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THESPIAN TORCHES.

The Fifth Avenue Theater Destroyed by Fire This Morning.

Flames Wipe Out Hermann's Playhouse and Gilsey Building.

All of Fanny Davenport's "Cleopatra" Scenery Is Destroyed.

The Total Loss Will Exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Eighteen years ago to-day the Fifth Avenue theater, then in the rear of the Fifth Avenue hotel, on the Twenty-fourth street side, disappeared in flame and smoke. Within a short time after Augustin Daly had old Apollo Hall, where the famous committee of seventy had its birth, changed into a play house. Fifteen minutes or so to-night, after Fanny Davenport, in the character of Cleopatra, had trod the boards of the Fifth avenue theater redivivus, and the audience had passed out of the Broadway and Twenty-eight street entrances, a watchman ran out of the theater, screaming "Fire!" A few seconds later fire engines were dashing up Broadway and until nearly 1 o'clock this morning, new detachments were still responding to additional signals for help. What was at first believed to be a false alarm proved to be one that destroyed a whole block upon Broadway, besides the Fifth Avenue theater, Hermann's new playhouse, a dozen stores, and threatened the Sturtevant house on the east side of Broadway, between Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth streets. Up to this writing, while the fire is yet raging, no lives are known to have been lost. There were a dozen or more

Narrow Escapes

and at one time it was thought that three firemen, who were caught on the roof top, would perish. For two of these brave fellows, it was very lucky that a line of hose ran from the roof to the street. The daring "laddies" took advantage of this fact, and when their comrades on the street gave them up as lost, they slid down to the street. But the other, a reckless sort of an individual, scorned, it seemed, to escape that way. He stood his ground and was soon lost sight of in the smoke. Ladders were hastily raised, but the searchers failed to find McGinnis—that was his name, it is said—but, to the surprise of his comrades, half an hour later the brave man made his reappearance on the street. He had crawled along the roof until he reached a hatchway through which he made his escape. The fire had been burning less than half an hour before the flames shot through the roof, causing the wildest consternation among the guests of the Brower house, on the northeast corner, and the Sturtevant house. The shower of sparks, which covered the pavement of Broadway, also set fire to the awnings of the latter. To add to the confusion there were six explosions in the Fifth Avenue theater, which blew the blazing rafters skyward and these set fire to the roofs of the buildings surrounding the burning theater. While the

Firemen Were Powerless

to do anything towards saving the playhouses, they worked nobly in preventing the destruction of houses in the vicinity of the immense blaze. All the property burned belongs to the Gilsey estate, and the total damage to the building and its contents is roughly estimated at $500,000. Manager Harry Miner was early on the scene, as was also Prof. Hermann. While the former saved nothing from the wreck, the professor and his wife worked like beavers. Mrs. Hermann saved her four pet doves, but her husband sorrowfully said that his favorite trick apparatus, worth $20,000, was lost to him forever. The occupants of the stores on the west side of Broadway from Twenty-eighth to Twenty-ninth streets, which number from 1185 to 1203, were as follows: No. 1185, J. J. Slater, shoes; No. 1187 was the side entrance to the Fifth Avenue theater; No. 1189 was occupied by the Cash Register company; No. 1191, J. B. Crook & Co., sporting goods; No. 1193, L. Spero, tailor; No. 1195, entrance to Herrmann's theater; No. 1197, A. E. Kirch, florist; No. 1199, J. B. White, jeweler; No. 1201, Wissman, florist, and No. 1203, Hannan & Son, shoes. The goods in all these stores are badly damaged by water, and should the walls topple in the salvage will be very small. They are shaky at present, and the firemen, aware of their condition, for safety sake are working from the opposite sides of Broadway and West Twenty-eighth street, and the roofs of the houses to the westward. The first of the series of explosions, which are thought to have been caused by the

Bursting of Gas Tanks,

came very near being a serious affair, for a dozen or more firemen, under the leadership of Battalion Chief McCabe, were at that moment working in the auditorium of the Fifth avenue theater. They were almost blown into the streets, with several reporters. At intervals of every few minminutes, explosion followed explosion. The firemen did not know what was coming next, and they were, for the first time in the history of the department, more or less frightened. But they soon rallied. Ladders were raised and the water towers and several nozzles with "Siamese four ways, were doing their best to stay the spread of the fierce flames. The stiff breeze which was blowing from the northward got in its fine work, and there was no stopping the fire. It had simply to burn itself out and to the chagrin of the fire department. Hermann's new theater, which has recently been rebuilt at considerable expense, was found to be afire after the fourth explosion. In this building, years ago, the San Francisco minstrels—Birch, Wambold and Baccus—kept many an audience in roars of laughter. And the place in the northwest corner of Twenty-eighth street and Broadway is well known to the gamblers of twenty years ago. In the basement Johnson kept his pool room, and it was there John J. Scannel murdered Tom Donohue. The Fifth Avenue theater, or old Apollo hall, famous for politics and plays since. It was remodeled by Mr. Daly, and has been run by Harverly, and at the time of its destruction, was being managed by Harry Miner. On December 23d last,

Fanny Davenport

made her first appearance in Sardou's play of "Cleopatra," about the title of which there is some dispute and legal trouble. The actress has been greeted by large audiences, and as it was expected that "Cleopatra" would have a long run. But in half an hour's time, the scenery, costumes and building, worth probably $75,000, vanished in fire and smoke. It was very lucky indeed that the fire did not break out during the performance, for it is claimed that the play houses were well patronized. And it seems odd, too, that in so short a space of time the fire could have gained such headway, with a watchman inside the building. This is the mystery Fire Marshal Mitchell will be called upon to solve. And what caused the explosion is another puzzling question for the same official. Then again it was said that the firemen when they first arrived undertook to fight what was apparently a dangerous fire, with too small a force. Only two steamers and a truck responded to the first signal, which was rung from Box No. 419, on the corner of Twenty-eighth street and broadway. There was a gap of five minutes before the second alarm was rung. It brought five engines, and after that the gongs were kept busy.

Guests Excited.

All the guests in the Sturtevant house were aroused when it became apparent that the great caravansary was in danger. They packed up their effects, and if it was necessary, were able to move at a moment's notice. Several nervous guests went to other hotels, but the rest remained to witness the great fire. The roof of the hotel was on fire perhaps a dozen or more times, and the awning in front of the stores below were all burned off. Still at 3 o'clock the damage to the hotel, all told, was not over $5,000 There was some lively scenes in the Brower house, but there was no panic. The front of the Fifth avenue is of iron, and as th beams vanished it was feared that it would fall out and crush Everard's bath house on the south side of Twenty-eighth street. Up to the time of going to press the walls were standing and the fire was still burning. The Fifth Avenue theater was a complete wreck and Herrmann's was not much better. According to the Herald, six firemen lost their lives by the fire in the Herrmann theater. The Herald story is as follows:

How They Died.

Six firemen had gone through Herrmann's theater to the roof, and had just succeeded in hoisting a length of hose up when the furnace opened directly at their feet. Five of them could not be seen from the street, but one stood outlined against the sea of flame that rose from the burning buildings. A shout was made for scaling laders by the firemen on Broadway, but before they could be procured the fireman was seen to take a farewell look at the crowd below and then to deliberately walk into the flames and disappear. A deadly silence, that lasted for a full moment resulted, and then a moan of agony arose from the crowd. Firemen were seen to bend their heads and wipe away the tears that they could not prevent from flowing. During the performance in the theater last night a sharp odor of smoke was noticeable, and before Harry C. Miner left the theater, he went all over it and made a personal investigation of the theater, but without discovering anything. It was said that he had a strong presentiment that something was going to happen, and spoke to some members of the orchestra of the possibility of fire in the theater. He appeared perfectly satisfied, though, when he left the theater and was the last one out.

The World says: Accurious confirmation of a stage superstition is worthy of note in this connection. When Miss Davenport saw the scenery in the second act, she cried out in dismay at seeing the wings on the symbol of Osiris, the winged sun, on the drop and declared she would not play under it. She was told that it was essential to the Egyptian character of the scene and persuaded to abandon her superstition.

"Very well, I will play," she said, "but bad luck will follow."

Bad luck seems to have come as foretold. First the seizure of her costumes by the custom house, and now their destruction with the theater by fire.

WATER AND SALT.

A Physician's Hints as to the Proper Use of Each.

Salt is an absolute essential to the diet of man, says a physician in the Brooklyn Herald. It promotes health in various ways. Many of the functions of the body go on better under its influence, and without it the blood becomes impoverished. While a complete deprivation of salt would produce disastrous results, an excessive use of it would scarcely be less harmful. In large doses it acts as an emetic; in quantities beyond the requirements of health it irritates the stomach and intestines and sometimes purges. Those who use salt unusually freely almost always suffer more or less from constipation.

To drink large quantities of water daily should be the rule with those who suffer from constipation. Each day the system needs at least two quarts of water, as about that quantity is used up or thrown out of it every twenty-four hours. Fruits and vegetable foods contain much water, and in tea, coffee, soups, etc., considerable is taken habitually. In all ways, as stated, about two quarts of water should enter the stomach daily. It is a good plan to drink one or two glasses of water from half an hour to an hour before eating breakfast. And it may be hot or cold, as preferred. Whichever is used, the water should be slowly sipped. To deluge the stomach with cold water would be to invite dyspeptic troubles.

CANADIAN ROYALTY.

Strange Story Told by a Chicago Waif.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—George Frank Maier, aged ten years, appeared at police headquarters here to-day. He says he is from St. Thomas, Can. His story is to the effect that his father was the owner of a paper mill and a farm in the vicinity of St. Thomas; that he died, leaving him to the care of Hiram Charles, the family butler; that one day shortly after his parents' death, a man and woman came to the house and took possession of it, saying that they were the king and queen of Canada. In May last they sent him to Toledo, and told him not to come back. Since then he has stopped at various places, finally coming here, where he says he has relatives. His story seems entirely straightforward, and the police are inclined to credit it.

Wants Every One to Use It.

Springfield Graphic.

Adolphus—I don't see what good it will do that authoress to marry a foreign title.

She—Why, dear?

Adolphus—She can't have it copyrighted in America, you know.

CAUGHT AT THE CRIB.

Ten Men Penned in by the Storm at the Chicago Tunnel.

Floods Along the Allegheny Awaken Consternation Among Settlers.

Serious Alarm Felt for the Safety of Lives in Johnstown, Pa.

Elevated Road Collisions in New York Owing to Density of Fog.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Throughout last night and this morning the ten men who live at the new crib, four miles out in Lake Michigan, and work on the new Chicago water supply tunnel, huddled together in fear of their lives. The great waves rolled up by the fifty-two-miles-an hour northeast wind dashed incessantly over the top of the frail structure sheltering the ten. The storm was one of the severest ever known on the lakes. This morning the tug Fashion made a trip to the crib, expecting to return with the men, but no landing could be made, the waves contined so high. During the night the men had been driven from the kitchen by an enormous wave smashing that side of the crib and admitting huge quantites of water, w'nd and snow. The miserables made their way into the engine room, where they still were to-night. The gale has now subsided and the ten men will be brought to the city to-morrow by the Fashion, which is under contract to attend to the safety of the party.

FLOOD AND ICE GORGE.

People Along the Allegheny in Ominous Terror.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 2.—The river to-night is twenty-two feet and rising slowly. Several ice gorges have passed down, but everything in the city is quiet with the exception of Allegheny river men, who are drawing boats and flats nearer shore and making all taut. The Pittsburgh & Western tracks are covered, but it is thought the cold snap has stopped the flood in time to save damage here at least. Heavy washouts are reported on the Pan Handle and Wheeling & Lake Erie roads in Eastern Ohio. On the Charleston (W. Va.) division of the Baltimore & Ohio, the bridge of that company is in danger and the Kanawha is raging. Three bridges are gone between Wheeling and Lewis Mills, and at 7 o'clock the false work of the new bridge between Wheeling island and Martin's Ferry went out, three men on it being barely saved. Reports from up the Little Kanawha are ominous, and people on low grounds are leaving. Railroad branches generally are suffering.

OHIO RISING.

Log Booms Broken and Property Destroyed.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 2.—With the Ohio river rising here at the rate of three inches an hour, and reports of rain and a rising river from Pittsburg down, the prospects are good for a fifty foot stage of water here. The Ohio has risen about seventeen feet at Parkersburg in the past twenty-four hours, and the rain and melting snow continue to pour into all the tributaries. Rain is reported up the Kanawha, causing that river to rise rapidly. The Big Sandy and Guyandotte rivers are rising rapidly and log booms are being broken and the logs floating down the river. The approaching cold weather will prevent a disastrous flood unless it is too long delayed.

FOG IN NEW YORK.

Serious Disaster on an Elevated Railway.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—At 9:30 o'clock this morning a collision occurred on the elevated railroad at Eighth avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street. The train drawn by Engine No. 265 ran into the rear car of the train ahead during the fog, it was supposed. Dewitt Kemner, firemen of 265, had both his legs and right arm injured. He was removed to the Manhattan hospital. It is feared that the injured man will lose his legs and arm. No other damage has been reported. The fog has been growing denser every hour, and navigation on the rivers is this afternoon almost impossible. The elevated railroads are running little more than half their usual number of trains, and these go creeping along at hardly a horse car pace. Two more collisions are reported this afternoon, but beyond the smashing of two engines and half a dozen cars no damage was done.

TRAINS DELAYED.

Kansas Railroads Almost Entirely Snowed Under.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 2.—The last of the belated passenger trains stalled on the Kansas prairie in yesterday's snow storm did not reach the union depot until 5 o'clock this afternoon. It was the Santa Fe train from the Southwest. The Burlington and Missouri Pacific trains, which were stalled near Atchison last night on the prairies, were reached by the relief trains early this morning. The passengers had experienced no inconvenience beyond an unbroken fast from yesterday noon. The trains were dug out from the huge drifts and arrived here a little before noon. All the snow-bound trains have now been accounted for excepting one, the Missouri Pacific from Pueblo. Nothing had been heard of it at the union depot. The officials say it was probably abandoned at Pueblo, and was not sent out at all. All the roads in Kansas have been cleared, and traffic was resumed on the regular schedule time this evening.

Johnstown's Danger.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Jan. 2.—Serious alarm exists here to-night because of the large amount of ice which lies upon the river several miles above the city. The Edgemoor Bridge company, which is building the new bridge, has the river obstructed with trestle work, and should the ice move down it will certainly gorge and flood the town as well as carry off the bridges. The only hope at this time is that the increasing cold weather will cause the river to subside.

Texas Norther.

ABILENE, Tex., Jan. 2.—A terrific wind storm blew here last night, doing great damage to buildings and other property. The roof of one of the Episcopal churches was blown away; a number of houses were unroofed, and others were blown off their foundations. It was the hardest wind that has ever blown here. No loss of life ws reported.

BLOCKED BY SNOW.

All Nebraska Trains off Schedule Time.

DENVER, Col. Jan. 2.—A blizzard has been raging in Nebraska and Kansas during the past twenty-four hours, and nearly all the through lines are blockaded by snow. Last night's trains were delayed, and abandoned in some instances, and all but one or two Eastbound trains scheduled to leave the union depot this morning were abandoned. On the Burlington & Missouri the worst effect of the blizzard is felt west of Lincoln.

Trestle Gone.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 2.—The trestling of a bridge across the river was swept away by the flood this evening.

THE BRADDOCK STRIKE.

Prompt Arrest of Rioters Restores Peace and Quietness.

BRADDOCK, Pa., Jan. 2.—All was comparatively quiet about the Edgar Hampton steel works to-day. An under current of riotous feeling is easily desirable, and a faint spark of encouragement is about all that is necessary to renew the trouble to-day. Strikers are awed nto subjection only by the presence of many determined men, whose bright, shiny firearms guarded their own lives and the property of the Carnegie company. The prompt arrest of a score of the rioters lends influence also in preserving the peace. Sheriff McCandless' orders, closing all the saloons in the borough, have been respected, and there was very little drinking to-day. General Manager Schwab, of furnaces, was instructed by the sheriff to select as many deputies as he deemed necessary. Two hundred employes of the company responded to Mr. Schwab's call for volunteers. These deputies were each supplied with arms, and instructed to be "cautious but courageous." At 3 o'clock this afternoon about 400 miners collected around the company's office to receive their pay. They were filled with supposed excitement and suspicion. They quarrelled among themselves. Several times the suppressed murmurings swelled to a sullen roar of anger, and but for timely and repeated interference by the guards, outbreak would have been the result. Finally, however, the army of strailers was paid off. As they passed down Thirteenth street, a squad of officers spotted the rioters and promptly arrested those recognized. Eight arrests were made, making twenty-five of yerterday's rioters lodged in jail. It is stated that the men paid off to-day will not be re-engaged by the company under any circumstances. Hereafter none but English-speaking men will be employed. The works will resume operations on Monday of next week. The condition of the injured in yesterday's riot is much improved, and all will recover unless some unlooked for change should intervene.

TO SAVE KEAN.

Liberal Offer Received by Attorney Meyer.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—This evening Attorney Mayer, representing the creditors of S. A. Kean & Co., received a ather surprising offer from the assignees of the insolvent banking firm. The offer was that the creditors be paid 45 cents in cash by Feb. 1 and later 15 cents, making the settlement, aside from secured claims, an even 50 cents on the dollar. This proposition is on condition that Mr. Mayer agrees to drop all legal proceedings.

"That is what I have been holding out for all the time," said Mr. Mayer to a reporter, "and I am satisfied and shall accept it, although I cannot say anything about the criminal proceedings against Mr. Kean. I have no interest in that side of the case."

Mr. Mayer said he would not undertake to say how the assignees could pay 85 cents on the dollar, when by their statements they had declared that a dividend of not more than 5 per cent could be realized at once. He left the impression, however, that Mr. Kean's friends have come to the rescue and are making this offer through the assignees, anticipating that the creditors' supposed thirst to have Mr. Kean sent to the penitentiary will be satisfied when it is plain that the dividends squeezed out are greater than apparently could have possibly been hoped for. The liabilities of Kean & Co. is approximately $1,500,000, of which three-fifths is secured.

DIRECTOR DAVIS.

The World's Fair Magnate Will Visit Washington.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—A part of Director General Davis' mission East next week will concern congress. After the New York meeting of the world's fair foreign affairs committee Monday and Tuesday Mr. Davis, it was announced to-day, will go to Washington to consult Secretary Butterworth and the world's fair congressional committee concerning needed legislation. This afternoon Mr. Davis had a long talk with Mrs. Potter Palmer regarding the lady managers, and he will put in a word for that body. An effort will be made to secure some sort of recognition of the board from congress, independent of its existence as the fifth wheel of the National commission. Some steps may be taken also to secure a better understanding with foreign nations. Congress undoubtedly will be asked to indorse the exposition and provide that the president send out special and cordial invitations to each foreign government.

In Paris.

Texas Siftings.

Mr. Parker—I guess I'll buy this picture, Maria.

Maria—But, papa, the picture is low in tone and color.

Mr. Packer—What's the difference? I ain't buying a music box.

Changing of Names.

Philadelphia Times.

"There is a law in this state making it a prison offense for a man to change his name."

"Still, as it doesn't apply to women, I wouldn't mind changing mine to-morrow."

It is a match.

Don't Know Everything.

Springfield Graphic.

Editor—Mr. Hunker, you have been taking my paper less than a year, and yet you sign yourself "Old Subscriber" in this communication.

Hunker—Young man, I am sixty-eight years of age.

BY SCALDING STEAM.

Five Boatmen Lose Their Lives on an Ohio River Tow Boat.

Four Fiendish Train Wreckers Cause a Fatal Disaster in New Jersey.

Both Engineer and Fireman Horribly Scalded by Escaping Steam.

Two Passenger Trains Collide Near Harper's Ferry With Fatal Results.

PORTSMOUTH, O., Jan. 2.—Five men were instantly killed by the explosion of a cylinder head of the tow boat Annie Roberts. The boat was bound for Pittsburg. The damage to the boat will not exceed $1,000. A complete list of the dead and injured is:

Dead—Frank Perry, Ben Lawson, James Swail, J. B. Shaw, James Gray; injured, Engineer Rens, severely.

QUEERED THE SWITCH.

Dastardly Train Wreckers Operate in New Jersey.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Express Train No. 7 over the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad, which left Hoboken for the West at 8 o'clock last night, met with a serious accident at West Paterson, N. J., half an hour later. The train, which was running at a high rate of speed, suddenly struck an ice-covered switch and crashed into a train of flat cars loaded with pig iron. The engine, two passenger cars and two sleepers were wrecked. None of the passengers were injured. Both the engineer and firemen were scalded in a frightful manner by escaping steam. The following are the wounded: Engineer Morris Lunger, left leg crushed and body scalded; Baggagemaster Scanlon, leg crushed; Brakeman Bernard Foster, hurt about the head, caused by being thrown against a pile of pig iron. It now transpires that the accident was not caused by an iced switch, but by four train wreckers. Investigation shows that the brass keys that hold the switch had been hammered out of place, causing the switch to open when the train struck it. Four men were noticed hanging around the switch shortly before the accident occurred, and detectives are now looking for them. Robbery was evidently their object.

SEA SUFFERING.

Rescued Sailors Are Brought to San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—The tug Vigilant arrived to-day with eighteen men, comprising the officers and crew of the Norwegian ship Struon, which was found abandoned last week by the steamer Scotia. The Struan was bound from Port Discovery to Melbourne, and on Dec. 2 during a storm lost her rudder. The vessel was in a water logged condition, but the crew stayed with her until Dec. 18, when they were taken off by the British bark Tamar E. Marshall, which had been sighted during the storm and which stayed alongside until the weather moderated. Three weeks ago one of the Struan's crew fell from aloft while setting signals and broke both legs. He was taken to the hospital immediately on being landed to-day. After taking the men on board the Marshall headed for San Francisco, and was sighted near Arrallones by the tug Vigilant.

THREE INCINERATED.

Fatal Flames in Corsicana, Texas.

CORSICANA, Tex., Jan. 2.—The Avenue hotel, a wooden structure near the Cotton Belt depot, burned last night. A woman, two men and a boy were burned to death. One man and the boy are unknown. The other man and the woman, from a letter found in a valise, are supposed to be Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel, of McGregor, Tex. The bodies are held by the city authorities for identification. The firemen made fruitless efforts to save the woman and the men, and barely escaped themselves by leaping from a second story window. Several cars of freight standing on a side track on the Cotton Belt railway were burned. The hotel was a total loss; building fully insured. Loss, $20,000.

Two Were Killed.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 2.—No. 9, Engineer Manford, and No. 46, Engineer Gosnell, were in collision on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at the east end of Knoxville siding last night. Both engines and several express cars were badly damaged. Engineer Gosnell and Fireman Williams were killed. Engineer Manford and Fireman Egler were badly injured. The accident was caused by Train No. 98 breaking loose between Weverton and Washington Junction.

Exploded Her Boilers.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 2.—A private dispatch from Portsmouth, O., states that the towboat Annie Roberts exploded her boilers at that point this morning, killing two men and fatally injuring three others. All the victims were Pittsburgers. The boat belonged to Horner & Roberts, coal operators, of this city, and was valued at $20,000.

Lost on Cayman Beach.

MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 2.—The British bark Topsy, Capt. Knight, from Kingston to Grand Cayman, went ashore on Cayman beach, Dec. 18, and is a total loss. The captain, two mates, one seaman and the cabin boy were lost. Seven of the crew were rescued. The news was brought here to-day by the schooner Union, Capt. R. W. Foster.

Trains Collide.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 2.—A Gazette special says that two passenger and express trains on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad collided this morning near Harper's Ferry, killing Engineer Rufus Gosnell, of Baltimore, and two firemen. Seventeen persons were more or less injured and several cars demolished.

Who Is Musser?

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—The body of S. L. Musser, an operator on the open board of trade, was found in the street late last night. He was about seventy years of age, and it is thought he died of heart disease. Mr. Musser was a farmer and mill owner in Minnesota prior to coming to this city about six years ago.

Toppling Chicago.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—The rear wall of the three-story brick building at Congress and Franklin streets, occupied by the Lomax Consolidated Brick company, collapsed this afternoon, burying, and it is believed, killing a workman named Hogan and severely injuring several other persons.

ROBBED THE TREASURER.

Daring Deed at Twilight at Buffalo, Minn.

Special to the Globe.

BUFFALO, Minn., Jan. 2.—A bold robbery was committed at this place, in the court house, at the treasurer's office. Your reporter was at the place of the robbery a few minutes after it was committed, and the following is as near as Treasurer Bodin could give the particulars: He was locking up and preparing to go home, and just as he was coming out of the vault he was confronted by a man wearing a red handkerchief over his face for a mask, and holding a cocked revolver pointed at Mr. Bodin's head. Mr. Bodin made a jump for the fellow, when he fired at Bodin, but fortunately missed him, the bullet lodging in a small cabinet where papers are kept. A short struggle ensued, in which Mr. Bodin was struck on the head, knocking him senseless. The fellow then went into the vault and took about $3,500 in gold, silver and paper money, and it is supposed that as he came out he heard persons rushing toward the treasurer's office, for he raised one of the windows and jumped out. At the time of the robbery nearly all of the other officials had gone home and there were none in the court house except Deputy Auditor Heath and the janitor and his family. When they got to the treasurer's office Mr. Bodin was just getting up off the floor. Soon others arrived, and a hasty search was made, but nothing could be found which would lead to a clue. Mr. Bodin does not know whether he would recognize the robber or not, but the chances are that he would not, as he had the only lamp which was lit in the vault, where he was putting the money. But, evidently, the robber was familiar with such buildings and windows, as, in order to unfasten the window, it was nessessary to get upon the sill before he could turn the catch by which it is fastened. One thing is certain at this writing, and that is that he has made his escape. A reward of $500 is offered for the capture of the thief. Mr. Bodin's term expires next Tuesday, and his bondsmen will, no doubt, be called upon to make up the amount if it is not recovered.

THE KICKAPOOS.

Efforts to Purchase Their Lands Not Successful.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 2.—Advices from the Indian Territory say that though the efforts of the United States commission which visited the Kickapoos to negotiate for the purchase of their lands were not successful they were not entirely barren of good results. Yesterday the chief of the tribe, Chiquon-Ko-Oh-Ko, gave the attitude of the tribe on the allotment question. Recently an offer of a little money and more ponies has turned the tide in favor of the allotment proposition, which would place them on equal footing with the Sac and Fox tribes. The proposition they will accept will give to each head of a family 160 acres of land, to the wife eighty, and to the minor children forty, the residue land to be sold at $1.25 per acre, and the proceeds placed to their credit, with which they desire to build a school house and stock their farms. The chief is in hopes that the negotiations will be closed on that basis, and that congress will ratify the agreement.

GUNS FROM IOWA.

Aid Requested From Gov. Boies by Nebraska.

DES MOINES, Io., Jan. 2.—Gov. Boies this afternoon received the following telegram:

Rushville, Neb., Jan. 2.—To Gov. Boies: Send one or two hundred guns for settlers on boundary, this county. Impossible to get guns from our governor: all out. Will be responsible for and return same. Send ammunition if guns are other than forty-five or fifty caliber. E. J. ROSECRANS, Sheriff.

Gov. Boise is not at home, and military red tape prevents the granting of the request, as it is not sent by the governor of Nebraska. The adjutant general has a large number of old 50-caliber and 1863 model Springfield rifles which could be issued to the people of Nebraska. Iowa state militiamen are discussing a rumor that they will be called upon to bear guns aainst the Indians.

The Letter "N" in Politics.

New York Star.

The other day in a group that was swapping yarns in the Hoffman house I heard Gen. Pryor make mention of the curious fact that all presidential candidates whose surnames ended with the letter N, and who ran with vice-presidential candidates whose names also ended with N were elected. He gave this list: Jefferson and Clinton were elected; so were Madison and Clinton: Jackson and Calhoun came in together; so did Jackson and Van Buren, and Van Buren was lucky in running with Johnson, for both were elected; so also were Lincoln and Hamlin, Lincoln and Johnson, and Harrison and Morton.

Spokane Falls Failure.

Special to the Globe.

SPOKANE FALLS, Wash., Jan. 2.—J. Kellner, one of the leading dry goods houses in this city, failed to-day. The assets are $25,450, and liabilities $39,764. Chicago and New York firms are the heaviest creditors.

Caught From a Furnace.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Io., Jan. 2.—Fire at Clarence yesterday afternoon destroyed the stores of Hecht & Thorn, Hanna & Co., J. L. Escher and Reichert's agricultural store. Loss, $35,000; insurance, $15,000. It is supposed the fire originated from the furnace in Hecht & Thorn's building.

Method in His Madness.

Brooklyn Life.

"Why do you send marked copies of papers with accounts of runaway accidents to your wife? Does she like that sort of reading?"

"No, but she wants to keep horses."

A Mystery Explained.

Fliegende Blaetter.

"When my husband and I quarrel we don't permit the children to be present. We send them out of doors so they can hear nothing."

"Oh, now I understand why they are always on the street."

Movements of Steamships.

Queenstown—Arrived: Gulon line steamer Nevada, from New York.

Bremen—Arrived: Lahn, New York.

Hamburg—Arrived: Dania, from New York.

RUSHVILLE NERVOUS.

Eleven Hundred Hostiles Fortified in the Town's Vicinity.

Gens. Miles and Carr Supposed to be Steadily Surrounding Them.

A Scout Reports a Slight Skirmish, With Six Lost.

A Most Pathetic Letter From the Dead Priest, Father Craft.

RUSHVILLE, Neb., Jan. 2.—The correspondent of the Omaha Bee says: I is definitely known that hostiles to the nuber of about 1,100 are fortified near the mouth of White Clay creek, and that Gen. Brooke with detachments of troops is swinging round to the north of them. Gen. Carr is supposed to be approaching from the west and Gen. Miles will make a dash from the south. The force thus engaged is thought to be ample for the annihilating of the entire band unless some unforeseen complication or misfortune arises. Embassadors from this hostile camp have to-day again been suing for peace and offering to surrender arms. It is not known here whether terms will be granted or not; but the general opinion prevails that in view of the actions of the rebels in slaughtering the troops while under the flag of truce, not much weight will be given their pretended repentance. That the hostiles have been largely reinforced within the past two days there is no longer any doubt, and there seems reasonable ground for rumors that some Indians from other agencies or the British possessions have joined them. Report has just reached here by courier that a foraging party of Indians from the main camp on White Clay attacked the ranch of Douglass Points a few miles west, last night, killed and drove away his four hundred head of cattle. A great row is reported to have broken out in the camp of the hostiles, the contention being as to the advisability of surrendering. This also is not confirmed, but comes through a half-breed courier, who claims to have just arrived from their camp. Except in case of unconditional surrender there will undoubtedly be a great battle before night.

HOSTILES MADE A RUSH.

Rumor of the Killing of Six Soldiers.

PINE RIDGE AGENCY, Jan. 2.—The correspondent of the Omaha Bee says: "After the arrival of the scout to-day, who brought the report that the hostiles had just brought fourteen cavalry horses with bridles, saddles, etc., into their camp, another scout brought a second report to the effect that a skirmish had occurred. Scout No. 2 said that he learned that Cheyenne hostiles made a rush upon Carr's Sioux scouts on Grass creek, last night, and had killed several of them.

A PATHETIC LETTER.

Outrageous Treatment of Indians by Agents.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The New York Freeman's Journal will publish to-morrow a letter from Father Craft, the Catholic Indian missionary who was recently killed by the Indians. The letter was dated Pine Ridge Agency, S. D., and is addressed to the editor of the Freeman's Journal. Father Craft says in the beginning the Indians hoped for much aid from the government to enable them to become like the whites. They were, however, in every way abused, mocked and discouraged. Instead of being wards, they have felt that they were the victims of unscrupulous politicians, who benefited by their misery. Father Craft adds:

"I know what I say, for I have shared their sufferings for many years. In their despair, Gen. Crook brought them hope. Their confidence in him led them to expect that he would be able to realize their hopes. His death was their death blow, and they felt it." Indians are not fools, but men of keen intellect. Reductions in rations increased these fears. Even Indian agents protested against such cruelty. Mr. Lee, who took the census, made grave mistakes, counted less than the real numbers, and made false reports of prosperity that did not exist. It is not to be wondered they believed in a Messiah, whom they at first doubted and listened to every deceiver who promised hope. Interested whites took advantage of this state of affairs and howled for troops. The army indignantly protested against their false statements, but had to go to the scene of the supposed danger. Interested whites persuaded them that entire destruction was aimed at, and the Indians ran away in fear and despair. Father Julz calmed them and I brought them back to the agency and the kindness of Gen. Brooke convinced them of their safety. The general's plan to send Indians after those still out was good and would succeed if the general were left alone. Just as the tree can be traced from its smallest branch to its root, so can the Indian troubles be troced to starvation and misery of the Indians."

In the conclusion of his letter, Father Craft arraigns Commissioner Morgan in severe terms.

CUSTER'S FATE.

It is Narrowly Escaped by the Seventh Cavalry.

PINE RIDGE AGENCY, S. D., Jan. 3.—It is evident from the testimony of officers and men, that the Seventh barely escaped the tragic fate of Custer in the battle of White Clay creek. The troops had passed the Catholic mission and were dismounted in the big valley, one and one-half miles wide, just beyond the school. At the end of this valley is a narrow canon, not over seventy-five feet wide and 300 yards long, opening into a small, circular park. It was the object of the Indians to draw them into this small valley. The soldiers were getting ready to make a rush on foot for the top of the hill, when a cry arose that they were surrounded. Advancing now in one, now in another direction, on either side of the valley, they found themselves opposed each time by from 200 to 300 Indians. Soon the hills began to swarm with 1,800 to 2,000 warriors, and in twenty minutes more the tragedy would have gone to the world, when the untiring Ninth rode in, as they rode before at the time of the Meaker massacre, attacking furiously the rear of the savage horde, scattering them in every direction. Before the enemy could rally from their confusion the boys in blue withdrew slowly and sullenly to Pine Ridge. The enemy are busy stealing horses and cattle in every direction.

While the blizzard made the old men, women and children suffer, it will have little or no effect on the young bucks and warriers. It is believed that Little Wound's was the brain that planned and directed the battle, as it showed more generalship than has been displayed since Red Cloud's fighting days. Old Red Cloud sent in a letter last night claiming that he was a prisoner and begging the soldiers to come and save him. This is corroborated by friendlies, who say that when the stampede took place Monday old Red's wife began to throw things into the wagons, and with true wifely spirit said she was for war and would go out on the bloody path even if her liege lord remained and fought on the other side.

LOOKS OMINOUS.

Fourteen Riderless Horses Captured by Troops.

PINE RIDGE, S. D., Jan. 2.—The correspondent of the Omaha Bee, says: A scout, just in front of the hostiles, says that fourteen cavalry horses, with saddles and other equipments on, were brought into the hostile camp last night by young worriors. The scout heard the hostiles make remarks to the effect that there were fourteen less soldiers to fight, and the hostiles lost only two warriors in getting the fourteen cavalry horses, etc. The scout's report has created a new sensation here, which is being followed up by increased activity around military headquarters. That the intelligence means that a battle or skirmish has taken place, in which Brooke's or Carr's command has lost men, there is little doubt.

NEBRASKA ALARMED.

Her Entire National Guard Ordered Out.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 2.—In response to urgent appeals from inhabitants of Northwestern Nebraska for protection against marauding bands of Indians, Gov. Thayer this evening sent telegrahic instructions to the commanders of militia at Fremont, Central City, Ord, and Lekamah to leave on the first train with their commands for the scene of action. These troops will be divided between the towns of Chadron, Gordon and Hay Springs. The following order was also issued:

"Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 2, 1891.—Gen. L. W Colby, Commanding First Brigade, Beatrice, Neb: Order your command to place itself in readiness to march on short notice. By order of the commander-in-chief.

A. V. COLE, Adjutant General."

Should the militia comprised in this brigade be ordered to move, as now seems possible, practically the whole of Nebraska's national guard will be centered on the frontier.

MEANS TROUBLE.

Rumors of a Band of Indians Moving South.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 2.—Col. Henry has joined the Second infantry with his men, and is all right. The Fort Douglass troops arrive to-night at Pine Ridge. The inhabitants of Rushville are calling for arms, and are organizing a home guard. Five red cross ambulances arrived at Pine Ridge to-day. A ranchman reports seeing a band of 100 Indians going southwest from the reservation at midnight. If true, this means trouble.

INDIANS COME IN.

Cold and Hunger Prove Too Much for Endurance.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 2.—Specials from Pine Ridge to-night are of a more reassuring nature. Forty of Red Cloud's men came into the agency to-day and gave themselves up to the authorities. They report that all of old Red Cloud's Ogallala Indians intend returning to-morrow. They report much suffering from cold and hunger among the poorly-clad Indians who fled from the agency with nothing but their guns. It was rumored this evening that Gen. Brooke had engaged a small band of hostiles in a skirmish and that several were killed. There is no confirmation of this. Three companies of Nebraska militia are already on duty at Long Pine, Chadron and Hay Springs; others have been ordered to Gordon and Crawford. The entire militia force is under arms and will be moved to the front to-morrow unless more reassuring advices are received. Settler,