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FIRE LOSS \$3,000,000.

Three Big Department Stores Burned In Rochester.

Attempt to Bottle Up Port Arthur.

The retail drygoods district of Rochester was practically destroyed by fire Friday, for three out of the five department stores were consumed, one of which, the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr company, was by far the largest establishment of this kind in the city and the oldest.

Insurance men place the loss at \$3,300,000. Of this amount \$750,000 represents the loss on buildings and the balance the loss on stocks of goods and to occupants of offices.

The burned district lies on the north side of Main street, between St. Paul street and Clinton avenue, north, running from St. Paul street almost the entire length of the block.

The fire started on the eastern end of the block, in the store of the Rochester Drygoods company and worked west, taking but one store east of this establishment, that of the Walkover Shoe company, before its progress was checked in that direction.

On St. Paul street, in the rear of the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr company, stood a six-story building occupied by the wholesale department of the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr company, which was destroyed with all its valuable contents, the loss on this building and contents alone being placed at \$1,450,000.

There were no casualties and no one was injured with the exception that Assistant Chief Frank A. Jaynes was struck by a flying nozzle and received some bruises.

The fire was discovered by the night watchman in the employ of the Rochester Drygoods company. It was first seen at 4:50 o'clock and the watchman says it started from a fuse which blew out in the electric elevator connection. It started in the basement.

The fire department did excellent work, but the apparatus was inadequate and requests for assistance were sent to Buffalo and Syracuse.

WOOD REPORTS BATTLE

Hassan's Band In Jolo Entirely Destroyed.

Lieutenant West and Six Privates Wounded—Original Rebel Force of 3,000 Has Been Reduced to 15.

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Since that time Major Scott has been on his trail and now has destroyed his band. Hassan, who was a priest, is one of the irreconcilables. When the navy was making some surveys a year ago of the coast of Jolo, Hassan construed the setting up of survey marks as an act of hostility and attacked the troops.

His band is believed to have numbered about 600 and it is entirely destroyed, as the cablegram reports, the battle must have been of some proportions.

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Generally Criticised by Senators as Falling Short of What Was Expected.

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SUMMARY OF THE NEWS

Short Items From Various Parts of the World.

Record of Many Happenings Condensed and Put in Small Space and Arranged With Special Regard for the Convenience of the Reader Who has Little Time to Spare.

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HOUSES HANGING OVER CAVE.

Families Flee, Fearing Homes Will Be Engulfed in Undermining.

Plymouth, Pa., Feb. 29.—Walnut street is blocked by the worst cave-in this town has ever known. The break started a week ago Sunday morning when a wide crack opened across the street and spread rapidly until it is now 50 feet wide and 45 feet deep.

The two houses so far affected are held by props from falling into the hole. Families of Mrs. Edward Condron and Michael Farrell have abandoned these houses. As the fall is extending there are grave fears that both houses may be engulfed before they can be removed.

The cave-in cut off the large water main, running down the street, and for some time the residents in that portion of the town were without water.

A special meeting of the council and street commissioners has been called to devise means of preventing the spread of the cave-in.

DIED AT BABY FARMS.

Bodies of Eight Young Women Shipped Secretly Out of Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Feb. 29.—In connection with his investigation into the baby farms, with their attendant infant killing industry, Coroner Dugan has discovered eight cases in which young women have died in the lying-in establishments. In each case the body was immediately shipped out of town for burial.

Every one of the cases is now under inquiry. The clue to this phase of the situation was given by a young husband whose mother-in-law took the wife to one of the establishments. She died there, and the husband was not able to see her body.

Widow Loses \$1,000 in Street Car.

Reading, Pa., Feb. 29.—Mrs. Jennie Kantner, a young widow, left home Saturday morning to deposit \$1,000 in bank that she had received as insurance. She had the cash in large notes in a chateleine bag and in leaving a crowded street car the bag was swept from her side and lost.

Two Men Killed in Similar Manner.

Williamsport, Pa., Feb. 29.—Death came to two men at different points in this section in the same manner Saturday. Augustus Schambacher of East Point was cutting a tree when a dead limb fell and crushed his skull. He walked to his home where he died.

Women Dig Up a Street.

Reading, Pa., Feb. 29.—Owing to the great scarcity of plumbers and the large number of frozen water pipes a half dozen married women, living in Birch street, secured picks and shovels Saturday and went to work in a body, dug up the street, made a bon fire and thawed out a frozen pipe, thus securing their usual supply of water for household purposes.

Pennsylvania Builds Hospital Cars.

Altoona, Pa., Feb. 29.—The Pennsylvania railroad has let the contract for the erection in the local shop of four hospital cars, which will contain an operating room, apartments for injured, physicians and nurses and department of supplies.

Highwaymen Operate in Chester.

Chester, Pa., Feb. 29.—Two highwaymen assailed Charles Humphris on the street here, disabling him by a blow with a snuffing. They took his watch and money and left him bleeding on the sidewalk. There he was found, nearly frozen, some time later by Charles Kennedy.

Cane Led to Finding Dead Mother.

Watsontown, Pa., Feb. 29.—Mrs Stewart Henry, 63 years old, slipped on the ice in the public roadway and plunged down a 12-foot embankment where she was found dead. Her son seeing the cane lying in the road, peered over the edge of the embankment and saw his mother's body.

Falling From Bridge, Boy Drowns.

Lewistown, Pa., Feb. 29.—Elmer Broom, the 10-year-old son of John Broom, was drowned by falling from the Pennsylvania railroad bridge into the Kishacoquillas creek.

Fired Last Shot in War; Dead.

Scranton, Pa., Feb. 29.—George J. Burkell, who fired the last gun of the civil war at Morrisville, Tenn., died Saturday at his home here. He was 65 years old.