

# FATE IN DOUBT OF SECURITIES WORTH HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS

## Fireproof Construction of Deposit Vaults in the Ruined Equitable Building May Keep Them Intact.

# PRICELESS LIBRARIES AND VALUABLE RECORDS LOST

## Death List Known to Number Six—Actual Damage to Property Estimated at \$6,000,000—Marble and Granite Home of Assurance Society in the Financial Center.

New York, Jan. 9.—Fire officials tonight made an inspection of the vaults of the Equitable Life Assurance society, the Equitable Safe Deposit company and the Mercantile Trust company, and found them all intact as far as outward examination could determine. The Equitable Life vault on the second floor of the building is supported by steel pillars and resisted the weight of falling rains from the upper floors. Whether the contents were damaged by water or heat will not be learned until the vaults can be opened. It was roughly estimated that the three vaults together contained over half a billion dollars' worth of securities.

One of the remarkable features of the conflagration was that the bronze statue of Henry B. Hyde, founder of the Equitable, which stood in the center of the great vaulted arcade on the ground floor, escaped unharmed. Surrounded by rain, the statue stood for hours without being touched by the flames. Superintendent of Insurance Hutchins, in a statement tonight, said that the Equitable's loss was not a real one as the building was not carried as an asset either by the company or the insurance department. The company's surplus therefore was not touched. It was substantially where it stood yesterday. The records of vital moment to the policyholders were safe in the company's annex building on Albany street and those lost could probably be largely replaced.

Policyholders should be patient, he said, and for the time not ask too much from a management that seems to be meeting a difficult situation with care and skill.

### LESS FIRES IN NEW YORK.

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New York, Jan. 8.—The great publicity given by the newspapers to methods of the prevention and the scheme of rigorous inspection of hazardous premises have caused a decrease in New York's fires during the last six months at the rate of 2.62 a day, according to the semi-annual report of Commissioner Johnson to the mayor.

### MANY HARROWING INCIDENTS.

The fire was one of the most spectacular ever witnessed in far downtown section. Its progress was rapid with harrowing incidents. The intense cold acted almost instantaneously upon the flames and a thick coating was quickly formed on the facade of towering skyscrapers adjacent and upon the surface of streets for blocks around.

### SHOWERS OF GRANITE CHIPS.

One of the most dangerous of the incidents which the firemen had to face was the showers of granite chips, many of them large enough to crush a man to death, which pelted off the facade of the building. Several firemen were badly injured by these chips.

### SUES FOR \$5,000 DAMAGES.

Negligence of a Fellow Employee at Precinct Is Charged.

Rutland, Jan. 8.—Papers have been served by Deputy Sheriff Henry R. Adams of this city on a negligence suit in which Thomas Smith of Precinct, a former employee of the Vermont Marble company, asks Rutland county court to award him damages of \$5,000, declaring that the company was responsible through its agent, James Conroy, for injuries he received on October 29, when the suit is returnable at the March term of court.

### RECORDS OF TERRIBLE REIGN TO BE PUBLISHED

London, Jan. 8.—The authentic records of the terrible 23 years' reign of the deposed Sultan of Turkey, Abdul Hamid, are to be given to the world. The minutest search had failed to reveal their whereabouts until Abdul Hamid himself disclosed the secret chamber where every written record has been kept.

### EN-SLAVE LEPT \$116,000.

Champaign, Ill., Jan. 8.—George W. Smith, born a negro slave in Tennessee 25 years ago, left property worth \$116,000 according to his will filed for probate here. Smith ran away in 1822 and joined the union army. He acted as a guide for General John A. Logan. After the war Smith came to Champaign county, where he bought a small tract of land. He added to his holdings steadily until at his death he owned 500 acres of rich farm lands besides other property.

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# BALTIMORE TO BE CONVENTION CITY

## Democratic National Committee Decides Question on the Second Ballot. DATE SELECTED IS JUNE 25

## St. Louis, Denver, Chicago and New York City Also Ran—Harmony Marked Meeting with Bryan Absent.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The democratic national committee completed its work here today with the selection of Baltimore as the convention city. June 25 was fixed as the date of the national gathering when candidates for president and the presidential electors will be chosen. The republican national convention is to be held in Chicago June 18.

### MAK'G HEADS SUB-COMMITTEE.

National Chairman Norman E. Mack was named to head the sub-committee on arrangements for the convention.

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### WIND LIQUOR IN LINE HOUSE.

Bennington, Jan. 8.—A posse of deputy sheriffs went to Stamford on Friday night and raided the two hotels in that town.

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# DEMOCRATS URGE PARTY HARMONY

## Leaders at the Jackson Day Banquet Appeal for a United Front. PREDICT VICTORY NEXT FALL

## Wilson, Hearst, Clark and Bryan Are Given Tremendous Ovation as They Attack the Republican Foe.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Democratic leaders of the country at the Jackson Day dinner here tonight urged their followers to stop fighting each other and assail the common enemy. The speaker was Mr. Bryan, who, from Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey, Bryan, or Champ Clark, Wm. Jennings Bryan, William Randolph Hearst, Joseph W. Folk and other democratic chieftains, who have differed in the past, joined in a unanimous plea for harmony in 1912 and predicted that political victory would follow.

### CLIMAX OF OPTIMISM.

But when Champ Clark, the speaker of the dinner, called attention to the harmonious action of the democratic majority in the lower house of Congress and the results they had accomplished and set it up as a safe example for the party to follow.

### POLK IGNORES CLARK.

First of the distinguished guests to enter the banquet hall was Speaker Clark, who was warmly greeted by Governor Wilson and other democratic leaders.

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### NOVEL SUIT IN CHANCERY.

Aged West Rutland Man Sues to Have Part of His Farm.

Rutland, Jan. 8.—A rather novel chancery case was filed today with County Clerk H. A. Harmon. The plaintiff, being made a trustee for an infant, that is, for a minor, and the defendant, that is, for a minor, is a husband-like manner, give the defendant the benefit of any suit now pending in the court, and give the plaintiff the benefit of any suit now pending in the court.

### RAILROADS LOCK HORNS.

Transportation Gold Mines of Vermont Their Common Aim.

Montpelier, Jan. 8.—The Central Vermont railroad and the Boston & Maine interests are locking horns over the proposed extension of the latter company's line through the town of Ferrisburgh, Vt.

### SENSATIONAL TALE DENIED

Passumpsic Congressman Not Debauched by the Hebrides Case.

Montpelier, Jan. 8.—There has been in circulation in the Vermont press and in that of other States a report of a sensational character in which it is claimed the mental breakdown of the Rev. Archibald Mason of Passumpsic, who has led to his resignation from the State hospital at Waterbury, was due to his brooding over the case of the Rev. V. J. Richardson, who to-day at Boston pleaded guilty to murder in the first degree. The report had it that the Rev. Mr. Mason was a close friend of the doomed clergyman and that he had preached in the same church. Dr. D. D. Groat, superintendent of the hospital, stated today there is no case in grave it is not true. He is 45 years old and has a wife and two children.

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