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FIRE'S FEARFUL FATALITY

A Terrible Conflagration Entirely Destroys the Great Building Occupied by the Minneapolis Daily Tribune.

SEVEN MEN GO DOWN TO THEIR DEATH.

Milton Pickett, of the Pioneer Press, Falls From a Red-Hot Fire Escape and Is Crushed.

ONE MAN BLOWN OUT HIS BRAINS.

The Printers at Work on the Seventh Floor Make a Mad Rush to Save their Lives.

TWO HEROES OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

They Bravely Remain at Their Posts, and Both of Them Are Recorded as Among the Dead.

TERRIBLE STORY OF THE HOLOCAUST.

THE AWFUL ROSTER.

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The eight-story brick building occupied by the Minneapolis Tribune, Minneapolis, was totally destroyed by fire last night. The conflagration was attended by a fearful loss of life. Shortly after 10 o'clock smoke was seen issuing from the windows at the north end of the third floor and a number of pedestrians raised the cry of "fire."

UPON THE WINDOW LEDGE. The sixth story below. He stuck there, and a cheer burst from the crowd as he crawled upon the ledge, and started to descend. Then another man swung himself down the ladder in safety. Then the ladder was raised one story to the window where the faces appeared, and about a dozen men were seen to crawl out one by one as the flames crept up to the window.

DOWN THE ELEVATOR. On the sixth floor were the editorial rooms of the Pioneer Press, in which a number of reporters were at work. When the smoke became heavy on that floor Reporter Joseph T. Mannix started down the stairway to make an investigation. In the extreme north end of the third floor were two rooms which had formerly been used by the League of Republican clubs. These rooms had not been occupied for about six months except as a place to store waste paper. In this room the fire started presumably from spontaneous combustion. When Mr. Mannix reached the door of this room he saw through the glass in the door that it was

ALL ON FIRE. He threw himself against the door and broke it in, intending to extinguish the fire. When the door was broken in the flames burst out in Mr. Mannix's face, driving him down the stairway. He made a desperate attempt to go back to warn his companions, but the flames were too fierce, and he was driven back. Several men were on the stairway at the time, and he directed them to turn in the alarm on the corner of Fourth and Nicollet avenues. For some reason no one did so, and there was considerable delay in getting the alarm to the fire department, at least fifteen minutes elapsing. The elevator shaft, in the center of the building, acted as a big chimney, and

SUCKED THE FLAMES up to the roof, spreading the fire throughout the entire building. When the fire department arrived the entire building was in flames. There was only one stairway in the building, and that was built around the elevator shaft. As the fire started at the head of the stairway on the third floor, every avenue of escape was cut off, except a single fire escape on the north side of the windows. The flames burst out the windows on the third floor, and the fall iron ladder was red hot before some of the men had a chance to use it. The Hayes ladders were hurriedly raised by willing hands, and many of the men were rescued from the windows.

AWFUL SCENES. A View of the Great Catastrophe From the Street. The scene from the street was really terrible. Within thirty minutes from the time the fire was discovered flames were bursting through the roof, and were thrusting their forked tongues out

the window edge of the floor below and come down the ladder. They were badly burned about the face and hands, but escaped with their lives. A man was trying to step from one window to another on the seventh story. He slipped and fell to the window ledge of the sixth story, and from there to the ground, face down, killing him instantly. I then went round and hunted up the rest of the editorial force. I found all that were in the building at the time of the fire, so none of the Tribune editorial force were killed.

MANY LIVES ENDANGERED. The Printers Make a Mad Rush to Save themselves. About 10:15 the printers at work in the Tribune composing room began to smell smoke and a second later a man came in and stated that the third floor was on fire. At first it was thought there was no danger and many of the printers refused to quit their work and escape while they had time. A second later the alarm was sent in, and then a rush was made for the stairway, the elevator and the fire escape. There were in all about sixty-five men on the seventh floor, mainly employed in the composing room. About forty got down stairs all right, and those remaining began fighting like wild beasts for a chance to escape as the danger became nearer. Fifteen made their way down the fire escape, amid the bursting of flames and the penetrating smoke. Five reached the fourth floor, when all escape was

CUT OFF BY THE FLAMES and they jumped. Two, some say three, were not badly injured, while the remainder were crushed and burned so badly that death resulted in a few moments. While the fire was at its height J. McCuneheon appeared in one of the windows of the composing room and jumped into a net held by the firemen below. The weight of his body carried the net to the stone pavement, and he died a few moments after being picked up. A few moments after he had jumped another of the printers appeared at a window on the opposite side of the room. He was told to wait a moment and a ladder would be sent up to him. He appeared crazed by fright, however, and, instead of waiting, pulled a revolver, and placing the muzzle to his head, fired. The report was heard in the street and the man was seen to drop to the floor. His name could not be learned. It was rumored that another man had

ALSO SHOT HIMSELF, but this report could not be verified. Some of the printers, who were the last to leave the building, made their escape on the extension ladders put up by the firemen. Among those was Frank Hoover. Just as he left the ledge and got onto the ladder, which the firemen were lowering, W. H. Williams, the foreman, appeared upon the ledge. The ladder was then too far for him to reach. "Good bye, Frank," he called out to the boys below him as he leaned over and saw the ladder disappear. The firemen below saw him as the ladder came down, and rushed it up again just as the flames reached Williams. He lost no time in getting on the ladder and was lowered to the ground as the flame swept across the ledge upon which he had just stood, sweeping all before it. His hand was badly burned, and he will be disabled for several weeks at least.

BLOCKED BY A TABLE. A Burning Piece of Furniture Cuts Off Egress. Fred M. Huff was one of the printers who made the descent with the first crowd that left the building by way of the stairs. He states that as near as he can place the time the alarm was turned in up stairs in the composing room it was half-past 10 o'clock, while a clerk in the business department on the first floor states that it was exactly 10:15 p. m., when he first discovered the fire. Huff says that there was no panic or fright among the men until they reached the third floor. As they swung around the stairway from the fourth landing some one in an office on the third floor, new the stairway threw a blazing table into the hall in front of them. It caused no interference with their progress, but frightened them into a rush. After they had passed on, however, he looked back and saw that the flame from the burning table had ignited the woodwork of the stairway, and in this manner all means of escape by the stairs was shut off at the very beginning of the fire. Before this fortunate party, who had laughingly made the start from the seventh floor, had escaped the building, the stairway from the third floor up was in flames. Mr. Huff says that as he reached the fifth floor, he saw the elevator, which was then coming up with a passenger stop, and that the elevator man and his passenger went down with the party, so that few, if any, escaped the flames by means of the elevator.

HIS HAND TREMBLED. Brave Operator Igoo's Last Message to His Chief. New York, Nov. 30.—The Western circuit wires of the Associated Press were burdened with outgoing matter to-night, and William D. Chandler, one of its most rapid scribes, was hurrying the lads along the line that touches New Orleans southward, Kansas City westward and Minneapolis northward. The pace was warm, for it was Saturday night and Sunday's paper would go early to press. Suddenly Chandler paused, shut his key and looked up with an expression on his face that challenged inquiry from his colleagues as to what was the trouble on the

wire. The Associated Press telegrapher, James F. Igoe, at Minneapolis, had "broken," and all the men on the "line" had paused, like Chandler, to listen. "There's a fire on the third floor of the Tribune building," said Igoe on the wire, "and I'm on the seventh."

Then after a moment's pause, he added, "Go ahead, Chandler," and New York began again, and after a brief space yielded to Cleveland, who had a "rush" dispatch, and this was all of Cleveland's message that Igoe received: "CLEVELAND, Nov. 30.—Capt. Joseph Moffet, a well-known lake man, was killed to-day by falling into the hold of his vessel."

JUST THERE GOES "BROKE." "Boys," he ticked on the wire, and there was another brief pause, and all the men on the circuit were listening with interest, for they had noted in the transmission by Igoe of the word "boys" a tremulousness of tongue, just as a layman could detect a tremor in a human voice. "Boys, I've got to 'stand you off.' I'm the only one left on the floor. Everybody is gone, and I can't stay any longer." Click went his key, and some operator on the line quickly "opened" and shouted, after Igoe, as it were: "Take the machine along—save the machine," referring to the typewriting machine, the Associated Press' resource being executed on typewriting machines at all points. But there was no response. The clicking instrument had ticked its half-jocular message in an empty room. Near by sat the machine and the last was taken, which had been Cleveland's item about a violent death. Then the work went on, and no one of his colleagues thought seriously of Igoe's good bye until there came two bulletins of loss of life, and among them a bulletin announcing the fact that Igoe had stayed too long. Those 200 last words he had remained to take were fatal. They cost him his life, and the men at the keys were grave as they worked on to "Good night." One, who had started in at "Good evening," had received his "30" before the report was closed.

MILTON PICKETT'S DEATH. He Attempts to Descend a Red-Hot Fire Escape. In the editorial rooms of the Pioneer Press City-Editor Chapin and Reporters E. B. Barnes, S. H. Jones and E. Milton Pickett were busy at work preparing the copy when they heard the alarm, and noticed the smoke, but kept on with their work, thinking there was no danger. Mr. Pickett went to the doorway and saw the flames, and, calling to his companions to fly for their lives, started out the door leading to the stairway. Messrs. Chapin and Barnes started to follow them, but were stopped by Mr. Jones. The story of their escape as told by Reporter Jones is as follows: "Pickett started out the door and I was only a second behind him. The flames came into my face and I saw that there was no escape in that direction. Chapin and Barnes were close behind me, and I called them to go back, pushing them into the editorial rooms and closing the door. Then we went into Chapin's private office and closed the door, but the heat became unbearable, and we were forced to get out on the narrow ledge in front of the window. This ledge is about eleven inches wide, and we all walked along that to the First avenue end of the building. The heat here became intense, and it looked as if we were gone. There were two electric light wires which sloped from the ledge on which we were standing to the telegraph pole on the other side of the street. I grasped these wires with one hand and caught hold of Barnes and steadied him with the other. Barnes was very nervous and in was afraid he would fall. Take it easy, boys, I exclaimed, the ladders will soon reach us. If they don't we can slide down these wires. I think they will hold us one at a time, and I will make the first attempt." Just as I was about to attempt an escape by the wires

A LADDER REACHED US, and I helped Barnes to get on it. We all climbed down the ladder to the ground. We were on the ledge I guess about ten minutes, but it seemed an age. Chapin and I were both cool. We thought we were gone, and everything in my past life came up in front of me. It seemed as if those ladders would never get to us. When Pickett left us he had his way to the fire escape. If he had been with us he would have escaped.

POOR PICKETT, however, went to the window at the north side of the building and crawled out on the fire escape, which was red hot from the heat. He clung to it only for a minute, and dropped to the alley below dead. His mangled body was picked up and taken to the morgue. His hands were badly burned, showing the tenacity with which he clung to the fire escape in the battle for life. He was assistant city editor of the Pioneer Press, and had worked upon it five years. He was a young man of unusual brightness and scholarly attainments. He was about thirty years old, and married. He resided at 1223 Fourth street southeast.

BLEW OUT HIS BRAINS. In His Frenzied Compositor's Suicide. When the fire was raging fiercest there were two reports of men shooting themselves in the burning building, rather than meet certain death by jumping a distance of seven stories or of burning to death. Later in the night it was de-

termined that the two men were the compositor James F. Igoe and the printer James F. Igoe. Igoe was found in the burning building, and his body was found in the alley below. He was about thirty years old, and married. He resided at 1223 Fourth street southeast.

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BY A LARGE MAJORITY

Tom Reed Captures the Republican Caucus Nomination for Speaker.

Neither McKinley, Henderson, Cannon or Burrows Were in the Race.

The Maine Statesman's Name-Sake From Minnesota Gets the Gaff.

A Majority of Northwestern Congressmen Tie to the Victor.

THESE GET THE PLUMS.

THOMAS B. REED, Speaker; EDWARD McCLELLAN, Sergeant-at-Arms; CHARLES W. ADAMS, Doorkeeper; JAMES A. WHEAT, Postmaster; J. C. HARRIS, Chaplain.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The floor of the house presented a busy scene this morning as early as 10 o'clock, although noon was the hour fixed for the meeting of the caucus which was to decide who should preside over the deliberations of the house during the fifty-first congress. Members assembled in groups to talk over the situation, and the friends of the various candidates were earnest in their efforts to add to the strength of their favorites. The first of the candidates to put in an appearance was Mr. Cannon, of Illinois. Shortly after 10 o'clock he arrived at the capitol and took possession of the larger of the two rooms occupied by the committee on appropriations. There he awaited the coming of his active Hibernians, Messrs. Rowell and Adams, of Illinois, who, when they arrived, went hard to work preparing the caucus. Mr. Reed was the next candidate to reach the capitol, and he immediately went to the hall of the house, and in his old seat received the good wishes of his supporters. Mr. McKinley directed his canvass from the room of the committee on Republican politics, and his chief lieutenant, Mr. Thompson, was active in his efforts to prevent

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THE SINEWS OF WAR.

Montanans Make a Big Pool to Fight the Northern Pacific.

Fifty Thousand Dollars Subscribed for Counsel Fees and Other Objects.

Col. Sanders, Politician and Railroad Attorney, Snubbed by the Convention.

First Council With the Sisseton Sioux for the Sale of Their Lands.

HELENA, Mont., Nov. 30.—The mineral land convention adjourned to-day subject to the call of the president.

Among the resolutions adopted was one to incorporate an association to be known as the Mineral Land association, with a capital of \$50,000. The proceeds of the sale of the stock is to be used to further the ends of the association in preventing the Northern Pacific railroad from obtaining patents in mineral lands in Montana, by the employment of counsel and other legitimate objects. The president of the convention was instructed to request the honorable secretary of the interior to suspend further action looking to the insurance of patents upon selections of land within the limits of its grant heretofore made to the Northern Pacific Railroad company until the Mineral Land association can formally present its view as to the best methods by which to proceed.

TRUE CHARACTER SUCH LANDS may be determined. The attention of the honorable secretary of the interior and of congress is respectfully called to the fact that there are over 10,000 mineral locations already made upon mineral lands in Montana, by the Northern Pacific Railroad company in Montana. Two prominent mining men from each county are made incorporators of the association, all of the capital stock of which was subscribed on the spot. Col. Sanders, the Republican politician, offered a resolution to petition congress to declare all mineral lands in the state forfeited to the government. This was lost, as many members still entertain the belief that Sanders is a Northern Pacific attorney.

WANT TIME TO CONSIDER. The Sissetons Hold Their First Council With the Commission. Special to the Globe. BROWN'S VALLEY, Minn., Nov. 30.—The initial council for the opening of the Sisseton and Sisseton Lake Traverse reservation was held at the Sisseton agency to-day. Present were the entire board of commissioners, Gen. E. Whittlesey, Hon. C. A. Maxwell and D. M. Diggs, were present, together with 150 Sioux, including Chief Gabriel Renshaw, Sisseton, and Chief Pretty Boy, Big Horn. Rev. Eagle, Spirit Lake, Red Feather, Swift Grizzly Bear, Running-Over-Lake, Shine-On-Faith, These Indians were present to discuss the government school; Michael Revell, A. K. Epa, Two Stars, Rev. Charles Crawford, Little Medicine, Pretty Boy, Big Horn, Rev. Eagle, Spirit Lake, Red Feather, Swift Grizzly Bear, Running-Over-Lake, Shine-On-Faith. Several business men of Brown's Valley, Williston, Dak., and other near cities were present.

COUNCIL SAT IN SILENCE for full fifteen minutes. Henry Campbell, secretary of the reservation, then himself a very efficient one. Agent McCusick stated briefly the object of the council. After alluding to the instructions he had received from the Federal government relative to the sale of such lands as they believed it was the duty of the government to sell in a very practical way upon the qualifications of the commissioners and congratulated them upon the wise selection of the government school; Michael Revell, A. K. Epa, Two Stars, Rev. Charles Crawford, Little Medicine, Pretty Boy, Big Horn, Rev. Eagle, Spirit Lake, Red Feather, Swift Grizzly Bear, Running-Over-Lake, Shine-On-Faith. Several business men of Brown's Valley, Williston, Dak., and other near cities were present.

THE SIBERIAN DEFEAT for sergeant-at-arms was a surprise. His nomination by acclamation was conceded up to the time of Dannel's nomination, when the ex-Congressman Holmes, of Iowa, and that settled it. The nomination of Dannel, however, who knew there would be any opposition to Reed, the Minnesota man stood by the latter to the end. Strong pressure was brought to bear on Dannel to leave McKinley and Butterworth out in the cold on committee assignments. Reed is reported to have remarked that he had men among his supporters just as capable of filling the chairmanship of the ways and means committee as he himself. Proprietor Republicans speak of the latter as politically dead.

BANKS MUST DISGORGE. Secretary Windom Will Reduce the Number of Government Depositories. WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Secretary Windom this afternoon made the following official statement to the United Press in regard to his contemplated action in reducing the number of government depositories: "The secretary of the treasury has decided to reduce the number of national bank depositories to 100. It is intended that this reduction in such a manner as to avoid, as far as possible, any disturbance to the business of the country. A transfer to a substitute bank of the same class will be required for the depositories of public money which are to be closed. The depository banks now hold about \$7,000,000 of government funds, and this action on the part of the secretary will reduce the fund about one-half, or to about \$3,500,000.

READY FOR A CRUISE. The Baltimore Will Be Put in the Commission Service. WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Capt. Winfield Soley was at the navy department this morning and had a conference with Secretary Tracy and Commodore Ramsey in regard to putting the United States ship Baltimore in commission