

HOTEL DESTROYED

By Fire, Killing Two and Injuring Fifteen Others.

MANY DARING RECUES.

Porter at the House the Hero, Rescuing Several From Death—Woman and Baby Caught in a Blanket.

CHICAGO, May 16.—Two persons were killed, one is missing and fifteen were injured in a fire which early today destroyed the Hotel Helene, at Nos. 110 to 114 Forty-third street. Five of the injured will probably die.

The dead are as follows: Charlotte Peterson, dining room girl. Found in her room burned to a crisp. Lena —, surname unknown to police. Found burned almost beyond recognition in room with Miss Peterson.

Number Are Missing.

The missing: — Patterson, man, last seen in hotel office at 11 o'clock last night. W. F. Horn, burned about the face, hands and body; leg broken; will likely die.

S. G. McPadden, flesh partly burned from body; will die.

E. E. Tarbur, burned about body; recovery doubtful. Elizabeth Florence, internally injured and skull fractured; unconscious; recovery doubtful.

E. H. Allen, both ankles sprained and internally injured in jumping from third story window. Mrs. T. D. Allen, back broken and internally injured; jumped from third story window; will die.

Helen Joseph, badly bruised and overcome by smoke.

Stella Nelowski, chamber maid, jumped from first floor; overcome by smoke and injured internally. L. James McNeil, porter, burned about face.

Deconstruction to Hotel Complete.

Sarah Hutchinson, high school teacher; injured in falling from the second floor.

James Costin, fireman, cut by falling glass.

Mrs. Bruce and baby, overcome by smoke. Thomas Morgan, policeman, back injured.

Mrs. Arelaide Lawson, badly bruised. The loss to the buildings and furnishings was \$40,000. The destruction of the hotel was replete with daring rescues and narrow escapes, in which James McNeil earned himself the title of hero.

He was a porter in the hotel, and the first to warn the sleeping occupants of their danger. He carried Helen Joseph down a swaying ladder from the third floor, and then, amid the cheers of the onlookers returned to the second floor, where a woman was lying unconscious, her clothing on fire. He carried her to the window and dropped her into the arms of Policeman Wolf.

The effort and the heat were too much for McNeil, and he staggered back into the smoke. The people began to think he was lost. A policeman mounted to the shoulders of a brother officer, and clambering over the window ledge, caught McNeil by the feet, and dragged him from the room. McNeil was passed down to the ground, and soon recovered consciousness.

Woman and Baby's Strange Rescue.

The rescue of a woman and her baby aroused much enthusiasm among the crowd. Mrs. Bruce, with one arm around the infant, was clinging with the other to the ledge of a second story window. Her fingers were relaxing, when suddenly three policemen, carrying a blanket held taut among them, rushed into the flames, which were darting from the basement windows. Just in time to catch the woman and her child, saving them from almost certain death. Mrs. Bruce was badly burned, but she succeeded in protecting her baby.

There were many other narrow escapes and exhibitions of courage during the burning of the structure, as there was only one entrance to the building, which compelled the greater number of the guests to make their exits as best they could through the windows.

Fire Spread With Rapidity.

The rescues were nearly all accomplished before the firemen arrived. The blaze spread so rapidly that had the people in the hotel been compelled to await the arrival of the hook and ladder company more lives would have been lost. The policemen and others on the ground early, however, were able to secure ladders from a paint store near-by, and by this means saved many of the guests from death.

The fire started in the basement, and spread with the greatest rapidity. But for the heroic action of Porter McNeil every person in the building would undoubtedly have perished.

ELECTRIC CAR LINE

For Fairmont—Franchise Approved.

Wheeling Men Interested. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., May 16.—The city council last night approved a franchise for an electric street railway. A condition of the franchise is that work on building the road will be begun within six months. There seems to be no doubt but that the railway will be built, and that it will succeed, Fairmont being considered a good field for this kind of an investment on account of the long distances and the numerous surrounding towns which can be reached in this way.

Some of the stockholders of the company are: H. S. Sands and H. Hallock, of Wheeling, and C. S. Sands, of Clarksburg. W. T. Hartman, manager of the West Virginia Candy and Grocery Company, is the local promoter of the enterprise.

FOR MIDDLE-AGED WOMEN.

Two Letters from Women Helped Through the "Change of Life" by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—When I first wrote to you I was in a very bad condition. I was passing through the change of life, and the doctors said I had bladder and liver trouble. I had suffered for nine years. Doctors failed to do me any good. Since I have taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, my health has improved very much. I will gladly recommend your medicine to others and am sure that it will prove as great a blessing to them as it has to me."—MRS. GEO. H. JUNE, 901 DeKalb Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Another Woman Helped

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound during change of life and derived great benefit from its use."—MARY E. JAMES, 136 Coydon St., Bradford, Pa.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION

Of Natural Gas in One of the Vaults of the State Auditor's Office—Four Badly Burned—Will Hasten the Electric Plant.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 16.—As a result of an explosion of natural gas in the auditor's office at the capitol this morning at 9:30 o'clock, in one of the vaults used for the preservation of papers, H. H. Ballard, one of the clerks is badly burned, as also are three other citizens of Monroe county, who were accompanying Mr. Ballard on a tour of sightseeing in that department.

Sheriff C. E. Lynch, of Monroe county, accompanied by Messrs. E. H. Shanklin, of Union, and C. A. Keagle, and L. E. Jeter, both of Pickaway, same county, called at the auditor's office. Sheriff Lynch was on official business, while the other gentlemen called to pay a visit to Mr. Ballard, who is also from Monroe county. While the sheriff was transacting his business with Clerk Phillips, Mr. Ballard took the other gentlemen in charge and proceeded to show them the office.

Went to the Record Vault.

Accompanied by his friends he went to the record vault for the purpose of showing them the new files for the preservation of the records. He unlocked the big door to the vault, opened it and just as he stepped in lighted a natural gas which ignites a jet of natural gas. The explosion took place in an instant. A blue flame rushed out of the entrance and with it came the forms of Mr. Ballard and his visitors. They were hurled against a heavy bookcase that faced the entrance to the vault, and fell in a heap. The other attaches of the office were not slow in divining the cause of the explosion.

When they had recovered their presence of mind there was a rush of those in the office to the rescue of the unfortunate and Mr. Ballard and his companions were soon in the hands of their friends and on the way to the hospitals of the city for immediate relief.

Mr. Ballard is badly burned about the face and head and his hands are a mass of scorches. Mr. Shanklin is burned in the same manner and about as badly. The others are injured to about the same extent, although it is not thought their hands are as badly burned.

Terrific Force of Explosion.

The force of the explosion tore out the swinging doors of the entrance, blew out a glass in the transom over the door that opens into the toilet, burned and singed a long row of record books directly in front of the entrance to the vault and shook up the building generally.

The cause of the explosion is not difficult of solution. The gas in the vault usually remains lighted in the day time for the purpose of affording light for the employes or visitors who may desire access to the records kept there. It was lighted yesterday. When the force goes off duty at 5 o'clock the office is turned over to the janitors for the purpose of being cleaned up and closed. The light in the vault was left burning and the door of the vault closed. The light continued to burn in the vault until all the oxygen was consumed and then went out, but the flow of gas, of course, continued. When the door was opened by Mr. Ballard this morning

and the match lit, the ignition of gas and the explosion naturally followed. Gas should be Supplanted by Electricity.

There has been an effort on the part of several of the state officials to discard the use of natural gas for the purpose of lighting the vaults solely on account of this danger, and it had been contemplated that the completion of the electric plant would bring this about. The delay, however, made necessary by the inferior boilers of the engine room made this impossible up to the present time. This accident will have the effect of hastening this improvement.

CHILTON VICTORY.

Democrats of the Third District Permit the Old Crowd to Rule—Delegates May Not Vote For Bryan. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 16.—The Democratic district convention for the purpose of choosing delegates to the Kansas City national convention, held in this city to-day, was the tamest sort of an affair. There was a sparse attendance of Democrats from the outlying counties and a notable fact was the entire absence of representation from the strong Democratic counties of Logan and Pocahontas, as well as the Republican counties of Wyoming and Upshur.

Old Slate Goes Through.

Senator James F. Beavers, of Mingo county, presided and Slias G. Crouch acted as secretary. The Chilton slate for delegates went through without a hitch. The Monroe, Greenbrier and Raleigh delegations made a desperate effort to stem the tide and break the slate with Albert Sydney Johnson, of the Monroe Watchman, but he fell short by half the vote necessary, and Gen. W. L. St. Clair, Col. Joseph Chilton and ex-Congressman John D. Alderson walked off with the honors. The Monroe and Greenbrier delegations went home sore as boils and some of them declared that the Democracy would have to look to Kanawha and Fayette for their majorities in November. The committee on resolutions were conveniently dispensed with.

Not Straight Bryan Resolutions.

Some of the delegates wanted straight out iron-clad resolutions for Bryan on a sixteen-to-one platform and if a resolution of that sort had been allowed to be presented, it would have gone through with a rush. It is well known that the Chilton wing and Governor MacCorkle are not as strongly for that sort of a platform as they were in '96, and they don't want the delegates tied with any sort of cord.

The references to Bryan were loudly cheered and the convention was solid for him. But so far as the three delegates are concerned, Mr. Bryan will be compelled to make the race this time on a greatly modified platform if he gets the votes of this district.

FIRST DISTRICT

Democrats Select Delegates to the National Convention. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., May 16.—The Democrats of the First congressional district held their convention here to-day to elect delegates to the National Democratic convention at Kansas City. The delegates elected were John A. Howard, of Ohio county, and George B. West, of Tyler county. Alternates, J. N. Shackelford, of Gilmer, and Frank Cook, of Marshall. Delegate-at-large, J. V. Blair; alternate, John J. Davis, Harrison county. The convention endorsed the Chicago platform and instructed for William Jennings Bryan.

New Road Being Surveyed.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. BELINGTON, W. Va., May 16.—A surveying corps is at work between Clarksburg and Philippi looking out a route for a railroad. No statement has been given out as to who the projectors of the proposed road are, but it is pretty certain that it is the Baltimore & Ohio, and that the officials of that monster system are trying to steal a march on the promoters of the line, which is now on paper, to connect the West Virginia Central with the Short Line Railroad, at Clarksburg.

Prisoners Break Jail.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. HINTON, W. Va., May 16.—Jay Maddy and Will Crawford, who were serving a sentence from Judge Jackson's court, for unlawful retailing, broke jail here last night and escaped. John Fox, who recently set the jail on fire, also escaped. The prisoners were in the corridor and cut through the brick wall after 2 o'clock this morning.

Curfew Law Enforced.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. KEYSER, W. Va., May 16.—Keyser is enforcing the curfew law, the children being compelled to go to their respective homes at 8 o'clock, when the electric light plant whistle turns loose upon the quiet of the evening, a sound that startles the natives.

Put a Dummy in His Bed.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. PARSONS, W. Va., May 16.—Harry Keagle made good his escape from jail here last night. He put a dummy in his cell bed, and he remained outside when the sheriff locked up. He then dug through the brick walls. He was awaiting trial for burglary.

SILAY DESTROYED.

Large Part of Town Goes up in Flames—Meat in Manila Selling Up at \$1 50 Per Pound—Fraud Charged.

Correspondence of the Associated Press. MANILA, April 12.—General Smith, formerly colonel of the California volunteers, is in Manila for a short visit. He reports conditions in the Island of Negros as very satisfactory. The civil government he has established there is prospering, though it needs the most careful direction. General Smith finds the native civil governors and councilmen to be better framers of laws than administrators thereof. He emphatically denies the stories recently current that he discovered a plot among his native administrators to overthrow the American authority in Negros, and that he had consequently to imprison several of his new cabinet. General Smith declares that the stories of the backsliding of his civil administrators were started by the Hong Kong Junta in order to discredit the success of his civil government experiment in Negros island.

Town of Silay Destroyed.

A large part of the town of Silay, on the west coast of Negros, has been destroyed by a conflagration of accidental origin. The Negros papers comment most favorably on the heroic and determined work done by members of the Sixth Infantry in preventing the spread of flames. Within the last ten days meat has reached the abnormally high price of \$1 50 Mexican a pound. Never before in the history of Manila has it been so expensive. The prevailing price in the Hong Kong market has been fourteen cents a pound for years and the American government brings frozen beef from Australia and sells it to the army to-day for seven cents a pound, equal to the Hong Kong price of fourteen cents, Mexican.

Meat Inspectors Charged With Fraud

It has been difficult to account for this excessive price of \$1 50. One local newspaper openly charged the meat inspectors with fraud and showing favoritism to certain dealers in passing their cattle while those of other men were refused clean bills of health. This charge resulted in an examination by the authorities into the causes accountable for the high price. The result of this inquiry, while not proving fraud as originally alleged, caused the price of meat to drop from \$1 50 to sixty cents a pound in twenty-four hours, and if the Hong Kong dealers can obtain free entry for their cattle into Manila it is stated they will compete with the local traders and by this method prices will probably be kept down to a proper level.

JESUITS ATTACK

The American Administration in Luzon—Oppose Civil Marriage. Must Think as Church Thinks.

Correspondence of the Associated Press. MANILA, April 15.—The most sensational of the events of the past week has been the general distribution by the Jesuits of a pamphlet, in which is set forth the "truths which Christians must observe."

Among the things most strongly condemned by the Jesuits in this pamphlet are religious tolerance and recognition of civil marriage. Consequently, this act of the Jesuits is considered by many to be an attack upon the American administration. The pamphlet in question says:

Must Obey Commands of Church.

"1.—The commands of the church must be obeyed in the same manner as the law of God.

"2.—You must subject your own judgment to that of the church and think exactly as the church thinks, for the church cannot be overcome.

"3.—You must reject and condemn the Masonic sect, so frequently rejected and condemned by the supreme pontiffs.

"4.—You must also reject and condemn liberty of worship, liberty of the church, liberty of thought and the other liberties of perdition condemned and rejected by the press.

"5.—You must also reject and condemn liberalism and also modern progress and civilization as being false progress and false civilization.

Abominate Civil Marriage.

"6.—You must utterly abominate civil marriage and regard it as pure concubinage.

"7.—You must also condemn and reject the interference of the civil authorities in any ecclesiastical affairs, so much in vogue now-a-days.

"8.—Finally, you must hold the belief that the church by its origin has a divine and supernatural authority, and is, moreover, superior to the civil authority. And reject and condemn the doctrine that the church is independent or ought to separate itself from the state. Children must be brought up in the above views, condemning whatever the church condemns. All children must be educated solely in Catholic schools by genuinely Catholic teachers and not on any account in sectarian schools, which are strictly forbidden by the church."

Backed by the Bible.

The foregoing commands are backed by many quotations from the Bible, ecclesiastical, syllabus and letters from different popes. This pamphlet was issued without duly expressing church authority and until the organ of the Roman Catholic church in Manila, a Spanish newspaper called the Liberator admitted the fact that the Jesuits had published, and with every right, the pamphlet in question, considerable doubt was entertained as to its authority.

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