

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 open, 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. He 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 together. 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.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 30.—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

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.

MYSTERIOUS BURNS.

Benjamin Hunter Held Responsible For Injuries Which Will Probably Result in the Death of His Wife.

Camden, N. J., Dec. 30.—Dying in agony from fearful burns, Mary Hunter lay in Cooper hospital, Camden, tonight. Across the street, within light range of that institution, paced her husband, Benjamin Hunter, in a cell. When she died he was accused of murder. Fifteen years ago Benjamin Hunter was executed for the murder of John M. Armstrong, a music publisher, to gain heavy insurance, and made one of the most notable pages in the history of crime in New Jersey. The Hunter now smothering a cell is a son of that other Hunter.

The younger Hunter, now grown to manhood and past 40 years of age, lived in this city until August last. He had not married well. His and his wife's habits led the children's society to take his two little ones under its care. Then he moved to No. 1738 Ferry avenue, in the parlors of Camden. His wife was found there at 3 o'clock this morning in wild delirium from the agony of pain caused by burns. Hunter claims that his wife came home intoxicated about 3 o'clock this morning and that they quarreled about her condition and that he left her and went upstairs. Shortly afterwards he was startled by her screams and came downstairs and found his wife's clothing on fire. The woman is only partially unconscious and cannot remember how she got on fire, but the police doubt Hunter's story and hold him under arrest.

WRECK OF BARK OSSEO.

The British Craft and Entire Crew Perish. Heroic Efforts by Life Saving Crew Are Made in Vain.

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 storm.

KEENE LOSES HIS VOICE.

The Tragedian Unable to Fill California Engagements.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 30.—Thomas W. Keene, the tragedian, was unable to fill a two nights engagement in this city owing to the fact that he had lost his voice. When he arrived here he could not speak above a whisper. The tragedian attributed his misfortune to overwork and a severe cold. He hopes to be able to appear in Seattle next week, but it is doubtful whether he can do so. His company filled their engagement here, playing to small houses.

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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.

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.

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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.

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.

FIRE AT SING SING.

The State Prison Is Visited by a \$25,000 Conflagration.

Sing Sing, Dec. 30.—At 1:30 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the store house and laundry of Sing Sing prison. Although the firemen responded promptly the flames had gained considerable headway, and it was not until 3 o'clock that the fire was extinguished. The loss is estimated at \$25,000, and is not covered by insurance. All the convicts were aroused by the noise and bustle incident to the outbreak of the flames, but although a number of the prisoners could plainly see the blaze and some excitement was occasioned by a fire occurring in the middle of the night, all behaved well and no disorder prevailed.

TREASURER GALL ASSIGNS.

Caught for \$85,000—He Places His Property with a Trustee.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—A special to a morning paper from Indianapolis, Ind., says: State Treasurer Albert Gall, who was caught for \$85,000 in the failure last year of the Indianapolis National bank, and who has operated a mammoth carpet and wall paper house for over thirty years, being reputed one of the wealthiest men in Indianapolis, last night turned over all his property, real and personal, to trustees for his creditors.

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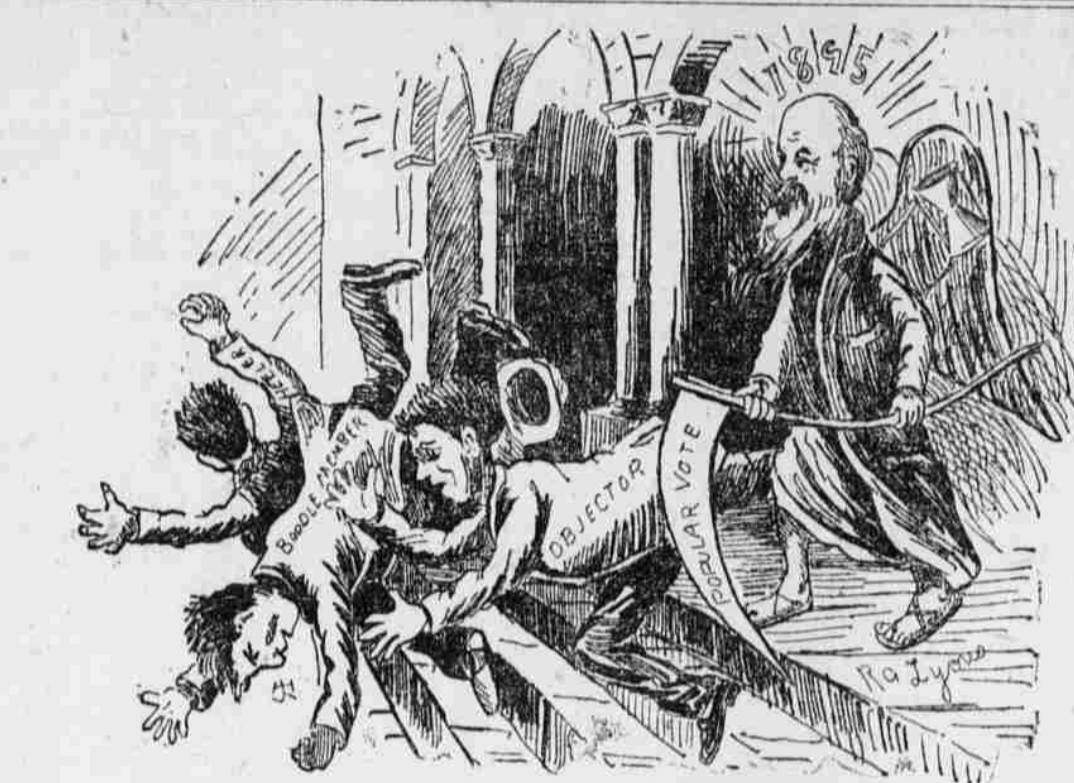
Peg Williams Will Export 100,000 Laborers from Georgia and Alabama.

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.

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 time to 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 em-



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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.

RESIGNATION OF BYRNES.

The Great Thief-Taker Packs His Belongings and Prepares to Depart with the Old Year.

STREET CAR COLLISION.

Two Electric Cars Embrace Near Diamond Avenue, on Providence Road.

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