

THE DELEVAN BLAZE

Albany's Famous Hotel Becomes Food for the Fire Fiend. FOUR PERSONS ARE INJURED

Although the Fire Was Discovered Soon After 8 O'Clock in the Evening the Numerous Guests Had Barely Time to Escape—Heroism of Porter Edward Walsh. Narrow Escape of Several Guests.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 30.—The Delevan House proper was gutted by fire tonight. There were 100 guests in the house. All escaped, although two women and one man, who jumped from the third story windows into the street, were badly injured. They are: Mrs. H. F. Fookes, wife of the agent of the National Cash Register company, of this city; Benjamin Hellman and his wife, of Brooklyn, who were on their wedding tour. Mr. Fookes was badly burned but will recover. His wife was internally injured and will die. Mr. Hellman was badly burned about the chest and internally injured. He will probably die before morning. His wife is badly burned about the face, her nose split, and she was cut on the ankle. She will recover. The speaker's fight was on in its intensity tonight when the cry of fire rang through the corridors of the Delevan House at 8:44 o'clock. The headquarters of the candidates were on the first floor over the lobbies, otherwise the large crowds which filled the corridors and rooms would not have so luckily escaped. The fire started in the basement on the Broadway side, directly under the elevator shaft, and spread with the rapidity of lightning. No one had time to save anything above the main floor, and before the terrified guests and waiters had emerged upon the street the flames had broken through the roof. The elevator shaft was adjacent to the Broadway stairway and the flames cut the ground level in the northern end of the hotel in which nearly two-thirds of the guests were located. Those who were not able to get past the elevator shaft so as to pass down the main stairway on Steuben street were without hope of escape for some minutes until their way was directed to the servants' stairway in the north section of the structure. It was some time after the alarm sounded before the department responded.

Narrow Escapes from Death. Meanwhile every effort was made to save those who were in the upper stories. E. A. Manchester, the postmaster of the assembly, came down a rope on the Broadway side from a fourth story window and escaped with no injury except to his hands. E. W. Arnold, of Rochester, also reached ground in this manner. Edmund Walsh, a porter, who, as soon as he heard the cry of fire, went through the house alarming the guests, found his escape cut off on reaching the upper stories, and succeeded in getting out on the roof of the center annex and, with Edwin Murphy, another employe, was rescued with the aid of ladders. Walsh's hair was singed and his hands and arms were badly burned. A man and his wife who were on the same roof would not let each other be saved until the firemen carried them down the ladder. The man was afraid to venture down, and, to add to this, his wife did not want to be left alone for a minute. Mrs. Zen, of Hillsdale, who only last week was removed from the hospital care to the hotel, was carried out by ex-Congressman Henry C. Burleigh, of Whitehall, Judge C. S. McLaughlin, of Port Henry, and Deputy Constitutional Convention Compiler McGonigal, who wrapped her in his great coat. Mrs. Moore, wife of one of the proprietors, was sick and had to be carried out. Jumped from Third Story. Mrs. Fookes jumped from the third story window, above the main floor, striking on the balcony on the main floor and rolling off on the sidewalk, a fall of sixty feet. Mr. Hellman jumped from a window on the same floor, but jumped clear of the balcony, falling on a snow bank. Mrs. Hellman also jumped, but struck the balcony and likewise rolled off into the street below. All three came down, it seems, almost unscathed. Mrs. Hellman's fall was broken somewhat by striking on the heads and shoulders of three men who were passing. D. P. Brockway, of New York city, was cut on the arm in forcing the window of his room. He was rescued from the third story with the aid of a ladder. Assemblyman Keck, of Johnstown, went through the second and third floors notifying the guests of their danger. He helped twenty people to an exit, and had a narrow escape himself. There were many thrilling escapes, and it is surprising that the casualties are so few when the sweep with which the fire spread throughout the guest floors of the main building is considered. The guests of the hotel lost almost everything they had. The hotel is about fifty years old and is run by P. E. Roedel, who now runs the Arlington hotel at Washington. The Delevan House is owned by the Delevan and Ransom estate, and was valued at about \$250,000, including the furniture.

WHIPPED FOR INUMANITY. A Negro Leaves His Wife to Die and Her Body to Mice. By the United Press. Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 29.—A mob of 100 negroes caught Jim Chockley at Tullahoma, took him to the woods during a blinding snow storm, stripped him, whipped him nearly to death and ordered him to leave the country before day. While drunk Chockley left his wife last Monday night while she was sick in her home, and when he returned Tuesday evening she was dead. Then he left home, got drunk and went to a negro dance. When the dance was found the mice had eaten her eyes out. RUSH FOR THE OFFICES. Many Applicants for Positions at Harrisburg Will Be Disappointed. By the United Press. Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 30.—The scramble for place is greater at this time than at the organization of the legislature for many years. There are scores of applicants for every place and there will necessarily be many disappointed ones. The senate committee will meet tomorrow morning and apportion the places. The house caucus will be held tomorrow evening. Representative Jerome B. Niles, of Tioga, will be chairman, and Representatives B. F. Focht, W. O. Smith and A. N. Pomeroy, secretaries. Mr. James, of York, will present the name of Mr. Watson, of Philadelphia, for speaker and Mr. Lyttle, of Huntingdon, will be chairman of the state committee of thirty which will select the officers and employes. It is stated that the committees of the two houses will be announced Thursday, Jan. 10. The legislators are slowly gathering and will all be here tomorrow.

CONDENSED STATE TOPICS. The Farmers' Institute at Wernersville endorsed the practice of dehorning cattle. Peter Hartman, aged 86, of Alsace township, Berks county, was attacked and probably fatally injured by a bear. The store of Williams & Co., at Oak Ridge, Armstrong county, was robbed of \$2,000 worth of jewelry Christmas night. An effort is being made to have the Lancaster County Mutual Live Stock company dissolved, on the ground that it is insolvent. Elmer Boots and Jonathan Schultz, alleged Welsh mountain desperadoes, were arrested at Ephrata yesterday, charged with robbing the store at Moslen Springs.

FOREIGN SNAP SHOTS. The United States cruiser Detroit sailed from Naples for China yesterday. It is proposed that the professors of all German universities unite in celebrating Bismarck's eightieth birthday. The Indian legislative council has put a 5 per cent duty on cotton yarns and fabrics, and levied a 4 per cent excise duty on cotton goods manufactured in India. Germany and Austria will follow Italy's lead by ordering their ambassadors at Constantinople to co-operate with representatives of the other powers in taking action with regard to the horrors in Armenia.

NEW YEAR IN WASHINGTON. The White House Programme One of Unusual Brilliance. MRS. GRANT AND THE VETERANS. Widow of the Great General Declines to Receive Her Husband's Old Comrades. State and Cabinet Dinner to Follow in Rapid Succession. By the United Press. Washington, Dec. 30.—The festivities of New Year's week in Washington according to all the indications will be marked by more than usual brilliancy. There has been no change in the customary white house programme. President and Mrs. Cleveland, the latter assisted by the ladies of the cabinet, will receive the diplomatic corps, the officers of the army and navy, the judges of the supreme court, senators and representatives in congress and others in the beautifully decorated portion of the White House from 11 a. m. until 2 p. m. Secretary Gresham will give the customary noon day breakfast to the diplomatic corps in the Arlington House annex. The wives of the cabinet officers and also the families of the justices of the supreme court will subsequently hold receptions. Notwithstanding hard times "open house" will be very generally kept in society circles in Washington and moderating weather holding out a prospect of favorable climate conditions. The widow of General Grant has indicated to the Union Veteran Legion, of this city, in response to a request to appoint an hour on New Year's day to receive them, that she is not prepared to present to emerge from her ten years' seclusion, but in a year from now she hopes to meet the soldier comrades of her late husband. Mrs. Grant's letter is as follows: My Dear Major Wright—In reply to your most considerate communication of Dec. 27, I beg to say that circumstances just as I am at present find it quite impossible, much as I desire to do so, to receive the honored, the beloved comrades of my husband, General Grant. Hoping in another twelve months to be so situated that I may have that pleasure, and fully appreciating all that your kind letter conveys, I am with best wishes for the new year. Yours greatly and sincerely, Julia D. Grant. Mrs. James G. Blaine has resumed the occupancy of the big house on Dupont Circle, but it is said she will not remain in Washington, her present stay being simply for the reason that her two houses have remained so long unrented that they have become a serious drawback. On Thursday next, the president and Mrs. Cleveland will give the first state dinner of the season. Cabinet dinners will follow in quick succession, the postmaster general and Mrs. Bissell leading off.

NATURAL GAS EXPLOSION

Six People Are Seriously Injured at Elwood, Indiana. IGNITED BY A HEATED STOVE. Quiet Customers in a Barber Shop Badly Shaken Up by an Explosion of Natural and Sewer Gas—Leak in the Mats. By the United Press. Elwood, Ind., Dec. 30.—A fearful natural gas and sewer gas explosion occurred here this morning shortly after midnight, in which six men came near losing their lives, all being terribly injured, two having broken legs. The building occupied by Milo See's barber shop was utterly demolished and the furniture and fixtures blown into fragments. The injured are: Milo See, proprietor, terribly injured on head, face and back, but will recover; Harry Goetze, barber, cut on face, head and body; Charles Hand, barber, leg broken in three places and other serious injuries; recovery doubtful; Jerry Claxton, customer, leg broken, cut on face; Alfred Anderson, customer, was in a chair and was blown with it through a plate glass window, and badly cut; Fred Betner, customer, face and hands cut. The cause of the explosion was due to a bad leak in the gas mains which found an outlet in the sewer that communicated with the bath rooms to the shop. From there it accumulated under the floor and around the walls of the shop behind the plaster and soon began to fill the room. All evening the smell of sewer gas and other gas had been noticed and finally it got so strong the doors were opened to purify the room. The fire in the stove in the shop was burning brightly, and when the air became saturated with the gas the explosion occurred. The loss is estimated at \$2,000 with no insurance.

WRECK OF BARK OSSEO.

The British Craft and Entire Crew Perish. Heroic Efforts by Life Saving Crew Are Made in Vain. By the United Press. London, Dec. 30.—The British bark Osseo was wrecked in a gale at Holy Head early this morning and, with her perished her entire crew of twenty-six men. The Osseo was driven ashore back of the Holy Head breakwater. Her signals of distress were first heard by the coast guard about 4 o'clock in the morning. At that time it was pitch dark and great waves were washing over the breakwater. In spite of the danger of being washed out to sea the guard proceeded along the breakwater, and having rigged up the rocket apparatus, began firing life lines in the direction of the wreck. The faint light of the rockets soon disclosed the fact that the vessel had broken in two amidships and that the mainmast had fallen, crushing the lives of several of the crew. A few survivors could be seen clinging to each half of the vessel and their piteous cries for help could be heard above the roar of the stern.

KILLED WITH HIS OWN GUN.

Tennessee Farmer's Attempt to Murder Results in His Death. By the United Press. Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 30.—H. Clay Ezell, probably the most prominent breeder of jacks and Jennets in this section, was shot and instantly killed at his home, seven miles from this city, Friday morning by Purdy M. Ellis. Ezell and Ellis had been on bad terms for some time. Yesterday morning the farmer set for Ellis and his wife, and when they appeared at his front gate he met them with a shotgun, with which he opened fire. Ellis and his wife were shot, both being slightly wounded. Ezell then drew a pistol and shot four times at Ellis. The latter then rushed up and grappled with Ezell. In the struggle Ellis got hold of one of Ezell's pistols, and placing it to his assailant's head, blew his brains out. Ellis surrendered at a neighbor's house and is now in jail.

NEGROES FOR MEXICO.

Peg Williams Will Export 100,000 Laborers from Georgia and Alabama. By the United Press. San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 30.—A. Williams, of Atlanta, Ga., better known as "Peg" Williams, signed a contract yesterday through W. H. Ellis, representing the Transviola plantation company, of Maplania, Mexico, to furnish the company 200 laborers. The negroes will be obtained from Georgia and Alabama. Williams claims he will export 100,000 negroes from the southern states to Mexico this winter.

SHORTAGE OF \$14,000.

The Bookkeeper of the Hudson River National Bank Locked Up. By the United Press. Hudson, N. Y., Dec. 30.—William F. Rosman, Jr., bookkeeper in the Hudson River National bank, of this city, was arrested last night on a warrant sworn out by the bank officials, charging him with grand larceny in the first degree. An examination of the books kept by Rosman showed a shortage of about \$14,000. The money making up this amount was taken from the time, and it is claimed, was expended in stock speculations and fast living. Rosman has admitted the theft and has been locked up to await an examination, which has been set down for Monday. The prisoner has been employed as a bookkeeper in the bank for several years and was not suspected until recently.

TROLLEY ACCIDENT.

A Frightened Horse Backs a Steigh in Front of a Car. By the United Press. Easton, Pa., Dec. 30.—Alexander Cruikshank, bookkeeper of the Cutter Silk mill, Bethlehem, and his family drove to Easton today. His son, Leslie, brought the sleigh out of the court house hotel yard on Walnut street. The horse became frightened at an approaching electric car and backed the sleigh in front of the car. A collision resulted, overturning the sleigh and wrecking it. The horse was knocked down and the boy was knocked so close to the rail that the car axle boxes hit his head, cutting two horrible gashes over his left temple. The car ran down the grade fully 100 feet before the motorman could stop it. The boy is badly injured.

TRAIN JUMPS THE TRACK.

Fireman Aldrich Killed and Engineer Monroe Severely Hurt. By the United Press. Wichita, Kan., Dec. 30.—An accommodation train on the Frisco railroad was derailed near Beaumont yesterday and fireman Aldrich was killed and Engineer Monroe seriously hurt. The engine and nine freight cars jumped the track. The passenger coach remained on the track, but none of its occupants were injured.

THREE BROTHERS DROWNED.

The Masco Boys Cross the Allegheny River in a Flat Boat—Their Dead Bodies Are Found a Week Later. By the United Press. Olean, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Portville, a small town six miles above here, on the Allegheny river, is full of excitement and in Worden's undertaking rooms lie the bodies of the three Masco brothers, cold in death. One week ago today they started to town from their home across the river in a flat bottom boat and told their aged father that they would be gone about an hour. They did some last trading about town, and the last of them was about 8 o'clock in the evening. When they did not return home their father thought nothing special of it, thinking, perhaps, they had gone to an uncle's, who lived in an adjoining county. On Tuesday, however, he became greatly alarmed, and upon telegraphing learned that they had not been there. After some further telegraphing a searching party was formed, and yesterday the old flat bottom boat was found, and, after dragging the river for some time, the bodies of Edward and Charles, aged 18 and 19, respectively, were found and late last night the body of William, aged 21, was recovered. When taken from the water, both of William's boots were found to be missing, and but one stocking on his foot. William being the only one that could swim, the impression is that when the boat began to sink he relieved himself of his boots and tried to save his two other brothers and in the attempt lost his own life. He was a married man and leaves a widow.

STREET CAR COLLISION.

Two Electric Cars Embrace Near Diamond Avenue, on Providence Road. Two street cars coming from opposite directions came into collision yesterday morning about 9 o'clock, near Diamond avenue. When the 9 o'clock Providence car was running up the track on the Providence road, and the 10 o'clock car was near the Eureka house, the snow plow and salt car, in charge of Motorman Robert Long, came down the track at a smart pace and before the brakes could be put on the cars came together with a crash. Thomas O'Brien, of South Washington avenue, about 45 years of age, an employe of Contractor McInerney, of the other Providence car, was standing on the front platform of the salt car and failed to make his escape, and sustained severe injuries on the legs. He was taken to the Lackawanna hospital and was reported to be resting comfortably last night. Motorman Ferguson was in charge of the passenger car and escaped by jumping. The passengers escaped with a severe shaking up. John Fitzgerald Dead. By the United Press. Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 30.—John Fitzgerald, ex-president of the Irish National League of America, died at his suburban home near this city this morning. He was nearly 66 years old. Fitzgerald seven years ago was rated as three times a millionaire. Business reverses recently have cut down his fortune materially. He was a man of liberal tendency and contributed large sums to the cause of Irish independence. Talmage's Congregation. By the United Press. Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 30.—At a meeting held in the Centennial Baptist church this afternoon by the members of the Brooklyn Tribune, it was decided to reorganize under a new name. Dr. Talmage was not present at the meeting.

PRESS HAS NO FREEDOM

Christian Papers in Turkey Obligated to Deny Armenian Outrages. THE SULTAN ALL POWERFUL. Sublime Ruler of the Fanatical Mohammedans Has an Eye Upon the Newspapers of His Realm—American Letters Examined by Turks. By the United Press. Boston, Dec. 30.—Official letters recently sent out from the rooms of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions containing accounts relative to the European Turkey mission were opened by the Turkish officials. The letters were subsequently delivered but with the Turkish word "examined" written upon the envelope. This indicates that the Turkish government is attempting to assume all authority over the mails of foreigners. When the reports of the massacre of Christians in Sassoun region of eastern Turkey, after more than a month of suppression on the part of the Turkish officials, became public, the Ottoman government was alarmed at the widespread publications in the American and English press. Under pressure from the foreign powers the sultan agreed to send a commission to investigate and report upon the outrages. In view of this promise the government representatives of the European powers at Constantinople decided to wait for the report before taking any positive action. But after this decision by the powers and while they were waiting for the departure of the sultan's commission, which had been appointed and which was to make full and impartial investigations of all the affairs reported by the English consul as well as by any individuals from the Sassoun region, the Turkish government came out with a statement of the case which was printed in all the papers of Constantinople. All papers printed in Turkey are under close censorship and no paper could refuse to print the statement, under penalty of immediate suspension. Hence the Christian periodicals were compelled to print what they knew to be false.

RESIGNATION OF BYRNES.

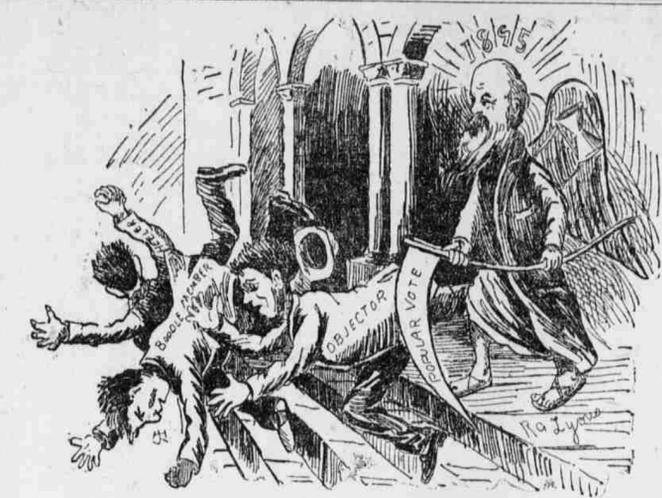
The Great Thief-Taker Packs His Belongings and Prepares to Depart with the Old Year. By the United Press. New York, Dec. 30.—Superintendent Byrnes, who resigned yesterday, went to police headquarters this morning and spent four hours in packing up his private papers and getting them ready to be removed in the event of the acceptance of his request to be retired. The superintendent's action was the sole point of discussion around headquarters today. Regret at Mr. Byrnes' probable departure, seemed, however, to be completely overshadowed by curiosity as to what would happen after he had gone and where a competent successor could be found. Inspector Conlin is the next officer in rank to the superintendent. He enjoys the distinction of being the only inspector unsmirched by the testimony given before the Lexow committee. Amelia Bloomer Dead. By the United Press. Council Bluffs, Ia., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Amelia J. Bloomer, wife of D. C. Bloomer, died at noon today. She was one of the earliest advocates of national dress for women and her public use of the new costume caused it to be called the Bloomer costume. She was 77 years old.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

Hells of A. T. Stewart sold the Metropolitan hotel, New York, for \$1,600,000. Millita guarded the Augusta (Ga.) jail, preventing any attempt to lynch Murdair Jabez Wiggins. The defalcation of Cashier Hieby, of the Central National bank, of Rome, N. Y., has amounted to \$72,000. Forger Lippert, of Cape Colony, under arrest at New York, admitted his identity and is ready to return to Capetown. Fifty Swiss and Austrian dairy farmers will be brought over by a Chicago syndicate to locate on land near La Jara, Cal. Kentucky's legislature may have to hold an extra session to raise money to meet a deficit of \$800,000, which is increasing. Cooney, who is attending the Populist conference, at St. Louis, Mo., says he will be a presidential candidate if the people demand it. On a forged check for \$25, Willie Sullivan, aged 16, of Bloomington, Ill., went to Europe, but had to return as a stow-away, being arrested at New Orleans. A simultaneous visit of Alexander Williamson and William Perry, rival suitors at Annie Bell's home, at Coalburg, Ala., led to a duel in which both were killed.

WEATHER REPORT.

For eastern Pennsylvania, snow; cooler; southerly winds, becoming westerly.



Good Things Expected of 1895.

FINLEY'S SPECIAL SALE OF MUSLIN UNDERWEAR. To make room for Spring Stock. We are now selling a lot of slightly soiled goods at prices to close them out quickly. COWNS, SKIRTS, CORSET COVERS. ALSO CHILDREN'S WAISTS, DRAWERS, ETC. A special job lot of Children's Fine White Aprons at about half price. FINLEY'S 610 and 612 Lackawanna Ave. H. A. KINGSBURY AGENT FOR CHAS. A. SCHIEREN & CO.'S LEATHER BELTING THE VERY BEST. 813 SPRUCE ST., SCRANTON, PA. LEWIS, REILLY & DAVIES FOR A NEW YEAR PRESENT for your boy get him a pair of Storm King Boots or a pair of Shoes that will stand all sorts of sport and protect the boy's health. LEWIS, REILLY & DAVIES Wholesale and Retail. STORE OPEN EVENINGS. Holiday Goods Our doors are open to every lover of the beautiful, and we welcome all to see and enjoy the largest display of Holiday Goods that was ever put on exhibition in this city. Take a Look at the Diamonds in Our Window Can show you many more inside. W. J. WEICHEL, 408 SPRUCE STREET. NEAR DIME BANK.