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A ROTTEN BUILDING.

A Five-Story Factory in Brooklyn, New York, Suddenly Falls to the Ground.

Carrying Death and Destruction With It—List of the Killed, Wounded and Missing.

BROOKLYN, May 5.—Shortly after 10 o'clock this morning there was a crash at No. 55 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, and the people on looking up from the street saw that the roof of the building had fallen and that a portion of the walls had also disappeared. They could hear the screams of the people injured, and it seemed but a moment when a volume of smoke rolled up showing that the building had taken fire. Hundreds of people, men, women and children, were at work at the various branches of business carried on in the building, which covers considerable ground, having wings that extended from Atlantic to State street. As soon as the crash was heard of the falling roof hundreds of those employed in the building endeavored to make their way out of every avenue of escape, and some who were late to reach the street appeared with be-greased faces and blood streaming from the wounds which they had received from the falling timbers. The excitement in the neighborhood became very great, and in a short time the wives of men who were known to be working in the building and the parents of girls who were employed there, crowded the streets. Three alarms of fire were sent out, and the services of a large number of police had to be called in to keep the people out of the way of danger.

DANGER OF THE INMATES.

It was reported at first about one hundred girls who were employed in the Hayes' building were on the top floor where the roof fell in, were killed, but it appears that most of the girls made their escape by climbing on the roof of tenement houses. The building was occupied by twenty small manufacturers, and there were about 500 men and women employed there. It was five stories high and erected 27 years ago. The modern building was a three-story building like the old one. When the firemen arrived they found many young women at the windows screaming for help. Their retreat being cut off, the firemen quickly ran up ladders and about 200 were hauled in and many fell back into the flames before help could reach them. The height of the building hindered the efforts of the firemen. It was ascertained that the engineer of the factory, Daniel J. Lowry, was one of the victims. He was killed by the falling of the left wall.

CAUSE OF THE FIRE.

The cause of the fire was the over-heating of the boiler of the steam engine on the second floor. The west wall of the middle wing on Atlantic avenue had settled. The workmen were screwing it up with jacks. The middle jacks had been screwed up too high and, when the whole weight of the wall came upon the two jacks at the end, and it fell with a crash. Ten or twelve have been taken out seriously injured. There was a panic among the people in the building, and this was followed by part of the flooring giving way. In one corner of my room there was a ladder leading to the roof and all the employees made their way up to the roof. There were many women for a while and two or three of them fainting, but the fireman succeeded in restoring order, and then in single file the employees climbed the ladder and gained the roof of an adjoining building and reached the street by descending a fire escape.

STATEMENT OF WITNESSES.

A workman named Marcus says there was no fire in the building, but the place to check a fire—neither hose, extinguishers nor fire escape. This is the third time a fire has occurred on the premises. Milo Hine, who occupied the top floor, says that the factory of buttons, stated that at 9 o'clock "I was in my room directing the work of my employees, of whom there were forty, mostly women. The first fire was about 10 o'clock, when we heard a crash, and this was followed by part of the flooring giving way. In one corner of my room there was a ladder leading to the roof and all the employees made their way up to the roof. There were many women for a while and two or three of them fainting, but the fireman succeeded in restoring order, and then in single file the employees climbed the ladder and gained the roof of an adjoining building and reached the street by descending a fire escape."

TO CONTROL THE ISTHMUS.

A Treaty With Colombia Favorable to The United States. PANAMA, May 5.—It is reported here on trustworthy authority that a treaty has been concluded between the Government at Bogota and the Minister of the United States in respect to the security of transit across the Isthmus. This treaty is said to contain certain rights of guardianship of all transit, either by rail or canal, across the isthmus of Panama, with special duties of protection to be exercised by the United States Government. It is understood by this treaty that the Colombian and United States Governments will co-operate to maintain the freedom of transit against all attack or attempts to obstruct it and it is believed that under this treaty, not only will the United States Government to give transit routes for commerce, mail and passengers. It has become known here that the robbery having made his burned Colombia then seized three steamers at Porto, with the help of his men, which he expects to do, which it is feared he may make trouble, unless the United States naval forces shall capture him and his vessels.

THE RAGGED EDGE.

The Lion and the Bear Still Snaring at Each Other But Afraid to Fight.

What the London Papers Have to Say Regarding Sir Peter Lumsden's Recall.

LONDON, May 6.—Lord Churchill, addressing a Conservative meeting to-night, protested against the commission on the frontier delimitation being removed to London to be dealt with by the imbeciles in the Foreign Office. Russia, he said, had always objected to the presence of General Sir Peter Lumsden, and now that the Government had gratified Russia by recalling General Lumsden, it was time for the Tories to endeavor to bring about a change in the advisers of the Crown by refusing supplies.

STILL PREPARING.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 6.—There is no appearance here of any abatement in warlike preparations. The mobilizing of rifle battalions in Finland continues. Sentiment of London Papers. LONDON, May 6.—The Times this morning complains of the reticence and ambiguity of the statement of the Government in regard to the Afghan question and severely criticizes the action of the Government in recalling Sir Peter Lumsden, as the frontier question will be all settled before he can possibly arrive in London; therefore any further protection given to him by the Government may have will be worthless so far as the negotiations with Russia in London are concerned.

WILLING TO MEDIATE.

DENMARK is willing to act as arbitrator of the dispute between England and Russia, should no agreement be requested by both countries. Wolsley Sick. SUAKIM, May 6.—Lord Wolsley is slightly indisposed. OSMAN DIGNA'S NEW ARMY. It is believed here that Osman Digna is again collecting an army, but owing to the scarcity of food at his command he cannot become sufficiently formidable to call for a British expedition against him. The British are willing to submit if the English will promise to remain in the country and protect them from the vengeance of Osman Digna.

RUSSIAN MEASURES OF DEFENSE.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 6.—The Turkish Ministry are discussing systems of defense for the Dardanelles, proposed by German officers. Decree by the Czar. ST. PETERSBURG, May 6.—The Czar has issued a decree creating two Trans-Caspian reserve battalions. ANOTHER BATTLE. The Canadians and Indians Have Fought a Skirmish. BASKATCHEWAN LANDING, May 5. (via Swift Current, N. W. T.)—The mail carrier has just arrived from Battleford with the following dispatch, dated May 3: "A flying column of 300 men from Battleford had an engagement with the Poundmaker's forces of 600 Indians at his residence last night at 5 a. m. to noon yesterday. The troops lost eight killed and twelve wounded. The Indian loss is estimated at fifty. The troops covered, including the engagement, seventy miles, fought the battle and returned inside of thirty hours. The men behaved magnificently. The list of killed are: Corporals Laurie and Slightland, Bogler Burke, all of the Northwest Police; privates Osmond and Rogers, of the Guards; Dobbs C. Coy, Bugler Faulker, C. Company, Wounded, Sergeant Ward, Police; Lieutenant Pelletier, Sergeant Goffey, Corporal Morton, Gunner Reynolds, of B Battery; Sergeant-Major Jackson, of the 49th; Sergeant Miller, private McQuilken, of the Guards; Sergeant Cooper, privates Vary and Watts of the Rifles; and Gelbert, of Battleford."

A Lively Salute.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—When the President's train was near Mount Hope Station, Maryland, returning from Gettysburg, about 8 o'clock this evening, three pistol shots were heard in rapid succession as if from a revolver, and the flash of the gun was also seen. It is probable that some enthusiast had devised this method of celebrating the passage of the President, and the demonstration was intended as a salute. It created some amusement, and gave rise to many jocular remarks among the passengers, but since the return of the train the rumor has spread through the city that the entire mountain side was precipitated.

Another Victim.

NEW YORK, May 6.—Secretary Whitney and John Roach have agreed that the "Dolphin" shall have another trial trip before her final acceptance by the Government. The trial trip will take place on the Sound, and will be a six-hour run.

A Land Slide.

HELENA, May 6.—A land slide which occurred one mile east of Thompson Falls on May 4 has not yet been cleared. The water comes from the ground 1,000 feet along the track, and it is feared that the entire mountain side will be precipitated.

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NEW YORK, May 6.—Alfred Kretzmer, aged 19 years, died early this morning in Bellevue Hospital from internal injuries received at the fire on First avenue, on Sunday morning. He is the eleventh victim.

Phelps Going to Europe.

NEW YORK, May 6.—Hon. E. J. Phelps, the U. S. Minister to England, sailed to-day for Europe on the "Globe," accompanied by his wife.

A MONTREAL SCANDAL.

Elopement of a Woman With Her Husband's Best Friend.

NEW YORK, May 5.—A special to the World from Montreal says: James Downes and Neurie H. Henrie are two well-to-do farmers near Compton, Quebec. They had long been best of friends. Henrie is the possessor of a very pretty wife, plump, comely and of a decidedly romantic nature, who supported Mr. Langtry on her first appearance in America. Downes is unmarried. He had been a frequent visitor at Henrie's house, but only recently his attentions towards the wife of his friend had been noticed. On Tuesday evening last Henrie, who had been in town, returned and surprised his wife and former friend together. A few bad words followed, but a reconciliation took place. Yesterday he received a telegram which read: "I love John better than you."

FOUNDMAKER'S FIGHT.

The Indians in the Northwest All Going on the War-Path. BATTLEFORD, May 6.—Further details of the engagement between Colonel O'Leary's forces and Chief Poundmaker's Indians show that the fight was a desperate one. The Indians worked muskets, war clubs, bows and arrows and every conceivable weapon of warfare. No mention is made in the dispatches of the bodies recovered had been returned march that they were left behind. Nothing but the last extremity would induce O'Leary to do that. He is a very doubtful man, but a bloody Indian, it is said. The Quappelle Indians are to-day reported to have risen, and left their reserve. Crowfoot, chief of the Blackfeet, is related to Poundmaker, and the whites. The Dominion Government and Colonel O'Leary are blamed for not securing the ransom of Pactor McLean and the other white captives before they were released. Positive advices from Clark's Crossing to-day say that Middleton began his advance this morning. A battle is expected at Batouche to-morrow.

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"RURAL'S" FANCIES.

She Dwells Upon the Poetic and the Prosaic of Farm Life at Riverdale.

A Glimpse at Some of the Recently Published Books and the Late Magazines.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE MINER. RIVERDALE RANCH, May 2. April has done her share of the spring threatening and blowing, and is leaving us, with pleasant memories of her last few sunny days. Plowing and planting are proceeding rapidly; the hills are donning their summer robes of green, the flowers peep out, here and there, the river sings joyfully in concert with the meadow larks; the few downy chickens and the frisking calves on the hillside, or in valley pasture, all suggest the growing season, and the sun shines brightly over all, with his royal benediction. I always appreciated the poetic side of country life, but it does not prevent the poet that there is

A VERY PROSAIC SIDE.

As well. The pleasure to be gained, is by faithfully, promptly and lovingly performing the necessary work, with eyes and ears open to catch all the rustic and homely beauties of the poetry. My favorite hour is that of early morning, before the sun creeps over the eastern mountain. I always step to the door for a picture before I begin getting ready for the constant thought and worry over work that makes it drudgery. So much of our labor is, or may be mechanically performed that we may have many inspiring thoughts and beautiful fancies while our hands are busy with very homely details. It is not necessary to concentrate every thought and energy upon the frying of bacon and eggs, for instance, as well as thinking of that lovely, refreshing view up the little wooded gulch, as to be fretting because it is not enough of that white goods to suffice Carter's apron to last the time to make and iron, and give

LOTS OF BACKACHES.

I ought to give credit where it is due, and acknowledge that many of my common-sense ideas are suggested by that helpful little monthly publication, the Housekeeper, published by the American Housewife Company of Minneapolis. It is only \$1 a year, and is so full of hints and helps for housekeepers and mothers, it is a gem. The same firm publishes the best of practical domestic help, more than a cook book, for it has a department for medicine, one for toilet, etc. Their book on etiquette, The Manners That Win, is the most valuable of its kind. With the Housekeeper to help in cooking, fancy work, furnishing, planning, etc., and the Domestic Monthly, from Blake & Co., of New York, for fashions, etc., every folk can equip their household for our home work. I wonder how many ladies get a mania once in a while for making

MONEY OF THEIR VERY OWN?

I think a great many do. Let me suggest to you, to send, as I did, to Samuel M. Lawrence, at 223 Broadway, New York, for the bright little book, How I Made Money at Home, by John's Wife. I believe its price is 30 cents. It contains many interesting "Cures," "Bees," "Canaries," "One Cow," "Chickens," and "Incubator." All the articles are entertainingly written and are full of suggestions. The best of them are in the "Cures" department. While the matter was put into the hands of the committee of New York people for consideration, Vice-President Atkins states that the committee had expected to report in three or four days. It is understood that the agreement will be made from New York to Boston.

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS.

How the Machine Was Ejecting the Rascals Yesterday. The President has appointed S. Corning Judt postmaster at Chicago, vice Frank W. Palmer, suspended. The President has appointed the following postmasters: Charles A. Foster, at Bellevue, Idaho; vice E. W. Johnson, resigned; Charles J. Jones, at Lewiston, Idaho; vice Isaac H. Hibbs, resigned. S. Corning Judt, who was to-day appointed postmaster at Chicago, is an old citizen of Chicago and a prominent member of the First Baptist Church. He is about 57 years of age, a lawyer by profession and was an applicant for the office of Solicitor General of the United States. He has always been identified with the Democratic party, and is at present a member of the Democratic National Committee from Illinois.

THE RAISING OF SMALL FRUITS.

at least, raspberries, currants and gooseberries. Where the wild variety grows so profusely, it seems as if cultivated varieties would do splendidly. I am informing myself about that, too. Our young folks on the ranch are reading the interesting stories in D. Lathrop & Co.'s Young Folks Library. Each volume, of nearly four hundred pages, cost only twenty-five cents. The last volume published is Lute Falconer, a story with all the elements of interest, and a sustained moral, which is not so conspicuous as best of reasons, but applied so as to be impressive. Our little six-year-old boy thinks the Pansy is the very nicest magazine published, and he is not far wrong. The Wide Awake is a fine old children's paper, which I have not read for some time. Both are published by D. Lathrop & Co., of Boston. A week or two ago I read a Penniless Girl, a story translated from the German, and published by the same firm in Philadelphia. While there is nothing extraordinary in matter or manner, it is

A VERY FRESH.

pretty story of German life, where the heroine, a pretty, penniless girl finds herself in republican America in very unpleasant circumstances on account of class distinctions. It all comes out right in the end, however, as it ought. I could not say the story, but some may prefer to read it for themselves. The Riverdale Ranch folks are going to do a little systematic studying of forming ourselves into a chapter of the Agassiz Association, which has been organized in the St. Nicholas, and learn through by observation of the book of nature, which is so profusely illustrated before our eyes. By joining the association we are entitled to help in various departments from eminent scientists. It is time to get supper and as that is a prosaic consideration not to be on any account overlooked, I must lay aside my pen for clumsey articles, but I still maintain I shall not lose the beauty of the flowers lying by my side, in the bustle and aroma of supper time. RURAL.

THE MORNING BOOMERANG.

Their Protest Believed to Be Far More Injurious than Beneficial. SALT LAKE, May 6.—Several members of the Utah Commission, being to-day interviewed by an Associated Press reporter as to the effect of the late Mormon declaration and protest sent to the authorities at Washington, said they had had a long conference more than a month ago. First—Because it is a bold, unqualified declaration in favor of the dogma of polygamy. Second—The leaders who formulated the document have induced the whole Mormon people apparently to endorse the declaration, while no doubt there are many dissenters, yet they have allowed themselves to be placed by their leaders in the attitude of unanimously endorsing polygamy. This, of course, will be used by the outsiders as an argument for more stringent legislation.

Fire in London.

LONDON, May 6.—A fire in a building in the neighborhood of St. James' Park, London, on Sunday night, destroyed several houses and a small barn.

Large Attendance at the Nashville Races.