINION.

Toronto, Oct. 9.—W. R. Jackson, a young Toronto man in the service of the Meteorological Bureau, arrived in Toronto yesterday after being in the Arctic regions for a year. He gave a very interesting account of the taking possession of the archipelago on the first of July before leaving their winter headquarters. A slab of rabbit meat two and a half feet long was made, in which in a mould were run the words announcing the formal possession of the land on behalf of the Canadian government. This slab was then bolted to the huge sandstone rock on which Sir Edward Parry had carved his records, and a flag was erected with it. Then Capt. Bernier addressed the men briefly and the formal proceedings were over.

AWARDED DAMAGES.

Toronto, Oct. 9.—The jury awarded Richard Ford \$2,500 yesterday in his action against the Canadian Express Company for \$5,000 for malicious prosecution. Last year the express company had Ford tried before Magistrate Denison on a charge of forgery, and before Judge Winchester in the sessions for theft. On both charges he was acquitted, and the present action is the result.

HUNTING ACCIDENT.

Napierville, Que., Oct. 9.—Wm. Gagnon, 19 years of age, accidentally shot himself Thursday while hunting. It is supposed that while leaping over a fence the accident occurred.

KILLED WHILE PLOUGHING.

Thamesford, Ont., Oct. 9.—Bartholomew Prestley, aged 74, was ploughing himself Thursday while ploughing and alighting on his head, his neck was broken.

CHOLERA AT SEOUL.

NOW UNDER CONTROL

Stringent Measures Adopted to Check Disease Prove Successful.

Seoul, Korea, Oct. 9.—The cholera epidemic which started here two weeks ago is probably under control. The authorities adopted the most stringent measures to stop the spread of the disease, and it is reported that it practically is stamped out. A large number of the poorer natives fell victims to the disease, which for a time threatened to become general throughout the city.

POLICEMAN AND CONVICTS CAPTURED

Constable and Prisoners Whom He Helped to Escape Are in Jail.

Edmonton, Oct. 9.—Lying in a wagon surrounded by a detachment of city and mounted police and shackled to three convicts, Spence, Cristell and Magee, whom he had helped to escape from prison at Fort Saskatchewan on Wednesday, Private Waters, R.N.W.M.P., was brought into the city last night and is now confined at the barracks.

Yesterday a farmer, J. W. Reed, telephoned from south of Strathcona that the men had supper there and were sleeping in a barn. Inspector Worsley, with three policemen, rushed them before Waters could pull his service revolver.

DIES SUDDENLY.

Chicago, Oct. 9.—On the eve of his intended departure with his family for a trip around the world, Gustaf C. Broberg, widely known as the publisher of the Swedish newspaper Svenska Nybeler, and as a steamship agent, dropped dead here yesterday of heart disease. Deceased was 51 years of age, and had lived in Chicago since 1880.

GOVERNOR OF YUKON TO VISIT OTTAWA

A. Wilson Will Act as Administrator During Hon. A. Henderson's Absence.

Ottawa, Oct. 8.—At a meeting of the cabinet council yesterday, Arthur Wilson, of Davidson, formerly of Vancouver, was appointed administrator of the Yukon during the absence of Governor Henderson, who is coming out on his annual trip to the capital.

MORE BODIES FOUND IN ROSLYN MINE

Remains of Two of Victims of Explosion Still in Shaft.

Roslyn, Wash., Oct. 9.—All hope of finding the bodies of the two men still alive was lost to-day when rescuers in the mine of the Northwestern Improvement Company, where the fatal explosion took place last Sunday, discovered the bodies of Tom Marasay and Phillip Pozarich, trackmen. John X. Jones, the dead pumpman for whom some hope was entertained that he might have escaped death, was found yesterday afternoon near the pumping station. He had been horribly burned and indications were that he had died almost instantly.

Only two more bodies remain in the mine and these will probably not be reached for several days as it is thought they lie at the bottom of the shaft.

KILLED IN AUTO WRECK.

One Person Dead and Four Injured as Result of Collision With Tree.

Chicago, Oct. 9.—A. J. Kearns, a Burlington railroad engineer, was instantly killed and Kirk Eastman, Miss Fannie Lynn, Edgar Miller and J. H. Robertson were injured early to-day, when their automobile skidded into a tree. Robertson was internally injured and may die.

NIGHT RIDERS ARE AGAIN AT WORK

Band Burns Buildings and Destroys Stock of Tobacco.

Brooksville, Ky., Oct. 9.—After several weeks of idleness, Kentucky's masked night-riders are again creating consternation throughout the state. Early to-day a party of men with their features hidden by long black masks, drove up to the barn of Edward Johnson, set fire to the building and destroyed 3,000 pounds of valuable tobacco.

After burning the barn, the vandals cut all telephone wires in the vicinity, so that Johnson could not communicate with the authorities. The men worked deliberately, but quietly, and had nothing to say to any member of the tobacco grower's family.

The night riders inflicted no physical harm upon Johnson and rode away as quietly as they came.

The police are working to-day to discover some clue to the identity of the masked men.

CODY READY FOR HIS LONG FLIGHT

London, Oct. 9.—Capt. Cody, the aeroplanist, has made final preparations for his flight from London to Manchester, a distance of 120 miles, for the prize of \$50,000 offered by the London Daily Mail.

Capt. Cody intended to start on the trip yesterday, but the weather was against him. He will start to-day if the weather permits.

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