

WALLS OF EQUITABLE LIFE BUILDING THREATEN AMERICAN EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

Bulletin.

New York, Jan. 10.—Under orders from Chief Kenlon police at 2:10 began clearing the American Exchange National Bank building, at 128 Broadway, of all tenants. The great bank itself was ordered closed. No person is allowed in the vicinity of the Cedar street side of the wrecked Equitable Life building, the walls on that side having bulged two feet and being in danger of falling in momentarily. Great damage to the American Exchange National Bank building would follow. The falling of the Cedar street walls would also probably precipitate the front walls into Broadway.

New York, Jan. 10.—Money, jewels and securities to the value of \$2,000,000,000 are buried in the seething ruins of the Equitable building.

The financial district of New York is swarming with plain-clothed and uniformed police, watching for the slinking figures of the crooks of the metropolis, drawn by the treasure of the fire.

The flames still are raging beneath the ice encased ruins of the Equitable. Neither crook nor proper owner can reach the vast fortune that is buried there just now, nor will they be able for days.

Firemen still are pouring tons of water into the building. But they are not reaching the hot

heart of the fire. Even as the water leaves the nozzles of the hose, it freezes, and falls in a misty veil of ice to strengthen the ice barrier that is enclosing the fire.

Out on the icy streets, financiers and brokers are standing impatiently waiting for word that will tell them of the safety or the loss of their money, or the money of their clients.

From the tops of adjacent skyscrapers it is possible to look down into the ruins of the Equitable building. From there it can be seen how the firemen are failing to get at the fire. The whole burning ruin of the "palace of finance" is encased in a wall of ice, many feet in thickness. And inside, the fire is burning.

Business in Wall Street is practically at a standstill. From police headquarters a message was sent to all banks and brokers this morning warning them of the danger of sending money or negotiable papers through the streets unguarded.

For the crooks of New York have seized the opportunity presented by the fire, and swarmed down below the "dead line" and up to the very doors of their brothers of "Big Business."

There is grave danger that the massive granite walls of the Equitable will fall crashing into the street today.

The walls are now soaked through and through with water. As that water freezes, it expands,