

EIGHT MET DEATH

MINNEAPOLIS LODGING HOUSE IS DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Of the Twenty-seven Inmates Nineteen Managed to Escape but the Others Were Overcome by Smoke and Suffocated—Tank of Kerosene Oil Said to Be Responsible For the Disaster.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 7.—Eight men lost their lives in the fire at 115 Washington avenue south Sunday morning. The men were overcome by smoke in the Harvard hotel, which occupies the second, third and fourth floors of the building, and death in every instance was due to suffocation.

The dead are Nathaniel Perley, O. J. Skidmore, J. S. Bentley, E. Scofield, George Rudey, Michael Monahan and Jacobson all of Minneapolis, and J. N. Erickson of Alexandria, Minn.

When the men were found in various parts of the house, one was dead, the others unconscious, and all in such condition that there was no hope of resuscitating any except possibly Jacobson. He died at noon at the city hospital.

That there was a fire in the building was first discovered by Charles Hanson, as he was about to go to his room on the second floor. There was then smoke in the hallway and he immediately alarmed George O'Connor, the night clerk and the two men set about to awaken the lodgers.

Forced to Retreat.

Hanson devoted his attention to the second floor, and O'Connor rushed up stairs. It was then about 1:45 o'clock and the lodgers were all asleep, and it was with the greatest difficulty they were aroused. In several instances it was necessary for O'Connor to break in doors. In the meantime he kept crying "fire," and the alarm soon spread. O'Connor was finally forced to beat a retreat because of the smoke.

It was a case of every man fighting for his own life. Nineteen of the 27 lodgers were successful, but the others were unable to break their way through the thick smoke and succumbed.

The fire which ended with such great loss of life at first was insignificant and even for several minutes after the fire department arrived at the scene the real danger was not fully appreciated. The fire had its origin in the rear store, and under a stairway that led up to the second floor. There was a considerable amount of oils and varnish here to

Feed The Flames.

The fire burst out at the rear, and to this part of the building the department directed its attention. Only a small volume of smoke was at the time issuing from the front windows of the store and very little from the upper windows.

The loss of life might have been entirely averted had it not been for the fact that immediately above the stairs was a 45 gallon tank of kerosene. When the flames reached this there was one big puff of smoke and it was this that spread throughout the hotel portion of the building. The smoke was white and very thick.

The death list makes the fire next to the worst in the history of Minneapolis. In the mill fire in 1878 18 lives were lost, and up to Sunday. The Tribune fire of 11 years ago held the second mortuary record. In that fire seven lives were lost, which is exceeded by one, in the Harvard hotel fire.

NINETEEN PERISH.

Fatal Fire Breaks Out in an Orphan Asylum at Rochester, N. Y.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 8.—Fire broke out in the hospital section of the Rochester orphan asylum at 1 a. m. in Hubbel Park and the flames spread rapidly to the other sections of the institution. It is known that 19 of the children perished and it is feared that many more victims may be reported later.

The fire was discovered by two men passing the asylum. They hastily sent in an alarm and then turned their attention toward arousing the nurses and children. A terrific explosion was then heard and in a moment the entire hospital section was in flames. On the arrival of the fire apparatus a general alarm was sent in, calling out the entire department. The smoke began to pour out of every window of the main building and the screams and frantic cries of the children could be heard. The work of rescue began with a will. Children and nurses were carried from the building, all in an unconscious condition, some dead. Ambulances from the city, St. Mary's homeopathic and Hahnemann hospitals were summoned and the victims were removed to the several institutions.

There were 109 children at the hospital and a corps of about 30 nurses and attendants. Two of the women attendants are among the dead. The origin of the fire is not known at this time. The property loss will probably exceed \$20,000.

TO REGULATE MARRIAGES.

Radical Measure Proposed by a Wisconsin Legislator.

LA CROSSE, Wis., Jan. 8.—W. L. Woodward of this city, author of the now famous marriage law bill to regulate marriages, has secured Senator James Stout, the public benefactor and widely known philanthropist of Manitowish, to present and father this bill in the legislature. It will be introduced by him shortly after the opening of the session this week. The law provides against the marriage of degenerates, physical and moral, and all marriages will be in control of an examining board of physicians.

REGARDED AS CRITICAL.

Relations Between the United States and Venezuela Strained.

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, Jan. 8.—The United States minister at Caracas, Venezuela, Mr. Loomis, according to the latest advices received here, has not yet succeeded in obtaining justice for the New York and Bermudez Asphalt company in its dispute with the local authorities and the situation is regarded as critical. Three American warships are either at LaGuayra or on their way (the Buffalo, Hartford and Scorpion) and the Americans are complaining at the alleged delay in obtaining protection for their interests. The local authorities, it was added, encouraged the natives to invade the company's plant.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The training ship Buffalo, which left LaGuayra Saturday, has arrived at Santa Lucia, and will proceed on to Manila by way of Cape of Good Hope. This leaves the Hartford and the newly arrived Scorpion to watch over American interests in Venezuela.

P. D. ARMOUR DEAD.

Chicago's Millionaire Pork Packer Expires After a Long Illness.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Philip D. Armour died at his residence on Prairie avenue in this city at 8:45 o'clock. A muscular affection of the heart, known to the medical profession as myocarditis, was the immediate cause of his death.

The end came after two years of illness, during which time Mr. Armour visited German baths, passed the cold months in Southern California and devoted himself largely to an attempt to restore his health, which, however, had been broken never to be regained.

Estimates of Mr. Armour's own estate run from \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000. This of course does not include the \$12,000,000 or \$20,000,000 owned by the younger members of his family. For years every enterprise he was interested in has been making immense profits. His holdings of stock have all advanced largely during the last three years.

NAMED IN CAUCUS.

Gamble for Senator From South Dakota and Nelson From Minnesota.

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 8.—The Republican senatorial caucus has nominated Robert J. Gamble by acclamation, all other names having been withdrawn. In his speech of acceptance, Gamble referred to Pottigrew in saying that at the close of his term he hoped that he could turn the office back to the party unsullied and with honor.

Senator Nelson Renominated.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 8.—Senator Knute Nelson is the unanimous choice of the Republicans of Minnesota for United States senate. At caucuses of the Republican members of either house of the state legislature he was endorsed without a dissenting vote. The result was telegraphed to Mr. Nelson at Washington.

BATCHELDER DEAD.

Was Formerly Quartermaster General of the Army.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—General R. N. Batchelder, former quartermaster general of the army, died here at 2:25 p. m. General Batchelder had been in delicate health for several years past, but his illness did not assume a critical phase until just before the holidays, when he suffered from an attack of angina pectoris. Interment will be made at Arlington cemetery Monday after services in All Souls Unitarian church at 10:30 in the morning.

NORTHERN PACIFIC GRANT.

Supreme Court Decision Regarding Indemnity Lands.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—In the United States supreme court an opinion was handed down involving the right of the secretary of the interior to withdraw indemnity lands along the line of the Northern Pacific Railroad company. The opinion was handed down by Justice Harlan and sustained the practice of the interior department since 1888 of not making withdrawal of lands liable to become parts of the grant.

SCORCH CANADIAN CITIES.

Brandon, Man., and Winnipeg Suffer Big Losses.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 8.—A \$40,000 fire occurred at Brandon about daylight, when all the buildings on Reesor avenue between Eighth and Tenth streets were consumed.

A fire which destroyed \$30,000 worth of property occurred here at 4 a. m., when the block on Main street, occupied by Grundy, Barrowlongh & Marcy, music dealers, was burned to the ground.

FILIPINOS EXILED.

Twenty-six Leaders Will Be Deported to Guam.

MANILA, Jan. 8.—General MacArthur will deport to the island of Guam at the earliest opportunity 26 of the Filipino leaders, including Generals Riquarte and Pio del Pilar and the agitators Mabini, Ocampo and Trias. Others will follow them in exile. They will be detained until peace is established.

SUBMARINE BOATS.

Their Advocates Still Hope to Get an Appropriation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Notwithstanding the adverse report made by the board of construction, advocates of the Holland submarine boat will make a strong effort to attach an amendment to the naval appropriation bill authorizing 20 additional vessels of this type.

Decline a Gift From Stead.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The board of poor law guardians of Woolly has declined on patriotic grounds to accept a gift of pictures and books from William T. Stead for the workhouse, forwarded through Lady Henry Somerset.

NEWS CONDENSATIONS.

Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Ebenezer Upham, a well known newspaper publisher, is dead at Jamestown, N. Y.

The marriage of Queen Wilhelmina to Duke Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin has been officially fixed for Feb. 7, 1901.

Four new cases of smallpox were reported to the New York board of health Monday. They are all residents of Brooklyn.

J. W. Bell, engineer, was killed, and John Scott, fireman, fatally injured, by the derailing of a Chicago and Northwestern locomotive at Barrington, Ill.

Leander D. Parker, general superintendent of the Postal Telegraph company, has resigned and E. J. Mally, assistant general superintendent, has been appointed to the office.

The proposition for the purchase of the island of St. Thomas by the United States is opposed in Porto Rico. Porto Ricans want a West Indian naval station established at San Juan.

Thursday, Jan. 3.

The duke of York has been gazetted a rear admiral.

Secretary Hay is again indisposed and is confined to his home.

Mrs. Anna Morris Holstein, a famous army nurse, is dead at her home in Red Hill, Pa.

Madame Adelina Patti confirms the report that she is negotiating for the sale of Crag-y-Nos castle, her residence in Wales.

Mr. Kruger is suffering from a slight attack of bronchitis. While there is no anxiety as to his condition, he is obliged to keep to his bed.

The gold production of Oregon for the year 1900 amounted to \$3,770,000. The lumber output of the state for the year amounted to \$98,160,000 feet.

The Brussels Etiole Belgie announces that the health of Queen Marie Henrietta has been impaired and that she suffers constantly from bronchitis.

Friday, Jan. 4.

The Turkish census for 1900 indicates that the population is 55,000,000.

Queen Victoria has appointed the Duke of York commander-in-chief of the Royal marines.

John Gordon, for years general manager of the J. J. Hill steamboat interests of the Great Lakes, is dead.

United States Consul Wildman at Hong Kong has been granted a leave of absence and will return to the United States immediately for the benefit of his health.

The social season of the new year at the White House was opened Wednesday when President and Mrs. McKinley gave a dinner in honor of the cabinet and their ladies.

The worst snow storm since the winter of 1889-90 throughout Southern Oregon and Northern California raged all day Wednesday. Telegraph and telephone communication has been paralyzed.

Saturday, Jan. 5.

The first cargo of American coal for Russian warships has cleared Norfolk, Va., in the British steamship Ferdinande for Port Arthur.

Peter Fossett (colored), who was the body servant of Thomas Jefferson, died at Cincinnati Thursday. He was born at Monticello, Va., in 1815.

The Metropolitan English Grand Opera company, which is filling a two weeks engagement at Chicago, will cut short its tour and close the season at Washington, Jan. 26.

The American Sugar Refining company has reduced the prices of all grades of refined sugar 10 points and the National Sugar Refining company has made a cut of 5 points.

Edward T. Platt, elder son of United States Senator Platt, has been elected general superintendent and manager of the United States Express company. Senator Platt is president.

Monday, Jan. 7.

The tieup in the Northern Colorado coal fields is still complete.

The business portion of St. Anthony, Ia., has been destroyed by fire.

The men employed at the mines of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company at Gallup, N. M., have struck.

The navy department has issued the order announcing the retirement of Rear Admiral Kautz, to take effect Jan. 29.

Hamburg's shipping business last year showed fewer vessels arriving and sailing, but a quarter of a million increase in tonnage.

Preparatory to the introduction of machine guns the German military boards are experimenting with a view of adapting the ordinary army cartridges of the 1898 rifles to the guns.

A letter of holiday greetings from Helen Gould to the sick soldiers at the Presidio has been received at the general hospital and printed copies of the missive will be distributed to the men.

Tuesday, Jan. 8.

President McKinley has a slight cold and is denying himself to all callers.

Ex-senator Fred T. Dubois of Idaho has been nominated by the joint caucus for United States senator.

Captain J. D. Bulloch, a famous agent of the Confederates during the American Civil war, is dead at Liverpool.

Brigadier General James Cavanaugh is dying from old age at his home in Brooklyn. He has been ill for several weeks.

Secretary Hay is still indisposed, and although his cold has abated, it was not deemed prudent for him to go to his office.

Secretary Gage has sent to the house a list of appropriations aggregating \$1,000,000 for continuation of the work on the United States postoffice and courthouse building at Chicago for the fiscal year 1902.

NEWS IN MINNESOTA.

The state begins the new century with \$12,546,529 in the permanent school fund.

James P. Rochford, aged over 70 years, and an old settler of Anstin, was found frozen to death last week.

The Hennepin paper mill at Little Falls was burned early Monday morning. The loss will probably run close to \$75,000.

Dr. William Atherton, one of Hastings' old and prominent citizens, is dead from pneumonia, after a brief illness, aged 78 years.

Dr. A. A. Ames was inaugurated mayor of Minneapolis Monday. One of his first acts was to dismiss 105 members of the police force.

The report of the Winona postoffice for the calendar year of 1900 shows a revenue of \$39,867.25. This is an increase in revenue over the previous year of \$3,670.98.

Orville Brown, a well known Minnesota pioneer and newspaper publisher, is dead. Mr. Brown was 90 years old, and was born at Pierrepont Manor, N. Y. He came to Minnesota in 1855.

John Eliason committed suicide by shooting in his cabin a few miles south of Tower. His brother Chris was killed by a train about a month ago, and brooding over it unsettled his mind.

The Chicago Great Western passenger train was wrecked near Sargent, this state, Thursday of last week. The engine and seven coaches left the track and three trainmen were slightly injured.

Logs are being brought to Duluth by rail at the rate of 2,500,000 feet daily. The roads bringing them are the Duluth and Iron Range, the Northern Pacific and the Duluth, Missabe and Northern.

There has been a remarkably small fire loss in Duluth the past year, only about \$32,000. Under the circumstances Duluth fire agents do not think there will be any increase in local rates of insurance.

The largest realty deal ever consummated by Anoka county took place last week when J. W. Johnson of Minneapolis sold to George D. Dayton of Nobles county 3,780 acres in the townships of Ham Lake and Columbus. The consideration was \$38,000.

After a four days trial a jury has acquitted E. Jenkins, accused of investigating the murder of young Lundeen at Appleton in October. The killing was done in connection with a holdup, and Phil Sherry, accused of being an accomplice, was sent to Stillwater in December.

State Auditor Dunn will make a request for inheritance tax legislation. The desired enactment will avoid the defects of the law passed in 1897, and declared invalid by the supreme court in February, 1900, and will provide measures for the equitable taxation of all transferred estates.

An entire family named Ferbecook, in the town of New Sweden, Nicollet county, are said to be dying from trichinae poison. The father and eldest daughter have already died and the surviving 10 are all afflicted with the malady and physicians have abandoned all hope of their recovery.

The state supreme court, in a decision written by Justice Lovely, declares the Minneapolis Produce Exchange to be a combination in restraint of trade, prohibited by chapter 359, General Laws of 1899. The action against the corporation was brought by Conrad J. Ertz, who was not a member.

The Scanlon-Gipson Lumber company of Minneapolis consummated a pine land deal by which it becomes owner of nearly 300,000,000 feet of white pine along the St. Louis river and its tributaries. William O'Brien of St. Paul and his associates were the owners of the land and timber.

A case of smallpox has been discovered in the Northern Lumber company's logging camp three miles from Sparta, in which 100 men are employed. A force of 20 men is guarding the camp. A lumberman named John Swanson, while attempting to escape quarantine, was shot by a deputy and instantly killed.

Warden Reeve of the Stillwater penitentiary is authority for the statement that the next legislature will be asked to make appropriations for a new prison and shops. The cell room is old fashioned and too small and the shops are gradually decaying. General Reeve is of the opinion that a new site should be selected and will make a recommendation for an appropriation to the legislature.

The total population of the state institutions for the month of December was 203 in excess of the population during the same months of the previous year. There were 3,593 persons in the hospitals for the insane, as compared with 3,467 in December, 1899, and in the other institutions the records for the month just closed show a population of 2,636, as compared with 2,621 a year ago.

Three important decisions by the secretary of the interior have just been received at the Duluth United States land office in the cases of Arthur E. Peck vs. Le Grand Powers, Oscar E. Kolb vs. Amanda E. Powers, and Willis Bradish vs. Ernest H. Mayo, involving some valuable timber land in the vicinity of Tower. The decisions are all in favor of the defendants, thus affirming the rulings of the local and general land offices.

The spread of smallpox in the logging regions of Northern Wisconsin and Minnesota resulted in a meeting at Duluth of members of boards of health of both states. The purpose was to decide, if possible, upon some uniform action best calculated to prevent the spread of the disease. It was decided that the only sure means of stamping out the disease is to encourage vaccination, force quarantine regulations and provide isolated hospitals at such points as may seem desirable under the circumstances.

Why Strippings Are Rich in Cream.

Many explanations have been given of the reason why the "strippings," or that portion of the milk which is last drawn from the udder, is the richest in butter fat, says The Farmer's Advocate. One of the most generally accepted explanations is that the butter fat, being of such low specific gravity as compared with the watery portion of the milk in which it floats, has a tendency to rise to the upper portions of the udder, just as it does when the milk is set for cream raising. When the cream so rises, it naturally follows that it will be the last to come away in the operation of milking.

That there is a very marked difference in the quality of milk first drawn from the cow, as compared with that which comes away toward the finish, was clearly shown by a well known dairy expert. This gentleman found that while the average per cent of butter fat in the first half pint of milk drawn from a cow worked out to only 1.32 per cent the butter fat in the strippings, or the last half pint, amounted to over 9 per cent. There was hardly any difference in the percentage of the other solids present in the last drawn as compared with the first drawn milk.

LATE MARKET REPORT.

Duluth Grain.

DULUTH, Jan. 8. WHEAT—Cash No. 1 hard 77c, No. 1 Northern 76c, No. 2 Northern 66@70c, No. 3 spring 66@68c. To Arrive—No. 1 hard 79c, No. 1 Northern 76c, May 76c, July 80c. FLAX—To arrive \$1.60, cash \$1.60. May \$1.66, September \$1.10.

Minneapolis Wheat.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 8. WHEAT—In Store—Cash 76c, May 77c, July 74c On Track—No. 1 hard 79c, No. 1 Northern 77c, No. 2 Northern 73@75c.

Sioux City Live Stock.

SIoux CITY, Ia., Jan. 8. CATTLE—Market steady.

Sales ranged at \$4.56@5.25 for heaves, \$3.25@3.75 for cows, bulls and mixed, \$3.75@4.00 for stockers and feeders, \$3.00@4.00 for calves and yearlings.

HOGS—Market 5@10c higher. Range of prices \$3.00@5.10.

St. Paul Union Stock Yards.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 8. HOGS—Market opened 10@12c higher, closed strong at the advance. Range of prices, \$4.40@5.15.

CATTLE—Market in good demand at steady prices.

Sales ranged at \$4.50@5.25 for good to choice butcher steers, \$3.40@3.90 for good to choice butcher cows and heifers, \$3.00@4.00 for choice corn-fed bulls, \$4.50@5.75 for choice veals.

SHEEP—Market in good demand and prices steady.

Sales ranged at \$4.60@5.10 for lambs, \$3.60@4.00 for sheep.

Chicago Union Stock Yards.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8. CATTLE—Market steady.

Sales ranged at \$3.35@3.15 for good to prime steers, \$3.65@5.35 for poor to medium, \$2.75@4.40 for stockers and feeders, \$2.65@4.50 for cows and heifers, \$3.30@4.90 for Texas steers.

HOGS—Market 10c higher.

Sales ranged at \$1.95@5.35 for mixed and butchers, \$3.05@5.55 for good to choice heavy, \$1.90@5.00 for rough heavy, \$4.90@5.30 for light. Bulk of sales \$3.00@5.15.

SHEEP—Market steady to 15c higher.

Sales ranged at \$3.40@4.70 for sheep, \$4.00@5.75 for lambs.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8. WHEAT—January 75c, February 75c@77c, May 78c.

CORN—January 36@37c, February 37c, March 37c, May 38c@38c.

OATS—January 23c, February 23c, May 23c.

PORK—January \$13.90, May \$13.70. LARD—Cash No. 1 \$1.57, January \$1.55, May \$1.62.

WOLLY—Dressed, turkeys 9c, chickens 8c.

BUTTER—Creameries 15@23c, dairies 12@20c.

Austin Markets.

Wheat, No. 2, 67c per bu. CORRECTED BY SMITH-McLAUGHLIN ELEVATOR CO.

Oats, 19c per bu. Barley, 35c-45c per bu. Timothy, \$5.00 per cwt. Corn, 35c per bu. Flax, \$1.35 per bu.

CORRECTED BY McBRIDE, THE GROCER.

Butter, 15c to 18c per lb. Beans, \$1.50 to \$2.00 per bu. Peas, 30c per doz. Potatoes, 30c to 55c per bu.

AUSTIN PACKING HOUSE MARKET. Young Hogs, \$1.60 to \$1.85 per cwt. Good Sows, \$1.50 to \$1.65 per cwt. Cows, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per cwt. Sheep, \$2.75 to \$3 per cwt. Lambs, \$3.75 per cwt. Young Fat Turkeys, 6c per lb. Hens, 4c per lb. Young Fat Turkeys, 6c per lb. Broilers, 8c per lb.

FUEL—CORRECTED BY A. S. DECKER. Hard coal, \$9.50 per ton. Iowa coal, \$9.00 per ton. Illinois coal, \$9.00 per ton. Indiana black coal, \$8.25 per ton. Hooking Valley coal, \$8.75 per ton. Oak Wood, \$6.50 per cord. Maple Wood, \$7.50 per cord. Soft Wood, \$5.00 per cord. Slabs, \$4.50 per cord. 50 cents less on each ton of coal or cord of wood for cash.

Order for Hearing on Claims.

STATE OF MINNESOTA. County of Mower—ss.

In Probate Court. Special term, January 4, 1901. In the matter of the estate of Alice A. Williams, deceased.

Letters of administration on the estate of said deceased being this day granted unto Andrew G. Brown of Fargo, North Dakota. It is ordered, that all claims and demands of all persons against said estate be presented to said court for examination and allowance at the probate office in the court house in the city of Austin, in said county, on Monday, the eleventh day of February, 1901, at ten o'clock a. m., and on Monday the eighth day of July, 1901, at ten o'clock a. m.

It is further ordered, that six months from the date hereof be allowed to creditors to present their claims against said estate, at the expiration of which time all claims not presented to said court, or not proven to its satisfaction, shall be forever barred, unless for cause shown further time be allowed.

Ordered further, that notice of time and place of the hearing and examination of said claims and demands shall be given by publishing this order once in each week for three successive weeks in the MOWER COUNTY TRANSCRIPT, a weekly newspaper, printed and published at the city of Austin, in said county. Dated at Austin, Minn., the fourth day of January, 1901.

By the Court. S. S. WARBURN, Judge of Probate. (Publ. Jan. 8-16, 21.)

The ATLANTIC Monthly 3 Serials in 1901 Mary Johnson author of "To Have and to Hold" will bring out her third story, AUDREY in the Atlantic during 1901. This new story is said to be a distinct artistic advance over her previous remarkable successes. Sarah Orne Jewett will contribute The Tory Lover. This stirring American historical Romance exhibits in a new field the rare qualities of Miss Jewett's art; and her theme, the fortunes of the Loyalists in 1777, has not hitherto been developed. Kate Douglas Wiggin will tell Penelope's Irish Experiences. The final volume of the delightful Penelope series will be brought out as a six-part serial in the Atlantic, beginning with the November (1900) number. Special Introductory Offer. On receipt of 50 cents the publishers will send the Atlantic for three months to any NEW subscriber. For more detailed announcements, send postal for new illustrated prospectus. All new subscribers for 1901 ordered before December 20th, 1901, will receive the November and December issues for 1900 free. 35 cents a copy. \$1.00 a year. HOUGHTON, MIFFLIN & CO., 4 Park Street, Boston.