

NUMBER OF DEAD UNKNOWN

Eighteen Bodies Taken From the Fire Ruins in Philadelphia.

Many Others Supposed to Have Perished—Explosion of a Lamp Supposed to Have Started Flames—Victims Buried in Sight of Crowd.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 25.—A fire in the heart of the business portion of the city this morning killed eighteen, and probably more, persons and caused a money loss of \$200,000.

The dead are:
ERNEST ARMSTRONG, twenty-six years old; carpenter.
JOHN E. KENNEY, thirty-five years old; carpenter.
WALTER STERLY, eighteen years old; carpenter.
ALEXANDER A. SPARROW, forty years old; electrician.
CHARLES E. SPARROW, twenty-two years old; electrician.
CHARLES H. LANDIS, twenty-five years old; electrician.
MARTHA BANKS, thirty-two years old; colored.
MARY MITCHELL, forty years old; colored.
MARGARET HEARDEN, forty years old; colored.
BOB, supposed to be MARGIE GRADY.
NINA GORLITZ, thirty years old; colored.
MARTHA BAKER, seamstress.
HENRY HENSE, upholsterer.
FREDERICK W. WHITTINGTON, upholsterer.
Three unknown.

Missing—William Merriman, Henry Johnson, upholsterer; William Bray, engineer; Mrs. J. H. Brown, thirty years old, who left home early this morning, saying she intended to go to Hunt's to purchase a bed.

Injured—William F. Shields, assistant foreman engine company, who was killed; Karl Southberger, may die; Joseph Killa, Joseph Tower, William Baker, John McGuire, John Ruck, F. Tuckman, Frank Frish, Fred Snyder, Edward Gortvortzer, and Max Robbins.

The fire, which started in the house-furnishing establishment of Hunt, Wilkinson & Co., an eight-story structure, 1219 and 1221 Market Street, was probably due to the explosion of a lamp, which was such as is used by plumbers, which was being used by a man working in the cellar of the building at 1219 at the base of the elevator shaft. This lamp probably exploded. The workmen were taken away from the building with his face and body so badly burned that he died a few minutes after being received in the hospital.

The flames shot at once up the elevator shaft and within five minutes the whole building was ablaze.

Thirty men, upholsterers, were at work on the seventh floor of the building. One of them smelled smoke and ran to the elevator shaft in the rear and saw the flames. He called to the men and they ran to the front of the building, but when they reached the stairway they perceived that the fire was as fierce there as in the rear. They made their way back and clambered over the flames and reached the platform it was so hot that they were unable to climb down the iron rods, and some of them jumped and others fell to the narrow pavement of Commerce Street.

One woman and a man, unable to descend the stairs, clung to the iron rods and jumped, were slowly raised before the eyes of the thousand spectators who crowded the street below.

Another woman made her way to the front of the building, and getting on a window sill of the sixth floor, stood swaying there in a frame of fire. Men stood with a net below, the only net at the fire, and implored her to jump, but she hesitated until she was blinded by smoke and flames. She then, indulging the distance she should have leaped outside, she left the sill with a shriek. Descending, her body struck a sign, and then, bounding to the wall, was tossed back to another sign. As soon as she reached the ground she was placed in an ambulance and taken to a hospital, but she died in a few minutes. She was identified as Sarah Gormley.

The men and women who had jumped from the fire building, and rear by rear, moved on the pavement. Men, and in spite of the intense heat, managed to carry five of them out before the rear wall fell, but eight or ten of the victims were killed by falling bricks and mortar.

This wall fell before the end of half an hour after the start of the flames, and within thirty minutes more the front and side walls of the building, 1219 Market Street to 1221, inclusive, were piled in a mass. It was this rapid fall of the walls that prevented the further spread of the flames, for at the time they went down the front veranda, Smith and Market Streets, and the five intervening buildings were ablaze, and the flames were being blown across the street by the strong northwest breeze. When the walls fell the flames subsided, and the danger to other buildings was past.

The buildings destroyed were 1219-1221 Market Street, occupied by Hunt, Wilkinson & Co.; 1222 and 1223, William F. Potts & Sons, iron merchants; R. C. E. Ehenbrey, men's furnishings; and L. Humphrey, sign painter; 1214 and 1215, south side of Market Street, occupied by Kayser & Aliman, wall paper; 1216, L. C. Miles, shoes; 1224 and 1225, J. Metz & Moore, carpets, were damaged and gutted. A dozen other buildings were damaged slightly.

At 10 o'clock the identified dead numbered fifteen, and in the morgue were three bodies unidentified, two of which are so badly charred that identification will be difficult. The police are also constantly receiving enquiries about missing people, and it is probable that many more are in the ruins. As the fire broke out at an hour when there were usually many customers in the place of Hunt, Wilkinson & Co., there were probably customers killed.

At 10 o'clock there were still playing on the ruins to east of the mass in the centre so that they could search for bodies.

VIRGINIANS TAKE A RECESS.

The Constitutional Convention Adjourns Until After Election.

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 25.—The Virginia Constitutional Convention, on account of the participation of many of its members in the State political campaign, and to effect the proceedings were having in influencing the election, adjourned today until November 2, two days after the election.

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THE DISMISSAL OF BULLER.

His Speech the Sole Reason of His Retirement.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 25.—The Rt. Hon. Walter Long, President of the local Government Board, speaking today, said Gen. Sir Redvers Buller had been dismissed from the command of the First Army Corps solely because of his speech at the dinner of the King's Royal Rifles, which was regarded as subversive of military discipline.

The Cabinet had unanimously supported the recommendation that every opportunity had been offered to General Buller to make explanations.

CAPE TOWN, Oct. 25.—The news of General Buller's retirement is the subject of much discussion here. The royal sympathy is felt for General Buller, whose war services are greatly valued.

INVITED BY THE KING.

Premier of Newfoundland to Attend King Edward's Coronation.

St. John's, N. F., Oct. 25.—Premier Bond, who was knighted by the Duke of Cornwall and York, was invited to attend the coronation ceremony in London next June. This is general rejoicing over the fact that the Premier of Newfoundland, who is a native of this country, will be invited to attend the coronation ceremony in London next June.

The ship sailed at daylight for England. Crowds of fishermen cheered in farewell to the squadron which is due to Portsmouth on Thursday next.

FRANCE NOT DECADENT.

M. Hanotaux Says Present Lassitude Is Only Reposeful.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—M. Hanotaux, sometime Minister of Foreign Affairs, has a long article in the "Temps" today, on the subject of France. He says that France is still in her own productions, one of the richest countries in the world, but that she appears to be fatigued and spent after her prodigious efforts to recover from the explosion of 1870.

CLOSING IN ON THE REBELS.

Army and Navy Acting in Concert in Samar.

MANILA, Oct. 25.—Rear Admiral Rodgers has disembarked the marines from his ship, the Albatross, where the capture of Company C of the Ninth Infantry occurred. At the same time, General Smith completed his arrangements for the distribution of troops on the island of Samar, and a general movement of the troops is being made.

DIVORCE SOUGHT BY WIFE.

Proceedings Instituted Against a Baltimore Society Man.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 25.—It was learned today that James E. McShane, one of the most prominent young club men in the city, had been sued for divorce. His wife was Miss Florence Robinson. She was maintained by the court officials at the request of the family, but the fact became known today.

CAR SHORTAGE SERIOUS.

Trunk Line Presidents to Discuss the Situation Next Week.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Car shortage is one of the principal topics that will come up for discussion at the meeting of trunk line presidents to be held Tuesday. The Eastern roads have never before been so greatly embarrassed for lack of freight cars as they are now. Consignments of westbound merchandise are not only pressing, but the traffic in the coal and iron interests is abnormally large.

A BANQUET ON THE BREMEN.

North German Lloyd Officials Celebrate the Vessel's Reconstruction.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—The North German Lloyd steamship officials gave a dinner tonight at the Waldorf-Astoria to celebrate the reconstruction of the Bremen, one of the vessels damaged in the great Hoboken fire of June 29, 1900, and which is now at her pier in Hoboken.

AMERICAN JOCKEYS WINNING.

At the American Jockey Club.

PLANS TO OFFSET JEROME.

The Justice's Speeches the Feature of the Campaign.

Tammany Men Considering the Need of Effective Orators to Counteract His Influence—Mr. Shepard on Problems He Will Try to Solve.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Justice Jerome has become the chief figure of the local campaign. Whether or not his whirlwind campaign and outspoken, even fiery, speeches are helping, or, as the Democratic leaders claim, are hurting the fusion ticket, there can be no doubt that he is attracting more attention than all the other candidates put together.

Today he started an audience of well-dressed women by a remarkably plain talk on the evils of the city, and declared that the only thing to do was to prevent the possibility of blackmail by repealing the law making the keeping of a disorderly resort a crime.

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FAMOUS SCHOONER BURNED.

The Helen M. Gould Destroyed by Fire at Halifax, N. S.

HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 25.—The schooner Helen M. Gould, pride of the Gloucester fishing fleet, was burned this afternoon at North Sydney. While preparing for sea she was discovered to be on fire, and the schooner was soon destroyed.

The vessel was lying off the customs house, having arrived in port early in the morning. The fire broke out at 10 o'clock, and the vessel was soon destroyed.

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THE STORY OF SANTIAGO.

All Doubtful Points Cleared Up by Schley's Testimony.

The Admiral Resumes His Narrative of the Campaign—Lucid Statement of the Flying Squadron—Graphic Description of the Battle in Which Cervera's Fleet Was Destroyed—Consideration for His Own Men and His Magnanimity Toward the Vanquished—Lemly's Trump Card.

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REAR ADMIRAL SHELLEY RESUMES.

By Mr. Rayner.

Q.—Admiral, do you want to continue or go back to your narrative to make any statement that you omitted yesterday?

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