

LOST IN THE FLAMES

Six Unfortunates Caught in a Buffalo Boarding House.

MANY MORE ARE MISSING

Daylight Expected to Reveal a Greater Loss of Life--Another Bad Fire in Boston This Morning.

BUFFALO, Jan. 2.--Soon after 2 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the rear of a cheap restaurant and lodging house on the west side of Washington street, just north of Swan street.

The building is old and dry and proved a veritable tinder box. Several of the inmates jumped from the second story and received terrible injuries. Among those injured and taken to the hospital are: Fred Overman, Charles Edwards, John Neill, George Matthews, George Anderson. The names of the dead cannot be learned at this hour.

The chief of the fire department says that he expects to find other dead bodies in the cellar, but will be unable to reach them before daylight.

GLOBE IS NOW GONE.

Theatre at Boston Gated--Loss Will Reach \$300,000.

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The first pieces of the fire apparatus were wholly unable to cope with the flames and a second, third, fourth and finally a general alarm were sent out. Even then the fight was too great and the fire apparatus from the suburbs was sent for.

Before the third and fourth alarms were given the entire center of the theatre seemed one mass of flames, while the great clouds of smoke and showers of sparks betokened the terrible force that was at work underneath. Soon after the fourth alarm was sounded the flames burst through the Washington street front of the theatre entrance and rapidly licked up the ornamental wood-work of which it was composed.

Occasionally as the fire in the interior came in contact with a calcium or gas tank an explosion would be heard that made the huge crowd of onlookers involuntarily fall back, although the ropes stretched by the police had kept them out of danger territory.

Other Buildings Endangered.

The vast showers of embers that continually ascended from the burning theatre and fell thickly upon the surrounding buildings threatened them also in a most alarming manner. Until 2:30 a. m. it was feared that the fire would sweep across Hayward place, the slight wind being in that direction, but fortunately at that hour the outlook had changed and the wind caught the fire and kept it within the limits of the block in which it originated.

The theatre itself is practically ruined and while the buildings that face Washington street are unharmed on their fronts, the roofs of all of them have been practically burned.

Hauling Brothers "Superba" was occupying the house and their properties were saved with great difficulty.

The six-story building at the corner of Washington and Hayward place is owned by the Harvard college trustees. The fire is still burning furiously, but it is believed that it will not spread further. No accidents have yet been reported, and it is wholly impossible to estimate the losses at this time.

Mr. Johnston is the owner of the theatre.

2:45 a. m.--The fire is under control. Loss, \$300,000. From the time it started, it did not save their property and their loss is said to be \$250,000.

DR. PARKHURST CONFIDENT.

He Preaches Concerning His Crusade Against Evil.

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