

BIG DAY FOR FIRES.

The Greatest One, Occurring in Syracuse, Causes a Loss of at Least \$1,000,000. MANY BUSINESS BLOCKS BURNED. A Branch Store of the Big Pittsburgh Steel Firm of Park Brothers Among the Heavy Losers.

AN ASYLUM HORROR NEAR NASHVILLE

Chicago Firelight by a Dangerous and Deadly Blast Near a Hotel and Theater. SYRACUSE, March 14.—Syracuse never opened its eyes on such a spectacular drama as roused her from her morning slumber today. Hardly were the early risers astir when the whole population was suddenly roused by cries of "Fire! The Hogan block is going, and all Fayette street is going!"

The fire soon spread to the north side of West Fayette street, and Chief Reilly quickly saw that the threatened destruction was too great for his apparatus to fight. He wired Oswego and Rome to send aid, and he had hardly done so when the danger was suddenly doubled. A fire and smoke burst without warning from the top of Roscoe Brothers' five-story block in East Washington street, four blocks away.

A Second Conflagration Started. A flying brand from West Fayette street had caused it, and before the overworked firemen could send relief this second fire also was beyond control, with only a single stream playing upon it.

A cry of horror went up from the crowd and everybody felt that a man was lost. The wall for about the distance from the Montgomery street corner to the Roscoe building had fallen in, crushing the floors below and bringing down the roof to the ground. When the smoke cleared away, as it did in a moment or two under the sweeping action of the flames, the man was seen in the act of raising a wall which he immediately closed and as quickly raised again.

A Man Perishes in the Flames. The fire was raging all about him, and the feeling was that he was doomed beyond all possibility of rescue. He was not seen to emerge from any other part of the building, and it is thought that he perished in the flames.

About 2 o'clock the Oswego relief came by special train, having made the run from Lamson, 19 miles, in 17 minutes. Half an hour later the Utica engine, with a hose cart and company, came in and began playing on the Washington street fire.

The flames, urged on by the gale, were hardly checked by the firemen, and two locomotive fire engines from the Central yards were sent to the Vanderbilt House corner. They probably saved the hotel. The whole loss is estimated at \$1,000,000, and at 11 A. M. the fires were under control.

In the West Fayette street fire the Hogan block, a six-story stone front building, was first destroyed. The center store was occupied by Hier & Lighton, cigar manufacturers, and the next by M. P. Walsh, hardware dealer. T. P. Hogan's loss on the block is \$50,000, with \$25,000 insurance. Hier & Lighton lose \$18,000, with \$12,000 insurance. Walsh has \$10,000 insurance, and his loss exceeds this.

The Losses in Other Blocks. The four-story building next, east, was burned. It was also owned by Hogan, was valued at \$9,000, and the insurance is \$6,000. The furnace company loses \$10,000, nearly covered by insurance. Christ & Sehl have \$20,000 insurance, and claim that their loss will exceed that. Justin Zuber's cigar factory was damaged by water. His stock was valued at \$100,000, with \$75,000 insurance. John H. Link, dealer in wholesale liquors, suffered some damage. The United States Hotel, which was burned, was owned by Daniel O'Keefe, and his loss is put at \$100,000.

On the north side of Fayette street the Van Reensselaer block, owned by William Avers, first burned, and the Seneca House next, east, also burned. The loss on buildings is \$60,000; insurance, \$22,000. Several tenants lost small amounts. David Davis owned the next building east, and the loss is put at \$20,000. John Kaufman owned the three-story brick block next. His loss is \$18,000. J. L. Davis, broker, lost \$8,000, with \$1,500 insurance, and W. C. Tucker, furniture, lost \$10,000.

One Pittsburgh Firm a Loser. The brownstone Fay block also went. The block was valued at \$5,000, partly insured. The Syracuse Supply Company had a stock of \$35,000, insured for \$25,000. The branch of Park Brothers, of Pittsburg, had a stock of \$12,000, insurance \$4,000. Other losses here amount to \$50,000.

In the Montgomery street fire the blocks burned were the Journal, the Roscoe, the Yates and Montgomery flats, and a part of the Cascoe House. Among the individual losses are that of Deane & Doucette, liquorists, \$15,000 to \$20,000; insurance, \$10,000. The heaviest loss in the East Washington street fire is on the Montgomery. The buildings were owned by the Yates estate, and the loss is put at \$300,000, with insurance of \$100,000. The 100 tenants lose \$50,000, partly insured. The Journal Company's loss is \$50,000; insurance, two-thirds. The loss on the Christian Commission block is \$40,000, partly insured. B. W. Roscoe, wholesale fruits, loses \$20,000, partly insured. Other losses by this fire are about \$65,000.

A HOTEL AND A THEATER IMPERILED. Panic Caused in the Sherman House in Chicago by a \$100,000 Blaze. CHICAGO, March 14.—Panic reigned for a time in a portion of the Sherman House early this morning. The fire which disturbed the slumbers of the hundreds of guests had its origin in the wholesale drug house of Humiston, Keeling & Co. The fire caused an explosion, which blew out the iron shutters and sent the flames to the roof and basement. Myriads of burning embers fell in the court over the great class skylight against the office, falling like a rain of fire past the windows of the inside rooms. All the guests occupying rooms on the side of the hotel near the fire were soon aroused and moved out of their rooms to other quarters. Hoolley's Theater caught fire several times, and the flames were with difficulty extinguished. The loss to the theater by smoke, which poured through the windows, may be considerable. As it was, the streams of two engines were continually directed against the smoking and blazing rear hall of the play house. For a time it was feared that both the Sherman House and theater would go. The loss will aggregate \$100,000.

FIRE IN A COUNTY JAIL. It Does but Little Damage, but Prisoners Suffer From Suffocation. LOWELL, MASS., March 14.—A fire broke out in the basement of the Middlesex county jail building, where 200 bales of cotton are

stored. There were several hundred prisoners in the jail. The fire was brought under control about 12 o'clock, with not very great damage to the building, in which all the prisoners remained, many of them suffering considerably from the suffocating smoke.

AN ASYLUM IN FLAMES. SIX POOR INMATES MEET THEIR DEATH AND 25 ESCAPE.

All the Violent Patients Safe in a Detent Wing—The 400 Unfortunates in the Institution Thrown Into Wild Confusion—Aid Arrives From Nashville.

NASHVILLE, TENN., March 14.—The Central Insane Asylum, situated seven miles from this city, is almost a mass of ruins. Beneath it are the charred bodies of half a dozen of the unfortunate inmates. At 10:45 last night Watchman Pittsburgh discovered a tongue of flame breaking through the western main wing of the building. It reached from the ground through the second and third stories and cut off the few rooms that were behind it. In a moment the alarm was given, and the 400 inmates of the institution were thrown into wild commotion. There were 28 in the wing when the fire was discovered, and 22 of them were quickly removed to the main hall, the other six being left to their fates behind the impassable wall of flames.

The following are the names of the patients, all males and white, who perished in the flames: J. S. Johns, of Sutherland county; J. Bert Dexter, of Wilson; Blue Preston, of Cannon; John Kelly, of Wayne; W. H. Beatty, of Hickman; B. F. Holloway, of Davidson. When the fire was discovered the fire was telephoned for aid, but before the engines arrived the west wing collapsed, and the inmates made frantic by their danger, began to break from the guard and run like frightened animals over the surrounding country. The engines arrived on the scene at 2:15 o'clock, and in a few moments water was playing on the main building.

At 3:15 o'clock the inmates who had been huddled for several hours in the yard in front of the main building were returned to the east wing. About 25 had escaped, the majority of whom were harmless. At that hour the west wing was entirely demolished and about one-half of the main building. The dangerous inmates were kept locked all the time in the east wing, and none of them were subjected to exposure or danger during the progress of the flames. The fire was fully under control at 3:30 o'clock and the inmates were comfortably housed and all was quiet. It is impossible as yet to give any estimate of the loss, though it will be heavy. The building was fully insured.

A Brewery Burned. BUFFALO, March 14.—Veyand's brewery, on Washington street, above Goodell, was burned about 4 o'clock this afternoon. The loss will reach \$60,000.

\$6 JACKETS reduced to \$2. JOHN P. KNABLE CO., 35 Fifth av.

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