

FATAL FIRE AND MANY HURT

Fire Breaks Out in a Hotel After Midnight.

MORE IN THE BURNING RUINS

Many Injured in Panic Are Rescued by the Firemen and Police.

Six persons are known to have lost their lives and more than 20 are injured in a fire which partially destroyed the Richardson Hotel, one of the leading public houses in the city of Lowell, Mass.

The fire started a few minutes before 2 o'clock, A. M., and the flames rapidly communicated to various parts of the structure. A large number of guests were in the hotel, and those who were in the upper part of the building had little chance to escape by the stairways.

The firemen, at 2:30 o'clock, found the dead bodies of six women in the top floor of the hotel.

There is some doubt, however, about the number of fatalities. It is thought that several persons lost their lives but it has been impossible to tell the exact number as the hotel continued to burn fiercely in places.

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HEAVY FUEL CONSUMPTION

Iron and Steel Mills Make Steady Progress and Mild Weather Stimulates Spring Trade.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says: "No change appears in the business situation, weather conditions favoring outdoor work but causing accumulation of heavy wearing apparel. Reports from the Northwest are favorable, but most other sections have found bargain sales necessary to reduce stocks of winter goods.

Rubber mills have reduced time to five days a week and lumbering operations are seriously retarded by lack of snow and soft ground. Otherwise the news of the week is satisfactory, especially as regards the manufacture and distribution of spring goods. Iron and steel plants have made heavy progress and the manufacturing consumption of fuel is heavy.

Labor discussions are not all settled, but there is little serious interruption on this account. Railway earnings thus far available for January show an increase of 13.9 per cent over last year, while foreign commerce at New York for the last week exhibits a gain of \$1,417,709 in exports and a loss of \$2,339,878 in imports as compared with the movement in the corresponding week of 1905. Steady improvement is noted in the primary markets for textile fabrics. Leather holds fairly steady.

Failures for the week numbered 334 in the United States against 305 last year and 40 in Canada, compared with 43 a year ago.

HOUSE PASSES STATEHOOD BILL

Thirty-Three Republicans Vote With Democrats in Opposition.

The House passed the Statehood bill, 33 Republicans voting against the measure. The bill passed by the vote of 194 to 150.

The bill as passed provides that Oklahoma and the Indian Territory shall constitute one State under the name "Oklahoma," and that Arizona and New Mexico shall constitute one State under the name "Arizona."

Should the terms of admission be ratified by the residents of the Territories in question, their respective State constitutions must contain clauses prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors and plural marriages. The constitution of Arizona must prohibit the sale of liquor to Indians forever and that of Oklahoma for 21 years. There are many other stipulations governing schools, courts and political subdivisions of the proposed new States.

NOT GUILTY

Editor Haggood Acquitted of Charge of Criminal Libel.

Norman Haggood, editor of Collier's Weekly, was declared not guilty of criminal libel by a jury in the criminal branch of the Supreme Court in New York. The case was of a sensational nature and had been on trial for several weeks.

CAUGHT FOR MILLIONS

Ogden Armour Said to Be Short in Corner.

The amazing fact was disclosed in Wall street that J. Ogden Armour, head of the beef trust, has been caught in the corner of Reading stock and that his losses amount perhaps, to \$3,000,000.

AGED WOMAN CREMATED

Son Discovers the Charred Body of His Mother.

Mrs. Sarah Kelly, 78 years old, was found burned to death in her home in North township, Butler County, Pa. Her granddaughter, Lucy McBride, who lived with Mrs. Kelly, left early in the morning to visit relatives in Slippery Rock, and it is supposed, Mrs. Kelly's clothing caught on fire while she was passing a grate.

TROOPS ATTACK PEACE PARTY

The troops at Riobamba of Gen. Garcia, the former president, fired on the peace commissioners sent from Guayaquil to Quito, the capital of Ecuador, killing one man and wounding two.

KILLS TWO WOMEN AND SELF

The bodies of Charles Winn, a freight handler; his wife and Mrs. Charles W. Higgs of Portland, Mo., sister of Mrs. Winn, were found in the apartments in which the Winn lived at Providence. Winn apparently shot the women and then himself.

BUTLER CAMPBELL, 77 YEARS OLD, HAS DISAPPEARED FROM HIS HOME AT CORY, PA. FRENCH CREEK WAS DRAGGED, BUT NO BODY WAS FOUND.

French Creek was dragged, but no body was found. Foul play is suspected.

TERRIBLE OCEAN DISASTER

Only Fifteen Saved Out of a Lis of One Hundred Sixty-four

MANY WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Two Boats Loaded With Occupants Smashed to Pieces Alongside Doomed Steamer.

The steamer Valencia, which was en route from San Francisco with 94 passengers and a crew of 60, went ashore on the Vancouver Island coast, near Cloose, and a large number were drowned when attempting to leave the ship.

Although the latest news from the wreck of the Valencia is conflicting it is probable 140 lives were lost, while only 15 persons were saved.

A report from the steamship Queen, that 25 passengers were clinging to the vessel's rigging with little chance of saving any of them, was followed by the story that the wreck had gone to pieces.

A correspondent on board the Calvar has wired from Bamfield as follows: "The steamer Valencia was found by the steamer Queen at 9 A. M. Jan. 24, on Point Klauaway, about five miles from Cape Beale. The tug Czar went in to investigate and reported the steamer ashore, stern first, with her deck swept clear except small part of the house and her two masts standing. No persons could be seen alive on board.

"In the rigging of the forecast was what the Captain of the tug Czar took to be a signal, although he was unable to say whether it was a piece of sail or a human being clinging to the rigging.

"The steamer Calvar stood in for about two miles, but was unable to go any further, as a heavy sea and a westerly gale was blowing, making it highly dangerous, if not impossible, to make a closer approach.

"The Czar was within three-quarters of a mile from the wreck, but could go no farther toward the Valencia, and after making as complete an examination as possible she returned to the Queen and Salvor. The latter steamer and the tug Czar then left for Bamfield creek, the Queen standing by her companion liner.

"The Queen reported having heard three gunshots shortly before the arrival of the Salvor, but no sign of any living person was to be seen."

Advices from Cape Beale say 15 men have arrived, one of whom is the boatswain, the others being sailors. They reported a passenger list of 94 and a crew of 60 and said when they left the wreck yesterday morning, there were about 100 persons on board, a large percentage of whom were women and children, who were on the quarterdeck. The boats were smashed alongside and all the occupants drowned.

Later report says that the total number of survivors accounted for reaches 40 persons. The tug Lorne, which returned from the wreck, brought John Segalos of San Francisco, a fireman, rescued by the City of Topeka from the raft and placed on board the Lorne. Segalos says there were 84 people by actual count on the Valencia when he left Wednesday morning.

The tug Pioneer, returning from the wreck, reported nothing left of the hull of the Valencia.

Sixty-one persons are believed to have been aboard the Valencia when she broke up. Ten were officers and members of the crew, eight women, three children and 40 men.

CAPITAL NEWS NOTES

George F. Tibbitts, secretary of the Inter-state Young Men's Christian associations, has received a letter from former Senator Henry G. Davis, of West Virginia, offering to donate \$45,000 in Charleston, W. Va., as a location for a new Young Men's Christian association building.

Chief Justice Fuller gave notice of a three weeks' recess of the supreme court of the United States, beginning Monday, January 29.

A motion was made for the advancement of the hearing in Senator Burton's case in the United States supreme court.

The United States supreme court heard argument on the petition of the State of Kentucky for a writ of mandamus compelling the restoration of the case of Caleb Powers, of Kentucky, to the jurisdiction of the State courts.

In the Senate Mr. Warren introduced a bill giving to women the right to vote in all the States for representatives in Congress. The bill was referred to the Committee on Woman's Suffrage.

Official denial that the American members of the Philippine commission have been investing in real estate which might benefit by the construction of the proposed railway systems in the Philippines, was made by Secretary of War Taft in a letter to the Senate.

A highwayman stopped James Hogue, a 14-year-old newsboy of Alton, Pa., and took his money.

Panhandle Earnings for Year 1905. According to the statement of Secretary Liggett of the Pennsylvania lines-west, the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway Company had an increase of \$2,629,531 in gross earnings in 1905 over the preceding year.

Ensign Charles T. Wade, charged with responsibility for the explosion on the gunboat Bennington, in San Diego harbor, Cal., some months ago, has been acquitted by court-martial.

M'CALL'S HOME SOLD

Cost \$600,000 and is Disposed of for \$350,000.

John A. McCall, former president of the New York Life Insurance Company, parted with the summer palace he erected and furnished at Long Branch at an expense of \$600,000. The place was sold to Myron E. Oppenheim, a lawyer. The purchase was made for a client who is not now in this country. The purchase price was in the neighborhood of \$350,000, little more than half the sum expended by Mr. McCall upon the place. Of this amount Mr. McCall recovers only about \$100,000, as the property is encumbered with mortgages amounting to \$250,000.

BLACK HAND ANARCHISTS

Leader of a Gang of Reds Taken into Custody.

The arrest of John Spada, the reputed chief of a society of anarchists in the Monongahela valley, led to the development of details connected with a treasonable organization which for several years has existed among some local foreigners. Spada's house was filled with socialistic literature and on the walls hung an allegorical picture of Brest, the assassin of King Humbert. In addition to this there were found a number of raffle tickets and a list of the contributors. The proceeds from the sale of these were used to further the anarchistic propaganda, and Chief Logan declares that every name on the list is that of an anarchist, or member of the "Black Hand."

Cuba to Get Isle of Pines.

The treaty under which the United States relinquishes to Cuba all claim or title to the Isle of Pines was ordered reported by a majority of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. There will be a minority report presented by Senator Morgan and signed by two or more members of the committee annulling the treaty so as to give additional protection to the interests of Americans who have investments on the island. As reported by the majority the treaty is exactly as it was reported and made public on November 21, 1903.

Philippine Tariff Bill.

The House Committee on Ways and Means decided to make a favorable report on a bill by Representative Payne, providing for the reclassification of many American products for admission to the Philippines in such a manner that the United States will enjoy more favorable tariff rates. The most important changes in classification relate to cotton fabrics.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

Seven men were killed by a snowslide at a mining camp near Alta, Utah.

Theodore Ostroski, a Pennsylvania railroad trackworker, was killed by a train near Franklin, Pa. He was 20 years old.

The Westmoreland Broom company's plant at Greensburg, Pa., was damaged about \$10,000 by fire. The loss is partially insured.

Freeman Ehrlich was killed by a trolley car near Cambridge Springs, Pa. It is said he went to sleep on the tracks.

The Pennsylvania railroad has authorized the erection of three new stations, at Portage, Wilmore and Bens Creek, Pa. Work will be commenced immediately.

Frederick Stuart Stedman, a son of Edmund Clarence Stedman, the New York banker and poet, and a well-known Pittsburgh business man and sportsman, dropped dead in Mellor's music store, 321 Fifth avenue.

Another member of the crew of the Caesar, one of the tugs towing the drydock Dewey, has died from beriberi and another is suffering from it. The Caesar returned not long ago from the Asiatic station.

Fourteen persons were slightly injured in the collision at Glendora, Cal., between the Santa Fe limited, a westbound train, and a local train. All the injured were passengers on the local.

Joseph Patrick Nannetti, member of parliament in the Irish nationalist interest for the college division of Dublin, and chief compositor of the "Freeman's Journal," was elected lord mayor of Dublin.

Louis Ladekow, agent for a Pittsburgh firm, has been arrested in Butler county, Pa., on a charge of selling liquor illegally.

A bill has been introduced in the New York State Senate to provide for a recount of ballots in New York City cast at the last election and empowering the Supreme Court to open ballot boxes and make the recount.

The President sent the following nominations to the Senate. Ambassadors extraordinary and plenipotentiary—Luke E. Wright, Tennessee, to Japan; David E. Thompson, Nebraska, to Mexico; Lloyd C. Griscom, Pennsylvania, to Brazil. Governor general of the Philippine Islands—Henry Clay Ide, Vermont. Vice governor of the Philippine Islands—James F. Smith, California.

Kills Brother in Bowling Accident

In a bowling tournament at Kendall, N. Y., Henry Boehm killed his 17-year-old brother, Otto Boehm. As the younger Boehm, who was setting pins, bent over to replace those knocked down a ball bowled by the older brother, traveling down the alley at terrific speed, struck him full in the temple. Young Boehm fell face downwards on the alley, his skull fractured. Before medical attendance could be summoned he was dead.

WARSHIP GOES TO BOTTOM

Over Two Hundred Lives Lost—Magazine Blew Up.

WAS ON INSPECTION TRIP

Leading Dignitaries of the Navy Had Gathered to View Proposed Site for an Arsenal.

An explosion in the powder magazine on board the Aquidaban at Port Jacarepaqua, south of Rio Janeiro, at 10:45 o'clock at night, sent that famous Brazilian turret ship to the bottom of the sea. The vessel sank in three minutes.

Nearly all the officers were killed or injured. The dead number 212, and the injured 36.

The following members of the committee which left the arsenal on board the Aquidaban, accompanying the Minister of Marine, were drowned: Rear Admiral Rodrigo Jose da Rocha, Rear Admiral Francisco Calheiros da Graça, Rear Admiral Joao Candido Brazil, and Captain Alves do Larrigue. Two commanders, two German photographers and one reporter also were drowned.

Ninety-eight of those aboard were saved. The bodies will be brought to Rio Janeiro and given a national funeral.

There was general mourning in Rio Janeiro, and all the theaters were closed. The cruiser Barroso arrived from Port Jacarepaqua with those injured by the explosion.

The Aquidaban had been used for the accommodation of a number of supernumerary officers and men attached to the flotilla escorting the cruiser Barroso. The Barroso had on board the Minister of Marine and his staff, who were inspecting the sites proposed for a new arsenal.

The Aquidaban was of 4,950 tons displacement and 6,200 horse power. She was built in England in 1885 at a cost of \$1,725,000. The armament consisted of four 9.4-inch guns, four 5.5-inch guns and a number of smaller guns. She had five torpedo tubes. Her crew numbered 350 officers and men.

BIG LOANS SECURED

Town Topics Gets Large Sums from Financiers.

The Town Topics editor, Colonel W. D. Mann, told on the witness stand in New York of his dealings with various eminent financiers, including Charles M. Schwab, J. P. Morgan, John W. Gates, W. K. Vanderbilt, Perry Belmont, W. C. Whittey, George and Howard Gould, Thomas F. Ryan and others. The editor seems, according to his own story, to have borrowed money right and left among these magnates, retaining some in stock of the Town Topics Company, while others have received nothing in return. The stock was sold at \$1,000 a share, although the par value was only \$10.

KILLED WITH FLAT IRON

R. K. Lewis, a wealthy farmer and banker, living near West Farmington, O., was killed in his home by an unknown person at night.

Lewis and an unknown were in conference for an hour that night, and at the end of that time a hired man found Lewis dead, with his head crushed, while his hands and feet were bound. The body was covered with burning straw, which had been saturated in coal oil. The unknown stranger was missing.

Lewis was a widower, 75 years old, and lived alone. His skull was crushed with a flat iron, which was lying near the body, covered with blood.

APPEAL TO MISS ROOSEVELT

Beligians to Make Final Effort to Save Countryman's Life.

A committee of prominent Belgians appointed for the purpose of seeking the release by the Turkish Government of Edward Joris, the Belgian condemned to death by a native court at Constantinople for alleged participation in the attempt to assassinate the Sultan in July last, decided to send a petition to Miss Alice Roosevelt, asking her to interest President Roosevelt in the hope that he might personally intervene in behalf of Joris.

Pension Bill Carries \$140,245,500.

The House Committee on Appropriations decided to report favorably on a pension bill for the fiscal year 1907 appropriating \$140,245,500.

Governor Hanly of Indiana has made requisition upon Governor Patton for the return of Michael Burke, alias "Fingers," under arrest at Toledo. Burke is alleged to have broken into the Edgewood State Bank, October 24 and stolen \$6,002. The requisition was honored.

Foreign Crop Report.

The foreign crop report of the Department of Agriculture for December shows that over large areas of Europe the prevailing characteristics were unseasonably warm weather and excessive humidity. Crops timely sown have germinated freely and entered on the winter in strong, healthy condition. Late sowings of crops in Europe, however, were unusually extensive and some anxiety is felt concerning them.

CRUISERS MISSING TWO MONTHS

Believed to Be at Bottom of Sea Because of Mutiny of Crews.

Three of Russia's giant armored cruisers, composing what was known as the Vladivostok squadron, it is asserted, have been missing for two months, since they put to sea from Vladivostok, and it is believed, says a New York Herald dispatch from St. Petersburg, that all three ships, with their complement of 2,115 officers and men, have gone to the bottom of the sea. The ships are the Rossia, Gromobol and Bogatyr.

It is known that three ships left Vladivostok under sealed orders about the middle of November last and laid their course along the coast of Japan. The crews of all three warships were in a mutinous mood, fired to rebellion by information received about the revolt of their brother sailors on the battleship Kniaz-Potenkin, in the Black sea.

A flotilla of torpedo boats was sent to escort the big cruisers and the commanders of the smaller craft had orders to fire their torpedoes at and sink the cruisers at the first sign of insubordination. That this is what happened in the belief to-day in St. Petersburg, and it is feared that officers and men on the three ships all perished.

PLAN TO SPEND MILLIONS

Steel Corporation Will Make Improvements in Its Plants.

Twenty-five million dollars is to be expended by the United States Steel Corporation in the improvements of its plants throughout the country. When the annual meeting of the Carnegie Steel Company was held in Pittsburgh two weeks ago, it was announced that the sum of \$7,000,000 would be spent on improvements to local plants. Now comes this additional statement, increasing the original amount by \$18,000,000, and embracing important changes and new works at most of the corporations' plants in the country. All of this vast sum of money will be expended in Homestead, Braddock, Duquesne, Etna, Youngstown, O., Vandergrift, Pottocord, Pa., Conneaut, Johnstown, Allentown, Cleveland, Newburg and at the plants at Chicago and Joliet, Ill.

The improvements at Homestead will cost \$6,500,000 instead of \$7,000,000, as first announced. The first of the foundation work for the new buildings has been started on what was for years the Steel Works baseball park. On this plot the great new open hearth furnace plant will be built.

DAVIS MUST STAND TRIAL

Indictments Against Iroquois Theater Manager to Be Sustained.

Will J. Davis, manager of the Iroquois Theater at the time of its deadly fire, December 30, 1903, must stand trial for involuntary manslaughter, charged with responsibility for the negligence which left the theater patrons without the protection demanded for them by city laws.

The penalty for involuntary manslaughter, under the statutes of Illinois, is an indeterminate term in the penitentiary.

Judge Marsden Cavanaugh, in whose court the second indictments of Davis were attacked notified the attorneys in the case that his decision will sustain four of the six indictments, and the theater manager will be tried by jury.

WOOL MARKET.

The wool market is in a firm position with a fairly steady demand. The call for Territory wools is better than the ability of the dealers to supply, stocks being so greatly depleted that the selection is poor. The available stocks of three-eighths and one-half blood wools are very small. Pulled wools are in fair demand, B supers being quoted at 52 to 54c for ordinary and as high as 56c for a choice white lot. Foreign wools are firm. Prices in the market range as follows: Ohio and Pennsylvania XX and above, 3 1/2 to 3 3/4c; X, 33 to 34c; No. 1, 38 to 39c; No. 2, 38 to 40c; fine unwashed, 25 to 26c; one-quarter blood, unwashed, 35 to 37c.

IRONWORKERS' LOCKOUT

All Contracts of Allied Iron Trades Are Providing for Open Shop.

The "open shop" rule went into effect January 22 on all the contracts of the Allied Iron Trades, Iron League and Employers' association in New York City, all of which are included in the National Association of Structural Steel and Iron Workers. It was said that many of the independent contractors have joined in the "open shop" movement.

The enforcement of the "open shop" rule is practically a lockout against the International Association of Iron Workers, the branches of which are the House Smiths and Bridgemen's unions.

BRICK COMPANIES INDICTED.

Indictments were returned by the grand jury at Akron, O., against the officers of four local brick companies for being in a combination which stifled competition and made possible exorbitant prices for building and paving brick. The jury found that unreasonable prices had been paid, especially by the city of Akron for paving brick.

Weather Extremes.

While the mercury was up in 70's in the eastern states on Sunday, thirty degrees below zero was reported from Breckinridge, Col. Zero weather was general in the mountains. In the valleys and on the eastern plains the thermometer hovered around 10 above.

Baron Rosen presented to the U. S.

Baron Rosen presented to the U. S. S. Mayflower, in behalf of Count Witte, himself and the other delegates to the Portsmouth peace conference, a handsome punch bowl.

BUSINESS CARDS

G. M. McDONALD,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.
Notary