

FIRE DESTROYS ARMY HOTEL

SIX HOSEMEN GO DOWN WITH FALLING FLOOR

Injured Men, Buried Beneath Tons of
Debris, Are Rescued by Com-

rades From Position of Awful Peril

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The men were piled up in the street and the guests came out and sat down on the chairs and watched the fire.

Police Search Rooms

Within fifteen minutes after the first alarm had been turned in Chief of Police Auble arrived, accompanied by Capt. Broadhead. Although the fire was spurring from every window and doorway, the officers donned oilskins and climbed in the building. From room to room they went, searching for valuable articles of jewelry left by the mad rush of the guests. In one room a wealthy traveling man had stored \$1400 worth of Christmas presents for his friends. He barely escaped with his life and the Christmas presents were all burned. This was the case with scores of others who were only too glad to escape with their lives without trying to save anything.

After a search of several hours the chief left the building. He had collected jewels valued at about \$5000, including a beautiful diamond solitaire ring, six gold watches, a dozen stick pins, a necklace, a bracelet, three purses and about a dozen silver-backed toilet articles. All these were taken to the station to be identified.

Immediately following the crush of the floors when the building had partially cleared of the tottering supports, many guests begged to be allowed to go back to the building and rescue some of their property from the flames. In company with an officer one man climbed a ladder to the second floor. He came down with a joyous expression on his face and went to the Broadway hotel, where he dealt out six pairs of socks to his sockless companions in misfortune.

Sergeant Gets Present

Sergt. Craig was one of the first officers at the fire. Shortly after his arrival he went to the back of the building to order the stretching of fire lines along the alley. As he was walking along some one threw an umbrella out of a window. The thing was brand new and had a beautiful gold and pearl handle on it. A card wishing merry Christmas to someone had been partly torn off and the sergeant carried the umbrella during the fire. It is now at the police station.

Frank Bryson spent the night at the hotel. In company with Gen. Wankowski and others he had gone there to spend the evening but found that he was too late to catch the last car. Wankowski ran and caught the car, and yesterday he related the following story about Bryson: "I guess Bryson would have done a little running last night himself," said Wankowski yesterday, "if he had known what was in store for him. The last thing he told me was that he had a magnificent opera coat in a suit case and he was going to give it to his wife for a Christmas present, but this morning after he escaped he told me that the cloak had been burned to cinders."

C. J. Colton, wife of a mining man of Searchlight, and my object is to prevent both at the fire house. The title of 'official swearer' vested in me will serve merely to remind the firemen that swearing is my exclusive function, and good faith will compel them to abstain from it. Swearing is a habit which I believe all men would be glad to cure themselves of, and I believe my contract with the firemen will cure them of it.

HE IS OFFICIAL SWearer

How Mr. Vauclain Proposes to Stop Profanity in a Fire Company

Special to The Herald.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Samuel M. Vauclain paid \$300 for the exclusive right to swear and use vulgar language in and about the fire house of the Bryson-McLean fire company. Vauclain pre-empting the title of "Official Swearer."

Only One Room Saved

"I had a narrow escape from death," said H. T. Boehl of San Lake City, who was one of the guests in the hotel. "I was awake before the fire started and seized whatever I could get hold of. My room was 328, up in the corner of the building, and was the only room in the house that was saved. I managed to crawl out and get away without being injured, but I saw many people crawling out of windows on their hands and knees and rushing about panic-stricken."

It is estimated that nearly \$50,000 of the loss was from the clothing, jewelry and cash, owned by the guests. These things were packed for the most part in trunks and suit cases which were burned up in the fire. Several cases of the jewelry carried by a goldsmith's salesman were lost in this way, my trunks and cases went crashing down into the fire.

A. F. Mable of Chicago was one of the heavy losers among the guests. "I had several suits of clothing, a bunch of jewelry and some money burned up," he said. "I was on the second floor of the building and was awakened by the smoke, which very nearly suffocated me before I could get out of my room. I grabbed some clothing and managed to get to the first floor in safety. I crossed there, in my trunk I had over \$100 in currency, and that, with my jewelry and all my possessions was destroyed."

Gas Becomes Ignited

The gas in the lighting pipes of the building became ignited near the top floor and a great flame illuminated the entire building and continued to burn until the gas men arrived several hours later and turned it off.

During the fire, when the firemen were nearly exhausted from their work, Dr. Follisby came from her office some distance away with a basket headed full of sandwiches and several bottles of

hot coffee. In spite of the blinding mass of water and cinders, she went from engine to engine and within a dozen feet of the burning building, serving hot coffee and sandwiches to the firemen. Manager Loomis served hot coffee and rolls to the fire fighters in the Angelus during the fire. The Angelus also accommodated many of the guests from the burning hotel.

OWNERS OF BUILDINGS DECLARE LOSS TOTAL AND INSURANCE LOW

The two buildings which were destroyed were owned by the Henry Morris estate, the northern section being owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Mertz and the southern section by Mrs. Winstol. The loss to both is almost total, although they are fairly covered by insurance.

The construction of the building is said to be one of the main causes of the rapid spread of the conflagration. City Building Inspector J. J. Backus, who was at the fire, yesterday made the following statement:

"In my latest report on buildings I have made complaint regarding buildings known as class C, that are constructed of wood throughout and not fireproof. This building is of that class and there are a lot more of them in this city. They are not safe."

The Van Nuys Broadway cafe was recently taken charge of by W. C. Eagon. The loss was heavy and the insurance light.

H. D. Clarke and R. L. F. Forsyth, proprietors of the hotel, made the following statement yesterday: "We had about 120 guests, many being tourists. The house was fairly well crowded for the holiday season. The loss is total, but we are fairly well insured."

"The entire stock is a total loss," said C. W. Damerel of the Cass-Damerel company yesterday. "The goods are chiefly perishable and I think the loss is complete. The stock and fixtures were valued at about \$40,000."

NUMEROUS ARRESTS MADE ON SUSPICION OF ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

As soon as the alarm was turned in yesterday morning a number of men dashed to the hotel and started to go through the rooms. Officers were on guard, however, and four arrests were made.

It is alleged that some of the bell boys attempted to ransack the burning rooms, but this the boys deny, stating that they were simply attempting to save some of the stuff from the fire.

E. L. Apple, engineer for one of the fire companies, was arrested by mistake and was released at once.

M. P. Koff was seen rummaging through the building and officers allege he picked up a bag of gold dust. When he was arrested he remarked: "Better to take it than let it burn."

E. S. Risk, a bellboy, was arrested on suspicion, although nothing could be found on him.

R. M. Clark and Henry Grann were arrested on charges of disturbing the peace.

Teacher Found Dead in Bed

John R. Lipper, 57 years old, a school teacher who has lived in Los Angeles about two years, coming here from Newark, N. J., was found dead in his bed yesterday at 1112 East Seventh street. The doctors say heart failure caused his death. The body was taken to Pierce Bros.' morgue.

Bricklayer Injured in Fall

L. S. Longford, a bricklayer living at 2224 South Main street, fell from a car at the corner of First and Main streets yesterday afternoon and sustained a bruise on his left temple and cut on the right side of his nose. He was taken to the receiving hospital, where he was given medical attention.

Pure Food and Burnett's Vanilla Are the Same. Get Burnett's Always

BLOODLESS WAR WORLD'S BIGGEST ANNOUNCER PROVES FEATURE OF CONTEST

Clash With Broadwords Ends in Defeat of Sergeant Jeff Whalen of the Regular Army in Eleven Rounds

Nearly 500 people turned out at Fiesta park yesterday afternoon to witness the mounted broadsword contest between Major McGuire, champion broadswordman of the world, and Sergeant Jeff Whalen of the Seventh Cavalry, United States Army. At 2:30 o'clock the contestants, escorted by their seconds, appeared upon the field amidst the shouts and cheers of the spectators. After being introduced by the announcer the contestants donned their armor and prepared for the fray.

Major McGuire was helped into a fitting coat of mail by the coat of mail used in the days of King Arthur. It did not glitter in the dazzling sunlight, for it was not a brazen garb of protection—only a tin one, smeared with green paint. The sergeant was clad in one of the same design painted red. Then from the pile of masks used for the occasion each selected a huge cage-like thing and this they screwed on to their heads.

Then, lo—from out of the distance the bugle sounded and the bugler hanging by his side. Again the announcer stepped forth and straining his melodious voice to its utmost called aloud for one understanding the business of the contest. As everybody knew as much about it as anybody else, he had some trouble in securing one, but at last a suitable person was found and the bugler announced the starting of the battle.

Swats His Opponent

A real American dollar was thrown up and the sergeant won, taking the north field, while his opponent went to the south. Again the bugle sounded and the men came galloping towards each other. When within range they started fencing. The major, seeing an opening, rose in his saddle, sword uplifted, to smite his antagonist when he became overbalanced and the deserate blow intended for the sergeant hit his own horse full in the head. This poor start angered the champion and he settled down to steady work.

Time after time the major would strike his opponent, badly denting the armor of tin. As the swords were harmless so far as inflicting any serious injury the men continued to hack up each other's breast protectors.

At the end of every round the bugler would sound his little horn and the batters would ride back to their end of the field for one minute's rest. When this period of time elapsed the bugler would again demonstrate his ability and foot, a little more. This lasted for eleven rounds, the major coming out on top every time, when the sergeant was forced to throw up the sponge as his hands were badly cut.

CAUGHT BY A WOODEN LEG

Burglar in a Fright Screams Aloud and Flees From the House

Special to The Herald.
KINGSTON, Dec. 24.—Allan Hester, a negro youth, has been sentenced to the Albany penitentiary for six months for stealing a pair of trousers belonging to Aaron Friedman, a grocer.

When Friedman goes to bed at night he leaves his wooden leg in his trousers. It saves time, and in case of a hurry he can dress quickly. Since his experience with Hester, Friedman is convinced that his wooden leg is also a splendid burglar alarm.

ROUGH TIME FOR "PROPHET"

Induced Man to Turn Over All His Possessions and Neighbors Take a Hand

Special to The Herald.
RENFREW, Okla., Dec. 24.—George Huffman, an itinerant preacher, was tarred and feathered Friday night at Perth, and after walking all night without food he arrived here at noon all but dead from the cold. The distance between here and Perth is twenty miles.

WATCHMAKER FULL OF TICK

When Requested to Step into Manager's Office Watches and Pawn Tickets Were Found on Him

Special to The Herald.
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—When a Maiden Lane establishment was leaving his work place one night this week the manager of the establishment noticed many and varied ticks coming from his pockets.

A heart-to-heart conversation followed with the result that the watchmaker was invited into the private office of the manager and there asked to unload. Twenty-six watches and fifteen pawn tickets for as many more were found in his pockets. The walking tickler then was turned over to the police.

POSTAGE STAMPS THAT CIRCULATED AS MONEY THEY ARE INCASED IN METAL COVERINGS

During the War of the Rebellion One Hundred and Four Millions of These Stamps Were Sold in Three Months—Now in Good Demand

Special to The Herald.
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Increased postage stamps are arousing a great deal of interest among coin and stamp collectors. For the character of this odd species of money brings it within the province of both. So keen has been the rivalry to obtain specimens of this issue that high prices have been paid for little disks of metal which only a short time ago in many instances were given to children to play with.

Increased stamps consist of postage stamps of the issue of 1861, in value from 1 to 90 cents, incased in thin, furmintal metal cases about the size of a 25-cent piece, faced with mica. The metal part is nothing more than a rim, and was intended to protect the stamp, nearly the whole of which is in view. To conform to the die the corners of the stamps have been folded under.

They were first made by J. Gault of New York city, who patented the cases in 1862. In that year, owing to the high premium on gold, metallic money of all denominations was almost entirely withdrawn from circulation. So people took to using postage stamps for currency.

So great was the demand for these stamps that it is estimated 100,000 were sold in three months, and yet this great number, which represented the capacity of the government plant, was insufficient to meet the demand.

Postage stamps, of course, were not adapted to this purpose and they soon became damaged. This caused a great deal of trouble, for persons often placed these same worn stamps on letters.

Then Mr. Gault conceived the idea of framing the stamps in metal to protect them from wear. Many patent medicine firms, life insurance companies, hotels and bread companies in this city adopted the scheme and gave large orders for the manufacture.

CATCHES RARE DISEASE

Hospital Physician Falls Victim to One of His Professional Experiments

Special to The Herald.
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Yielding to the advice of his colleagues Dr. A. M. Pappenheimer, principal assistant to Prof. Charles Norris, chief of the pathological department of Bellevue hospital, will start on a sea voyage this week to recuperate from the effects of a rare and fatal disease.

Dr. Osler, the most eminent authority on pathological conditions, says "relapsing fever" became known first in the eighteenth century in India. It appeared in this country in Philadelphia in 1844, and in 1890 it was in epidemic form in New York and Philadelphia, and since then has not been known.

The patient who subsequently developed this case of the fever came from Galveston. It was only after a series of painstaking diagnoses that it was determined that he was suffering from the mysterious malady described in the books as "febris recurrens." Dr. Pappenheimer became interested immediately in the case, and a small quantity of blood from the veins of the sick man and inoculated one guinea pig, one mouse and two rabbits. The mouse and the guinea pig were not affected apparently, but on the seventh day after inoculation the rabbits refused food and became vicious. In attempting to take the temperature of one of them Dr. Pappenheimer was bitten in the hand and in a few days he was obliged to leave the hospital and go to his home.

The Bellevue patient meantime was being watched with the most intense interest by the entire medical staff, for there was not a doctor in the hospital who had ever seen a case of relapsing fever. All the peculiar symptoms described by Dr. Loomis were present. The temperature at times rose to 107 and the pulse ran up to 140 beats a minute. The patient's condition would disappear and the patient would be able to get out of bed and show such evidence of complete recovery that he could be discharged as cured. But was determined to keep the patient under observation for a few days. At the end of the seventh day the fever and high pulse returned, and this relapse from normal to abnormal and back again continued for two months.

Relapsing or famine fever is caused by a minute parasite which invades the arterial system, as Dr. Pappenheimer in his experiment on the rabbits has demonstrated. It is the only malarial known where the temperature rises so high without corresponding mortality.

BRAVE WOMAN CRUSHES RAT

Vicious Beast Grips Her Skirt and She Proves That She Needs No Weapon

Special to The Herald.
CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Maynard Poole, wife of a prominent merchant, has won from her sex the title of brave woman. Being something of a tussler at her dress in the darkness she reached down and caught the thing and crushed it in her hand.

Winners of Salesladies Contest Announced

Miss Edith House of Lane & Co's Store, and a Resident of the Eighth Ward, Takes First Honors



MISS EDITH HOUSE
Of Lane & Co's won first prize. Total, 182,865 votes.



MISS FLORENCE DEWEY
Of the 5th St. Dept. Store won second prize. Total, 164,235 votes.



MISS T. HAGAN
Of the New York Cloak and Suit House won third prize. Total, 135,313 votes.



MISS EDITH HOUSTON
Of the Broadway Dept. Store won fifth prize. Total, 57,205 votes.

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To Our Patrons and the Public, We Wish a Very Merry Christmas

In recognition of the more than generous favors shown us this season by the public, whose patronage has exceeded that of any former year, we thank all who have joined in making this the best of all months in our history. And notwithstanding the immense December business, we are equipped to meet now, without any delay, with our extensive reserve stock, every want in furniture, great or small.

For the return New Year's gift, furniture is the most appropriate, and we shall be pleased to have you compare our stock and prices. The advantage in buying here will be quickly apparent.

Store Closed All Day Today

413-5-7 59 MAIN STREET.
BARKER BROS.
420-2-4 59 SPRING STREET.

BEAR IN DENVER STREET

Policeman Meets Peculiar Night Prowler and Get a Bad Scare

Special to The Herald.
DENVER, Dec. 24.—"Hold on there you stiff; you needn't think you are going to scare me or fool me. I know you have just got a bear skin rug over you. Hold on, there, I say, or I will swat you with this club!"

This was what Patrolman George Hunt said to a big cinnamon bear last night at Forty-first and Franklin streets as he emerged from a patrol box. The officer thought some one was trying to fool him and scare him and he talked at length to the big animal. "A grunt and a series of snarls and growls came from Mr. Bear, and he glided past the big six-foot policeman he struck at him with his paw. "Acts like bear, smells like bear, grows like bear, it must be a bear," thought the policeman, and he made a lunge for the long chain that trailed behind him.

WATERMELONS ALL WINTER

Discoverer of Endless Life for Most Perishable Fruit of the Vine

Special to The Herald.
WEST CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 24.—William Walters of this place regaled a number of friends today upon watermelon as fresh as though just pulled from the vine and of the best flavor. A big melon was cut and distributed, and he has others which he will serve on Christmas.

Walters claims to have discovered the secret of keeping a melon fresh until late in the winter, and has been practicing his method for several winters. See display in windows of The Herald.

HOLLENBECK LODGE, No. 219, F. & A. M., will confer the first degree Tuesday evening, December 26. J. WILL DICK, Secretary.