

THE CHICAGO CALAMITY.

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Speculation, Wonder and Comments.

The Great Topic Among the Public and Scenes in the City.

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Jay Cooke, Harvey Fisk, Vermilye, George Opdyke, W. B. Clarke and Ogden White "Interviewed."

THE GENERAL EFFORT UPON THE CITY.

The all-absorbing topic of conversation throughout the city yesterday was the terrible disaster that had befallen the city of Chicago. It interested all classes and all ages; naught else seemed to be thought of; naught else seemed to be talked about; high and low, rich and poor, all were wrought up to a high state of excitement consequent upon the serious nature of the despatches constantly being received from the apparently doomed city.

Among the business men of the different newspaper offices, whether English, French, Spanish or German, crowds were collected eagerly reading the news posted up, and freely commenting thereupon. A man who was asked the crowd swayed to and fro, anxiously striving to get near enough to learn some particulars concerning the spread of the "fire" and the fate of the unhappy residents.

THE KID-GLOVED REQUISITE.
Laying aside for once his nonchalant air, to the hard-boiled mechanic or poorly clad apple woman, the same feeling of awe and sympathy prevailed, and from the lips of all words of pity and kindness would be heard to fall. "Arrest, then," said one man, "let us see the kid-gloved requisite, please."

"Good have pity upon the poor widows and little ones turned adrift upon the charities of this world," said another. "There for you, man," said another, "for would you make it any more?"

Not alone to these was the sympathy confined, in spite of the well received saying.

THE POOR ARE ALWAYS KINDEST
to the poor," but men whose appearance indicated that they were abundantly blessed with this world's goods were loud spoken in their expressions of willingness to aid the sufferers.

THE LOWER OFFICE OF THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY, in Broadway, might be said to have been fairly besieged by an anxious crowd, either examining the despatches posted up or waiting to hear from absent loved ones, about whose welfare they were deeply concerned, or hastily preparing telegrams to be despatched to the City of Fire.

They did a thriving trade, and as one said to another, "let us see the kid-gloved requisite, please," exhibiting the money he had received for them. Owing to the uncertainty existing regarding the movements of friends in Chicago many persons here, although most anxious to forward despatches, were deterred from doing so. Nothing has occurred for some time which has so stirred up the people of the metropolis.

THE EFFECT UPON WALL STREET.
One of the most instructive lessons of modern civilization is that no part of the world can suffer without entailing a greater or less degree of loss and ruin upon the remainder. A misfortune to one city or town or even man, if it be of a more serious character than the mere changing of money from one hand to another, and actually involve the irreparable destruction of the result of past labor, cannot fail to cast a shadow upon the fortunes of all its or his neighbors. It is, indeed, impossible to predict where a wave of ruin and suffering will finally stop. If we could only trace out the remote and indirect consequences of a single great disaster we should probably find it running the complete circle of the wide globe, and carrying

TROUBLE AND FIVATION
into many a home where even the details of the calamity had never reached.

Never did the wonderful interdependence of all parts of civilized society and a more signal illustration and example than in the effect of the great fire at Chicago upon Wall Street yesterday. Now that the trouble has arrived we find many a mysterious phenomenon of a terrible crisis.

A PROMOTION.
"It felt in my bones," said a Wall Street operator yesterday, "and on Friday I was so certain of it that I sold 500 Ohio and Mississippi short of the market. I knew that we were on the eve of one of the biggest panics we have ever known. And it is not yet. Things may look a little better to-morrow, but just wait and see what they will be a month hence. I predict a general fall of from ten to twenty per cent, and some of the rotten old stocks, that have been pumpe up by interested managers with scintious dividends—paid out of capital, will tumble, tumble—away out of sight. I don't know why, but I know this thing was coming, and if I had been wise enough to follow my mysterious monitor within and risked my fortune upon its counsel I should be even now a millionaire."

MORE PROPHETS.
It is needless to say that the speaker was of an impulsive disposition and that he was especially subject to the influences of hope and fear. It was curious, though, a strange coincidence, to notice how prophetic were his remarks in view of the knowledge that disaster was coming. Every man who had been suffering from the melancholy depression of a few days' stagnation was firmly persuaded that he had, by some imperceptible process, been made pre-occupied with the impending

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