

TEN LIVES WERE LOST IN A FIRE.

SUFFOCATED IN BED.

All Escape Cut off—Several Jumped Through the Windows.

Ten persons perished by suffocation in a Brooklyn tenement early Wednesday morning.

The dead are: August Bruno, 40 years of age; Maria Bruno, 35 years; Kallie Bruno, 5 years; Johanna Bruno, 18 months old; Lena Tralia, 24 years old; Nicholas Tralia, 28 years old; Dominick Tralia, 4 years old; their infant 8 days old; Cornelia Marretta, 25 years old.

The fire started in the lower hallway of the building, which is a four-story tenement in Union street, and before the sleeping tenants could be warned of their danger all escape was cut off.

The section of the city where the disaster occurred is near the water front. The majority of the residents are Italians of the poorer class, and they form the biggest colony of that race in Brooklyn.

Each floor of the burned building was divided into five rooms. There was one large front room with two windows opening on the street. A hall bedroom adjoined, with a window also opening on the street.

An iron ladder at the rear of the house ran down between the kitchen window. It had been rendered so hot by the flames, however, that the inmates of the house dared not use it.

John Selman, who had a record, is at Last Brought Down Himself.

John Selman, the victor of not less than twenty fatal shooting affairs in Texas, the exterminator of "bad men" and the slayer of the notorious John Wesley Hardin, is lying with a bullet hole through his body.

Sunday morning at 4 o'clock they met in the saloon at El Paso, Texas, and both were drinking. Scarborough says that Selman asked him to "come out here, I want to see you," and that the two walked out into the alley beside the saloon and Selman, whose son is in the Duran, Mexico, jail on the charge of shooting a young lady from this side for immoral purposes, said to Scarborough: "I want you to go over the river with me this morning, we must get that boy out of jail."

Scarborough expressed a willingness to go with Selman, but stated that he had breaks had been made in Jackson, Scarborough says that Selman then reached for his pistol with the remark, "I believe I'll kill you."

Scarborough pulled his gun and began shooting. At the second shot Selman fell and Scarborough fired two more shots as Selman attempted to rise.

Scarborough is about 35 years old, was born in Louisiana, but was raised in Texas, and was several years sheriff of Jones county, Texas. He is now out of jail under bond. He is about 55 years old and has lived a stormy life.

STEEL POOL.

A Combination of the Principal Steel Companies in the United States.

Twenty Bessemer-steel companies, representing \$100,000,000 of capital, and producing half the world's output have formed an organization at the Hotel Waldorf, in New York.

The price of steel billets was placed at \$9 a ton. Last week they sold at \$17 and \$18. A pooling agreement was reached by which the output is to be apportioned among the members of the organization, probably on the basis of last year's output.

Among those present at the conference were President John A. Lehman, of the Carnegie steel company, Pittsburgh; President George T. Oliver, of the Hahnemann steel company, Pittsburgh; Willis L. King, general manager of the Jones & Laughlin, company, Pittsburgh; J. D. Staehel, of the Cambria Iron company, Johnstown, Pa.; Tom L. Johnson, of the Johnson steel company, Cleveland; Cleveland Rolling Mill company, Cleveland; Otto Steel company, Cleveland; Ohio Steel company, Youngstown; Bellare Steel company, Bellare, O.; Shenango Valley Steel company, New Castle; Wheeling Steel and Iron company, Wheeling, W. Va.

EIGHT SAILORS KILLED.

Explosion on Board a Chilean Monitor Does Dreadful Work.

A dispatch from Valparaiso, Chile, says: "The monitor Huetar, fresh from the dry dock, arrived here yesterday, but scarcely had she cast anchor when a dreadful disaster occurred on board. Without warning, the main steam pipe of the vessel burst, killing eight of the crew, and probably fatally injuring four others. No further details can be obtained as no one is permitted to go on board."

FOREIGN NOTES.

Princess Maud of Wales will be married at St. James, July 7, to Prince Charles of Denmark.

RIVERS BOOMING.

Driving Residents Along the Banks From Their Homes.

The winter rise of the Ohio river is about six weeks later than the usual time. The river at Cincinnati reached 46 feet above low water. Rat Row, near the Newport bridge, and Sausage Row, near the suspension bridge, were inundated to near the second story. Some commission houses in the bottoms removed their goods.

The Cumberland river is 55 feet deep at Burnside, Ky., and out of its banks. Many families have been forced to the second stories of their houses. At Carthage, Tenn., the water is above the danger line.

A Rochester, N. Y., dispatch says: The Genesee river is higher than it has been for 26 years. Many houses are surrounded by water and the occupants have had to desert their homes.

The Mohawk river gorged below Cannoharie and the New York Central roadbed between Ft. Plain and St. Johnsville has been washed out for several hundred feet.

Spanish agents have ordered 30,000 Mauter rifles in Berlin.

The Lawrence cotton mill at Lowell, Mass., has shut down indefinitely, rendering 2,000 people idle.

Both Kansas and New Hampshire Methodists voted for women delegates to the general conference.

An association for the promotion of female emigration in the northwest territories has been organized in Toronto.

The Inter-State officials in Chicago are, it is said, planning to make trouble for some of the large shippers who have been receiving cut rates from the roads.

The number of immigrants from Italy has jumped since last winter from about 9,000 to 26,000. This increase, it is said, largely due to the disastrous war in Africa.

Colonel Neff, the inspector and the deputy United States marshal with him, escaped the fate of their eight companions, reported drowned in the rainy river in Montana.

Wm. Haley, colored, is in the Memphis hospital, badly beaten and wounded with bullets in three places. He had been mobbed by whites because of smallpox in his family several months ago.

Lawrence Sullivan, the 18-year-old mail carrier of West Union, W. Va., who passed a forged check on the West Union National bank, has been indicted by the grand jury. The boy's story that the check belonged to a stranger was found to be false.

A peculiar case of blood poisoning is reported at Niles, O., the victim being J. Forest, a young man, who was taken to the infirmary in a dangerous condition.

At Clinton, Ill., Ed. Polen shot his wife and mother-in-law in the head with a shotgun, killing them instantly. Domestic trouble was the cause.

A terrible explosion of 50 pounds of powder occurred in the Giles mines, near Ward, Col., in which three men were instantly killed and two others badly hurt.

Charles, Daniel, William and Ellen Harris, three brothers and a sister, and William Cleveland, composing a gang of freight car robbers, who have been operating along the line of the Baltimore and Ohio road were indicted at West Union, W. Va.

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FOURTEEN KILLED.

Cloudburst Changes Kentucky Creeks Into Torrents that Wrecked Many Homes.

The cloudburst on Little Sexton and Buffalo creeks, Ky., did more damage than at first reported. Instead of four there were probably 14 persons drowned.

Sexton creek rises near Burning Springs, and is one of the feeders of the Kentucky river. People little thought that the brook would rise so rapidly, or was capable of gathering such a volume of water.

Will Burns' house went out on the waters, and his two children were lost. Lige Darrett's daughter Mary was drowned, and two unknown people also lost their lives in that vicinity.

On Sexton creek and its tributaries five were drowned, as follows: Captain J. S. J. Bull, Mrs. Wade Marders and child and two unknown persons.

FIVE MEN KILLED.

By the Explosion of the Boilers of an Oil Mill.

At Greenville, Miss., the two massive boilers of the Planters oil mill exploded wrecking the mill property and causing the death of five men, as follows: Henry Williams and Oliver Humphreys, colored firemen; John Freeman, colored laborer; Horace Wilkinson, colored carpenter, and Ed. Strassler, colored cooper.

The injured are: Frank Wolfenden, chief engineer; Columbus Washington, colored; Tom Brown, colored; W. E. B. Freeman, colored; Alex. Hughes and Freeman Pendleton.

The cause of the explosion is stated to be a dry boiler. This version of it is not, however, definite, as all connected with the engine and boiler room were killed except the chief engineer, and he is too badly injured to make any statement.

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WATCHING THE STEEL MEN.

Their Proposed Organization is Expected to Help Business.

R. G. Dun & Co., say: The regular quarterly statement of failures show 4,301, with liabilities of \$57,425,135, against 3,892 last year, with liabilities of \$47,815,683.

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HONOR TO AMERICANS.

Venezuela to Erect Another Memorial with Impressive Ceremony.

President Crespo, of Venezuela, has taken another step toward the conspicuous honoring of American citizens by issuing a decree directing the erection of a bronze column in honor of the citizens of the United States who aided Venezuela in the first struggle for independence.

The decree states that the column is a memorial to the following citizens of the United States: Captain Donahue, Lieutenant Ripley and Privates James Gardner, Charles Johnson, Gustavus Wagnor, Paul E. George, Daniel Kemper, Miles T. Hall, John Ferris and Sub-Lieutenant Francis Parquharson.

The unveiling of the column is set for July 4, and it is to be made notable by a demonstration lasting three days throughout Venezuela.

HEAVY SPANISH LOSSES. Eight Hundred Said to Have Been Killed in One Battle.

In a fight in Pinar del Rio province, Tuesday, between the forces of Maceo and Colonel Inclan, the latter was seriously wounded, it is rumored, and the Spaniards lost 800 men.

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THE INTER-STATE COMM. & L.A.W.

LONG AND SHORT RAIL.

The Supreme Court Decides against the Railroads.

An opinion was rendered by the Supreme Court Monday in the case known as the "long and short haul" case, involving the validity of the provision of the Inter-State Commerce act, prohibiting a higher charge for a short haul than a long haul, appealed from the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fifth circuit. The appeal was taken by the railroads.

This title was the Inter-State Commerce Commission vs. the Cincinnati, St. Louis & Texas Pacific Railroad Company, the Western and Atlantic Railroad, and the Georgia Railroad. The decision of the court below was affirmed in the main, the opinion holding that in cases of shipment from one state to another on through bills of lading railroad companies could not exempt parties and give them special rates. Justice Shiras delivered the opinion.

The dispute concerning this matter is one that has been continually arising in various parts of the country, and it has been of great public importance, as well as the interests of commerce as to our railroads in every part of the country, that the question be put at rest.

The three railroad companies are the connecting lines running from Cincinnati to Augusta, Ga. This litigation began through the complaint of a seller of langes at Cincinnati to the Inter-State Commerce Commission, that the rates to Augusta, at the end of the Georgia Railroad, and to Social Circle, which was a point on the Georgia Railroad, 50 miles below Atlanta, were such as to unfairly discriminate against Social Circle.

The Texas Pacific and the Atlantic and Western railroads claimed in their answer that the rate to Social Circle could only be made by the consent of the Georgia road on which it is located, and that the commission admitted that the rates to Social Circle were the rate to Atlanta plus the rate from Atlanta to Social Circle, and contended that they were not unreasonable, the rate to Atlanta being less than it should be because of the competition with lines from that city to Baltimore.

CARLISE DECLARES HIMSELF.

The Kentucky Statesman Declines the Presidential Nomination.

Secretary Carlisle has written the following letter on the subject of his candidacy for the Presidency at the Chicago convention, addressed to Charles R. Lowe, Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee of Kentucky:

My Dear Sir—Your favor of March 30, in which you say, in substance, that many of my friends in Kentucky and elsewhere desire me to become a candidate before the approaching National Democratic Convention for the nomination for the Presidency, and requesting me to give "some authoritative or definite expression" upon the subject, was duly received and has been maturely considered.

Many communications upon the same subject and of similar import have been received from friends in different parts of the country, and while very grateful for these numerous expressions of confidence and esteem upon the part of my Democratic fellow citizens, I have not been able to reach the conclusion that the existing conditions require me to comply with their requests by authorizing them to announce me as a candidate for the Presidential nomination.

While I feel a profound interest in the welfare of my party, I am much more concerned about its declaration of principles than in its selection of candidates, because in my opinion, its future or success at the election, as well as its capacity for useful service in the country in the future, depends upon the position it takes or omits to take upon the public questions now engaging the attention of the people, and especially the questions affecting the monetary system of the country and the character and amount of taxation to be imposed upon our citizens.

His position upon these and other subjects having been agreed upon and clearly and distinctly announced, the convention ought to have no difficulty in selecting an acceptable candidate who will fairly represent its views, and in order that its deliberations may be embarrassed as little as possible by the contentions of rival aspirants and their friends, I think my duty to the party will be best performed by declining to participate in a contest for the nomination.

The obligations assumed when I accepted my present official position require me to devote my entire time and attention to the public interest committed to my charge, and I shall continue to discharge the duties imposed upon me to the best of my ability and in such manner as will, in my judgment, most certainly promote the true interests of the country; and if, in the opinion of my fellow Democrats in Kentucky, my services entitle me to their commendation and approval, I would regard their endorsement of my public course as an honor and a reward for the fact that I have been able to accomplish in behalf of able administration and sound financial policy.

THE OLYMPIAN GAMES.

The Opening Day Observed as a National Festival.

At Athens the opening of the Olympian games was observed as a national festival. The city was brilliantly decorated, and great enthusiasm was manifested over the sports. The day opened with a Te Deum in the cathedral which was attended by the royal family. The weather was cloudy.

The members of the American team are in excellent condition and full of confidence. The trial runs consisted of one of 400 and one of 500 meters. Also throwing the discus.

The Greeks fear their American competitors, but all the athletes are very courteous to each other.

Dr. John Lanahan Cries Fraud. Dr. John Lanahan sprang a sensation in the Methodist preachers meeting at Baltimore, when he announced that in a few days he will publish in a permanent form the Era of Frauds in the Methodist book concern at New York, of which he was at one time an agent. He stated that the publication is made necessary by the repeated denials of the frauds by persons in official positions.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Summary of the Most Important Presented in Both Houses.

Senator Cullom, Chairman of the Committee on Inter-State Commerce, author of the present Inter-State Commerce law, announced his purpose of introducing a bill to amend the law so as to provide transportation of foreign goods at rates than those of domestic goods.

The House spent the day considering sundry civil bill and day progress was made by the introduction of a bill for the transportation of foreign goods at rates than those of domestic goods.

Another Cuban joint resolution introduced by Mr. Call, of Florida, is to be introduced by the committee on Cuba and directs that an adequate force be immediately sent to protect Spanish citizens by force if necessary.

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