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10 CENTS PER WEEK

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY ACRES WERE SOON DEVASTATED

The Baltimore Fire Loss Will Reach One Hundred and Twenty-Five Million.

Fifty Thousand People Are Out of Work---Only One Person Was Killed in The Conflagration.

ABOUT FIFTY WERE INJURED IN THE BIG FIRE

Baltimore, Feb. 9.—When darkness fell last night the people knew the worst was over. The flames were checked. An army of firemen from many cities, working unweary and aided by a muddy little stream finally conquered a fire that will rank among the worst of conflagrations.

Worn by a night and day of terror the great crowds that watched the ruins of their city turned their way homeward and at midnight the streets were deserted save for the police and militia, who guarded the burned area. To the south a red glow marked 140 acres of devastation—seventy-five squares of property that represented values from \$75,000,000 to \$125,000,000. Not even a close approximation can be made of the loss. No guess can be made of the insurance.

TREASURES ARE SAFE.

One factor that will figure largely in the final estimates consists of the securities in the banks and trust companies whose homes were destroyed. Their vaults and safes tonight are in ruins, covered with tons of debris. Experts who have given them as close examination as possible express the belief that the contents are safe.

On the correctness or falsity of this belief depends many millions of dollars, greater or less of the final total.

Save for its physical aspects the story of the past twenty-four hours is a negative one in all that usually attends so vast a calamity. There has been little or no excitement. There has been no hysteria. There has been no disorder and, to the credit of the city of Baltimore it should be said, there has been no looting or attempt at looting. Baltimore tonight is as orderly as a village, and only the throb of the laboring fire engines and the reverberating boom of dynamite as it brings dangerous walls to the ground disturbs its wonted quiet. Men who have lost all, who were merchant princes yesterday and practically beggared tonight, view their great loss with a calm that is either the apathy of dazed senses or quiet resignation to the inevitable.

TEN DAY HOLIDAY.

Both branches of the council held a meeting last night and adopted resolutions asking Gov. Warfield, of Maryland to declare a ten day holiday.

Shortly after noon the board of managers of the Chamber of Commerce met, and after a brief discussion it was unanimously agreed that, owing to the chaotic condition of business, it was necessary to ask the governor to declare a legal ten day holiday, and to also ask for an extension of thirty days on all legal papers. A commission was appointed to wait on the governor and ask his co-operation in having the matter carried to a successful termination.

50,000 OUT OF WORK.

Col. F. Frank Suplee, a competent authority on factory statistics, estimates that the number of persons thrown out of employment will reach 50,000. Others have estimated the enforced idleness at much more.

Inspector of Buildings Preston, after making a careful study of the burned district, placed the building loss at \$150,000,000.

ONLY ONE KILLED.

The fire was remarkable in many ways, but more so in the lack of casualties. It can safely be said that no great fire in this country can show a

smaller dead or injured list. Up to last night only one person was reported killed and the number treated in the hospitals will not be more than fifty. The dead man was a fireman from York, Pa., who was crushed by a falling wall. In the city hospital thirty-five persons were treated during the progress of the fire and only one was compelled to remain in the institution and he was suffering from exposure.

ONE TOUCHING SCENE.

Surrounded by fire on all sides the Merchants' National Bank was the last building in its vicinity to succumb. Until the very last moment a group of employes stood in the vestibule of the building loath to leave. When finally the firemen forced them to leave, each clerk bent over and reverently kissed the heavy granite blocks that form the doorway and then took up their stand several blocks below to "see the last of her."

TOO BIG TO ESTIMATE.

Insurance companies have opened temporary offices in the Lexington hotel, but their representatives decline to estimate the loss. The answer of one is typical of all: "It's too big. We have no figures to describe it. Make it above \$100,000,000; that's the best we can do."

The city was early placed under martial law and thus all danger of looting in the doomed district was eliminated.

MANY WERE INJURED.

Approximately thirty-five persons have been injured, including one fireman seriously hurt. The city government has been entirely suspended and the city is under complete military control. The city officials are adopting the most heroic efforts to check the flames and Gov. Warfield has telegraphed to the Secretary of the Navy a request to immediately dispatch here a dynamite expert to work on gutted buildings, where bare walls are tottering at every shift of the wind and threaten to endanger life by falling at any moment. This decision was reached at a meeting of the Governor and the members of the Supreme benches.

DYNAMITE INEFFECTIVE.

Dynamite proved almost useless last night, when building after building in the neighborhood of Charles and Baltimore streets were blown up in order to stay the flames.

The fire simply jumped these vacant spaces and licked up the buildings on the far side.

TO PROVIDE RELIEF.

Already the authorities are taking steps to meet the emergency, and a special meeting of the Maryland Legislature has been called when relief legislation will be enacted. It is understood that the legislature will appropriate \$25,000,000 for relief if that amount is deemed necessary.

WHOLESALE SUFFER.

The wholesale, dry goods, produce, lumber, shipping, railroad and financial interests have been destroyed, notwithstanding heroic efforts on the part of the fire departments, re-inforced by almost numberless firemen from Washington, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Newark, N. J., Harrisburg and New York City.

Starting in the wholesale section the fire burned out every wholesale house of note in the city, swept along

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IN THE COURTS

The Sallie Holmes Murder Case Again Continued.

Only a Few Cases Considered in Circuit and Other Courts Today.

IN THE COUNTY COURT

The case against Sallie Holmes, colored, for alleged murder, was called again in the police court today and continued until tomorrow morning. She is charged with killing Mary Duke.

The case against George Willow, for violating the Sabbath, continued until Monday.

Roy Nelson, violating Sabbath, \$15 and costs.

Jess Moody, \$1 and costs for a drunk.

Clifford Holland, drunk, \$1.

John Vinegar and Lee Ellis, colored, immorality, dismissed.

John Portee, colored, stealing a penny gum box from the Sleeth drug store, three months in the city jail.

Lee Ellis, colored, who shot at her husband, was held in the sum of \$150.

Anderson Ellis, breach of the peace, dismissed.

John Henry, colored, breaking into an I. C. banana car, waived examination and held in the sum of \$300.

Barney Jones, for alleged stealing hides, dismissed.

Ed Perkins and Spencer Morris, colored, breach of the peace, continued.

CIRCUIT COURT.

The \$2,000 damage suit brought by Dr. Robert Rivers against the Paducah City Railway company and the I. C. R. R. Co. for damages sustained in an accident at Eleventh and Broadway one afternoon last summer was given to the jury this afternoon early.

The car was struck by a string of freight cars. Miss Floy Pendley, a daughter of Dr. J. W. Pendley was one of the passengers and at press time a suit was being tried in which she seeks \$2,000 damages.

The motion for a new trial in the case of Eliza Sanderson against the Continental Insurance company was overruled and an appeal granted.

A judgment for sale was filed in the case of F. G. Rudolph, Adm., against Lena Englert.

The case of F. M. Lawrence against Armour & Co. was dismissed and settled.

SUITS FILED.

Two suits were filed in circuit court this morning by Attorneys Taylor & Lucas for J. H. Sullivan against John L. Givens, Sam Givens, G. W. Oliver and Joe W. Hughes, stockholders of the Driskill Post Hole Auger company and for J. B. Driskill against the same defendants.

The suits were brought to secure the return of 21 and 23 shares of stock in the company which was secured by a loan of money to the company and which subsequently was declared forfeited. That number of shares is sued for in each suit.

Several days ago J. H. Sullivan sued the Post Hole Auger company for \$20,000 for alleged breach of contract and those filed today makes a total of three suits filed against the company.

Laura Ray filed a suit against Will Ray asking for a divorce, alleging abandonment. They were married in this county in 1898 and separated in 1899.

Ada Peacher sues the L. and N. for \$200 damages on an organ she shipped from Bowling Green to Paducah and which she claims the L. and N. permitted to be damaged.

COUNTY COURT.

Ivo Harden, of Sharpe, age 25 to Linvie Rhineheart, of Sharpe, age 17. First marriage of both.

C. L. Overstreet, Lovelaceville, age 26 to Nellie Titsworth, Graves county, age 23. First marriage of both.

W. M. Jones of the county, age 28 to Lillie May Sleds, county, age 35. Second marriage of both.

LAW NOT VIOLATED

In the Benefit Performance at the Kentucky Sunday.

Mayor and City Attorney Disagreed on It—Manager English's Statement.

JUDGE SANDERS ALSO HAS SAY

Manager James E. English was this morning acquitted in Judge Sanders court on a charge of violating the Sunday law by giving a performance at the Kentucky theater, Sunday afternoon and evening. The warrant was issued yesterday afternoon on information furnished by Chief of Police Paulins. It is said that he received a speculative order from Mayor Yeiser to swear out the warrant, although Chief Paulins did not seem to think there was anything in the charge.

Saturday night when there was some indication of probable trouble over the Sunday performances, Manager English went to City Prosecutor T. B. Harrison, and asked him about the performance. When attorney Harrison learned that it was going to be simply a benefit, he said go ahead and give it.

When the attorney later learned that the Mayor had issued orders to have a warrant issued, there came near being a "rookus," as the attorney told the Mayor he thought, as prosecutor, he had something to say about such things.

A number of ministers besought the mayor, however, to have Manager English arrested, although the city attorney said no case could be made, and the mayor ordered it.

The case came up before Judge Sanders this morning, and was promptly dismissed. Judge Sanders heard Mr. English's statement that the performance was given for the benefit of Miss Farrell, who has been ill for many months, and that he had no intention of violating the law, and was informed that he would not be violating the law. He stated that no one got any benefit except Miss Farrell, and that the fact that he had been running the Kentucky theater for three years without attempting to give Sunday performances there showed that his intention was not in this case to violate the law.

Judge Sanders in dismissing the warrant, stated that Mr. English had violated no law, and that even if he had, in view of the laudable purpose of the performance, which consisted only of moving pictures and illustrated songs, he would not have assessed a fine against him. He said that the law guaranteed every man the right to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, and that men could not be driven to think a certain way, or forced to worship to suit other people. He declared that he thought if theaters were open on Sunday for good, moral entertainments, it might be a good thing for the public, instead of a bad thing, as it would keep many boys and men away from worse places. He did not say that the theaters ought to be open, but simply that it might be better, and that it was done in hundreds of cities in the country, and had been done for many years in many of them, hence it couldn't be so bad as some seem to think it is.

LEADING ATTORNEYS.

Taylor & Lucas, rooms 203-205 Fraternity building. Both phones 695.

T. B. Harrison, 13 and 14 Columbia building. Old phone 109.

Bagby & Martin, No. 225 South Fourth street, up stairs.

W. V. Eaton, 217-219 Fraternity building.

Jos. R. Grogan, Attorney-at-law, room 402 Fraternity building. Phone 686.

Rev. G. W. Perryman is suffering from la grippe at his home on North Fifth street.

TROOPS ARE NOW ON THE MOVE AND THE FIGHTING BEGINS

Reports Differ as to Which Precipitated The Crisis in Far East.

Japanese And Russian Navies Seem to be Well Prepared For The Conflict.

RUSSIAN TRANSPORTS ARRIVE AT KOREA

RUSSIAS' PREPARATIONS.

New York, Feb. 9.—The Herald says: Nagasaki, Saturday.—Russia procured transports and secretly dispatching her fleet from Port Arthur some days ago, escorted vessels loaded with full divisions of troops and landed them near the Yalu river, thus occupying Northern Korea. The Japanese also moved ships to Masampo, where during the morning files of marines took possession of certain Russian merchant vessels, including the Shilka and the Manchuria, and one ship which had been chartered by the Russian government and was engaged in loading up with a cargo of coal and stores for Port Arthur. The Japanese encountered no resistance and the steamers have now been placed under a guard.

It is reported that two other Russian vessels have been taken outside and escorted to Sascho.

PORT ARTHUR HARBOR OPEN.

Nagasaki, Feb. 9.—The war department is issuing permits to correspondents. Baron Von Rosen will leave Tokio on February 11 and will sail by a French steamer, the Yana, on February 12.

It is reported that the ice is two feet thick at Port Arthur and [that this affects the movement of torpedo boats. But I think that it is only the frozen shoals and shore waters. A letter from there indicates that the harbor was quite open up to January 31. The Japanese naval reserves have been called out.

RUSSIAN FLEET WILL FIGHT.

Nagasaki Feb. 9.—From a Russian source I am assured that their fleet will fight. For months past many colliers have cleared from Kusatsu for Choh Foo, but have invariably landed their coal at Port Arthur. The Russian steamer Argon was due at Nagasaki today from Dalmy, but has not yet arrived.

NOT OUR FIGHT.

Washington, Feb. 9.—State department officials deny that any agreement has been made to the effect that the United States and Great Britain would intervene after Russia has crushed Japan.

SIXTY JAPANESE TRANSPORTS.

London, Feb. 9.—The Che Foo correspondent of the Daily Mail cables that sixty Japanese transports are landing troops at various ports in Korea, from Masampo and Fusan on the south to Kunsan, Mokpho and Chemulpo on the west.

Seoul is said to be occupied and the landing is covered by a torpedo division. The main body of the Japanese fleet, the correspondent says, will sail in the direction of Port Arthur.

THE WORK OF THE BEAR.

London, Feb. 9.—In a dispatch dated Nagasaki, Saturday, Feb. 6, and which was delayed by the censor, a correspondent of the daily Telegraph asserts that Russia deliberately precipitated the crisis by secretly dispatching a few days ago from Port Arthur transports loaded with a full division of troops and escorted by a fleet and landing them near the Yalu river, thus occupying northern Korea.

RUSSIA INVADES CHINA.

London, Feb. 9.—In a dispatch from Tien Tsin a correspondent there of the Standard says a Russian force is reported at Kalgan (in Pechili province, 110 miles northwest of Peking and near the great wall), and that preparations are being made for the flight of the Chinese court and the removal of the imperial treasure, as it is felt that Russia will descend upon Peking.

RUSSIA'S PROSPECTS.

London, Feb. 9.—The St. James Gazette asserts on diplomatic authority that assuming Russia defeats Japan she will be confronted with a demand for the acknowledgement of Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria from Great Britain and the United States, and that she must either grant it or fight both countries.

wiped from the earth, with the exception of one house, by a cyclone Sunday morning. Seven persons are reported killed near that place.

FAMILY'S CLOSE CALL.

Cairo, Ill., Feb. 9.—The storm which swept over this city Sunday wrecked the fine residence of L. Redden, four miles north of Villaridge, and the occupants narrowly escaped death. The house, was picked up by the wind, carried 20 feet and then dropped in a wreck. The joists, floors, etc., were twisted in such shape that not a door could be opened and the occupants had to escape through the windows. Young M. Redden and wife were aroused by the noise of the storm, and just after they left their bed a large chimney came crashing down upon it.

WHOLESALE FRAUD CHARGED.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 9.—The committee appointed by the last session of the South Carolina legislature to inspect the alleged inferior work of the capitol building at Columbia, have rendered their report in which it is alleged wholesale fraud on the part of the contractors is charged.

Miss Maude Leffingwell, chief operator for the local Cumberland long distance toll exchange, is able to be up again after a several days' illness.

OFF THE WIRES

Senator Hanna Is Reported Better Today.

Seven Killed in a Storm in Arkansas—Close Call Near Cairo.

BIG STATE HOUSE FRAUD

Washington, Feb. 9.—Senator Hanna's condition is a little more encouraging though the extreme weakness which has been the worst feature of his illness continues. He had a fairly quiet day, rested a little better and there was less irritability of the stomach, so that the senator was able to take more nourishment than for some days.

SEVEN WERE KILLED.

Mammoth Spring, Ark., Feb. 9.—The village of Union was completely