

FLAMES DESTROY A LARGE HOTEL

Another New York Fire-Trap Goes Up in Smoke, with Many Fatalities.

Conflagration at the Windsor—The Fashionable House of Entertainment Burns in the Middle of the Afternoon While a St. Patrick's Day Parade is Passing—The Flames Cut Off All Means of Escape by Stairways and Elevators and Helpless Guests Are Left to the Fury of the Fire Fiend—Many Women Jump from High Windows and Die on the Pavements Below or Receive Awful Injuries—Ten or Fifteen Lives Lost in an Hour—Miss Helen Gould's Generosity to Sufferers—A Brave Lad Warns Many Guests of Danger—Heroism of Firemen and Others.

New York, March 17.—Flames which originated from the lighting of a lace curtain burst forth from the second floor of the Windsor hotel at Forty-seventh street and Fifth avenue, shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon, just as the St. Patrick's day parade was passing the building, and in a few moments they had leaped up to the roof and enveloped the entire Fifth avenue and Forty-seventh street fronts of the hotel. Ten minutes later the flames were roaring through the interior of the hotel, and all means of escape by means of stairways and elevators were cut off, and there was the wildest scene of excitement within and without the building. Hundreds of guests and employes were in the hotel when the fire broke out, and for many of them escape with safety was impossible. Probably from ten to fifteen lives were lost within a half hour, and thirty or forty other persons were injured in jumping from windows and in rushing through the roaring flames in the corridors and on the stairways. Many who were injured died later at nearby residences and at hospitals, and others who made wild leaps to the stone sidewalk were so badly injured that they are still hovering between life and death. It may be twenty-four hours or more before the complete list of casualties may become known, and it will be longer than that before it can be ascertained definitely how many charred bodies are in the mass of fallen masonry that marks the spot where the hotel stood.

- List of Dead. LELAND, MRS. ELIZABETH, wife of Warren Leland, proprietor of the hotel, burns of body; died at Flower hospital. LELAND, HELEN, daughter of Warren Leland, jumped from window; body identified at East Fifty-first street station. FADDOCK, MRS. AMELIA IRVINGTON, New York; jumped from the window; body at East Fifty-first street station. KIRK, NANCY ANN (Mrs. James S. Kirk), Chicago; died in Bellevue. PIERCE, MRS. M. MAE, Ga.; died at East Forty-sixth street. GRANDY, MISS LASCHELLE, Elizabeth City, N. C.; body at East Fifty-first street station. GIBSON, MRS. ADDIE, aged 35; shocked; died at Murray Hill hotel. GOODMAN, ELEANOR LOUISE, 17, fractured skull; died at Bellevue. CONNOLLY, JOHN, hotel employe, burns and internal injuries; died at Flower hospital. UNKOWN WOMAN, middle aged, jumped from window; died at Miss Helen Gould's residence. UNKOWN WOMAN, body at East Fifty-first street station. UNKOWN MAN, seen to jump from roof at rear of pole; body not recovered. UNKOWN CHILD, thrown from window by mother; body not recovered. UNKOWN, mother of the child, jumped from window; body not recovered.

- List of Injured. Roche, Kate, burns of face, leg fractured; Bellevue hospital. Noonan, Polly, hotel employe; burns of body; Harlem hospital. McNichols, Patrick, watchman, burns; Harlem hospital. McGuire, James, truckman, left leg fractured, scalp wound, Harlem hospital. McPhatter, Dr. Nell, ankle fractured; Harlem hospital. Flannigan, Kate, domestic, burns of body; Harlem hospital. Malton, Nicholas, internal injuries, serious; Harlem hospital. Henry, Mehtable, probably taxi driver; Roosevelt hospital. Waido, Mrs. Frank H., burns of body; Roosevelt hospital. Hulloy, Mrs. Catherine, Chicago; burns of body, not serious; Roosevelt hospital. Brewer, Miss Helen, thigh broken, bad burns of body; Roosevelt hospital. Von Spigle, Mrs., leg and rib fractured; Presbyterian hospital. Misch, Mrs. Catherine, burns of face and hands; suffering from shock; Presbyterian hospital. Wheeler, Mrs. G. D., shock and burns; Presbyterian hospital. Boyce, Mrs. William S., shock; Presbyterian hospital. Skekston, Edward, watchman, burns, probably fatal; Presbyterian hospital.

A Spectacular Blaze. The fire was the most spectacular that could be imagined. When it broke out Fifth avenue was crowded with people watching the St. Patrick's day parade and every window in the front building was filled with spectators. As soon as the flames were discovered shooting from the windows, that part of the St. Patrick's day procession which was near the building came to a halt, and in a few minutes the parade was disbanded, for the police camps rushing toward the fire from every direction and, as far as they were able, drove the people from the streets. One alarm after another was turned in, and the first few of the fire engines were

alarm, but the chain broke, and then he cried out an alarm of fire and ran to the floor below. The blaze was then leaping up every-where. In a minute the entire end of the building, and the lad, when he saw that the boy reached the main floor, Warren F. Leland, the proprietor of the hotel was in the rear of the long hall and the boy shouted to him that the building was on fire. On Mr. Leland's instructions, the clerks tried to save all the books and papers and the boy then rushed down the basement stairway and alarmed the women who were at work in the laundry. It is believed that all them escaped.

The Brave Firemen. One of the most daring rescues effected by the firemen occurred on the fifth floor of the Fifth avenue front. An elderly woman was seen at a window and two firemen succeeded in reaching the window immediately underneath. One of them climbed to the coping over the window on which she was standing and then stepped over her hands despairingly. He then swung the woman clear of the window and landed her safely in the arms of his comrade who, with the assistance of several other firemen, passed the woman down to the street.

Victor Regnan, a nurse in Flower hospital, says he saw fifteen persons fall and jump from the building in the space of a few minutes. He happened to be across the street at the time of the fire. There was \$500,000 insurance on the building and \$75,000 on the contents. E. H. Derry is the present owner of the hotel property.

FILIPINOS READY FOR A COLLAPSE

Cable Despatch from General Otis One of the Most Gratifying That Has Been Received from Manila in Many Weeks. Washington, March 17.—There was much relief shown at the war department today to discuss a cable despatch from General Otis which was regarded as most important by those who read it, as indicating that hostilities might cease very suddenly in the Philippines and a collapse of the insurrection come at any time. The reasons for the belief of General Otis that a climax might come at any hour was not stated but his assumption was based on the favorable reports he had received from various sources that the Filipinos were tired of the war and Aguinaldo's leadership. It is believed in the war department that the method in which the Americans have conducted the fighting has done much to convince the Filipinos of the uselessness of trying to overthrow the United States forces. The fighting has been of a different character from that to which they were accustomed when the Spaniards were in possession of Manila.

PRINCESS KAULANI DEAD

Heir Apparent to the Hawaiian Throne Expired March 6. Honolulu, March 17, via San Francisco, March 17.—Princess Kaulani died March 6 of inflammatory rheumatism, contracted several weeks ago while on a visit to the island of Hawaii. She was the daughter of Princess Miriam Kapiolani, a member of the Hawaiian royal family, and A. S. Cleghorn, an Englishman. Kaulani was born in 1875. In 1898 she was proclaimed heir apparent by Liliuokalani, who was on the throne of Hawaii.

HELD FOR COOPER'S MURDER

Bridgeport, N. J., March 17.—The coroner today committed for trial Elias Mason and John Camp for answer for the murder of George Cooper who died at the almshouse a few days ago and whom it is alleged was brutally beaten by the accused and driven from his home at Albertson, Mass. by Cooper's son-in-law, Mrs. Cooper and her daughter, Mrs. Mason, who were arrested charged with complicity in the assault on Cooper were today discharged from custody.

Jewish Temple Dedicated

Chicago, March 17.—Prominent Jewish ministers from all over the country participated in the ceremonies connected with the formal dedication of the new temple, Fifty-fifth street and Vincennes avenue, one of the finest edifices devoted to Jewish worship in the United States. Dr. Isaac W. Wise, venerable rabbi of Cincinnati, presided over the ceremonies, and was assisted by Dr. Max Heller, of New Orleans; Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, of Chicago; and Dr. Henry Berkowitz, of Philadelphia.

Steamship Arrivals

New York, March 17.—Cleared: Etruria, Liverpool; Queenstown—Arrived: Laredo, New York for Liverpool; Gibraltar—Sailed: Kaiser Wilhelm II, Genoa and Naples for New York.

BRIEF SESSIONS OF STATE LEGISLATURE

VERY SCANT ATTENDANCE IN THE SENATE. Little Business Transacted in Either Branch—Mr. Vaughan Introduces a Bill Appropriating \$23,750 to the West Side Hospital—Mr. Cole Entertains the House with Vocal Selections—House Observes St. Patrick's Day.

Harrisburg, March 17.—The senate held a brief session this morning and so scant was the attendance that little business was transacted. In pursuance of a senate resolution the secretary of the commonwealth presented a list of the names of all foreign corporations registered in this state. Among bills read in place were the following: Mr. Vaughan—Appropriating \$23,750 to the West Side Hospital association of Scranton.

Mr. Mitchell, of Jefferson—Providing that motor-power companies which have not filed their original certificates in the recorder of deeds office may be allowed to do so with the same effect as if they had been filed as soon as letter patents were issued. The government sent the following nominations to the senate: A. H. Bowen, of Chester county, to be a member of the State Forge commission, vice Levi G. McCaulley, resigned.

In the House. A bill appropriating \$150,000 to the thirteen state normal schools in the commonwealth was introduced in the house this morning by Mr. Heidtbaugh, of Lancaster.

Mr. Palm, of Crawford, offered a joint resolution to amend Article 8, Section 4, of the Constitution by providing that "if an election shall be held by ballot or such other method as may be prescribed by law; providing that secrecy in voting be preserved. The election officers shall be sworn or affirmed not to disclose how any elector shall have voted unless required to do so in a judicial proceeding. A resolution was offered by William T. Creasy, of Columbia, to place on the calendar the Pittsburg charter bill which was negated by the municipal corporation committee. The resolution goes over under the rules until Monday evening.

Observing St. Patrick's Day

Mr. Stewart, of Philadelphia, offered the following, which was unanimously adopted: Whereas, England has her St. George, America has her George Washington and Ireland has her St. Patrick, all immortal spirits in the crowns of national glory, resolved, That as this is the natal day of the patron saint of the green land that we do honor to the occasion by taking a recess until 11:30 a. m. and that the Hon. John H. Fow, Frank B. McClain and Charles E. Voorhes be invited to address the house in commemoration of St. Patrick.

Will Give Employment to 500

Shamokin, Pa., March 17.—Notice was posted at the Excelsior colliery today that work would be resumed next Monday. The colliery has been idle since last December, owing to part of the breaker being blown down by a horri-ble case. The resumption will give employment to 500 men and boys.

Pennsylvania Pensioners

Washington, March 17.—This Pennsylvania pension has been issued: Original—Benjamin Gardner, Honesdale, Wayne, 36.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

- Weather Indications Today: RAIN PROBABLE. 1 Local—Fatal Hotel Fire in New York. The Spanish Queen Signs the Peace Treaty. The Legislature Celebrates St. Patrick's Day. End of Filipino Rebellion in Sight. 2 General—News of Pittston City. Financial and Commercial. 3 Local—Religious News of the Week. 4 Editorial. Comment of the Press. 5 Local—Social and Personal. One Woman's Views. 6 Local—Celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Court Proceedings. 7 Local—Court Hands Down the L... Harmonious Meeting of the Poor Board. 8 Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 9 News Round About Scranton. 10 Story—"Wanted a Wife." 11 Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrow. Robbed While She Bathed. 12 Local—Warm Time at the Firemen's Meeting. Dunmore Borough News.

SAMPSON AS AN AUTHOR

The Admiral Contributes a Chapter to Mr. Goode's New Book—Some Things Are Explained. New York, March 17.—Rear Admiral Sampson has contributed a chapter to the book "With Sampson Through the War," just issued by W. A. M. Goode, correspondent of the Associated Press on the flagship New York during the war. In this chapter Admiral Sampson gives the first expression of his opinion upon the destruction of Cervera's fleet. He holds that the victory over Cervera is not entirely accounted for by the superiority of the American force, and he is inclined to believe that it was due more to excellent marksmanship than to anything else.

Official news of the action at Madrid was conveyed to the state department through the exclusive bulletin of the Associated Press. The secretary was naturally gratified at the action, which he had expected would follow the course of the cortes. The action makes it possible to exchange the ratifications, and thus complete the treaty within the time set by the terms of the armistice. The protocol was signed August 13 last at the White House by the president and Ambassador Cambon. December 19 the treaty was signed at Paris by the commissioners. February 6 it was ratified by the United States senate after a considerable struggle. February 10 the president gave it his signature and now today, seven months and four days after the signing of the protocol, the Spanish queen regent gave her formal assent and signature.

Spanish Prisoners

The signing of the treaty cannot in any manner affect the status of the Spanish prisoners in the hands of Aguinaldo for the United States government is doing all that it can do to secure their release. Still, it is apprehended that the Spanish government, being able to afford the money, will not neglect to press the matter upon the attention of the state department and perhaps will solicit authority to resume direct negotiations with the insurgents, looking to the release of the prisoners. The hope is entertained, however, that it may be unnecessary to decline such a request, for by that date the insurrection may have been quelled. If the Spanish government should insist that the ratifications be exchanged, and the United States government will not neglect to press the matter upon the attention of the state department and perhaps will solicit authority to resume direct negotiations with the insurgents, looking to the release of the prisoners. The hope is entertained, however, that it may be unnecessary to decline such a request, for by that date the insurrection may have been quelled. If the Spanish government should insist that the ratifications be exchanged, and the United States government will not neglect to press the matter upon the attention of the state department and perhaps will solicit authority to resume direct negotiations with the insurgents, looking to the release of the prisoners.

FIFTY-FIRST BALLOT

Table with 2 columns: Name and Vote. Includes names like Jenks, Stewart, Stone, Irvin, Huff, Widener, Rice, Grow, Tabbs, Markle.

Gallant Ninth Off for Manila

Watertown, N. Y., March 17.—The Ninth United States Infantry, Colonel Powell commanding, which performed valiant service at the battle of San Juan hill, took its departure from Madison barracks, Backett's harbor, today on route to San Francisco and the Philippines. The regiment consists of about 1,200 men.

QUEEN SIGNS THE TREATY

The Difficulty with Spain Is Now Officially Ended.

M. CAMBON BRINGS NEWS

Inform Assistant Secretary of State Hill That the Paris Treaty Has Been Signed—Will Probably Be Delegated to Act at the Closing Function—Spanish Prisoners Will Not Be Affected by the Treaty Ratification—Does Not Affect the Discharge of Volunteer Soldiers.

Washington, March 17.—The first news of the signature of the peace treaty by the queen regent of Spain was conveyed to the assistant secretary of state Hill through the exclusive bulletin of the Associated Press. The secretary was naturally gratified at the action, which he had expected would follow the course of the cortes. The action makes it possible to exchange the ratifications, and thus complete the treaty within the time set by the terms of the armistice. The protocol was signed August 13 last at the White House by the president and Ambassador Cambon. December 19 the treaty was signed at Paris by the commissioners. February 6 it was ratified by the United States senate after a considerable struggle. February 10 the president gave it his signature and now today, seven months and four days after the signing of the protocol, the Spanish queen regent gave her formal assent and signature.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Washington, March 17.—Forecast for Saturday: Partly clear, fair, with light, increasing clouds, probably rain in the afternoon or night; fresh to brisk east to south wind.