PORTLAND, OREGON, MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1905.

# RISINGS TO TEST RUSSIAN TROOPS

Revolutionists Hope to Create Republic.

#### ARMY HOLDS KEY TO SITUATION

Revolt Means Immediate Overthrow of the Czar.

#### OMINOUS CALM AT CAPITAL

Strikers Gaze Sullenly at Richly Clad Aristocrats as They Enjoy the Bright Winter Day in Smart Equipages.

ST. PETERSBURG-Crowds with aut len faces watch the sable-clad aristocracy enjoying a bright Winter day in

their sumptuous sleighs.

WARSAW—Ratironds are running. but the situation is serious. Dynamite stored in flat wrecks building.

MOSCOW-Barracks destroyed by soldiers spring up again in many places in No public meetings are allowed and the jails are crowded with tinues all day. ODESSA-Political strike has begun.

The inhabitants are in a state of panic Revolutionists expected to capture the

LIBAU-Mutineers reported to have fired on Hamburg-American steamers ment to carry off German refugees.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24-(8:20 P. M.)-With Moscow's baptism of blood, the revolutionaries made good their threat to transform the strike into armed rebellion, and the next 48 hours should termine whether they can marshal sufficient strength to plunge the country into an actual state of civil war and se mly threaten the immediate downfall of the government.

The government professes confidence whole attempt will fail, owing to the weeful insufficiency of arms in possession of the proletariat and by reason of the loyalty of the army as a whole; but its calculations might again be rude upset. A few arsenals might be seized to furnish arms, or the open support of a few regiments might start a landslide on the army. Certainly the shrewdest of the revolutionary leaders fully apprethe attitude of the army, which is yet to cast the die.

tings must occur everywhere in order to that in we test the troops, and if a footbald can be dynamite lutionaries to set up a provisional gov-

## Mutinous Troops Locked in Barracks STORM

Thus far reports from Moscow do not clear up the vital point as to whether any of the troops there actually refused to obey commands, although there are DRAGOONS CHARGE AT MOSCOW persistent rumors that they did. Revotionary leaders here claim to have confirmation of a report that a grenadic brigade and some Cossacks mutinied and are now locked up in their burracks.

While the military succeeded everywhere in driving the insurgents from their barricades in Moscow Saturday night, the defeat evidently was not a decitive one, as barricades were again thrown up in dozens of places this morning, and fighting was renewed before it The Associated Press understands that orders have been issued for an uprising here, but the government's measures seemingly render this impos-

No meetings, public or private, are allowed, which makes an assembly of more than five persons in a private building filegal. The prisons and jails are filled with lenders of the revolutionaries and seized and an entire organization, consisting of 300 "crujina," as the student militia is called, has been captured.

#### Calm on Surface at Capital.

Rumors were purposely circulated that conflict would be imaggurated at a demonstration of workmen in the Nevsky unfounded. The city in fact was unuaturally calm on the surface, and a stranger dropping down the Nevsky Prospect this afternoon would have seen no evidences of ferment. It was a bright coulpages of the aristocracy, with their occupants cloaked in sables and other furs, were out in force. Only the sullen faces of the crowds of strikers on the sidewalks and foot patrols on every

If the plans of the revolutionaries to produce an uprising in St. Petersburg fall, as it is believed they will, an attempt certainly will be made to terrorfre the government by guerrilla warfare. in which bombs will play the chief role. The government having embarked in a war against the "Reds," it is difficult to how it can draw back one step. The acceptance by Governor-General Doubassoff, of Moscow, of the offer of the notorious reactionary, Prince Tcherbateff, to organize the loyalists as a militia has created a shudder of horror.

Mutineers Fire on Foreign Steamers.

SPECIAL CABLE. PARIS, Dec. 15 -A disputch received action

early Monday morning from Libau, states that the mulineers there have fired on the Hamburg-American steamers Batavia and Kehrwieder, which had been sent there to take off German sefugees. The report has not yet been confirmed.

#### POLITICAL STRIKE AT ODESSA

#### City Is Expected to Fall Into the Hands of the Revolutionists.

ODESSA, Dec. D.-A general political strike began here today. The bakers and waterworks employes, however, are still at work. The garrison maintains a passive attitude, and grave fears are entertained that the city will fall completely into the hands of the revolutionists. The inhabitants are panic stricken.

#### DAY OF TERROR AT MOSCOW

Scenes of the French Revolution Are

Re-Enacted at Old Capital.

SPECIAL CARLE.
MOSCOW. Dec. 24.—Terrible bloodslied and slaughter marked this Sunday at The bloody Sunday of St. Petersburg was repeated. All day the city was in a state of rioting, revolution and constant clashes between the troops and revolutionaries. The loss of life is not orpses are strung about the streets and

in many homes.

The fighting started when the artillers opened fire on the hardcades erected by the strikers in Tvershaya and Sadovaya streets. As a result of this firing the slaughter was immense. A large force of infantry fired simultaneously with the artillery, and the barricades were bombarded by the big guns. The rifle fire was the most deadly. In one instance a squad of artillery occupied a church steeple and fired on the

pled a church steeple and fired on the people of all degrees. Insurgents pillaged two large ammuni-tion factories today. Notwithstanding the repulse of Saturday, the revolution ists continued the conflict, and clashes between the troops and insurgents con-tinued today. Scenes such as were enacted in Paris during the French revolution were practically re-enacted, and acte of coldblooded murder and pillage

Individuals fought individuals, as the war of the loyal troops and the revolu-tionists went on, and the fighting forces were scattered from street to street. Can. non and the crack of small arms made it a day of terror. No attempt has been made except in a few instances to pick up the dead, and the wounded have not in all instances been cared for

As barricades were battered down by the artillery fire in one portion they were re-crected in another, and the revolution-lets continued to meet the attacks of the troops. It is hard to appreciate the freuzy of the insurgents. Loss of life seemed only to add to the fury of the conflict. The revolutionists surprised a part of the city and went to the large force of gendarmes in an isolated

A large number of innocent persons were slaughtered ewing to the patrols, which made it impossible for them to escape death in their own homes. The patrols directed their fire into many bouses suspected to loage revolutionists. If the first fire from the street was not ef-fective the patrols entered the houses or battered the residences with the artillery pieces. The residence of the Prefect of Police was besieged among the others.

#### SOCIALISTS SUMMON TO ARMS

#### News From Moscow Is Rousing Fighting Blood at Warsaw.

WARSAW, Dec. 34.-The railroads are Owing to the news from Moscow all the | court. It is understood that this Socialist parties have issued proclama-tions summoning the people for an armed

An explosion this morning destroyed a flat in which was stored a quantity of

AFTER HEAVY CANNONADE.

Revolutionaries Apparently Worsted, but Do Not Give Up the

Bloody Struggle.

MOSCOW, Dec. 24 .- (5 P. M.) -- Artillery, rifle and revolver-firing continues throughout the day, but the noise of the battle has now somewhat abated. The guns have been bombarding one barricade after another, the canoonade being followed by charges by the dragoons, who set fire to the

The area of the fighting today was more extended and included Trabnois Square, Sadovia, Karetnal and many other streets. The revolutionaries apheart, notwithstanding Saturday's heavy casualties. It is now known that 500 is a moderate estimate of the losses and many more persons fell

The revolutionaries had few successes. They surprised a force of Prospect this afternoon, but they proved gendarmes on the Karetnai street today, killing or wounding 20 of them. Since then artillery has been firing uninterruptedly in that section of the city.

crisp Winter day, and smart sleighs and private houses, where they suspected revolutionaries had taken refuge. In nearly every district large numbers of innocent persons were accidentally

> Late this afternoon it was reported that fighting was proceeding in the outskirts of the city, and that there were heavy losses on both sides

During the day bombs were thrown in the streets. The troops hold the rallway stations, but the plundering of freight cars continues. Three hundred of these cars have been entirely stripped on the Kazan Railway siding

#### Body to Be Brought to United States.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24.-The body J. H. Russell Parsons will be taken on Thursday, accompanied by his family, to the United States. His fellow-coun-trymen here will take appropriate

Lewis and Clark Corporation Will Pay Subscribers 25 Per Cent.

#### FEW EMPLOYES CONTINUE

Final Payments May Be Delayed Pending Removal of Buildings From Site, Which Must Be by March 15.

#### CONCLUDE EXPOSITION AFFAIRS.

Stockholders of the Lewis and Clark Exposition will receive in the form of a dividend about 25 per cent on the capital stock of \$402,500 of the corporation that was paid up, or a total approximating \$100,625. The distribution may not take place until after March 15, when the lease on the ground expires and by which date the property included in the site must be turned back to its owners to as good poration. Sale of the buildings to Lafe Pence has been confirmed by the Oregon State Commission, which makes final disposition of all except the Forestry and a few other build-

ings. The State Commission will recommend to the Legislature the granting of an appropriation to main-tals the Forestry building permaommend to the Legislature the stands and a small area adjacent.

Stockholders of the Lewis and Clark Exposition will have to wait at least a month more before the money which they are to receive, amounting to about 25 per cent of the subscriptions, will revert to them, and it is probable that the distribution will not be made before March 15. The directors are anxious to have all the affairs concluded as soon as possible, and It is hoped that the money will have been distributed by February 1.

Secretary Henry E. Reed, of the Exposi tion, stated last night that the records be complete within two or three weeks, but unless the owners of grounds are satisfied that the tracts will be put into as good condition as they were before the lease was granted, the dietribution will necessarily have to be de-The lease on the site expires inved.

Lafe Pence, who purchased most of the oulidings, will complete the work of denolition before March 15. With the exeption of two or three of the state buildings and the Forestry building, all of the structures have been disposed of. California building has not been sold, as it is being held awaiting the settlement of a lawsuit which is pending before the will be terminated by March. The difficulty lies between the contractors and the California State Commission, which was not satisfied with the work that had

Secretary Reed says that from the present outlook the stockholders will receive about \$5 per cent of the original investment. It is not thought that the percentage will be less. The subscription to the stock amounted to \$417,000, and \$402,500 of this amount was paid into the corporation treasury. If IS per cent is returned to the stockholders, they will receive a total of \$100,635.

There seems to be but fittle doubt that the subscribers to the stock will receive back their money instead of other usage being made of it. Some believe that it should be devoted to the erection of a Centennial building in commemoration of the Lewis and Clark Exposition, but it was found that such use of the funds could only be made by unanimous consenof the stockholders, and it did not meet with their general approval. The conversion of the grounds bito a park was also agitated and the city authorities are still contemplating acquiring the Forestry

The latest suggestion is made by M. J. Walsh, president of the M. J. Walsh Company, who is of the opinion that the money should be devoted to the establishment of a line of steamers to ply be tween Portland and Alaskan ports, gented in an interview in The Sunday Oregonian, yesterday,

Not until after the affairs of the Exposition have been wound up and the corporation is in readiness for disse will the distribution be made. Nearly all of the departments have been closed and the bulk of the office employes dismissed Director of Exhibits Henry E. Dosch in about through, and practically all that remains for him to do is the distribution of the 5000 medals and prizes which were awarded the different exhibits. Secretary Reed expects to finish his official duties by January E. Director of Works Oskar Huber and Auditor W. R. Mackenzie will remain until the final settlement. The office force to small and does not total

half a dozen employes At a meeting of the Oregon State Comnission Saturday afternoon the sale of the buildings to Lafe Pence was confirmed. Mr. Pence made another payment and there is no doubt but that he will carry the deal through.

The State Commission is rejuctant to have the Forestry building destroyed, and at the next session of the Legislature, in January, 1967, an effort will be made to secure an appropriation to make the building permanent. President Jefferson building Saturday afternoon and he will consult the owners of the property upon which it stands to ascertain if they allow it to remain until the next Legislature convenes. If nothing can be done in that regard, it will probably be sold

#### for the material which it contains. City officials do not seem to favor the pur-chase of the ground upon which the building stands, and it is not known whether they will decide to take it. The Coney Island amusement promoters, who were in Portland while the Fair was open, and who said they wanted to purchase the structure, have not been heard from

ors to the Exposition, and on Sundays many persons can be seen wandering about the grounds. The Fair looks as though it had been in the hands of vandals, as everything is topsy-turvy. The exhibits have been removed from the buildings, and they are now nothing more than vast architectural piles, in which the pigeous and sparrows roost.

The children from the residences ele by have great fun playing in the empty buildings. The Trait is a scene of desola Some of the buildings have been dismantled, and debris and waste lumbe are everywhere. The Government and Forestry buildings are about the only structures that have retained their age pearance. The Forestry building is as pretty as ever, and stands out in contrast to the other deserted palaces. From a distance the Government building still appears magnificent and beautiful, at though a few signs of deterioration are in

J. W. WADSWORTH AT WHITE HOUSE FOR AN HOUR.

Higgins' Candidate for Speakership of New York Assembly in Fight to the Finish.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-James W. Wadsworth, Jr., the announced choice of Governor Higgins for the Speakership of the New York Assembly, was in conference with President Roosevelt at the White House today. The conference was by appointment, and Mr. Wadsworth remained for about half an hour with the President. There was full discussion of the events which have preceded and fol-lowed the selection of Mr. Wadaworth by the Governor as the party leader in the lower house. "The President was anxious to know

"The President was anxious to know all about the situation," said Mr. Wadsworth. "I gave him all the facts in the care, and, so far as I know, there is nothing to add to what has aiready been said on the subject. Neither the President, my father, nor I knew I was to be a candidate for the Speakership when I left here about a week ago for Albany. "I reached there Saturday pledged to support Assemblyman Hooker for the position. It was after I arrived that I

sition. It was after I arrived that I learned that Governor Higgins desired me to make a contest for the position. I am in the fight to stay, and I have every confidence that I will win. There is to Wadsworth said he thought the

President's attitude was amply set forth in Representative Cook's statement is-sued last week. Civil Service Commissioner Cooley left the White House with Mr. Wadsworth.

## VESSEL IS IN DISTRESS.

Townsend Inlet Lifesavers Start at an Early Hour.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 3.-At 1 A. M. the Townsend Inlet life-saving crew went to the assistance of an unknown

YESTERDAY'S-Maximum temperature, deg.; minimum, 42. Precipitation, trace. TODAYS-Rain and warmer; gusty souther!

Revolutionaries hope to swing army into line by many uprisings. Page 1.

Everything quiet on the surface at St. Petersburg. Page 1. Moscow revolutionaries are driven from barricades. Page 1. Desperate courage of fighters in Moscow streets. Page 9.

Reign of anarchy started by the revolu-tionaries in Russia. Page 9. Fereign. Yuan Shi Kai falls heir to position in China held by Li Hung Chang. Page 9, Anarchist attempts to stab Cardinal Cas-sanas at Barcelons. Page L.

National. reat increase in export to China and Japai in all lines but flour. Page 2.

United States District Attorney Baxter to be summarily removed at Omaha. Page 1. J. W. Wadsworth, candidate for Speakership of New York Assembly, confers with President, Page L.

Major Miller denies that he has cloped will Robert Pitzelmmons' wife. Page 1. Auto operts while running at high speed, killing James E. Martin, a New York clubman. Page 4. Polish Catholics at St. Louis in riot over

Italians and negroes in bloody race riot in Chicago. Page 1. Van Nuys Broadway hotel is burned at Los Angeles at an early hour Sunday. Page 1. Forty persons injured in collision of three street cars at Los Angeles. Page 9.

Vashington Board of Control unwilli-talk of fisses at Vancouver. Page 9. Ontario raises bonus for Vale & Malbeur Valley Baliroad terminus. Page 5. Masked rubbers hold up a Pasadena, Cal., electric car. Page 5 Shipping in Portland harbor celebrates the

Another severe storm is raging off the Columbia River bar. Page 15. Portland and Vicinity.

Lewis and Clark corporation will repay 23 per cent of stock subscriptions, probably by Petruary 1. Page 1. Song services and sermons in Portland churches. Page 8. How the tax levy will apply to new Two men are killed by accidents. Page 13.

A. P. Overman gives advice to farmers re-garding how success may be achieved in poolitry raising. Page 12. New York court decision does not affect local Royal Arcanum. Page 8. What Would Jesus Do If He Came to Port-

Dave Forbes, East Side saloonkeeper, puts robbers to rout. Page A. ohn Delane, Stallan victim of vendetta, stabbed five times. Page 13.

# OF RUBY ROBERT

## Pennsylvania Millionaire Denies He Has Stolen Fallen Pugilist's Wife.

#### "PERFECT LADY." HE SAYS

Jenlousy of Fitzsimmons Was Roused When the Major Escorted May Gifford to Steamer for Trip to Paris Last June.

FRANKLIN, Pa., Dec. 28.-(Special.) Major Charles Joseph Sibley Miller ar-rived here this morning from New York He had not eloped with Mrs. Robert Fitzsimmons, as Bob had accused him of doing. Major Miller fears bodily harm at the hands of Ruby Robert. He has armed himself, and threatens to kill the pugilist if he molests him.

Major Miller was accompanied by th Marquis de Terre Hermoso, of Madrid, who also accompanied him in New York on his recent trip. Major Miller was at tended by his attorney, William P. Ford and gave out the following statement:

"Robert Fitzsimmons must be going crary if he accuses me of eloping with have no intention of eloping with her and never did have any such idea for a single moment. I have not seen Julia May Gifford, the wife of Fitzsimmo ns, for some time, certainly not on my last trip

#### Learned First From Newspapers.

"The first intimation that I had of Mrs. Fitzsimmons leaving her husband was in the newspapers of this morning There is no better proof of the fact that I am not cloping with anyone than the I should be, to spend Christmas.

"I have known Mrs. Fitzsimmons for about eight years. I knew her before Pitzsimmons did. I knew her to be all that is nice, and knew her to be a per fect lady. The last time I saw Mrs. Fitz amons was in June of this year, when she was going abroad to Paris to study vocal. I accompanied her to the steam in New York and saw her off. She had one else to go with her, and I wen to the dock, the same as I would with any other friend

#### Made Fitzsimmons Angry.

'Fitzsimmons knew that I accompanied his wife to the dock. He was mad about it, and has never gotten over it. He gets mad every time he thinks of it. "Fitzsimmons is insunely jealous, and

when word came from here that she was leaving for all time, he evidently jumped to the conclusion that I was going with her. He and Leon Friedman, his manager, have it in for me, but they are fool-

"The fallen pugilist would better in his own path. If he comes bothering around me with any of his talk about me eloping with his wife, I'll let day-CONTENTS TODAY'S PAPER light through him I mean what I say. such scandalous reports about me."

MESSAGE WILL REACH EVERY WARSHIP CHRISTMAS DAY.

All Stand Together for Good of Country and Service, Says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.-Admiral Dew ey has prepared the following Christman message to the officers and men of the American Navy throughout the world which, it is expected, will reach practically every American warship some time Christmas day:

"My Christmas greetings to the officers and men of the Navy. "Let us have neither eliques nor grudges but all stand together for the good of the country and the service.

This message was prepared by the Ad-niral of the Navy at the request of the Associated Press, and was started on its trip around the world early this after-noon. Christmas will be celebrated by the American men-of-war in home and foreign ports with the same enthusiasm that has always characterized the day abourd ship and ashore. As many warships as can be spared from other duties have put in at home ports that officers and men may celebrate the day in the homeland. In addition to the message of Admiral Dewey, the "Merry Christmas" will be flashed late tonight from every wireless station under the control of the Navy from Rear-Admiral Manney, chief of the bureau of equipment, the greeting travand down the coast and the ships at sea.

#### THE DAY'S DEATH RECORD

James A. Lockhart.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 21.-James A. Lockhart, a member of Congress from the Sixth North Carolina District from 1864 to 1806, died in the hospital here today of gastritis, after an illness lasting many He was a classmate of Senator I. M. Dimmons at Trinity, and was a member of the State Senate and House of Representatives several terms,

#### Daughter of Revolutionary Soldier.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Dec. M.-Mrs. Druisilla Hall Johnson, the daughter of a soldier of the American Revolution, died at her home in this city today, aged 100 at her home in this city today, aged 100 room. As soon as one was arrested an-years. Her father, Asron Hall, was tak- other would take his place selling drinks.

en prisoner by the British during the England.

#### Mrs. A. B. Dibble.

GRASS VALLEY, Cal., Dec. 24.-Mrs A. B. Dibble, first president of the Na-tional Women's Christian Temperance Union, who, with Frances E. Willard founded that organization, and one of the early settlers in this state, died today at her home in this city, after a long lil

## Cotton Factory Damaged.

NEWBERRY, S. C., Dec. 24.-The plant of the Carolina Cotton Manufacturing Company was damaged to the extent of \$75,000 by fire this morning. Several maller concerns suffered damage aggre gating about \$5,000.

#### Dr. Thomas Aby.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26.-Dr. Thon Aby, surgeon in the Twentieth Infantry at the Battle of Santiago, and a Civil War veteran, died suddenly today.

#### Lewis Graham.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.-Lewis Graham, aged 84, a Mexican and Civil War veteran and president of the New Orcans Typographical Union, died suddenly today.

## SAVES CARDINAL'S LIFE

CANON WARDS OFF THE KNIFE OF AN ANARCHIST.

#### Attack Made on Bishop of Urgel as He Is Leaving the Cathedral at Barcelona

BARCELONA, Dec. 34. - An attempt us made tonight by an anarchist to stab Cardinal Cassanas y Pages, bishop of Urgel, as he was coming out of the Cathedral. A canon frustrated the attempt, and the would-be assassin was ar-

#### Italian Cabinet Gazetted.

ROME, Dec. 24.-The new Italian Cabnet was officially gazetted today. In progress of the flames in the collapse make-up it is the same as given in these dispatches Saturday night, with the exeption of the Minister of Agriculture, which portfolio Premier Fortis assumes

## BAXTER WILL LOSE HEAD

ad interim.

Refuses to Resign as United States District Attorney at Omaha.

OMAHA, Dec. 24.-The Omaha Bee to morrow will announce that Irving F. Baxter will be summarily removed from the office of United States District Attorney by order of the president. Mr. Bax-ter refused to confirm or deny the state-ment. Mr. Baxter, however, made public tonight a letter which he sent on Decem-ber 21 to the Attorney-General in reply to ne asking for his resignation. In his oply Mr. Baxter said:

Having faithfully and honestly marily to remove me, I cannot, und cumstances, recognize the justice of such act by tendering my resignation.

The removal of District Attorney Baxter is one of the results of the prosecu tions started by the Governme years ago of Nebraska cattlemen for ille-gally fencing the public domain. Bart-lett Richards and W. E. Comstock, two of the wealthiest cattlemen in the state, were indicted on the charge of unlawfully fencing about 22,000 acres of public land. They recently entered a plea of guilty and were fined \$300 each by Judge W. H. the custody of the United States Mar-

United States Marshal Mathews' deputy said to have been spent at the Omaha Club. The President is said to have been dissatisfied with the results of the prose-cution, and week before last Marshal Matthews was removed, and last week the resignation of District Attorney Bax-

## RACE RIOT IN CHICAGO

Police Clubs Rain Blows on Italian and Negro Heads.

CHICAGO, Dec. M.-In a race riot be-tween Italians and negroes at Eighteenth and Dearborn streets tonight, two Italians were shot and severely injured. The police of the Twenty-second street station, after liberal use of their clubs on the heads of both factions, forced peace be-

As a result of the riot, which lasted for

nore than 20 minutes and in which me

newal of the fight. The seriously injured are Vito Umbreilo, Fortunato Broutuccio and Charles Amos (colored). Many suffered slight bruises, but the were unable to learn their names. Twenty persons were arrested after the fight. For some time III feeling has e isted between the colored and Itali

#### RAID ON THE CLUBROOMS

Governor Folk Determined to Enforce Sunday Law in St. Louis.

rooms were raided by the police today, and persons found selling liquor were arrested, charged with riolating the Sunday law Since the state. enforcement of the Sunday closing stat-ute clubs have surung up like mushrooms ute clubs have sprung up like mushrooms in all parts of the city, and the raids were made under direct orders of Gov-ernor Folk, who has declared that he will suppress all of the so-called "lidlifting" organizations.

two or three times. Upon their first ar-rest the proprietors, after being released on bonds, would return immediately to the club rooms and reopen. In several instances three different persons were ar-rested in as many radis on the same club-

# **GUESTS ROUTED** FROM THEIR BEDS

Los Angeles Hotel on Fire at Early Morn.

## CLOTHES AND BAGGAGE LOST

Floor of Van Nuys Broadway Collapses During Fire.

## SIX FIREMEN ARE INJURED

Precipitated Into the Basement, the Men Are Badly Bruised, Burned and Shocked-One Death

May Result.

LOS ANGELES. Dec. 24.-In the largest hotel fire in the history of Los Angeles the Van Nuys Broadway Hotel, one of the first-class hostelries of the city, located at 412-422 South Broadway, in the heart of the business district, was almost completely destroyed today. One hundred and ten guests, most of whom were still in bed at the time the fire broke out, leaped in their scant clothing into the street. Many of them got out in their night-robes and practically all suffered the loss of their entire baggage

and personal effects. Six firemen were injured during the of the rear of the second floor. They were precipitated into the basement, and all suffered more or less serious injuries. Following is a list of the

#### injured: List of the Injured.

J. Lawson, fireman, Hose Company No. 9. C. M. Stewart, fireman; shocked, bruised

J. L. Ainds, fireman; lacerated scalp and bruised about body.

W. C. Phillips, fireman; bruised, burned and cut. Thomas Lane, fireman; shocked, bruised and cut, still unconscious; may die. Richard Hanley, fireman; bruised, cut and

suffering from shock.
Fire Chief Lips was also severely cut by the broken glass, but had his injuries dressed without leaving the scene of the fire. The total financial loss will approximate about \$200,033. The following are the individual losses sustained:

35,000 H. C. Eagan, proprietor Van Nuys Cafe Loss of guests of the hotel in baggage, valuables and money (estimated) 12,000

#### Few Guests Save Any Property.

Very few of the guests were able to get out any of their effects. Some of the baggage in the rooms in the front of the building was taken out after the fire had been extinguished. and was found to have sustained but T. H. Benton, ex-State Auditor of Nebraska, wife and daughter, occupied rooms on the fourth floor, and barely escaped with their lives, losing all their valuables, gage and money estimated at \$5000. Mrs. P. Hanisch, of Chicago, escaped from her room on the fourth floor, but lost effects valued at \$4000. Several other individuals lost heavily in

amounts ranging from \$25 to \$2000. The origin of the fire has not been definitely ascertained. It was discovered by Night Clerk Harry Mertz, at 6:55 o'clock. He immediately turned in an alarm and summoned the bellboys and porters to arouse the guests. The flames appeared to come from the basement or engineroom of the hotel, although the hotel management alleges the fire originated in the atore of the California Paper Company, on the ground floor of the building

#### Guests Roused by Employes.

The hotel employes worked validatly in arousing the sleeping guests, who were barely awakened in time. The flames spread with great rapidity, and in 30 minutes from the time the first alarm was turned in the whole building was abjaze All of the guests were able to escape by way of the stairways and elevators, although the halls and corridors were densely filled with smoke and many were nearly suffocated. Two women guests fainted, but were carried out in safety. The elevators were kept working, and ost of the guests from the four floors were taken out by this means, until final

ly the engines in the basement were shut

down and the elevators stopped, the re-

mainder of the people in the hotel making

their way out by the stairways. Several

attempted to re-enter the building and

#### save their effects, but the spread of the fames was so rapid that there was no chance, Lost \$220 in the Air.

One guest threw his trousers, containing 200, to the street from his room, found them when he got down with only \$30 in them.

Although a fire engine was on the ground four minutes after the first slarm was turned in, the building burned like tinder, and there was no chance to extinguish the biaze. Soon practically the entire downtown section of the Fire Departdifficulty confined to the hotel building. Another brick building, occupied by com-mercial houses, was adjoining on the end, and it was only with much effort that