

SCORE DIE IN FIRE IN INDIANA HOTEL

Aveline, at Fort Wayne, Burned,
With Great Loss of Life.

MANY THRILLING ESCAPES

Night Clerk Risks Life to Arouse
Sleeping Guests and Saves Many
—Brick Building Goes Up Like
Tinder.

Fort Wayne, Ind.—Caught on the upper floors of the New Aveline Hotel, a six-story building more than fifty years old, when fire broke out in the hotel early in the morning, more than a score of persons were burned to death and thirteen others seriously hurt. The hotel was the largest in this city, and was known as the "New" Aveline because of two upper floors that were added to the old building several years ago.

Ten bodies have been taken out of the ruins, and it is believed that when the death list is completed it will be found that nearly thirty persons died in the flames. The hotel register was destroyed, so there is no way of determining the exact number of those who occupied rooms when the fire was discovered. Seven persons, however, have been reported as missing, and it is believed that most of these are dead. Chief of Police Anckenbruck said he believed that twenty bodies are still in the ruins.

The identified dead are: R. S. Johnson, Pana, Ill.; M. Hirsch, New York; J. B. Miller, Sheboygan, Wis.; J. E. Ellis, salesman for Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., Chicago; W. A. Picher, Fort Wayne, salesman for S. P. Boyer & Co., Fort Wayne; J. W. Devinney, Camden, N. J., salesman for Crawford & Lehman, Philadelphia.

The complete destruction of the interior of the hotel makes the work of recovering bodies a difficult task. A confused heap of charred wood, bricks and twisted girders is piled up between the walls higher than the second story. Some of the bodies taken out are charred beyond recognition. Infantry Company D and Battery B, of the National Guard, are on duty and aiding the fire and police forces to clear away the debris.

The fire was discovered at 3.30 in the morning in the elevator shaft by Night Clerk Ralph Hopkins. He rushed to the upper floors, alarming the guests, until the flames, which had spread with great rapidity, drove him back. His efforts, however, saved many lives. The hotel was erected half a century ago, and the interior woodwork was as dry as tinder. Within a few minutes from the time the fire was discovered the whole interior of the hotel was a mass of flames, and the only means of escape was by the windows.

The fire department rescued many with ladders, but some, frenzied by the rush of the flames, leaped from windows to the street. R. S. Johnson, of Pana, Ill., jumped from the fifth story. His body struck a balcony and bounded far into the street. He was badly crushed, and died a short time later in St. Joseph's Hospital. E. M. Mathews, of Columbus, Ohio, jumped from a third-story window.

As the flames increased men and women were seen in the windows of their rooms pleading for help. Those who left their rooms before the flames cut off their retreat were able to make their way to the fire escapes and were saved with comparative ease.

There were many thrilling escapes. Claude H. Varnell, of the Fort Wayne baseball team; his sister, Mrs. John Hendricks, and John Hendricks, of Chicago, manager of the Fort Wayne team, barely escaped with their lives. Varnell lost all his personal belongings, valued at several thousand dollars.

Scores of men and women reached the ground with nothing on but nightclothes. None of the guests had time to save their effects. Dry goods and clothing stores were open to the street, and all who needed apparel, and they were supplied without question.

SIX DEAD, MANY SAVED AT FIRE

Two Jumpers Miss the Life Net and
Are Killed.

New York City.—One of those terribly swift fires that sometimes blot out the lives of crowded dwellers almost in their sleep swept from basement to roof of a four-story brick tenement at 17 Humboldt street, Williamsburg, at 2 o'clock a. m., and killed an entire family of five besides one other person. Fifty other folks jammed into the narrow apartments of the building looked at death from the narrowest margin of safety and escaped only by jumping into the net of the firemen or by being swung from window ledge to window ledge high over the street.

Those who died were Mrs. Rose Abrams, a widow, her four children, Charles, Anna, Gusie, and Sadie, and Mrs. Jennie Cohen, the mother of Assemblyman Sam Gluck, of Queens. All of these but Charles and Anna Abrams were burned where they fell after being suffocated by smoke. Charles and Anna jumped through the flames to the street and died from the injuries they received.

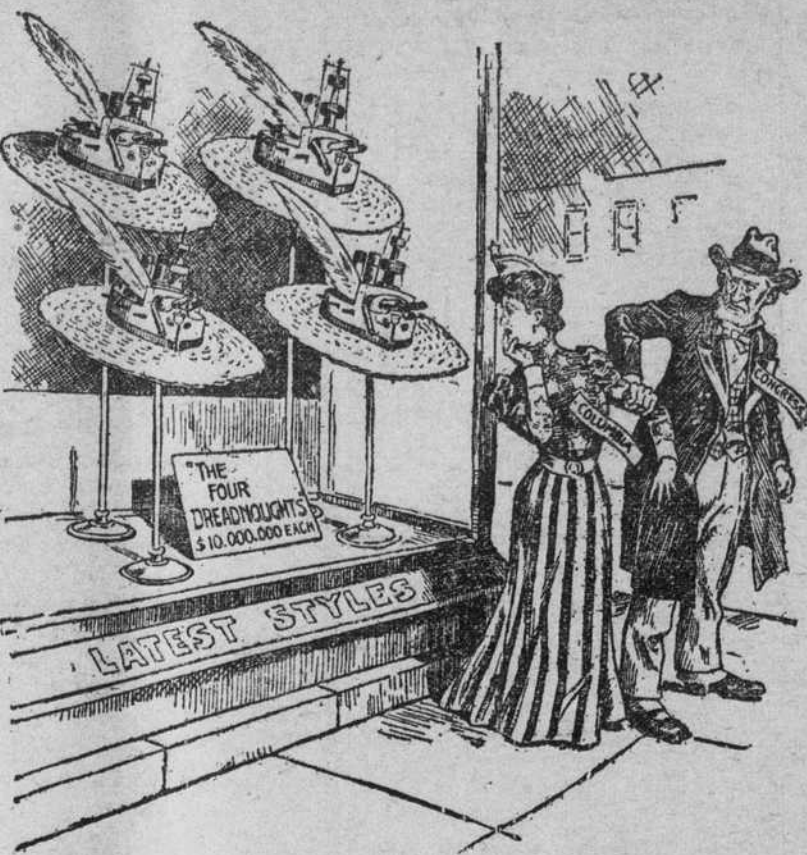
Says Gray Will Accept.
Richard J. Beamish, who is in charge of the George Gray bureau at Washington, D. C., said that Judge Gray would accept the Democratic Presidential nomination if it was offered him.

Scarcity of Cattle.
From all reports there is to be a scarcity of cattle from now on, and it will take more than a year to place supplies in the interior back to their normal basis.

Rokeby, a Famous Old Mississippi Mansion, Destroyed by Tornado.
Natchez, Miss.—Rokeby, the famous old mansion between Pine Ridge, Miss., and the Jefferson County boundary, was wrecked by the late tornado.

Aaron Burr was taken a prisoner to Rokeby after his arrest for conspiring to promote an empire in the Southwest, and Benjamin S. Prentiss came to Rokeby from New England to teach in the family of Judge William Ballard Shields' father, whose descendants made it their home for generations.

"COME AWAY, THEY'LL BE OUT OF STYLE NEXT YEAR."



—Cartoon by De Mar, in the Philadelphia Record.

SEX IS DECIDED BY THE WEAKER PARENT, A SCIENTIST SAYS

Dr. Romme Supports His Discovery of Nature's Law With Statistics That Seemingly Prove His Theory.

100 BOYS ARE BORN TO EVERY 105 GIRLS

Proportion Found Identical in All Countries Except After a Great War.

London.—Dr. Romme, the eminent physiologist, has compiled statistics which prove, he maintains, that a boy is born when the father is the weaker of the two parents and a girl when the mother is the weaker parent.

Dr. Romme has been investigating the question of sex for many years, and his announcement of the law as he has discovered it and his statistics have caused widespread interest and discussion. He declares it to be a universal law of nature that the child resembles the weaker and not the stronger of its parents.

In all countries the proportion is found to be almost identical, namely, 105 or 106 girls to 100 boys. The only exception is found after a great war. This is because the best and strongest men are sent to the front, while the weaker remain behind. The physiologist declares that nature's purpose is to replace the weaker individual with another of the same sex before he or she disappears.

More Boys When War Rages.
Among barbarous nations, continually at war, there is always a preponderance of boys over girls. When an old man marries a young wife it is a proved fact that more boys than girls are born, the opposite being the case when the wife is much older than the husband.

To every 1000 girls born, Dr.

Romme says, there are 865 boys when the father is younger than the mother; 948 boys when both parents are of the same age; 1037 boys when the father is from one to six years older than the mother; 1267 boys when the father is from six to eleven years older than the mother; 1474 boys when the father is from eleven to sixteen years older than the mother, and 1632 boys when the father is more than sixteen years older than the mother.

Worry May Turn the Scale.
Dr. Romme asserts that there are practically no instances where the strength of both parents is equal. Worry, illness, any slight trouble, is sufficient to turn the scale.

Kaiser Wilhelm, he points out, had five sons in succession, while the Czarina had four daughters in succession. Dr. Romme avers that he is unable to find a single instance in which his rule has been transgressed. It is, in fact, a repetition in another form of Professor Schenck's famous sex theory under which he proposed to increase the stamina and the red corpuscles in a parent when the desire was to beget a child of the opposite sex. Thus the Czarina, wanting a male successor to the Russian throne, was subjected to Professor Schenck's nourishing treatment, with an ultimately successful result.

TYPESETTING NEXT BY WIRELESS WAVES

Wireless Photography Demonstrated, Wireless Typesetting Soon to Be—To Operate Linotype Machines in Paris by Wireless Waves From London.

London.—That he has already perfected an invention by which he can set type in an ordinary linotype machine in Paris by wireless waves thrown from London was the surprising statement made at the Hotel Cecil by Hans Knudsen, the Danish inventor, famous for his achievements with liquid air, after giving the first public demonstration of long-distance wireless photography.

"I shall publicly demonstrate my new wireless typesetting invention within a few weeks," said Mr. Knudsen. "I have already had the first machine constructed, and it has proved successful, setting 3000 words an hour, at a distance, just as if the operator were working the machine. The time is not far distant when, with my invention, the London correspondents of the New York newspapers will be able to send their news straight to the printing press through the Marconi operator."

In the course of his demonstration of wireless photography Mr. Knudsen sent photographs of the King, Queen and Kaiser from one room in the hotel through the wall into another, without wires, the pictures proving recognizable.

He had constructed in the first room a transmitter with a needle point passing over a picture prepared on a glass plate from a photograph. The needle continually vibrated over the plate, according to the roughness or smoothness of the surface. A succession of electric waves was accurately recorded by a plate on the wall. These waves were in turn caught by another receiving plate in the adjoining room after passing through the wall, the picture being accurately recorded by the receiving instrument on a smoked glass plate.

From this plate recognizable photographs were printed on sensitized paper. "I claim I can send pictures wherever Marconi can send messages," said Mr. Knudsen. "Within a short time I shall be sending pictures of criminals and finger prints from England to New York."

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