THE TERRIBLE DISASTER IN RICHMOND.

Fifty Persons Killed and Upwards of One Hundred Wounded.

RICHMOND, April 27.—A terrible calamity occurred here this morning. The floor of the Court of Appeals in the State Capitol gave way and precipitated the hundreds therein assembled to hear the decision in the Mayoralty case of Ellison and Cabson, upon the Conservative caucus then sitting in the Hall of the House of Delegates below. It is impossible to ascertain the extent of the injuries at present.

Among the killed are P. H. Aylett, a distinguished lawyer; Dr. J. B. Brock, reporter for the *Enquirer and Examiner*; Samuel Eaton, clerk of Mayhon's Court; Colonel William A. Charters, Chief of the Fire Department; N. P. Howard, a lawyer; Ash Levy, a Richmond merchant; Charles Watson, of the Danville Railroad; Hugh Hutcheson, Lewis N. Webb, of the city; ——— Scholfield, brother of Gen. Schofield; H. H. Maury, Jr.; Senator Bland, (colored), and Powhatan Robertson.

It is supposed that twenty members of the State Legislature are killed and wounded. The Judges of the Court of Appeals all escaped unhurt. Ex-Governor Wells was badly injured.

L. H. Chandler, counsel for Ellison in the Mayoralty case, was injured. James Mason and Judge Meredith, counsel for Ellison, were also badly hurt.

About 200 persons were hurt by the accident. The greatest excitement prevails, and hundreds of persons in the Capital Square are weeping and wailing for the dead and dying are brought out of the building. Governor Walker escaped unhurt, though on the floor of the court-room at the time.

RICHMOND, April 27.—In addition to the particulars before published the following are given:

About 11 o'clock the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia was crowded with eminent citizens and many lady Politicians and a great many of the public at large, who were drawn there by the high stake involved in the late hearing of the question as to the Mayoralty of Richmond. The friends of Messrs. Ellison and Cabson, who comprise the Conservative Republicans and Conservatives of the city, had assembled to hear the decision which it was expected would be given to-day. Among the many prominent persons were ex-Governor Wells, ex-Congressman Richard Johns, John A. Meredith, Patrick H. Aylett, ex-United States District Attorney Lewis Webb, ex-United States District-Attorney L. H. Chandler, and others.

At eleven o'clock the gallery of the court-room, which was crowded, fell in, the floor followed, and then descended like a flash to the floor below, which was the hall of the House of Delegates of Virginia, on which some few of the members of a caucus were then walking around. There was a general crash of all the timbers and the falling of the leaden roof, by which were killed the following: Patrick H. Aylett; Captain Charters, Chief of the Fire Brigade; E. M. Scholfield, City Assessor, and brother of General Scholfield, late Secretary of War; Dr. J. B. Brock, editor of the *Richmond Enquirer*; Julius A. Hobson, City Collector; S. Dugger, member of the House of Delegates; T. A. Brown, commission merchant of Richmond; Samuel Eaton, of Boston, Massachusetts, and formerly connected with the Boston Theatre; Powhatan Roberts, Commissioner in Chancery in the Court of Common Pleas; James A. Blamiere, of Berlin, Prussia; S. E. Burnham, of Syracuse, N. Y.; N. P. Howard, lawyer; Ash Levy, merchant; Senator Bland, colored Senator from Prince Edward; J. Mason, member of the House of Delegates; Wilcox, ex-rebel general; Samuel H. Hairston, a wealthy land-owner of Henry county; Chas. Grimes, of Washington, D. C.; Robert H. Maury, Jr., land agent; Edward Ward, of Richmond; Lewis Webb; Richard Robertson, colored Baptist minister; Colonel Pettigrew; Lewis Ginter, ex-Quartermaster United States marshal; W. E. Randolph, of New York; R. E. Bradshaw, grocer, and thirty-three others—amongst whom were one captain, one sergeant, and nine privates of the police, who were on duty in the building.

Among the wounded were ex-Governor Wells, ribs broken and otherwise internally injured; Major H. K. Ellison, slightly; Mayor Cabson, slightly; L. H. Chandler, judge John A. Meredith, James Neeson, John Howard; Bolling Burgess, colored; Joe Jackson; Wm. C. Dunham, agent of the Virginia and New York Steamship Line; Hon. Thomas S. Bocock, ex-Speaker of the Confederate House of Representatives, leg amputated; General M. L. Coxe, ex-aide-general of the rebel army; Col. George W. Brent, of Alexandria; Captain George W. Bickford; Capt. Wm. C. Elam, newspaper correspondent and broker; Thos. S. Baldwin, merchant, from Newark, N. J.; W. A. Chesterman, of Petersburg; Dr. Wm. H. Hoper, merchant, of Baltimore, and about one hundred others.

Directly after the disaster occurred the fire alarm was used to give notice, and the hook and ladder companies of the city repaired at once to the scene. A cordon of police was drawn around the fallen building, and the ladders were thrown up to the windows. For three hours the scene was full of horror. Minute after minute the groans of the victims, as by a rope tied around the middle of the body, some popular favorite, who, after being taken up on the shoulders of one of the fire brigade, was brought down the ladder into the green of the public park, where it was instantly surrounded by two or three thousand of those who had gathered at the report of the disaster. The park was filled with agonized, weeping women and anxious men until two o'clock, when the last victim was drawn from the building.

After this the police closed the park, refusing admittance to any one. The bodies of the dead having been sent out, all the stores in the city were closed, and placards put up, reading, "Closed in consequence of the disaster at the Capitol." No more business was done during the day. To-night meetings of the Press Association, members of the late military associations, members of the bar, and citizens generally are being held. To-morrow will be observed as a day of general mourning.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—A gentleman of Richmond now here gives the following particulars of some of the persons who were killed in the calamity: Patrick Henry Aylett was formerly the Confederate States District Attorney, and since the war has been one of the editors of the *Examiner and Inquirer*. He was a great grandson of Patrick Henry, of revolutionary fame. Edwin M. Scholfield is the youngest brother of Major-General Scholfield, was a United States army officer during the war, and was appointed by the military commander assistant clerk of the city of Richmond.

Julius A. Hobson was an old citizen of Richmond, and for the past ten years was city collector. Samuel A. Eaton, formerly of Boston, was an old member of the Boston press; was some time attached to the *Herald* of that city; was once a theatrical manager, and has been Mayor's clerk for years. Wm. Powhatan Roberts, a native of Virginia, was one of the leading members of the bar. J. W. D. Bland, colored, Senator from Prince Edward county, was a man of much ability and a leading man among his race.

Among the wounded are: H. H. Wells, ex-Governor. He was formerly in the United States army; was in command of the defences of Washington south of the Potomac; was appointed by General Schofield military governor of Virginia, and was defeated at the late election by the present Governor Walker.

Henry K. Ellison, one of the proprietors of the Richmond *Dispatch*. He was elected by the City Council under the enabling act to succeed Cabson as Mayor of Richmond. George Cabson, formerly of Petersburg, was appointed by General Schofield Mayor of Richmond. The contest for the Mayoralty between these two gentlemen was the occasion of the decree from the court-room.

L. H. Chandler, of Norfolk, formerly from Maine, was United States district attorney for Virginia until July last, and since the war was elected a member of the United States Congress from the Norfolk district, but was not admitted to a seat. He is now a prominent lawyer, and is well known at the North as a leading public speaker in behalf of the Republican party during the Presidential canvass.

John A. Meredith was formerly judge of the Circuit Court for Richmond; was counsel for General Schofield; was leading counsel for Ellison. James Neeson, formerly of Richmond, was a member of the Confederate Legislature, and lately assistant United States district attorney; was associate counsel for Ellison.

John Howard is one of the leading lawyers of Richmond. William C. Dunham is agent of the Old Dominion Steamship Company at Richmond, and a member of the City Council. Thomas S. Bocock was formerly a member of the United States Congress, and an opponent of Sherman for the Speakership; was Speaker of the Confederate Congress; is now practicing law at Lynchburg.

Col. G. W. Brent, of Alexandria, was aide-de-camp to General Gen. Ks. L. Johnston during the war. Rush Burgess is Collector of Internal Revenue for Richmond. W. D. Grimes was connected with the Richmond *Enquirer*, as reporter.

A private telegram from Richmond says that the court was about to deliver an opinion in favor of Ellison, one of the judges dissenting, as the floor fell.

CITY BULLETIN.

—James A. Freeman sold yesterday, at the Exchange, the following: Share Mercantile Library, $6; 2 pews Central Presbyterian Church, $10; building lot, Potlemish street, below Tasker, 20x100 feet, $250; 2 three-story brick dwellings, 1318 and 1320 Hamilton street, and 1317 Fisher street, 16x100 feet, subject to $28 ground rent, $1,025; ground rent of $180 per annum, $1,800; three-story brick dwelling, No. 1124 Oxford street, lot 15x60 feet, $2,075; three-story brick dwelling, No. 1126 Oxford street, adjoining, lot subject to $60 ground rent, $1,050; building lot, Hickory street, below Front, 16x60 feet, $370; three-story brick dwelling, No. 500 North Third street, lot 16x100 feet, $4,800 (two-story back building known as the Monroe Public School, Buttonwood street, east of Eleventh, lot 50x100 feet, subject to $100 ground rent per annum, $19,500; interest in two lots, Girard and Montgomery streets, lot 100 feet in front by 100 feet in rear and Hanover street, $35; interest in lot, Marriott street, below Ninth, $15. Sold for private sale since last report, lot of ground at the southwest corner of Eighth and Vine streets, 80x80 feet, $60,000.

—Charles Wade, aged about 20 years, residing at No. 611 South Front street, was stabbed in Fifth street, above Catharine, last evening, about 8 o'clock, by two men, one of whom struck him several times in the face, and then cut him twice in the head. His assailants then ran off. Wade fell to the sidewalk, but was soon removed to a neighboring drug store, where his wounds were dressed. He alleged that on Sunday last a dispute took place between himself and a man named Edward Mullen, aged about 27 years, residing in Catharine street, below Fifth, and that last evening Mullen, in company with another man, met him at the Apple Levy, where the stranger inflicted the blows and cut him in the head. After having his wounds dressed Wade was accompanied to his home by a policeman.

—The frame wheelwright shop and a frame stable, belonging to Justice Colin, in Paschallville, Twenty-seventh Ward, were destroyed by fire about four o'clock yesterday morning. The loss is estimated at $1,000 in each case. The flames extended to a frame dwelling occupied by J. VanHorn, and which was also burned down. A part of the furniture was removed in safety. The loss on the building is estimated at $500. The dwelling is insured for $700. Loss on furniture about $400; no insurance.

—The Cardinal tournament for the championship of Pennsylvania was continued yesterday afternoon and evening, at the Assembly Building, Tenth and Chestnut streets. Four three-ball French carom games of one hundred points were played during the day and evening, and appended will be found the names of the players, and the result of the games: First Game—Rockhill, 100; McAleer, 32. Second Game—Hunkett, 100; Palmer, 32. Third Game—McAleer, 100; Hyde, 92. Fourth Game—Palmer, 100; Hunter, 45.

—The School Directors of the Twenty-second Section have passed a resolution approving of the course of Miss Bessie Archer, the musician and lecturer, and continuing her in her position. The Board also passed a resolution to the effect that they consider under well conducted to elevate and refine, and at the same time afford a pleasing and healthful recreation to the pupils.

—In response to the appeal in the EVENING BULLETIN, the following contributions to the fund for the orphan children of Capt. Wilkins, of the Oneida, have been received:

Previously reported	$100
J. Ellis Barton, M. D.	50
H. Godey, Jun.	20
Total	$170

—While the family of Mr. J. R. C. Ward, residing at 1328 Arch street, were looking at the parade, on Tuesday, thieves entered the dining-room in the rear, by scaling a fence, and carried off about $150 worth of silverware. The plated-ware was carefully selected from the silver and left behind in the yard.

—The will of the late Bridget Fagan was admitted to probate yesterday. It contains two bequests of a public nature—one of $100 to the St. John's Orphan Asylum and the other of $100 to St. Vincent's Church, of Germantown; for the use of the poor.

—Daniel McNeill, aged 14 years, fell forty feet through the hatchway at Simpson's print works, at Manayunk, yesterday afternoon, and was seriously hurt. He lives at the Falls of Schuylkill.

—Edward Tully, charged with having picked a pocket at Walnut Street wharf, was up before Alderman Kerr yesterday morning, but the prosecutor failed to appear and the accused was discharged.

—Patrick Burke was at the Central Station yesterday, charged with having stabbed James O'Lane at Sixth and Pine streets, on Sunday, and was held in $1,000 bail to answer at Court.

—A dilapidated and uncoupled frame shanty in Dougherty's court, between Seventh and Sixth streets, fell down yesterday afternoon. Nobody hurt.

—Samuel L. Hill, charged with having stabbed his wife, was yesterday held in $1,000 bail for trial.

NEW JERSEY HATTERS.

PRINCE STREET, TRENTON, April 27.—In Camden county the valuation of personal property is as follows: Camden city, $107,700; Union township, $20,000; Centre, $2,200; Gloucester, $3,850; Delaware, $1,150; Haddon, $29,400; Monroe, $4,600; Newton, $8,500; Stockton, $1,500; Washington, $2,150; Waterford, $4,700. Total, $176,200.

Benj Porch.—Last night Coroner Robert S. Bender, of Camden, held an inquest on the body of a man who was found drowned in the dock at Kaighn's Point. There was nothing discovered about him which would lead to his identification.

AMUSEMENTS.

MR. THUNDER'S CONCERT, FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 29, 1870, MUSICAL FUND HALL. The Programme consists of BEETHOVEN'S GRAND QUINTETTE in C, Op. 29, for Two Violins, Viola and Two Violoncellos. Vocal Selections by Miss ADELAIDE GERMANN, Mr. ERNESTINE SCHUMANN-HEINK, ROSENTA BERESFORD, and Mr. ALFRED JAEGER. Tickets, $1 and $2, for sale at Trumpler's, Ledererer's, Gilbert's, and at the Hall on the evening of the Concert. Doors open at 7½; Concert to commence at 8½ o'clock. 4t

FOR SALE—AT GERMANTOWN, an elegant painted Brick Residence on W. Tulpehocken street, opposite Germantown Academy, containing 10 rooms, coach-house, cow-house, fine ornamental grounds, fruit, shade trees, &c. It desirable and convenient. Apply on the premises, or at No. 411 Walnut street. apl26-3t

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TO CAPITALISTS AND BUILDERS.—Valuable Building Lots, 100 feet front by 200 feet, on NORTH BROAD STREET, between Norris and Diamond streets, Nineteenth Ward, for sale. Apply to PARK EVANS, 1107 Chestnut street. Apply No. 522 Chestnut street.

MERCHANTVILLE N. J.—BUILDING LOTS, 50 feet front by 200 feet deep, for sale. Apply at THIRTY MINUTES FROM FRONT AND MARKET STREETS. Philadelphia, Fare by the Annual Ticket. Apply on the premises, or at No. 227 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

TO RENT.

To Let.

SUPERIOR STORE, N. W. corner Eighth and Jayne Streets.

First Store above Chestnut Street.

The owner, now occupying the upper Rooms, will Lease the whole building from first of July next. The location is one of the most active business centres, first class, with the usual conveniences and appliances for a large business. Apply at the Merchants' Hotel, to the Market street jobbing houses, and desirable for any retail or jobbing trade, or for a public restaurant.

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FOR RENT—HANDSOME COUNTRY SEAT, with 10 acres of land, on Old York Road, five minutes' walk from Oak Lane station, on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Camden and Atlantic Railroad Company for the election of a President and Directors to serve the ensuing year, will be held at the Company's office, in Trenton, N. J., on Tuesday, the 10th day of May, 1870, at 12 o'clock, noon, at which time and place the subscribers will be ready to receive the votes of stockholders.

SAMUEL R. SHIPLEY, Secretary. C. S. A. B. A. T. R. R. 4t

OFFICE OF SHAMOKIN AND BEAR VALLEY COAL COMPANY, No. 234 WALNUT STREET. PHILADELPHIA, April 26, 1870. The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Shamokin and Bear Valley Coal Company will be held at the office of the Company, on Tuesday, May 3, 1870, at 12 o'clock, noon, when and where a board of Managers will be elected to serve the ensuing year.

HARVEY SHAW, apl26 4t w th m Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, April 27, 1870. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company will be held at the Room of the Company, No. 227 Chestnut street, on the 3rd street, south side, on TUESDAY, the third day of May next, at 12 o'clock, noon, when and where a board of Managers will be elected to serve the ensuing year.

E. W. CLARK, President. apl27 3t

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FOR SALE.

BROWN STONE RESIDENCE FOR SALE, No. 1922 ARCH STREET. Elegant Brown Stone Residence, 22 feet front on Mainland front; very commodious, furnished with every modern convenience and finish in a way to attract the fastidious gentleman. Lot 18 feet front by 100 feet deep to Wallnut street. Stable for two horses. Immediate possession can be given. J. M. GUMMEY & SONS, 733 WALNUT STREET. apl26 3t

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TO LET—SECOND-STORY, FRONT Room, with Bedroom, No. 32 S. 3d st. Apply or no office of light footed GEORGE W. BROTHERS.

FOR RENT, A FURNISHED HOUSE in the city, containing 10 rooms, with Stable, Coach-house, and Grounds, for a term of two or three consecutive months, or for the year. Apply on the premises, Spring Garden, above Schuylkill Front.

TO LET—A FINE THIRD-STORY FRONT Room, Bedroom, near Frankford; with lower Bedroom, if desired. Gas, Bath, Hot and Cold Water, &c. Apply at 1 Franklin Place, Fifth street, above Spring Garden.

FOR RENT—THE HANDSOME Country Residence, near Frankford, with lower Bedroom, if desired. Gas, Bath, Hot and Cold Water, &c. Apply at 1 Franklin Place, Fifth street, above Spring Garden.

FOR RENT—FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHED, the Country Seat, Oak Lane, Germantown, containing 12 rooms, Gas, Water, Bath, Stable, Coach-house, Ice-house, Grounds, Shade Trees, Shrubbery, Grapery, Fruit, Vegetables, &c. Apply to JOHN TURNER, near the premises, or to THOS. MACKEY, No. 21 Dock street. 4t

TO RENT—HOUSE, SCHOOL, or Boarding-house, in the Square, Germantown; ten rooms; Gas; Hot and Cold Water; Bath; Stable; Coach-house; Ice-house; Grounds; Shade Trees; Shrubbery; Grapery; Fruit, Vegetables, &c. Apply at No. 21 Dock street. 4t

TO BE LET—THE DWELLING House, No. 925 Filbert street. Inquire at No. 919 Filbert street. apl26-3t

TO RENT—A HANDSOME RESIDENCE, No. 1217 Spruce street, with all the modern improvements, and in good order. Apply to CUTTUCK & JORDAN, 434 Walnut street.