

## SEVEN STUDENTS DEAD

### FIRE DESTROYS WOMAN'S DORMITORY AT WALDEN UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE.

## SEVENTEEN OTHERS SERIOUSLY HURT

### EXIT CUT OFF BY FLAMES AND INMATES HURL THEMSELVES FROM WINDOWS.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 21.—Seven are dead and seventeen seriously injured as a result of a fire in the woman's dormitory of Walden university. The dead are: Stella Addison, Port Gibson, Miss.; Adele Christian, Greenboro, Ala.; Sallie Dade, Hattiesburg, Miss.; Mattie Lee Moore, Huntsville, Ala.; Lulu A. Terry, McMinnville, Tenn.; Nannie C. Johnson, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Cora Bryant, Cleveland, Miss., who was sick in bed on the fourth floor, is missing. It is supposed she perished as all efforts to find her have been ineffectual.

President Hamilton was the first member of the faculty of the university, which is an institution for the education of colored people, apprised of the conflagration. He heard the screams of the women and, rushing to his window, which is just across the street from the dormitory, saw the flames bursting from the eastern end of the building. Dr. Hamilton hastened to force an entrance into the building, but when he reached the door the frightened inmates had begun to hurl themselves from the windows. Several of them were killed in jumping or crushed to death by those who followed.

The dormitory was a four-story building of brick and the only means of exit was down the main stairway, which was cut off shortly after the fire broke out, and the inmates rushed panic stricken through the smoke and heat, seeking an avenue of escape.

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In the morning, when the stranger took his departure, he offered to pay the forester for his lodging, but the man declined to accept payment. "Herr," he said, "I was once in better circumstances. Then I entertained my friends. Now I have no friends. It is only when a gentleman such as you comes to my dwelling that I experience the pleasure of receiving a guest."

The stranger seemed lost in thought for a time, then said: "At any rate, you must permit me to return your hospitality. Come to the city this day week and bring your daughter. You will find me at No. — strasse. I shall expect you to supper. Will you be there?"

"How can I refuse?" When the appointed day arrived the forester harnessed the only horse he owned, took his daughter, and together they drove to the city. As they passed through the streets they noticed billboards on which was an announcement of a concert by Herr Wagner. "Oh," cried the girl, "if I could only hear him play!" Arriving at their destination, they were received by their guest of a week before. After supper he presented them with two tickets, which upon examination proved to be for the Wagner concert. "Take them," he said, giving them directions where to go. Then to the girl: "I am pleased to be able to give you an opportunity to hear your favorite. As for myself, I have an engagement for the evening, but I will see you after the concert."

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## THE STRANGER AND THE FORESTER'S DAUGHTER

(Original.)

One evening a man was traveling through the celebrated Black forest in Germany when, his horse falling lame, he was not able to reach the city, a few leagues distant, by nightfall and was obliged to stop at a forester's cabin. The forester and his family were far above such a humble abode. Their furniture had evidently been taken from a more pretentious dwelling and was kept with a neatness unusual among peasants. Besides, there was a piano, of a very old make, something not to be found among simple foresters. Every attention was shown the stranger, a man with a noble countenance—indeed one of those lofty faces that seem to mark the highest limit of the animal before it passes into the spiritual. After supper he sat before a blazing fire, dreaming, while the oldest daughter, aged seventeen, was clearing the table. Noticing the piano, the stranger got up from his chair and, going to it, began to look over some loose sheets of music.

"Who plays this instrument?" he asked of the girl. "I play a little," she said. "Well, since you have finished removing the dishes, let me hear you render one of them. Which is your favorite?" "Wagner."

"Why do you prefer him?" "He sets me dreaming."

"Here is one of his pieces." He placed the music in position. "Let me hear you give it."

She sat down at the piano and played the piece through.

"Where have you studied?" the man asked. "I have never studied."

"What! Never studied? Then you must study. Do you know, little girl, that you have rendered that piece with the exact expression its author would have wished? You have great musical talent. You should go to the conservatory of music to study. Now is your time to begin. The autumn term commences in a few days."

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## MONEY ORDER SYSTEM.

### Bankers Will Compete With Postoffice Department.

New York, Dec. 21.—After a three days' session here the bank money order committee of the American Bankers' association, representing 7,000 banks, has agreed upon a plan for a money order system whereby sums not to exceed \$100 can be sent by mail and the orders cashed by any bank belonging to the association. The scheme will, of course, come into direct competition with the money order division of the postoffice department and, it is expected, cut largely into the government revenues. The proposed system is to be operated precisely as exchange is now sold and the orders are to be guaranteed by a guarantee company.

## SIXTY FAMILIES IN FIRE PANIC.

### Fimsy World's Fair Structure at Chicago Is Razed.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—The Victoria apartment building, Forty-ninth and Calumet avenue, one of the fimsy affairs built during the world's fair, was destroyed by fire during the night. Sixty families, many of whom had retired, were thrown into a mad panic. Several had narrow escapes, but all were rescued. The loss is \$100,000.

## CHINESE TREATY RATIFIED.

### Nelson of Minnesota Alone Spoke in the Negative.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The senate has ratified the new commercial treaty with China, which was negotiated last summer by Minister Conger.

Only one senator, Mr. Nelson of Minnesota, opposed the treaty. He made a set speech against it, contending that the United States was not getting all that it deserved from China and that the opportunity had been seized by Russia to acquire advantages in the Manchurian and North China trade which rightfully belonged, in part at least, to this country.

Among those who spoke in favor of the treaty were Messrs. Morgan and Pettus of Alabama. Mr. Morgan said he regarded the convention as one of the best ever negotiated by Mr. Hay and referred especially to the protection afforded to missionaries by article 17 of the treaty.

## THREATEN TO STRIKE.

### Clerks Employed in Italian Government Offices.

Rome, Dec. 21.—The clerks in the ministry of public works engaged in a demonstration during the day which threatened to develop into a riot or a strike and required the intervention of the minister and under secretary before the clerks were pacified. The disturbance was due to the fact that a bill affecting the interest of the clerks in the ministry of public works was not discussed in the chamber of deputies and the agitation among those clerks began spreading among the clerks employed in other ministries. It was pointed out to the clerks that the bill was not discussed because the government could not keep the deputies in Rome. Parliament only opened about three weeks ago, but the deputies insist that they must have their Christmas holidays.

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