

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. Nicolakly, 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

CONSUMPTION CURED

An Italian Doctor Finds a Specific.

A VICTIM OF HYPNOTIC TESTS

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

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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Why? Because we supply him the tea and the money.

It is such tea as you will be glad to get besides.

A Schilling & Company San Francisco

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 Ball 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.

PROFECY 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.

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.

Found Dead in His Bed.

M'INNIVILLE, 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."

Run Down by a Train.

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

ROYAL BAKING POWDER advertisement with image of a tin and text describing its purity and benefits.

ROYAL—the most celebrated of all the baking powders in the world—celebrated for its great leavening strength and purity. It makes your cakes, biscuit, bread, etc., healthful, it assures you against alum and all forms of adulteration that go with the cheap brands.