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THE ROOF FELL IN.

Fifteen Men Dropped Into a Seething Mass of Flame.

SCENE OF HORROR IN INDIANAPOLIS

The Publishing House of the Bowen-Merrill Company Burned with Catastrophic Consequences—Twenty-five Victims Recovered, of Whom Twelve Are Dead—Others Still Buried in the Debris—List of the Unfortunates.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 18.—Yesterday afternoon fire from a furnace in the basement of the large book publishing establishment of the Bowen-Merrill company reached some paper, and in an instant the flames were carried by the elevator shaft to the fourth story.

Into the seething ruins. Part of the fire companies were on the roof working their way down to the fire. The roof seemed sound and the walls substantial, but suddenly the walls yielded.

Four men were on the upper floor under the roof. These were crushed beneath the grinding timber and all the men hurried through the falling floor beneath, which gave way beneath the weight of the mass.

Instantly ambulances were telephoned for and presently the crowd below moaned under the portentous developments. The scene on the heap of debris immediately after the catastrophe was pitiable and dreadful beyond the power of description.

As fast as willing hands could hurl away the bricks they were removed, but the ladder was too firmly held to yield. The man with the broken arm was dragged free and carried away.

On all sides blackened and bleeding faces, distorted with agony or dreadful in death, were visible. The crowd had scaled the heap to assist them to double their efforts. The debris had fallen so that it lay with a valley shaped surface and this made available space for work very small.

All the work of relief was thus carried on with great difficulty. One by one the men nearest the surface were extracted, but as the workers went down further they discovered new victims and the horror steadily grew.

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THE METHODIST CHURCH

Annual Meeting of the Philadelphia Conference at Pottsville.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., March 17.—By the close vote of 101 to 92 the Methodist Episcopal conference devoted the movement to give the laity representation equal to that of the clergy.

ALEXANDER D. SHIELDS, E. D. DIXON, C. W. DODGLEY and C. R. HARTWING were made deacons of the second class. William Shoemeth was received on credentials from the Methodist Episcopal church south.

Dr. Leonard, one of the missionary secretaries, addressed the conference in the interest of that society and Dr. Morrow, the corresponding secretary of the Bible society, presented his report.

Dr. Paxson read a report of the committee on church extension stating that the work had progressed more satisfactorily than at any period in the history of the church.

The order of the day was the consideration of the hospital question. The treasurer's report was read by J. S. J. McConnell. During the year \$19,519.78 had been contributed from various sources.

Dr. McConnell also read the report of the trustees for the year. It showed a very satisfactory condition of affairs of the society, even exceeding the expectations of the board.

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The Raleigh Break Believes the Levees.

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