

FIRE DESTROYS A BLOCK

Thirty Buildings Destroyed in Philadelphia's Business Center.

LOSS NEARLY TWO MILLIONS.

One Man Dropped Dead from Excitement and Two Firemen Injured—The Big City Hall Blistered by Heat and Plate Glass Windows Cracked—Epidemic of Fires.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 27.—A tiny spiral of smoke curled out of the cellar window of a big building on Market street at 6:50 o'clock in the morning. A few hours later one of the most valuable blocks of real estate in the city had been consumed in a raging flame. It was the block bounded by Market, Thirteenth, Filbert and Juniper streets, in the very heart of the city. A few steps to the right loomed the massive city hall, around the corner stands the great Pennsylvania railroad terminal.

The total loss is variously estimated at from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000, but in the chaos and confusion now existing it is all but impossible to secure accurate figures. The losses are very generally covered by insurance.

The fire originated in the basement of the six story building extending from 1309 to 1317 Market street, occupied in the lower floors by Hanscom Brothers, grocers, and above by the umbrella factory of Hirsch & Bro. The smoke was discovered by a policeman, who promptly turned in an alarm, but the fire made such headway that before the engines could be put to work the building was a mass of flames.

With uncontrollable rapidity it then spread in all directions, destroying about thirty buildings before it had been finally controlled. The fire reached the big tower of Wanamaker's store about an hour after it started, and the energies of the department were then almost concentrated upon saving that building. The tower was, however, entirely destroyed, together with the valuable clock chimneys; the roof all along the Market street front was badly damaged, and a great deal of the stock in the front of the store suffered from smoke and water.

The buildings wholly or partially destroyed were: Market street—1308-03, Potter & Co., photographers; John Hillman, druggist; 1305, C. K. Sterrer, cigars; 1307, H. L. Roberts & Co., photographers; 1308-17, Hirsch & Bro., umbrellas; Hanscom Brothers, grocers; A. W. Bennett, restaurant; 1319, Blum Bros., cloaks and suits; 1321, A. Marshall, restaurant; 1323, G. B. Wells, hats; 1325, John Dickson, heaters; 1327, Showell & Fryer, grocers; a number of small three-story structures on Thirteenth street up to Filbert, and four buildings on Filbert street, including the six-story printing house of Dunlap & Clarke.

The intense heat from the burning building, occupied by Hirsch Brothers, cracked nearly all the heavy plate glass in the window frames along the sixth floor of the east front of the public buildings, north from Market street, and the wooden frames are scorched, while in many places the marble in the front of the hall is cracked. This is particularly true of the marble figures directly over the entrance on the east side. This is upwards of 300 feet away from the destroyed building.

When the fire assumed alarming proportions and threatened the destruction of the entire block bounded by Thirteenth, Market, Juniper and Filbert streets orders were given to remove the records of the city, belonging to the bureau of fire and water, which are quartered in the building at the northeast corner of Juniper and Filbert streets. These records were carried across the street to the public buildings, where they were deposited in one of the rooms on the seventh floor. After the fire was gotten under control these records were returned to the respective bureaus.

One man dropped dead of excitement. He was John A. Felt, bookkeeper in the employ of a carpet firm at 1290 Market street. Felt, who was an old man, became excited while helping to get goods out of the store, and succumbed to heart disease. He was a native of Boston.

Two firemen were injured by the falling walls while engaged in fighting the fire from Silver street. They were William J. Gorman, aged 32 years, who is assistant foreman of engine company No. 1. He was severely injured about the head, and burned on the neck by the burning embers. His companion was Frank Piper, 37 years of age, a hoseman connected with engine No. 30, who was struck on the back by falling bricks and had his left shoulder contused. Several of the firemen were overcome by the smoke, while others were affected by the intense cold, and had to be taken to the Hahnemann and Medical-Chirurgical hospitals for treatment.

Loss of Life in an Arkansas Fire.

Two men were lost in a fire which occurred here in the history of this city was caused last night by a gas explosion in the Starbuck hotel, which completely gutted this building and threatened to destroy the surrounding buildings. Many persons in the hotel were sleeping, and several of their rooms by fire water. The fire was extinguished by the fire department with the aid of the fire engine. The loss of life in this fire was estimated at \$100,000.

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Friend's Prescription Caused Death.

New York, Jan. 25.—Miss Lillian Templeton, of Brooklyn, is dead, as the result of taking a prescription of a friend who meant to cure, not to kill her. Miss Templeton had been suffering from a cold. A friend gave her a prescription which called for equal parts of spirits of camphor, pepper, laudanum and balsam of fir. This prescription was filled by the Bolton Drug company. She took the medicine on Saturday evening. Saturday morning she was found unconscious, bleeding at the mouth.

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VIA TYRONE—WESTWARD.

Leave Bellefonte 9:55 a.m., arrive at Tyrone 11:30 a.m.; at Altoona, 1:30 p.m.; at Pittsburgh 6:00 p.m.

Leave Bellefonte 1:05 p.m., arrive at Tyrone 2:45 p.m.; at Altoona 4:55 p.m.; at Pittsburgh 6:40 p.m.

Leave Bellefonte 4:44 p.m.; arrive at Tyrone 6:00; at Altoona at 7:40; at Pittsburgh at 11:30

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VIA LOCK HAVEN—NORTHWARD.

Leave Bellefonte 9:25 a.m., arrive at Lock Haven 10:30 a.m.

Leave Bellefonte 1:42 p.m., arrive at Lock Haven 2:45 p.m.; at Williamsport 5:50 p.m.

Leave Bellefonte at 8:31 p.m., arrive at Lock Haven at 9:20 p.m.

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Leave Bellefonte, 9:25 a.m., arrive at Lock Haven, 10:30, leave Williamsport, 12:45 p.m., arrive at Harrisburg, 3:30 p.m., at Philadelphia at 6:25 p.m.

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VIA LEWISBURG.

Leave Bellefonte at 6:30 a.m., arrive at Lewisburg at 8:15 a.m., Harrisburg, 11:30 a.m., Philadelphia, 5:30 p.m.

Leave Bellefonte, 2:15 p.m., arrive at Lewisburg, 4:47, at Harrisburg, 7:10 p.m., Philadelphia at 11:15 p.m.

LEWISBURG & TYRONE RAILROAD. In effect Nov. 15, 1896.

Table with columns for WESTWARD and EASTWARD, showing stations and times for various routes.

Morning trains from Montandon, Lewisburg, Williamsport, Lock Haven and Tyrone connect with train No. 3 for State College. Afternoon trains from Montandon, Lewisburg, Tyrone and No. 5 from Lock Haven connect with Train No. 5 for State College. Trains from State College connect with Penna. R. trains at Bellefonte.

*Daily, except Sunday. F. H. THOMAS, Supt.

THE CENTRAL RAILROAD OF PENNA.

Time Table effective Nov. 16, 1896.

Table with columns for READ DOWN and READ UP, showing stations and times for various routes.

*Daily. † Week Days. ‡ 6:00 p. m. Sunday 1:30:10 a. m. Sunday

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