#### FIGHT TO A FINISH IS EXPECTED IN THE NEW YORK CONVENTION TO-DAY

Tammany Will Seek to Prevent Instructions for Parker, but Will Be Overruled.

MR. HILL IS INSISTENT

If Tammany Leaders Persist in Their Attitude They May Be Eliminated from the Party.

NO DELEGATE AT LARGE

Even This Recognition Will Be Taken from the Wigwamthe Rival Contentions.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 17 .- If the policy adopted by the friends of Alton H. Parker. at whose head stands former United States precipitated upon the floor of the convention a battle which has not had a parallel political conventions for many

Since the Saratoga convention of 1900, when Gen. Charles N. Bulger, of Oswego, representing Senator Hill, putting his finger almost under the nose of Richard Croker. denounced Tammany Hall and its politics, Tammany has waited, as an organization, to present its compliments to Mr. Hill, and, although it is perfectly apparent to-night that the interests dominated by Mr. Hill control a large majority of the convention's vote, it is a foregone conclusion that such orators as Bourke Cockran, Thomas F. Grady, Charles A. Towne and Victor Dowling, on the floor of the convention, will personally accuse Mr. Hill of attempting to wreck the party. These are not statements of mere supposition, for, although Leader Charles F. Murphy, of Tammany Hall, will not say a word to-night, and although former Senator Hill is equally reticent, those who are extremely close to them are to-night making definitely these

"First-On behalf of Mr. Hill, that unless Tammany withdraws what he calls a useless opposition to the instruction of the state delegation for Judge Parker Tammany Hall will be practically read out of the convention, delegations in its favor outside of Manhattan refused a seat in the convention, and Tammany, as a body, not allowed to name a national delegate at

TAMMANY'S CONTENTION.

"Second-On behalf of Mr. Murphy, as representing Tammany Hall, that New York has met defeat in national conventions only when it has instructed its delegation; that because of the fact that the Torpedo Attack of Last Wednesparty platform and policy are as yet vaguely defined, it is unwise to send an instructed delegation; that Tammany, casting the greatest proportion of the Democratic vote in the State, is entitled to name a delegate at large; that a Democratic state committee should not be elected at this convention, but the matter should wait until the fall convention, when state issues

Mr. Murphy, with his Tammany lieutenants, arrived in the city this afternoon, and for nearly an hour was in conference with Senator Hill. He presented to Mr. Hill the name of W. Bourke Cockran, of New York, as Tammany's candidate for delegate at large. It is understood that Mr. Hill immediately asked him to name his candidate for President of the United States, a request that Mr. Murphy parried by saying that Tammany had no candidate, but firmly believed and would resterate its belief in the convention to-morrow and at the national convention at St. Louis, that it should not be compelled to name its candidate or be instructed for any particular candidate until the platform was agreed on and a proper man found who would be in accord with its

To this Senator Hill replied that it must be perfectly apparent to Mr. Murphy that almost two-thirds of the delegates to tomorrow's convention would be in favor of instructing for Judge Parker, and that Tammany should therefore gracefully accede to the majority demand. If it did not, Mr. Hill is quoted as saying, then Tammany must take the consequences of its must not include any man who might on of the national convention repudiate the unit rule as adopted for instruction by the state convention. He intimated that in place of Mr. Cockran a majority of the delegates might select, so as to be sure that their instructions for Judge Parker would be carried out, August Belmont, who already had pledged himself for Judge

When Mr. Murphy left Senator Hill's headquarters he was asked whether he would make a statement. This he positively declined to do, but Senator Victor Dowling, who is his chief lieutenant, said that there at Chweng-Tai-Tse, twenty miles south- to kill, and will be held under a heavy bond was absolutely no change in the situation. HILL IS OBDURATE.

us half way and the fight will go to the floor of the convention," said Senator Dowling, "where even though we may be in the minority, we shall by voice and action try to impress the people of the State that we are in the right."

Senator Hill, when seen, said that, so guarded. far as he understood the matter, Tammany was prepared to take the fight to SHIPS AGAIN ATTACK the floor of the convention. He saw no objection to that from a Democratic standpoint, and, indeed, he believed that was the place to fight it out. He had no fear of the result and not only believed, but knew, that the convention would instruct for Judge Parker. He added that care would be taken that the delegates-at-large and that the action is being continued toselected would be those who would properly carry out the wishes of the state convention, and that this would apply also to the selection of electors.

a new state committee at this convention, he said it was not, but that it was excellent policy to select it at this time, so that after the nominating convention, on July 6. There was some discussion to-night as to le platform to be adopted. It is said to have been Senator Hill's idea that the platform should deal quite extensively with State and national issues, but William Sheehan, speaking, it is believed, for Judge RUSSIAN SCOUTS ARE Parker himself, probably has won, tonight, a concession, so that the platform adopted to-morrow will be very brief, dealing not in any minute particulars, but generally with the failure of the Republican party. It is understood that it will assert that since the death of President McKinley the party in power has practically run riot, has failed in its promise to car- thirty miles of that place, and that the the corporations and trusts and has demoralized the public service. It will not in any way allude to the monetary system, is a small port on the east coast of Korea, for him, from any possible embarrassment and Manchuria.

It is understood to-night that the delewill be former United States Senator

The convention will be called to order Yalu river. These statements, however, by Chairman Frank Campbell of the state are discredited because it would be quite committee at 2 p. m., and after routine possible for the Japanese to matters are settled it will be adjourned until 8 p. m., when Senator Raines will be made permanent chairman. The battle on the floor of the convention will take place of the convention will be adjourned to the convention wil at the evening session.



GROVER-Now just look; and me not in politics either.

# SAID TO BE CONVEYING BIG FORCE TO YIN-KOW Youths Clash During Dispute Infant Shields Woman from Hus-

day Said to Have Been Cover for a Landing Movement.

LOSS OF SHIP REPORTED

Japanese Torpedo Boat Said to Have Struck Her Own Mine-Russians Near Sung-Jin.

PORT ARTHUR, April 17 .- Rumors are current here that twenty Japanese transports conveying troops have been sighted steaming in the direction of Yin-Kow. The rumors cannot be confirmed. The Russians impatiently await a Japanese land-

Viceroy Alexieff has hoisted his flag on the battleship Sevastopol.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 17.-A dispatch from Port Arthur says several eyewitnesses assert that a Japanese cruiser was lost outside Port Arthur opposition, because the delegates-at-large on April 12 by striking one of its own

> ATTACK INTENDED TO . COVER A DEBARKATION

ST. PETERSBURG, April 17 .- It is said to cover a landing from nine transports west of Taku-Shan, with the view to cut off the retreat of the Port Arthur troops "Senator Hill positively declines to meet to Siuz-Yen and Kai-Ping, destroying the SOURIS RIVER FLOOD railway and preventing troops stationed in southern Liao-Tung effecting a junction with the main Russian forces concentrated at Liao-Yang and Mukden. The expectation of this operation failed only owing

# THE RUSSIAN PORT

TIEN-TSIN, Saturday, April 16 .- A report has been received here that Port Arthur was bombarded all day yesterday (Friday)

No detailed or official account of the destruction of the Petropavlovsk or the dam-Asked whether it was unusual to elect aging at Port Arthur of the Pobieda has been received here, but it is not believed that either one of these Russian warships retreated or withdrew from the action of the 13th, which undoubtedly was the most important of the war. it is declared here that one Japanese torpedo boat was sunk in this engagement, but

this statement lacks confirmation.

APPROACHING SUNG-JIN

SEOUL, Korea, April 17, 1 p. m.-Reports received here from Sung-Jin declare ...at thirty-three Russian soldiers are within ry out McKinley's policies, has catered to Japanese consul and residents left there on a steamer for Gensen yesterday. Sung-Jin about 150 miles northeast of Gensan and her will it indorse any particular platform about 150 miles northeast of Gensan and heretofore adopted by Democratic conven- about the same distance southwest of the tions. In a word, it is intended to relieve mouth of the Tumen river, which marks Judge Parker, if the convention instructs the northeastern boundary between Korea

until such time as the national platform is It has been learned since the foregoing was received that thirty-three Cossacks occupied Sung-Jin on the night of April 16. gates at large to the national convention The Japanese refugees who fled from there arrived at Gensan this morning. The rumors that five thousand Russian troops David B. Hill, of Albany, and Edward mors that five thousand Russian troops Murphy, jr., of Troy, August Belmont, of New York, and James W. Rridgeway, of men continue, and it is declared that they be a superior of the language from the intend to divert the Japanese from the

# MURDEROUS ATTACK ENDS ARGUMENT OVER 50 CENTS

About Payment for "Can" of Beer.

Charles McCurdley, twenty-two years of ZANESVILLE, O., April 17 Frank | ered a seventeen-year-old Kentuckian living at | Crooks Howard and Norris streets. McCurdley

that he cannot live.

The trouble arose in an argument over a sum of money to have been used in procuring a "can" of beer. It is alleged that the principals had been frequenting the common at Lambert and Knapp streets and that they had been drinking. They decided to have another drink, and a collection was taken up for this purpose. McCurdley is change and would not return the half-

Spratt, McCurdley made a movement as though to draw a weapon from his pocket. remarking "I'll shoot you full of holes." At this Spratt picked up a piece of gas pipe and hit McCurdley on the head. that the Japanese torpedo flotilla attack | Fights are frequent in the neighborhood on Port Arthur, on April 13, was intended on Sunday, according to the police, who say that beer is used in copious quantities. Spratt is charged with assault with intent until his victim's condition is determined.

SWEEPS AWAY BRIDGES

to the fact that all places on the peninsula suitable for the landing of troops are protected by mines, well fortified and strongly and the government bridge leading into by jumping aside. river at Oxbow, N. W. T., is again rising | Miss Metzler's sister Annie saved her life the extensive Bow district has been carried away, cutting off all communication. home by walking on the railroad track. The The water is the highest ever known at noise of a passing freight train prevented Oxbow. At Saskatoon another span of the them hearing the approaching passenger railway bridge has been carried out.

# BABY STAYS HAND OF MAN BENT ON TRIPLE MURDER

band Who Shot Her Father and Mother.

ASSAILANT A PRISONER MOB HUNTS FOR PARKS

age, residing at 1335 Howard street, was Parks, twenty-four years old, a miner of seriously if not fatally injured Sunday aft- | Crooksville, near here, this afternoon shot ernoon by being hit on the head with a and, it is believed, fatally wounded his four-foot section of gas pipe by Coy Spratt, wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood

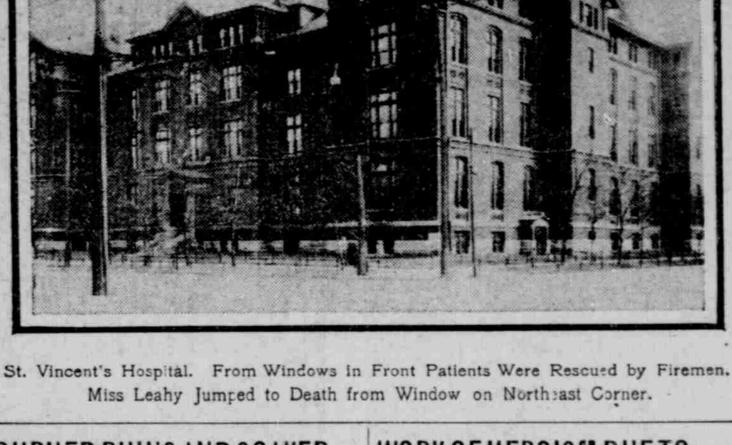
Parks has been out of work for some was rendered unconscious and was taken to time. The loss of his position and the conhis home in the City Dispensary ambulance. sequent hardship is believed to have made He was attended by Dr. Leoth, who found him melancholy. He had quarreled with a fracture of the skull over the right ear his wife, who had gone to live with her and a complete fracture of the lower jaw. parents. Parks called at the home of his At an early hour this morning McCurdley | wife's parents this afternoon, and as a was in a serious condition, and it is thought | result of a quarrel picked up a pistol and shot Mr. and Mrs. Crooks in the abdomen. An attempt to commit suicide was frustrated by his wife, who appealed to him not to do so. Parks left the house and has

All Crooksville is excited over the attempted double murder. Immediately after the news became known a posse of fifty men and boys was formed. The trail was north of the city. There, it is supposed, Parks turned and, after a circuitous route, said to have given Spratt a 50-cent piece, secured a train for his home in Delaware | deluge. ected within twenty-four hours

#### This led to an argument and, according to THREE PERSONS KILLED BY A PASSENGER TRAIN

Were Returning from Church and Took a Short Cut Along a Railroad Track.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., April 17 .- George Clauser, aged forty years; Edith M. Metzby a Reading Railroad passenger train near at \$70,000, exclusive of damage to the WINNIPEG, Man., April 17 .- The Souris | their home near Macungle late last night. | building itself.



# BURNED RUINS AND SOAKED DEBRIS REMAIN WHERE THE OCCIDENTAL STOOD

Is General, Nothing Remaining Unsaved.

Floors Threaten to Fall at Any Moment.

now presented at the ruins of the old Occi- of the St. Vincent's Hospital fire of Sundental Hotel, almost completely gutted by day morning, when it seemed for a time fire early yesterday morning. While such | that the entire structure was in flames and may not appear to be the case from with- to even venture inside its walls meant out, a view within confirms that fact only death or serious injury, many brave too truly. It is not the scene presented by smoky walls, but by fallen floors and walls Firemen, policemen and spectators worked and heavily bedrenched furniture and wearing apparel left in the rooms by the fleeing and nurses of the hospital to escape, in guests. From the lower to the top floor a desolate condition exists.

A liberal estimate of the loss to the owners of the hotel building and the many tenants as the result of the fire follows: Henry Schnull, owner hotel building: Loss (estimated), \$25,000; insurance, \$25,000. P. H. McNelis, proprietor Occidental Hotel: Loss (estimated), \$22,000; insurance

Edward Ferger, drugs: Loss (estimated), \$8,000; insurance, \$11,000.

Frank M. Ryan, haberdasher: Loss (estimated), \$20,000; insurance, \$10,000. mated), \$10.000; insurance, fully covered. Samuel Rubens, clothing: No estimate; stock value, \$50,000; insurance, fully cov-

Floros Candy Kitchen: Loss (estimated), \$6,000; insurance, \$4,500. Reine Miller, gents' furnishings: Heavy loss to stock; no estimate. Henry Burgheim, jewelry: Loss (estimated), \$1,000; insurance, fully covered. Harry Raphael, millinery: Heavy loss to stock: no estimate.

entirely limited to the upper floors heavy stream of water thrown on flames soaked through, weakening the sills which in many instances gave way under the strain of their heavy load, crashing through to the ground. In many places the floors that have not

condition. The property belonging to the Spratt was arrested by Police Captains | Parks turned the weapon on his wife, but | guests of the hotel is practically a total such property by falling timber and debris. CRASH OF FLOORS. Especially is this true in the office of the

hotel, where the kitchen equipment, located ing from a window on the fifth floor, and, on the top floor, fell through with a crash overcome by the smoke, was carried to the to the office-room below. The sills of the taken up at the Crooks home, and was kitchen wall burned out and the floors followed to the edge of a wood two miles under it, weakened by the heavy flow of but she held that for their own safety they water, were carried down in the path of the | should remain in their rooms.

expecting to get some change in return. county. The police of surrounding towns | Perhaps the greatest damage done by the | HEROINES WIN PRAISE have been notified and his capture is ex- waters was to the business rooms located on the first floor. Into these departments for several hours the water poured through in torrents, so weakening the ceilings that any attempt to rescue the property at that time would have been perilous The Ferger drug store and the Ryan clothing store suffered most in this particular. In the former place the stock was thoroughly soaked. The same condition, it is thought, now exists at the latter place. The shoe and the infants' department over the Ruben clothing store was greatly damaged by water, as was also the stock of clothing in the Ruben store, though not A hasty but brief examination was made

and estimators have placed the total loss devoted their lives. Edward Ferger values his stock at \$14,000 and at the same time is unable to place an

estimate on the loss, although he says it in Macungie and was taking the short cut | will amount to not less than \$8,000. A complete new line of spring goods had just been laid in by this firm, including 60,000 cigars, besides a large supply of soda water fixtures (CONTINUED ON PAGE 10, COL. 4.)

# **WORK OF HEROISM DUE TO** PRESENCE OF MINDWHICH THE RESCUERS EXHIBITED

Damage Throughout the Building Miss Heakin, Hospital Nurse, Says "Remain in Your Rooms" to Terrified Patients.

FIRMS LOSE WORK DONE, SHE FAINTS

Stocks Are Drenched and Shaky Many Helpless Inmates, Overcome by Smoke, Are Saved by Courageous Woman.

A scene of complete devastation is that In the terrible excitement and confusion rescues of imperiled inmates were made side by side in aiding the terrified patients several cases placing their own lives in peril. Had it not been for the promptness and the efficiency of the services thus ren-

> MISS HEAKIN A HEROINE. by the Sisters of Charity in charge of St.

the dense smoke up the staircase. The patients were panic-stricken and many had crawled from their beds and were in the hall; some in their weakened condition leaning against the walls and Miss Heakin helped back into their rooms and in a stern voice commanded them to stay near the windows and not to jump.

your rooms," she said. IS FINALLY OVERCOME. Stifled by the smoke and almost unconscious, after visiting every room on the already fallen in, are in a very dilapidated fourth floor, she made her way up the stairs again. There the smoke was far Hyland and Kinney and Bikemen Lowe and she held their eleven-months-old child in loss, and it is impossible at this time to more dense. Some of the patients who front of her and the father dared not fire. make an estimate on the damage done to were dazed by the smoke she carried to Sister Stella had recently undergone a open windows. Again in the hall she fell in a faint and it was a few seconds before she revived. Miss Heakin was found lean-

Two policemen who had reached the fifth floor advised her to remove the patients,

Nurses and Sisters Retain Presence of Mind During the Confusion.

the fire is highly commended by the officers of the institution. Braving the smoke A reporter found one of the nurses on

the top floor of the building when the fire only one of many who were hysterical and the older patients, whom she endearingly called "grandma," had not yet been saved. the old lady occupied a cot. "Grandma" was found lying on her cot seemingly unable to move, and it was

being carried to the first floor by a policeman who was assisting. This officer lost his helmet in the early moments of the more seriously. The hospital building probconflagration and did not stop to recover ably is more solidly constructed than any it. The helmet was found by a Journal reporter, who identified its owner, Patrolman Fred Amsden, by the wreath-encircled number. The sweet, womanly manners of the hospital workers were openly commented upon

by citizens who were allowed inside the fire lines. Many of those who assisted in the work of caring for the injured were refreshed by cups of steaming coffee, which was gladly received by the watersoaked helpers.

JUMPS TO GROUND TO SOUND ALARM

Agnes Rings Bell-Not Hurt.

Risking her life Sister Agnes jumped from the second floor of the hospital to sound the alarm of fire. Hearing the cry of "fire" from the few nurses and sisters threw it open and screamed for help. Seepulled the box herself. All the firemen ried twenty-five co thirty people from the were working on the Occidental fire. As upper stories to the main floor soon as the box had rung she went to the telephone and called up fire headquarters and told the operator there the exact con-dition of the fire. Sister Agnes was unin-

### SMOKE INSTEAD OF FIRE WAS CAUSE OF PANIC AT ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL

Danger Which Induced Disaster Gave Impression that Entire Structure Was in Flames.

PERIL OF SUFFOCATION

Staircase Acted as a Vent for Smoke, Which Filled the Upper Floors.

IS ABOUT \$2,000

Panic Only Escaped by Presence of Mind of Brave Men and Women.

Emerging from a situation that brought one death to its doors and that involved possibilities of immensely more death and tragedy, St. Vincent's Hospital gave little outward indication vesterday of the danger the peril in the fire of yesterday morning, Sunday morning, the hospital had returned to its normal state, with all of the patients back in their wards, and with only the smell of smoke and the excitement under inmates labored to remind one of the

With the calmer moments that same with daylight yesterday, a careful survey of the had been confined to the east end of the large building, and to the basement and first floor. It is supposed to have started from an electric wire in the basement, where the flames spread to the first floor through the stairway.

SMOKE FILLS HALL. The only damage by fire was to this stairway and to the woodwork in the vicinity, and the stairway was not even sufficiently damaged to render it unserviceable. This part of the building is away from the patients, and is given over to the chapel, kitchen and dining room.

\$2,000, supposed to be fully covered by insurance. There was some damage to other parts of the hospital by smoke and water. Although the fire was confined to a very

The loss will probably amount to about

small part of the structure, the smoke from dered, it seems certain that death by suffo- discovery, as to penetrate to every part of cation might have resulted in a number of | the hospital, and in the central part of the structure, near the South-street entrance, is was so thick that it was impossible to Idolized by her sister nurses and praised reach the telephone booth to call for aid.

This great volume of smoke naturally rose Vincent, Miss Hannah Heakin, a nurse, is by every available channel to the top of the heroine of the disaster. While most of | the building, giving the impression that the the sisters and nurses were thrown into a fire was burning on the fifth floor. When panic by the discovery of fire, she re- the inmates were aroused and rushed to Schomberg Cigar Company: Loss (esti- mained cool and to her probably is due the their windows, opening them for fresh air credit of preventing at least a dozen fatal- and relief from the langer of suffocation, ities. Urging one of the sisters to sound smoke poured from every window in the the alarm of fire. Miss Heakin, throwing hospital, causing those who first arrived on her apron about her head, dashed through the scene to believe that the entire building was in flames.

ONE NURSE FALLS. Dr. O. G. Pfaff, speaking for the management of the hospital, told the Journal others lying helpless on the floor. These | yesterday that, aside from the death of Harriet Leany, the employe of the hospital, who jumped from a fourth-story "You will all be saved if you remain in window, there was but one person injured, Miss Katherine Beach, one of the nurses, who fell from a rope of sheets and sustained serious bruises. Sister Superior Stella's condition, as a result of the shock. coming after an illness of several weeks, Dr. Pfaif stated to be serious, but not one of immediate danger. The statement that

serious operation was denied by Dr. Pfaff. While Sister Josephine, accountant at the hospital and assistant in its management to Sister Stella, and Sister Monaca, the aged woman who was carried from the top floor by a Journal reporter and policemen, are greatly weakened by nervous strain and the shock of the tragedy, they are not in a serious condition. Others believed Sunday morning to be in a precarious WHILE FLAMES RAGE condition as a result of excitement and exshow almost no ill effects from their ordeal.

"So far as we can now tell," said Dr. Pfaff, "none of the patients has been seriously injured, nor has any suffered a serious relapse. While we cannot be absolutely certain as to the condition of all of them for a day or two, we believe that no The work of the nurses and sisters during serious results will follow in any case." BUILDING NEARLY FIREPROOF.

All of the nurses, except Miss Beach, extensively. The New York candy kitchen and fire they showed the firemen, police- were again at their duties yesterday, and men and citizens through the long halls the affairs of the institution moved along ler, aged fifteen, and Stella Knaus, aged of the damaged stock yesterday morning and corridors and proved themselves fully as usual, under the temporary direction of seventeen, were struck and instantly killed by the different proprietors of the stores, worthy of the noble cause to which they Sister Regina. Countless telephone inquiries as to the condition of patients were made by anxious friends and relatives from was at its height trying vainly to carry a the time that news of the fire first spread patient, who screamed and struggled in | throughout the day. Most of those making her efforts to escape. This patient was inquiry were content with the assurance so badly frightened that they could not that their friends or relatives were uninrealize that help was near. In another in- jured, but many called personally to restance a sister remembered that one of ceive information. Only the relatives of those who were seriously ill were allowed and she led the way to the ward wherein to enter the hospital and visit the wards,

> Had St. Vincent's Hospital been of lightfeared that she would also be numbered er construction than it is, it is probable among the dead. She was revived after that the fire would have spread with greater rapidity and would have resulted much other structure in the city, with the exception of the Statehouse and new federal niding. Every partition wall is of brick. and runs from the ground to the roof of the building, while between the floors and ceilings is a concrete filling, making the entire hospital nearly fireproof. Although the exact number of patients in the hospital was not known. Sister Regina resterday afternoon said that it was about 150-nearly its capacity.

> > FIREMAN HOLDS ONE FROM A FATAL LEAP

Finding Firemen Gone, Sister Almost Reaches Miss Leahy Before She Jumps-Eleven in Room.

Chemical Company No. 2, Captain Rosengarten, was one of the first companies at the hospital fire. As soon as the chemical was playing on the fire Captain Rosengarin the rear of the large building she rushed ten directed his men to rescue all of the to one of the windows of the second floor, people possible. Fireman Faraham, from this company, was in the same room frem ing no one she lifted herself to the sill which Miss Leahy jumped. He would have and jumped to the ground. The sister rescued her had she waited a minute longrushed into the fire headquarters just the other side of the alley and finding no one, er. The men from this one company car-

> There were eleven women in the same room with Miss Leahy when she jumped out to her death. All of the women had made up their minds to jump if assistance (CONTINUED ON PAGE 10, COL. 3)



Ruins on Ill.nois Street Side of Occidental Hotel Showing Fallen Walls and Cornice Work.