

DEVoured BY FLAMES

Thirty Business Blocks in Philadelphia Burned.

LOSS, TWO AND ONE HALF MILLIONS

A Bad Fire to Fight—Firemen Greatly Handicapped by the Intense Cold—Wanamaker's Store Damaged.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 26.—The most disastrous conflagration that has visited this city in recent years broke out shortly before 7 o'clock this morning in the basement of the big grocery store of Hanscomb Bros., at 1317 Market street. Property to the value of \$2,500,000 or more was destroyed.

The flames were first discovered by John Wagner, reserve policeman. Before the engines reached the scene the entire rear portion of Hanscomb's store and Bennett's big restaurant were ablaze. A second alarm was sent in, and in a few moments later a general alarm.

Immediately adjoining Hanscomb Bros. on the west side was a five-story building occupied by Blum Bros., manufacturers of ladies' cloaks. This was soon a mass of flames. The water seemed almost to freeze before it touched the building.

The next building on the west to be eaten up was that occupied by George Marshall as a restaurant, then came the hat factory of G. E. Wells and the rear of the wholesale grocery of Showell & Fryer, at 1325 Market street.

While the flames were sweeping west on Market street the umbrella manufactory of Hirsch Bros., the largest in the world. The inflammable nature of the immense stock of light silks added to the flames and in half an hour the building was a mass of flames.

On the east of the Hirsch building, between 1309 and 1301 Market street, were the following tenants: Mizpah restaurant, Sterner & Ball cigar factory, A. Nickolaki, confectionery, and the big drug store of H. Hillman, the upper story of which was occupied by Potter Bros., as a photograph gallery.

North of Hirsch Bros., immediately across Silver street, stood the new seven-story building of Dunlap Bros. This building extended from 1306 to 1301 Filbert street, and was 100 feet deep. The first floors were occupied by the Collins Carriage Company. The flames swept through this structure, gutting it completely.

The small buildings on Silver street, which runs west from Thirteenth to Juniper, were all gutted. The shop of Contractor Lewis Havens caught fire from the rear of Blum Bros., and three firemen were caught by a falling wall. Frank Piper, of engine company No. 30, was the only man seriously injured.

At 8:15 a. m., fire was discovered in the tower of John Wanamaker's big dry-goods store. A stream of water from one of the water towers was run up the burning structure, but the supply of water was either too small or the apparatus defective, as the stream did not reach the flames. The tower contained a handsome clock and chimed. At 9 o'clock the entire tower collapsed, the clock falling through first floor. Two lines of hose were then gotten on top of the gigantic structure, and the flames which threatened to destroy Philadelphia's most famous store were soon under control.

The fire had been confined entirely to the Market-street front, and the loss sustained by Wanamaker was principally in the destruction of the clock and chimed and the breaking of all the large plate-glass windows on Market street. The roof was ablaze one time, and it seemed as though the whole structure was doomed, but the hose operated by employees of the big establishment kept the fire within bounds.

Wanamaker was on the scene early this morning before the high wind carried the flames across Market street from the building in which the fire originated to his store. He employs 4200 people, and as many of the men as could be used in brigades were admitted. This made the work of the trained fire brigade easy and effective.

Wanamaker said to an Associated Press reporter at 9:30, that in three hours after the firemen are out of the store seven-eighths of the store will be ready for business. Wanamaker was apparently the least concerned man in the great crowd. Meanwhile the firemen were having their hands full confining the flames to the original block.

Up to this time the flames had been

confined to the block bounded by Filbert street on the north. Thirteenth on the east, Market on the south, and Juniper on the west. The wind was blowing from the west, and carried the flames right into the rear of the buildings on Thirteenth street. The first building there to catch fire was that of Jacob Miller's gents' furnishings. Fifteen other shops and stores on North Thirteenth were gutted.

The flames ate their way almost directly northwest from the rear of Blum Bros.' building, gutting the rear of Showell & Frier's big grocery. The rear part of 2 to 25 North Juniper street, used as law offices and private residences, was completely burned out.

OVER A PRECIPICE.

Terrible Accident to a Sledding Party in Pennsylvania.

ALTOONA, Pa., Jan. 26.—At 10 o'clock last night a sledding party of 40 persons, of Tyrone, drove into a quarry at Pemberton, six miles below this place. The sled, horses and pleasure seekers were precipitated 50 feet to the bottom of the precipice, where they lay in a great mass. Twenty person were badly injured. As soon as the news reached Tyrone a special train was fitted out and all the doctors in town conveyed to the place.

The party was mostly made up of boys and girls. With arms and legs broken and blood streaming from their wounds, they lay in drifts of snow. The mercury stood at 3 deg. below zero, adding to the horror of the catastrophe.

The following is a partial list of the injured:

Alice Hadden, of Little Washington. Jessie Stone, of Belton. Eugene Crampton, of Tyrone. William Jones, of Tyrone. Howard Templeton, Tyrone. These were all badly hurt.

BALLOTING AT OLYMPIA.

Cline Gives Up the Struggle and Votes for Winsor.

OLYMPIA, Jan. 26.—The 16th joint ballot, and the first today, resulted as follows: Turner, 30; Cline, 39; Squire, 5; Winsor, 1; Daniels, 11; Rogers, 3; Denny, 26; Maple, 1; Alexander, 1. The result of the 17th joint ballot was: Cline, 42; Turner, 30; Denny, 16; Squire, 5; Daniels, 2; Winsor, 3; Rogers, 2.

Cline voted for Winsor saying he did not believe he could be elected himself, and released his friends from further supporting him. This follows out the agreement that he was to be supported for so many ballots only.

The assembly then adjourned.

PLEADS FOR CUBA LIBRE.

Turpie Continues His Speech in Behalf of the Cubans.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—In the senate today Turpie continued his speech in behalf of the struggling Cubans. He made a strong plea for them, citing numerous instances in which the United States had aided South American revolutionists.

Senator Hill, of the judiciary committee, presented a report on the question of whether concurrent resolutions are required to be submitted to the president, a fine point which arose in connection with the Cuban and Armenian resolutions. The conclusion reached was that it depended on the substance, not the form of the resolutions. If they contained legislative matter they must be, otherwise not.

Found in a New York Cab.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—The New York Club Company has in its possession a tiara set with diamonds and sapphires valued at more than \$5,000. This bit of jewelry was found in one of the company's cabs. There are two claimants for it. Miss Margaret Mather, the actress, and Mrs. H. J. Thompson of Boston. Each of these ladies rode in one of the company's cabs the same evening, and each discovered her alleged loss the same time, and each made her appearance at the cab company's office at almost the same moment. It will probably require the services of the courts to determine to whom the tiara belongs.

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An Italian Doctor Finds a Specific.

A VICTIM OF HYPNOTIC TESTS

The Legislature Adopts a Resolution Requiring Absent Members to Appear Today.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—The unusual interest taken by physicians and the public in the treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis, or consumption, as it is commonly called, will be increased by the news that a serum has been discovered which, it is claimed, will prove the absolute cure for the disease in its stages, and will greatly benefit patients and arrest the progress of the disease in its advanced forms.

The serum is the discovery of Professor Maria Glano of Genoa, Italy. A small quantity was brought to this country and physicians of St. Luke's hospital began experimenting with it a week ago. The serum is obtained from the blood of horses which have been inoculated with tuberculosis germs in small quantities and continued under this treatment for several months. Its effect is to produce in the blood of the horses some quality of resistance to death, which, when introduced into the human system, sustains the resisting power.

The serum theory is therefore exactly opposite to the theory of vaccination, which introduces germs of the disease itself into the system, and by producing the disease in a mild form renders the body impervious to its further attacks.

A VICTIM OF HYPNOTIC TESTS.

Suspicious Death of a Youth at Jamestown, N. Y.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Jan. 27.—It was rumored that Spurgeon Young, 17 years old, who died Sunday night, had not died from natural causes, but that his death was caused from injuries received while under hypnotic influence. Coroner Bowers heard the rumors and decided to investigate. He empaneled a jury which viewed the remains this morning and adjourned until tomorrow, when it will meet to take evidence.

It is a well-known fact that Young had repeatedly been under hypnotic influences, and that while in that condition he had been placed with his head upon one chair and his heels upon another, all the time bearing the weight of a heavy man upon his stomach, and being subjected to a great variety of experiments by those who have used little judgment in the matter, so long as it afforded them amusement.

Parke Davis, a Yale college student, whose home is in this city; Daniel Grandin and Charles E. Wood are charged with getting Young in a hypnotic state. It is said they could make him do anything they wished while he was under the power of any of them.

TO BRING IN ABSENTEES.

Resolution Adopted by the Benson House Today.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 27.—The Benson house managed to kill nearly half an hour this morning by the reading of the journal in full. Thirty-one were present at the rollcall, but Misener of Crook withdrew immediately after. No one raised the point of no quorum. A cigarette petition was read, and also one from Washington county to abolish all commissions.

Crawford of Douglas here introduced a resolution requiring the twenty-nine unqualified members to appear and qualify at noon on Thursday, January 28th. The sergeant-at-arms was directed to serve the delinquent members each with a copy of the resolution.

In explaining the resolution, Crawford said his purpose was simply to exhaust every remedy known to the constitution. If the members failed to appear, then the house would have a basis for future action. On rollcall the resolution was adopted. Ayes, 27; nays 1; absent, 3.

The following bills were introduced: Hogue, to amend code; Hope, relative to taxation of sheep; Hudson, by request, relative to election of road supervisors; David, to amend game law; Gratke, to exempt Astoria firemen; Benson, to amend code; Crawford, regulating railroad freights, Jennings, for collection of fees; Marsh, to amend code; Palm, to amend code; Thomas, to amend Portland charter; Conn, exempt homesteads from judicial sale; Brown, to amend code; Merrill, to abolish commissions and relative to fees. Adjourned.

MURDERED BY SPANIARDS.

An Insurgent Hospital Fired and Its Inmates Cremated.

KEY WEST, Fla., Jan. 27.—News from Weyler's advance column tells of a brief but sharp fight near El Jobo, west of Guines, in which Weyler's vanguard was forced back. A stronger column was pushed forward and the insurgents driven back. A hospital that they were guarding was destroyed, and the wounded insurgents; 23 in number, two physicians and a female nurse were killed. This hospital was guarded by 200 insurgents, under Captain Moragan, the men being too sick to be moved. The insurgents knew their danger, but they determined to sell their lives dearly in defense of their sick and wounded brothers-in-arms.

As one of the Weyler detachments came near the town they were ambushed and forced to retire, losing forty men and one captain. Reinforcements arrived, and they came an hour later, and after a desperate fight were about to retire when another detachment of Spaniards, attracted by the firing, came up and drove the insurgents off in confusion. The two combined forces then swept the field, with a loss of 100 men, all told. They set fire to the dwellings and hospital building, which was soon in flames. Few of the wounded men were rescued, and nearly all perished in the flames.

Off for Charleston.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Admiral Bance expects to sail with his squadron February 22 for Hampton Roads, bound for Charleston, which port will be blockaded as part of the naval maneuvers of the squadron. The squadron will be largely reinforced before sailing or very soon after the ships arrive off Charleston. The big monitor Puritan, on her maiden cruise, will leave New York Saturday next to join the squadron. The marbled head will follow about the same time, and the Terror will be ready by the 6th. Altogether the demonstration, which will last about two weeks, promises to be the most formidable in character undertaken by our navy since the war.

Sherman's Successor.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—The Post's Washington special says: Senator Sherman said today: "My acceptance of the portfolio of secretary of state was without any reservation or conditions. Governor Bushnell has six weeks yet before it will be necessary to appoint my successor in the senate. There seems to be a general desire that Hanna should be selected for the seat, and while I have no assurance on that point, I believe Governor Bushnell will appoint him."

Another Cold Wave Expected.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Weather bureau advices show 20 to 30 degrees below in the Northwest and the freezing weather extends to the Gulf coast. In the middle and South Atlantic states indications are the sun will aid materially today and tomorrow in mitigating the effects of the cold blasts from the west. The high barometer over West is thought, however, to presage another drop in temperature later in the week.

Furnished Bail for All.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Abraham I. Elkins today appeared in court at the general sessions with power of attorney for Herbert B. Seeley, Theodore Rich and James H. Phipps, indicted yesterday on a charge of conspiring to procure indecent exposure on the part of Little Egypt and Minnie Benwood, who figured at the recent dinner at Sherry's and pleaded not guilty. He took the privilege of withdrawing his plea, and furnished bail in the sum of \$500 for each defendant.

Fatal Fight in Kentucky.

ALBANY, Ky., Jan. 27.—David Hoffman and W. J. Leonard, of Campbellville, who have just returned from the Cumberland mountains, state that Tuesday, in Morgan county, Tenn., a mob of men went to the farmhouse of Mr. Gage to chastise his son for immoral conduct.

Young Gage had a friend in the mob, John Porter, who, after they arrived in the yard, declared they should not touch Gage. A fight followed, in which John Porter was stabbed and killed. When Porter fell young Gage ran out of the house with a revolver in each hand, firing at the members of the mob, who ran. One of them, whose name is not learned, fell mortally wounded. The bodies of the dead men were left lying on the porch all night.

Still Colder at Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 26.—Last night the mercury in the signal service thermometer dropped to 5 deg. below zero, but more exposed thermometers registered 10 deg. lower. The cold caused great suffering among the poor. Mrs. Mary Morris, colored, was overcome on the street and died in a few minutes. Frostbitten hands, feet and ears were frequent among trainmen.

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PROPHECY AND ITS FULFILLMENT

James Cummins' Former Wife Had a Dream.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 26.—James Cummins, an aged capitalist, mining engineer and promoter of various enterprises, died in Alameda recently. Cummins was married in Salt Lake City twenty-eight years ago, and three months after his wedding his wife departed for San Francisco on a visit to relatives. From that parting until a few months ago husband and wife never saw or heard from each other. Cummins' whereabouts became effectually swallowed up in mystery, and Mrs. Cummins, after the lapse of a few years, during which she became convinced that her husband must be dead, removed to Oroville, where she still resides. Some years later she discovered her husband had secured a divorce without her knowledge, whereupon she married an undertaker named Sovereign.

A few months ago she dreamt that her former husband was about to return to her; that he would soon thereafter die, and that her husband, the undertaker, would bury him. Remarkable as this may seem, the strange prophecy has been fulfilled.

On his deathbed Cummins produced two keys, stating that they fitted his safe-deposit box in Pueblo, Colo., in which were \$150,000 in United States bonds, and his safe-deposit box in Denver, which contained the balance of his securities. He left \$10,000 to Mrs. Sovereign and the remainder of his property, estimated at almost \$1,000,000, to their son, J. W. Cummins, who has been made executor, and who has departed for Pueblo to take charge of affairs.

Conference Bill Taken Up.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The senate has taken up the bill for an international monetary conference. White spoke in derision of Wolcott's trip to Europe. He read an extract from Chandler's paper which referred to Sherman as a great leader who would solve the problem of bimetalism.

White said the effort to secure bimetalism in this way would prove futile, but it might satisfy its promoters with the idea that they were keeping their promises.

Water Famine at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 26.—This city was swept all night by a 60-mile breeze, which made the weather seem more severe, although the cold moderated. At 8 a. m. today the thermometer was 12 deg. above. Buffalo is again experiencing a water famine, owing to slush ice in the Niagara river, which is sucked in at inlet pier and clogs the pumps.

British Warships Coming.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—News has reached here that the admiralty of London has given instructions for the Hotspur, coast-defense vessel, and the Monarch, third-class battle-ship, to be commissioned at an early date for service to Bermuda. As there are at present more British armored vessels on the North Atlantic station than the West Indian Squadron, this action of the admiralty is taken to mean the British government means to make a considerable increase in its strength in North American waters.

Ran Down by a Train.

SOUTH NORWALK, Conn., Jan. 27.—Five men were killed this afternoon by a

freight train near East Norwalk station. It is supposed that while walking upon track they stepped from in front of the express train directly in front of the freight.

The dead are; James Powers, section foreman; John Griffin, John Shea, Spleen, and an unknown man. All were instantly killed except Shea, who survived five minutes.

The men were engaged under the direction of Foreman Powers in work upon the road bed, and stepped from one track to avoid the approaching express, to another upon which the freight was bearing down.

Mercury Dropped Again.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—The temperature in Chicago registered 2 deg. below zero at 11 a. m., a drop of 1 deg. since 2 a. m., when the highest point was reached.

The signal service states the temperature will probably remain about zero mark the rest of the week. A fine snow is falling.

The work of relieving the destitute is still being actively carried on and contributions of money, coal and provisions are pouring in. Warehouses for the distribution of supplies have been opened in various parts of the city to expediate the work.

He Gave Himself Up.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 27.—A shabbily dressed laboring man, about 35 years of age, entered the office of Chief of Detectives Desmond at police headquarters and stated that he had come to give himself up. He was escorted to an inner room, and while talking to a detective the stranger thrust a penknife blade into his throat, severing the jugular vein and died in a few minutes.

He told Desmond his name was James Kelly, but refused to say where he lived. He was 5 feet 6 inches tall, dark hair and blonde mustache.

Found Dead in His Bed.

M'MINVILLE, Or., Jan. 27.—W. H. Smith, who lived about two miles east of Amity, was found dead in his bed yesterday morning by neighbors. His death was the result of heart disease, and the coroner's jury so found. The old man had built the morning fire and evidently returned to bed, as the fire was still burning in the stove when those who found him entered the house. Smith was a bachelor, and lived on a little patch of ground for several years past. He was about 60 years of age, and an eccentric character.

Over Cleveland's Veto.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—A bill to pension Jonathan Scott, of the Fifth Iowa cavalry, now living at Oswego, Kan., was passed over the president's veto by the house today.

Senator Palmer's Prophecy.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 27.—A special to the Republic from Washington says: "The two wings of the two old parties will, in my judgment, be united in the next campaign," said Senator Palmer today. "The sound-money Democrats and the sound-money Republicans will form one, and the silver Democrats and silver Republicans will constitute another party."

"When the official harness is removed from me," he continued, "I will resume the practice of law at my home in Springfield."

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