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DEVoured BY FLAMES

erty Business Blocks in Philadelphia Burned.

TWO AND ONE HALF MILLIONS

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

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 26.—The most serious 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 taken 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 & Feyer, 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. Nikolakly, 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 Market, were all gutted. The shop of contractor Lewis Havens caught fire from the rear of Blum Bros., and three men 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 chimneys. 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 the destruction of the clock and chimneys 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 employed 200 people, and as many of the men as could be used in brigades were admitted. This made the work of the trained fire



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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 persons 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.

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.

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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.

We know of but one community in the world where dyspepsia is practically unknown, and that is the Shakers of Mount Lebanon, N. Y. These good people have been studying the subject of digestion for more than a hundred years, and that they understand it pretty thoroughly, is evinced in the foregoing fact. Their Digestive Cordial is the safest and best remedy in cases of indigestion that we know of. A trial bottle can be had through your druggists for the trifling sum of 10 cents.

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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.

Bill 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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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.

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