

TERRIBLE HOLOCAUST.

A New York Hotel Destroyed by Fire in the Early Morning.

CAUSING A DISASTER APPALLING IN HORROR.

Large Number of People Burned, Suffocated and Crushed in the Ruins--Many Narrow Escapes--Heartrending Scenes Witnessed During the Progress of the Fire--The Building and Contents a Total Loss.

Special to the Record-Union.

New York, Feb. 7.--A disaster appalling in horror, bringing to mind the terrible occurrence in Park Place, still fresh in the public mind, occurred in this city early this morning. The Hotel Royal, that well-known landmark which has stood for more than a quarter of a century at the southeast corner of Sixth Avenue and Fortieth street, was burned to the ground and a large number of people were burned, suffocated and crushed in the ruins.

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The injured are: Clarence W. Keim, 39 years of age, a traveling salesman, who was severely injured; John W. Keim, 35 years of age, a traveling salesman, who was severely injured; and several others.

The loss on the hotel and furniture is estimated at \$200,000. The building was owned by Hyman Israel, a furniture dealer on the Bowery.

At the morgue the same scenes were repeated. The bodies of the victims were taken to the morgue, and the fire was extinguished.

Several others dropped from the windows or slid down ropes, with which every room in the hotel was provided, and escaped with severe burns, while many more had been injured in the same way while going down fire-escapes and were in the hands of ambulance surgeons from the Bellevue hospital.

All this time the fire was raging fiercely, and it was evident that the building was doomed. The structure burned like kindling-wood.

The work of rescuing the guests still went on, and many were taken from the windows and rescued. The fire was extinguished.

Frederick Uhlman had been a guest at the hotel for years, and lived with his brother Simon and his mother. The latter yesterday went to their country residence at Lakewood.

Among the narrow escapes was that of H. C. Thompson of this city, who was a transient guest at the hotel. He was awakened from his slumbers by a cry of fire, and got up and went into the hallway, but escape down stairs was impossible.

Mrs. F. Knapp of Chicago had a room on the fifth floor. She had presence of mind enough to wrap a wet towel around her head to prevent her hair from being singed by a window and waited until rescued by a burly policeman.

Mrs. Kueper and daughter of Fleming, N. Y., occupied a room on the third floor front. They were taken from their room down a ladder. They lost all their clothing save the night-dresses which they had on.

Mrs. Knight dealt temporary hospitality to at least ten homeless people who were on the fire. A crowd of people who accepted of her hospitality was a young man named Levy, who slid down a rope, tearing the flesh to the bone.

These escapes occurred before the walls of the building fell, while the firemen were engaged in an attempt to stop the progress of the flames, which threatened to envelop the adjoining buildings.

When the walls fell people were seen at a window on the top floor crying for help, but they fell back, and were soon buried in the ruins.

The flames were strictly drawn and maintained during the entire day, and none save persons authorized to enter by reason of their official positions were allowed to enter the boundaries.

The new newspaper read through the length and breadth of the city, and friends of those who lived in the hotel hurried to the spot in fear and trembling. One of the most thrilling escapes was that of a young man named J. Noonan, of Jersey City.

He was on the roof of the building, and was seen by a fireman. He was rescued by a fireman, and was taken to the hospital.

After the fire had sufficiently cooled search was made for the dead and was at once rewarded by the finding of a charred body almost buried to a crisp. The body was identified as that of a man named Leroy.

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at the hotel last night registered, nor did all who registered put down their true names, for reasons which are not known. Those known to be dead, and whose bodies were recovered, were not identified. In fact only one was identified with any degree of positiveness. This is believed to be H. C. Levy. It is feared that a search of the vast smoking pile of debris in the cellar will reveal many ghastly finds.

Reports at a late hour to-night say that no less than 100 people are still unaccounted for.

The guest who probably had the most narrow and at the same time the most marvelous escape was M. L. Harman, a traveling salesman for a St. Louis wholesale grocery house. He registered at the hotel Saturday night with his wife. He had a room on the sixth floor, said Harman, and was aroused from my sleep by a low cracking noise and the sound of a whistle, which I think was one of the engines on the elevated road. I opened my door and found the stairway leading to the second floor in a blaze, and then went to the window and opened it, and there seemed to be as much smoke on the outside as in the hallway, for my room was so full of it that I could not breathe. I would have suffocated in the room had I not taken two towels, which we soaked with water. These we used to keep the smoke out of our lungs by holding them over our mouths and noses. I tried to find a fire escape near the window, but there was none, and I thought of going out through the door, but it was locked. I saw a window on the outside of the room, and I jumped out, and as it was dark, I fell to the ground. I was not hurt, and I was able to get up. By this time the flames were coming up through the cracks of the floor and through the cracks of the door.

Just as I was about to shoot my wife the floor fell with a crash, and we went down a story. The flooring stopped opposite a window, and I fell out and landed on the portico beneath. A rope was hanging out of this window, and I managed to get up and to get to the window. I picked her up, but was unable to carry her, and she was suffocated, and the street had injured me. How I reached the street I do not know.

Harman is confined to his bed at the Geelney House, his hands and face severely burned and his hair and eyebrows singed. He was told to-day that his wife was being cared for at one of the hospitals, and he is hoping to see her. It is believed, however, that she is one of the dead.

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FATAL RAILROAD WRECK.

A Limited Passenger Dashes Into a Stock Train.

THREE MEN KILLED AND TWO SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Bold Abduction of a Boy From Woods' Run, Pennsylvania--Houses Unroofed and Much Other Damage Done by a Tornado in Wood County, Ohio--The Nebraska gubernatorial contest believed to be at last settled.

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KANSAS CITY, Feb. 7.--A disastrous wreck occurred on the Chicago and Alton Railway this morning. As the result three men were killed and a considerable amount of property destroyed. The limited passenger train from Chicago for Kansas City left Centralia at 6 o'clock, behind time. Before reaching Larrabee, five miles west, the train attained a speed of forty-five miles an hour. At Larrabee the switch of the siding had been left open and the train dashed through it and into a stock train standing on the siding. The two engines came together with such force that they were wedged together.

The mail and baggage cars were derailed, but not wrecked. Two stock cars loaded with cattle were demolished and many cattle killed.

The fireman and engineer of the stock train were instantly killed and the fireman of the passenger train severely injured. It is believed that the engineer of the passenger train had an arm broken and the engineer of the stock train sustained a dislocation of the left knee. No passengers received so much as a scratch.

Killed--Ollie Woolston of Roadhouse, Kan., engineer of the freight train; Thomas Hindman of Roadhouse, Kan., fireman of the freight; John W. Kelleher of Kansas City, fireman of the passenger.

Wounded--John W. Kelleher, fireman of the passenger train, injured; John O'Day, baggage man, arm broken.

GOOD CHANCE FOR THE ADMISSION OF ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.--The course to be pursued by the Committee on Territories has pretty well defined, although no vote has yet been taken on any proposition submitted to it. A report recommending the admission of Arizona and New Mexico will be made to the House, and Oklahoma and Utah will have to remain outside the federation for some time. A number of addresses have been delivered in favor of the last two Territories named, and a delegation from Oklahoma appeared to-day, while another is expected to arrive from Utah.

The bill will recommend the admission of these two into the sisterhood of States, to take effect January 1, 1893, so they cannot be admitted until after that date. A large delegation of representative citizens of that Territory will appear before the House Committee next Wednesday.

DELEGATE CAINE WILL LEAD THEM. W. H. Smith and C. C. Richards of Ogden and P. S. Richards and J. L. Rawlins of Salt Lake have already arrived, and will appear before the committee. The members of the Liberal Territorial Convention of Utah have requested the committee by telegram not to make a report on any of the bills introduced in the house regarding the Territory of Utah until the delegation can reach Washington to make arrangements on these measures. The Liberal party delegation will not be here until the 18th inst.

BOLD ABDUCTION CASE. A Poor Woman's Boy Carried off by a Strange Man.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 7.--A bold abduction of a boy was made last night at Woods' Run. The police are investigating. John Kane, aged 8, and James Hughes, a year younger, were playing in front of their homes last evening, when a man came up and offered them candy. They followed him, and he carried them to a house. The boy was taken away, and the man fled.

CALL FOR TROOPS. Report That Two Men Were About to be Mobbled in Louisiana.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 7.--A Times-Democrat (Miss.) special says: Governor Stoner received a telegram this afternoon from Sheriff Walker of Claiborne County, stating that two men were about to be mobbed at Martin, and asking for troops. The Governor tried and failed to get transportation for the troops and notified the sheriff that he could not get them in time to relieve him. No further report has been received yet. There is no appropriation to pay the necessary expense for such emergencies, and many members of the present Legislature are fighting such an appropriation.

MURDERED BY DETECTIVES. Padowski Believed to Have Been a Victim of the Czar's Vengeance.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 7.--A Republic special from San Antonio says: The death of Padowski, the nihilist, grows daily in mystery, and it is now almost certain that the assassin of General Selivskoff, instead of being a suicide, was the victim of the Czar's vengeance. It was supposed that he committed suicide, but it is now known that the wound in Padowski's head was inflicted by a bullet of a larger caliber than his pistol. The secret papers which he was known to have carried were missing when the body was found, and were subsequently official papers concerning his death, which were stolen from the District Clerk's office. These facts, together with the knowledge that detectives were on the trail of Padowski, lead to the conclusion that Padowski was murdered by detectives for the reward offered by the Russian Government for his apprehension, dead or alive. Attorney Wilson had the remains exhumed. He is a brother-in-law of the Russian Consul at Galveston. It is presumed that the investigation was made at the instance of the Czar's Government.

MINISTER EGAN'S HOUSE NOT GUARDED. NEW YORK, Feb. 7.--A Herald's Santiago special says: It is almost beyond belief that the London Times should believe its correspondent here to continue to send such gross misstatements concerning the United States officials in this country. His latest story about the Czar's house being guarded by police to protect him from roughs is absolutely without foundation.

NASHVILLE (Tenn.), Feb. 7.--The dispatches sent out last night stating that a fight was on at Coal Creek were erroneous. The cause of alarm was the surrounding of a building by a mob of men who opened indiscriminate firing, which stampeded the soldiers. The troops, however, returned the fire, and the mob dispersed, nobody being hurt.

DEATH RECORD. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.--Rear Admiral Andrew Bryson, U. S. N., retired, died to-day, aged 70.

HARRISBURG (Pa.), Feb. 7.--Adjutant-General McLaughlin died this afternoon from a wound inflicted on him by two highlanders on Saturday evening. The murder was extraordinarily wanton and unprovoked. The old doctor was cooking his dinner in the rear hallway of his house on Dupont street, when two Chinese entered and committed a nuisance. The doctor requested them to stop, and they refused. One of them drew a pistol and shot the doctor in the abdomen. The bullet missed and the assassin fled. Usually Chinese are murdered for carrying one of the warring societies, but Dr. McLaughlin did not belong to any of these. It is thought possible the six Companies will take the matter up and hand over the murderers to justice, otherwise the chance of capturing them is very slight.

THE NEW MAIL SUBSIDY ACT. SAN DIEGO, Feb. 7.--The Pacific Mail steamer City of Sydney arrived here from San Francisco this morning. This is the first steamer to arrive under the new contract entered into by the Pacific Mail Company with the government for carrying mails under the postal subsidy law. The steamer took a quantity of mail from the San Diego Postoffice, some freight and passengers for the south, and sailed at 5 P. M.

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STOPPED BY A ROAD AGENT.

Valley Springs Stage Held Up Near Mokelumne Hill.

THE EXPRESS BOX TAKEN AND RELIEVED OF ITS CONTENTS.

The Steamer Humboldt, Which Was Several Days Overdue From Eureka, and for the Safety of Which Much Anxiety Was Felt, Has Arrived at San Francisco, Having Been Disabled While Crossing the Bar at Eureka.

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MOKELUMNE HILL, Feb. 7.--The stage to Valley Springs was stopped by a highwayman this morning about four miles from this place. At the same spot where the stage was stopped on the 7th day of January, the robber was masked with a gunny-sack. The man was about five feet ten inches in height, and dressed in dark clothes. The voice sounded the same to the driver as the former highwayman. The driver was ordered to throw out the express-box. The only passenger was a young man named Mailles, who was sitting in the road agent's car. He had no money in his pockets. After driving in the negative, nothing more was said, and the box being thrown out the driver was ordered to go on. Information was brought to town and officer Goodwin and citizens started out. The box was found empty with the end broken in with a hammer. The driver was camped near the road during the night. He has thought to be the same man that stopped the stage a month ago.

VICTIM OF HIGHBINDER'S ENMITY. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.--Dr. Chuey Sue Yee, a Chinese physician well-known and respected, died early this morning from a wound inflicted on him by two highlanders on Saturday evening. The murder was extraordinarily wanton and unprovoked. The old doctor was cooking his dinner in the rear hallway of his house on Dupont street, when two Chinese entered and committed a nuisance. The doctor requested them to stop, and they refused. One of them drew a pistol and shot the doctor in the abdomen. The bullet missed and the assassin fled. Usually Chinese are murdered for carrying one of the warring societies, but Dr. McLaughlin did not belong to any of these. It is thought possible the six Companies will take the matter up and hand over the murderers to justice, otherwise the chance of capturing them is very slight.

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LETTER WRITTEN TO CHAIRMAN CLARKSON OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO THAT EFFECT.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.--Blaine's determination not to be a candidate for the Presidential nomination, as expressed in the letter to Chairman Clarkson yesterday, is the one topic of discussion in Washington to-night. His ill health is generally accepted as the reason for his determination not to be a candidate. Had his health been robust, though, it is not believed he would have opposed President Harrison. Blaine's friends say: "Why, how could he do otherwise than decline to be a candidate as long as he was in President Harrison's cabinet? If he had resigned and entered the race, how would it have looked to the voters? Such an act would be justly regarded as a piece of selfish ingratitude and duplicity. Mr. Blaine declines to make the state of his health, but because he is true to his President."

REGRET seems to be generally expressed among the Republicans; especially is the opinion of the President's cabinet. The opinion of the President is almost unanimous that Harrison will not resume in ninety days and pay dollar for dollar. The bondsmen of the Treasurer of Grant County have covered the losses sustained in the county funds.

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