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THREE FIREFMEN AND OVER TWO HUNDRED HORSES PERISH IN WASHINGTON.

TWELVE BUILDINGS BURNED.

BLAZE STARTED IN THE KNOX STABLES AND SPREAD TO MANY DWELLING HOUSES.

FIVE MEN BADLY INJURED.

BRAVE FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICEMEN OVERCOME BY THE INTENSE HEAT.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Clanging bells, roaring flames, rushing engines, crashing walls, agonizing shrieks of horses that were perishing in the fiery furnace—such was the scene that was presented to eye and ear at Knox's stables, at B and Second streets, and the other buildings in that block fell a prey to the destructive element early this morning.

Not since the big fire in the Patent Office, many years ago, has the Fire Department of the District had to cope with so fierce a conflagration. Worst of all was the fate of five brave firemen, who were crushed under the falling walls. Four men were injured by falling walls and timbers and these were promptly removed to the Emergency Hospital for treatment. Three of the firemen lost their lives.

Over 200 heavy draught horses, nearly all of the Company's express wagons and the contents of the large storage building were burned. The Adams Express Company's stables, adjoining the Knox Building to the north, were almost entirely consumed. About 150 horses were in the Adams Express Company's stables, but all were taken out by the hardest kind of work on the part of citizens and policemen.

Eight two-story houses in the alley north of the Knox Building and two small frame houses back of the Adams stables were destroyed. Six or eight other residence houses were more or less damaged. Mitchell's blacksmith shop, in Second street, was crushed by falling walls. The total loss will exceed a quarter of a million dollars. The bodies of the following named, all firemen of No. 1 Company, have been recovered:

SAMUEL E. MASTIN, MICHAEL FENTON, DENNIS LEONHOUT.

One of the Knox stable employees was burned and may die. Fully a dozen firemen and policemen were overcome by heat and had to be carried to places of safety.

The injured are: JAMES KELHALL, 462 Virginia avenue, southwest, sprained back, seriously injured. LEWIS BELL, 322 E. Street, northwest, burned about head and neck. JAMES A. HOOPER, truck A, lacerated forehead. EDWARD CAHILL, citizen, shoulder broken.

As the fire raged persons could not pass the burning mass, which was a wall of fire. The firemen were obliged to throw water on each other repeatedly from the fire hose. The burning distance of the buildings. The men who tried to hold lines of hose and hose from the Knox Building were obliged to lie on their stomachs and hold their heads to the ground, so as to avoid the heat. Policemen, who had to help drag the hose about, were obliged to lie on their stomachs and to be frequently drenched with water.

About ten minutes before three a portion of the wall of the rear of the Adams Building fell into the alley and across the back exit. Instantly the crowd set up a cry. "The firemen are in there!" was a cry of horror. It was true. The members of Knox Company No. 1 and several men of other companies had been caught inside of the building. Flames were all about them. They could not escape without help.

The Chief Parrish rushed to the rescue. Half a dozen lines of hose were turned upon the burning mass, which was falling in front of the exit. As the bricks cooled slightly twenty firemen and as many policemen entered the burning building. It was an awful risk. The walls of the Knox Building were tottering. At any moment they might fall and crush the smaller Adams Building under them.

At the moment the rescuers emerged from what was thought to be a death pit. In their arms they dragged the bodies of three men, which had been hurt by falling bricks, and subjected to such heat that they were almost baked alive. Their comparatively uninjured comrades were also scorched and singed. All were dragged back to the opposite sidewalk.

Two minutes after the party came out the smoke doors of the building were closed, the walls trembled, then fell with a crash. The scene of ruin and destruction was indescribable. The charred flesh of the brave firemen who lost their lives, the burning carcasses of horses, the ashes and smoldering remains of the entire household effects of many families, the silverware and valuable pictures and other articles, and the winter garments of many ladies of fashion, and the ruins of the buildings, were mingled in a mass of debris.

With the fall of the walls the fire was practically under control, but the heat was still intense.

HE CURSED PULLMAN.

But First Threw Stones Through the Millionaire's Windows.

Tailor Out of Work Attacked the Car-Maker's Mansion.

Was Seized by Servants and Turned Over to the Police.

CHICAGO, July 25.—Simon Raskins, a Russian, making a thousand dollars a month upon the residence of George M. Pullman to-day, he hurled many stones at the massive building, breaking out ten or a dozen large plate glass windows. He was arrested, charged with malicious mischief.

Shortly before 7 o'clock the servants in the Pullman residence observed an ill-built, rough-looking man pacing back and forth in front of the house, which stands at the northeast corner of Prairie avenue and Thirteenth street. He cast sharp glances at the house, and before the servants had taken any measures to enter his business or the purpose of his presence he began hurling stones at the windows.

He took the stones from the pockets of his overcoat. He had thrown perhaps a dozen rocks, each striking and breaking a pane of glass, when the owner and another man employed in the household rushed out to the sidewalk and seized hold of him. He made little resistance.

They started to march him towards the Cottage Grove avenue police station, but a few steps distant were met by a policeman who had heard the crash of the windows and was hurrying to the scene. In the pockets of the man's overcoat were found several more good sized stones, and in the pockets of his coat were found preliminary naturalization papers.

When questioned he delivered himself up to the United States Government and George M. Pullman. He said Pullman had thrown him out of work, and this was the last Pullman would see of him. Later he admitted that he was a tailor by trade, and had not been working at anything for a year.

NEWBOYS FOR STREET CARS.

More Talk of Trying This Experiment in New York.

It is Said to Have Proved Successful Elsewhere.

The News Company which proposes to station newsboys on street cars, for the convenience of the travelling public, has not perfected any arrangements with the street-car companies, although the latter regard the scheme as practicable.

At the office of the Broadway Cable Company it was learned that the idea was not of recent birth; that similar schemes had been agitated for several months, and are awaiting a suitable proposition before taking action in the matter.

The Cable Company is not averse to adopting a plan which would furnish its patrons an opportunity to buy the daily papers without the danger and inconvenience attendant upon the jumping on the cars.

It is believed that the matter has arrived at that stage in New York which will result in a short time in the formation of the news companies and the street-car companies will get together and a satisfactory arrangement will be made to put the plan through.

JUMPED FROM THE BRIDGE.

Mary Schaeffer Mentally Unbalanced by Her Brother's Death.

BOONTON, N. J., July 25.—Mary Schaeffer, a domestic, twenty-three years old, committed suicide at 9 o'clock last night by jumping into the Rockaway River from the bridge at West Main street.

Two tramps were crossing the bridge, on which there were several loungers, when they saw her hat and crying "Good-by forever," jumped into the water.

The tramps called to some men in a boat to come to the rescue, but the body did not rise. Several men swam to the spot, but could not find the body. After grappling for an hour the body was recovered.

The death of her mother is supposed to have unbalanced Mary's mind.

LIFE HELD NO CHARMS.

Mysterious Young Austrian Swallowed Carbolic Acid.

Made Desperate by a Letter from His Far-Away Home.

A good-looking young Austrian, who gives the name of Simon Steinberg, is lying between life and death in Bellevue Hospital to-day, suffering from a dose of carbolic acid, which he swallowed last evening with suicidal intent.

About a week ago Steinberg hired a room from Mrs. Isaac Baumgarten, on the top floor of 162 Attorney street. He surprised his landlady by paying \$10 for the room for a month in advance.

Steinberg said he was an ice-peddler, but he rarely left the house and did not seem to worry much about lack of work. He spoke to Mr. Baumgarten two or three times, and remarked that though only nineteen years old he was already tired of life. Once he invited Mr. and Mrs. Baumgarten to go bathing at the seashore with him.

Two days ago Steinberg received a letter with an Austrian postmark on it. After reading it, he seemed unusually taciturn. One of the lodgers in the room commented upon his morose appearance yesterday morning, and he replied:

"I cannot be happy when his blood relations care nothing for him. Shortly after that he left the house, and did not return until 9:30 o'clock last night. Then he appeared to be in better spirits than at any time since he went to live at the house at Mrs. Baumgarten's in the hall, and remarked that it was a warm night. Then he returned home and said to himself:

"A little more than an hour later every one in the tenement was aroused by the sound of a door being opened. The door, Baumgarten's brother broke open the door, and found the mysterious young Austrian writing in agony upon the floor. A light was burning in the room, and he had written:

"I have killed myself, and I am glad of it. I want to die." The letter which he became unconscious. Policeman Boehm, of the Union Market station, was called in and he did not return until 9:30 o'clock.

Mayor George W. Aldrich, of Rochester, and C. H. Winslow, of Jamstown, did not return until 9:30 o'clock. Their quarrel will probably be submitted to a committee for adjudication.

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PLATT GETS DELAY.

The Local Fight Referred to a Sub-Committee.

State Committee Adjourns Until August 9.

Saratoga, Sept. 18, Selected for the Convention.

Ex-Senator Thomas C. Platt showed his hand to-day. He no longer conceals that he is the head and front of the Millholland revolt, which threatens to disrupt his party. The boss was on hand early at the Fifth Avenue Hotel to-day, where the Republican State Committee met. His mischief-making lieutenant, John E. Millholland, who got him into trouble, was present, and the boss was there, endeavoring to get himself out of the mess.

The principal business before the Committee was the settlement of the New York City factional fight. The dictator was there as a supplicant. He went around among the men he is in habit of giving orders to, begging them for mercy. He wanted to be saved from the disgrace of ignominious defeat. For the turning down of Millholland and the ascendancy of Bliss, Root, Patterson and Brookfield means more than the mere extinguishment of the Millholland meteor. It may mean the loss of the leadership to Platt.

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SENATOR CAFFERY'S CONFESSION.

Becky Miller Taken to Gouverneur Hospital a Prisoner.

Her New-Born Infant Was Found in a Drain Pipe.

Becky Miller, a young woman who had been boarding with a Mrs. Greenberg at 174 Clinton street, was arrested this morning and taken a prisoner to Gouverneur Hospital charged with killing her newly born infant.

Mrs. Greenberg says that Becky came to live with her a month ago. She was in a delicate condition, and said that she had been abandoned by her husband. Who her husband was or where he lived or worked she did not state.

As for herself, Becky said she had last worked in Brooklyn, but had not been able for a long time to secure employment.

Early this morning Mrs. Greenberg became alarmed at the unusually long stay of Becky in the bathroom. Believing that something had happened to her she rapped on the door and asked if there was anything she could do.

"No. There's nothing the matter," answered Becky, as she opened the door and stepped out into the hall.

Mrs. Greenberg noticed that she walked with great difficulty.

"Goodness gracious!" exclaimed Mrs. Greenberg. "I'll call a doctor. I want to go to the hospital."

Mrs. Greenberg says she saw the young woman was trying to deceive her, so, without waiting for further developments she ran into the street screaming "Police!" at the top of her voice.

Policeman Maguire, of the Attorney street station-house, responded, and finally succeeded in getting Becky out of the bathroom adjoining the one from which she had emerged when Mrs. Greenberg called her.

The infant had been forced down the drain pipe, and when flushed out was dead.

No amount of questioning could induce Mrs. Miller to say where the infant was removed in an ambulance to the hospital, while the body of her infant was being taken to the morgue.

The police say they have a clear case of homicide against the young woman, who is only nineteen years old.

PHILADELPHIA, July 25.—Over 2,000 pounds of salivary powder was received yesterday at Frankford Arsenal, Bridgeburg. It came from the British steamship Glouchester for government experimental tests. Col. Horley, commandant of the arsenal, said that the powder was intended for tests with big guns at Sandy Hook.

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Mr. Dunn says the pleasant coolness of last Saturday and Sunday has left the State for an indefinite holiday.

The indications are for fair weather to-day and warmer to-morrow, with a possible lowering of temperature to-morrow night. There are showers during the past twenty-four hours over the lake regions and New England States and the coast borders of the South Atlantic States.

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EX-WARD MAN.

HOCK'S STORY.

Testifies in His Own Behalf and that of Police Captain Doherty.

CONTRADICTED MRS. THURLOW.

"I Never Received a Dollar from That Woman," He Positively Boistered.

ATTEMPT TO COACH A WITNESS.

Weazen-Faced Man's Suggestions Indignantly Spurned by an "Unlovely Dove."

In spite of the fact that a dozen policemen and women had been sworn in behalf of Capt. Doherty and Ward Men Hock and Meehan and sent away, the Fourteenth Precinct ante-room was still filled with blue coats and unlovely doves when the trial of these three was resumed by President Martin and the other Police Commissioners at 10:30 this morning.

In view of the abortive testimony offered by Lizzie Meyer yesterday, the tin sign over the door of that ante-room is of startling significance. It bears the inscription:

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.

The lawyers for the accused officers, Messrs. Grant, Fromm and Foster, were unable to say this morning whether they would finish the defense to-day or not. They thought it doubtful if they should call all the witnesses in the ante-room, but Capt. Doherty and the two ward men were to take the stand on their own defense.

It has been the custom at Headquarters for one Commissioner to conduct the trial of an accused officer and lay the testimony before the full Board for decision, the decision being announced a week or two later.

Mr. Wellman, on whose able shoulders has been thrown the work of prosecuting the police officers accused before the Lexow Committee, said that at the close of the case he should ask for an immediate decision, as the Commissioners had all heard the testimony and were in the position of a jury trial, and would be as well prepared to deliver a verdict then as later.

As the law requires that a notice of forty-eight hours be given to an accused officer before he can be brought to trial, no new case will be begun before Monday at the earliest.

Stephenson May Be Next.

Mr. Wellman declined to say who would be next, but rumor has it that it will be Capt. John P. Stephenson, of the Mulberry street station.

Before the opening of the Commissioners' Court this morning there was a wordy war in the hallway at Headquarters between one of the overweight young women from Second avenue and an undersized and weazen-faced man of the class that haunts the lower-class dives in the streets of the Bowery.

"He wants to put something in my head," remonstrated the woman in a high key.

"He wanted me to say I was on the stop," she continued, waving her fat arm indignantly.

The man said he had come as a witness, and that the woman lied. He was hustled into the ante-room in evident haste for his bodily health, for the woman followed him.

Patrolman Louis Katz, who has not yet been