

FATAL BLAZE IN PHILADELPHIA

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HEARTRENDING SCENES

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Philadelphia, Oct. 25.—Nineteen known dead and property loss amounting to upwards of \$500,000 is the awful result of a fire which occurred today in the business section of the city. The number of injured is not known definitely, but fully a score of victims were treated at various hospitals. Police and firemen are toiling daylong in the ruins in search of bodies supposed to have been buried beneath the debris, as it is feared that others besides the known dead may have lost their lives in the flames. The buildings destroyed were the eight-story structure 1219 and 1221 Market street, occupied by Hunt, Wilkinson & Co., upholsterers and furniture dealers, and three three-story buildings, occupied by small merchants. The fire broke out at 10:20 o'clock and spread back a half block to Commerce street, and was owned by Henry C. Lea.

The list of known dead is as follows: DOROTHY KEMBLE, MARTHA HARRIS, MARGARET HOPKINS, ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, HARRY ROUSE, H. A. SPARROW, CHARLES E. SPARROW, FRED WILKINSON, CHARLES LANDIS, WALTER SEARBY, J. E. ARMSTRONG, MRS. MARTHA HARRIS (widow), MRS. MARY MURPHY (widow), MARGARET GRAY, THREE UNKNOWN WHITE WOMEN, one of whom is supposed to be Margaret Gray, ONE UNKNOWN COLORED WOMAN, supposed to be named Wilson, FIVE UNKNOWN WHITE MEN.

Never in its history has Philadelphia experienced a fire which spread with such great rapidity. At 10:20 o'clock this morning the blaze broke forth in the building occupied by Hunt, Wilkinson & Co., and one hour later the terrible scorching of life had been made and the immense loss of property had been accomplished. It is said that an explosion of naphtha or gasoline in the basement was the cause but this is denied by Mr. Wilkinson, who says there never was a sufficient quantity of either explosive about the building to be responsible for today's terrible disaster. Rumor has it, also, that an elevator constructor at work in the basement permitted the flames of his lantern to communicate with some of the gaseous vapors stored in the basement and that this was the cause of the conflagration.

Such a disastrous fire attended with so great a loss of life in such a brief period was never before known in this city. Men and women died in lingering, agonizing death in the presence of thousands of spectators who were unable to lift a hand to their assistance. The rear of Hunt, Wilkinson & Co.'s building faced the street, and at small thoroughfares, on the fire escapes at this end of the building two men and one woman were slowly roasted to death, while the horror struck through on the street below turned sick at the sight. At the front on Market street a woman, driven to desperation, leaped from a window on the top floor and was dashed to death on the pavement. These are but a few of the heartrending scenes attending the conflagration. Firemen claim to have seen men and women unable to reach the windows or fire escapes, burned to death in the interior of the building. It is said that a few of the victims were killed and it is doubtful if any portion of their bodies will be recovered.

Small Buildings Crushed. Small buildings in the rear of the burning area were crushed by falling walls. The fronts of the stores on the south side of Market street opposite the fire were all more or less damaged by the heat. Great masses of flames swept along by the northwest wind, shot across the broad thoroughfare and for a time it looked as if the fire would spread to these buildings. The fire is estimated at half a million dollars, most of which will fall on Hunt, Wilkinson & Co., Henry C. Lea's loss on the building is about \$150,000. William P. Peet & Son suffered a loss of \$60,000, while other occupants of the building and surrounding property owners suffered losses aggregating \$25,000.

Will Take No Part in the Municipal Campaign in New York. London, Oct. 25.—A strange announcement that will prevent an anticipated political attack by the municipal campaign in New York. It is believed, however, will be lighter support, in case of his return, and that he will be elected to the city. Mr. Morgan's rapid run. Niagara Falls, Oct. 25.—Pierpont Morgan and party arrived here this evening on a special train from Chicago. The train made a remarkable run from Detroit to this city, the distance, 227 miles, was covered in three hours and twenty minutes. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan stopped off for a few hours in Buffalo, and then proceeded to New York.

FIVE MINERS ARE KILLED

Terrific Explosion of Gas at the Buttonwood Mine, Near Wilkes-Barre.

NINE SERIOUSLY INJURED

A Brave Band of Rescuers Bring Out the Dead and Wounded Soon After the Disaster—Trouble the Result of the Carelessness of a Hungarian Laborer—List of the Victims of the Explosion.

BASEBALL LEAGUE DELEGATES MEET

Executive Session Held at Fifth Avenue Hotel Yesterday—Salary Limits Arranged.

New York, Oct. 25.—The delegates to the meeting of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues spent the greater part of today in discussing vital matters at the Fifth avenue hotel. They did not convene until nearly noon, and after that with very brief interruptions they kept their executive session up to a late hour tonight. Nearly every point of vantage in the baseball world was represented at the meeting with the exception of the territory covered by the National and American Leagues. President Powers of the new association explained that the minor leagues throughout the United States have banded together to frustrate any attempt of the National or American League to take advantage of the abolition of the national agreement which for several years past has been a protection to the minor organizations possessing good players.

DAUGHTERS AT HARRISBURG. Closing Sessions of the Conference of Pennsylvania Chapters. Harrisburg, Oct. 25.—The closing session of the annual conference of the Pennsylvania chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution was held today. A resolution was adopted that a marker bearing the insignia of the organization be placed on the grave of every revolutionary soldier buried in Pennsylvania. The report was instructed to report to the national congress that the Pennsylvania chapters desired to be incorporated into a state organization.

RIOTING IN CADIZ. Many Hurt in Demonstration in Favor of Removed Mayor. Cadix, Oct. 25.—A demonstration in favor of the mayor, who recently was dismissed from his post, led to a series of conflicts today with the police. Many persons were injured by stones and with weapons, and many were arrested.

IN TOUCH WITH BRIGANDS. Messrs. Peet and Eddy Confer on Dispatches from Menlik. London, Oct. 25.—A communication from the British consul at Constantinople, dated Oct. 24, has been received by Messrs. Peet and Eddy, who are in London. The communication is from the British consul at Constantinople, dated Oct. 24, has been received by Messrs. Peet and Eddy, who are in London.

Bourke Cochran Speaks. Aid Asked for McKinley Fund. Chicago, Oct. 25.—In aid of the McKinley fund, a meeting was held at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel today. The meeting was held at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel today.

EXPLOSION AT CARNEGIE'S

Dust Catcher Blows Up and Four Men Are Badly Hurt.

Pittsburg, Oct. 25.—By the explosion of gas in the dust catcher of furnace No. 1 of the Carrie Furnaces of the Carnegie Steel company at Rankin, Pa., early this morning, four men were badly injured. They were John McAllister, Harry Eby, Daniel McCarthy and John McCarish. All will recover.

SCHLEY TELLS OF SANTIAGO FIGHT

His Testimony Not Complete at the Adjournment of the Court.

THE CHIEF EVENT OF THE HEARING

BOY SLAYS BOY WITH NEEDLE. Coatmaker's Helper Killed in Chicago by a Younger Lad.

STARVATION IN CHINA. Nearly 1,000,000 Persons in the Provinces in Distress.

STRIKE THREATENED AT FALL RIVER. Manufacturers Refuse to Make a Ten Per Cent. Advance in Wages.

RECONCENTRATION IN SAMAR. Islanders Must Keep in Towns or Be Considered Outlaws.

MOTHERS' CONGRESS

Reports of Delegates at Williamsport Are Gratifying.

IMPORTANT CAPTURE. Evidence on Philippine Prisoner Against All Civil Officers.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS. New York, Oct. 25.—Arrived: Germania, Liverpool; Bristol, Liverpool; Rotterdam, Rotterdam; Havre, Havre; Antwerp, Antwerp; Valparaiso, Valparaiso; Southampton, Southampton; Annapolis, Annapolis; Hamburg, Hamburg; New York, New York; Genoa, Genoa; London, London; New York, New York; Rotterdam, Rotterdam; New York, New York.

MISS STARR GOLF CHAMPION. Philadelphia, Oct. 25.—Miss Sophia Starr, of the Huntington Valley Country club, today defeated Mrs. Elsie Kestel of the Merion club, in the final round for the women's individual golf championship of Philadelphia. The match was highly contested throughout, and an extra hole was necessary before the winner was found.

COPPER SMELTERS CLOSED. Butte, Mont., Oct. 25.—It is the announced policy of the Anaconda Copper company to curtail production in order to keep the price of copper at 15 cents a pound in force. Both the Anaconda and the Boston and Montana mines and smelters have been closed, but it is said the suspension will be only temporary. Fully \$500,000 worth of copper is in storage.

POTTERY PLANT DESTROYED. Zanesville, Oct. 25.—The plant of the Zanesville Pottery company was destroyed by fire tonight. Loss, \$200,000. Insurance, \$200,000. Three workmen were killed by a falling wall, and one of them, Charles Olson, was fatally injured.

DEATHS OF A DAY. New York, Oct. 25.—James McLaughlin Hart, the artist, for many years the president of the National Academy of Design, died at his home in Brooklyn, aged 72 years. The immediate cause of death was pneumonia. Mr. Hart was born in Scotland, but came to this country in 1831. Two young sons he won a prize at the Paris salon. He had a widow and three children.

WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, Oct. 25.—Forecast for Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair Saturday and Sunday; light variable winds; heavy clouds; fresh southerly breeze.