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Batavia canned Asparagus tips.....	25c
Batavia canned tomatoes per can.....	10c
Batavia canned corn per can.....	12 1/2c
Batavia canned peas per can 15c and.....	25c
Batavia canned lima or stringless beans	20c
Batavia grated and sliced pineapple.....	30c
Batavia roly polly cherries, sliced or lemon	
ciling peaches, apricots, pears, cher-	
ries, etc etc per can.....	35c
Batavia red pitted cherries per can.....	30c
Batavia blue berries, strawberrie, black	
berries per can.....	25c
Batavia canned salmon per can.....	20c
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for.....	25c

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IMMENSE FIRE LOSSES

The Worst Conflagration Cincinnati Has Ever Experienced.

PIKE BLOCK IS GONE.

Grand Opera House of That Name and a Number of Other Enterprises Utterly Destroyed by the Flames.

Cincinnati, Feb. 26.—This city has been visited with the most destructive fire in its history. About 1:30 o'clock this morning flames were discovered in the cellar of George Joffe's grocery in Pike building, on Fourth street, between Vine and Walnut.

Soon after the fire department played on the building it was thought the flames were under control. But an hour later, however, there was an explosion, supposed to come from liquors in storage, and the flames soon afterwards shot up through the roof of the six story stone front building, and from that time on for several hours the fire was beyond control. The Pike building was totally destroyed, including the offices of the United States Express company, Adams Express company, White's restaurant, owned by Maynard & Kerr; George Joffe's grocery, John B. Martin's restaurant, Empson's confectionery, Henry Strauss' cigar store and the offices of Pike Theater company on the first floor, Pike's theater, auditorium and the green rooms and other offices on the second floor and all offices on the third, fourth and fifth floors. The Seasongood building, adjoining the Pike building on the west, at the corner of Vine and Fourth, was badly damaged. The building adjoining the Pike building on the east, owned by the L. B. Harrison estate and occupied by the Robert Clarke company, publishers, and Duhamel Bros., jewelers, on the first floor, and others in the upper stories, were totally destroyed. The Fosdick building on the east, the Robert Clarke company and Duhamel Bros. and Norfolk and Western railroad offices and others were badly damaged, while the Carlisle building, occupied by the Southern Pacific railway, H. Smith & Sons, Cincinnati Trust company on the first floor and very many offices on the other five floors were slightly damaged.

The fire swept across the alley known as Baker street and burned the large publishing house of the American Book company at the corner of Baker street and other property along Baker street, including the large box factory of Zumbiel & Co., the carpenter shop of Henry Behrens, and did great damage to the Bell Telephone company, so that all telephones in the city were cut off for some time. The fire was in the center of the city and caused great alarm.

All the guests in the Burnet House on Vine street, just across the street from the telephone building, were called out of their rooms also those at Gibson, Emory and Stag hotels, which were in close proximity to the fire. The Kankakee building, which is diagonally across the street from the Seasongood building and the Pike opera house, and occupied by the Western Union Associated Press, Big Four railroad and other offices, were threatened, and all wires of the Western Union for hours were in danger, but this location was spared by a narrow escape. There was scarcely any wind blowing, and this prevented the fire from spreading in any direction except southward to Baker street.

Not only the entire fire department, but also the police and other departments were on hand, expecting a general catastrophe. Mayor Fleischman was on scene. About twenty people had sleeping apartments in Pike building, and there were reports at first that several lives had been lost, but none of these reports have been confirmed. There were many narrow escapes.

Night watchman John Agin and Mat Garretson and Harry Richardson doorkeepers, saved six lives by entering the building and forcing their way through smoke. Agin, Richardson and Garretson proceeded through the building giving the alarm to all until they had to be helped out of the structure themselves. Captain J. C. Granman, head of a detective bureau, who was asleep in his office on the third floor, was awakened and escaped in his night clothes. He lost all records of the office, and everything he had. Nothing was saved from the upper floors, even from the rooms of the theatre company. As there are over 400 different losers it is impossible at this writing to estimate the total loss. The fire was still burning at 9 a. m., with little prospect of control in the territory bounded by Vine, Walnut, Fourth and Baker streets, and the loss is estimated at over three millions. John Keenan, night watchman of American Book company, was caught by falling walls and fatally injured.

The Pike theatre building was totally destroyed by fire in 1886 and it narrowly escaped total destruction on March 30, 1902, when there was a Sunday matinee in progress, but no lives were lost in any fires. After fire last year the interior of the Pike theatre were remodeled and the theatre re-decorated and refurbished at an expense of several thousand dollars, over \$1500 worth of gold leaf alone being

used in the decorations. The costumes and costumes used by Pike stock company during the season which closed last Saturday night, were valued at about \$10,000, and stored in the opera house. Included in this was a good portion of the costumes used in the presentation of "Cinderella" during Christmas week. The loss of Henrietta Crossman company, which has been at Pike's this week, is over double that of the Pike Stock Company. Miss Crossman was called up with other guests at the Burnet House and witnessed the burning of her company's effects. She went into the crowd on the street and offered her assistance.

The Pike building belonged to Pike estate and Powell Crossley is general lessee, subletting it to over 200 tenants.

FIREMEN INJURED.

An Eight Story Structure in New York Victim of the Flames.

New York, Feb. 26.—Several firemen were hurt, one perhaps fatally, at a fire in an eight story building at Broadway and Thirteenth streets. The property loss is estimated at \$250,000. Captain John Andreise of an engine company, while at work at the fire fell through an open shaft, striking on his head. He is thought to be fatally injured, his head being crushed; he was taken to a hospital. A dozen firemen were at work on the sixth floor when part of the ceiling fell in. Battalion Chief Gooderson was knocked unconscious by a piece of tile, and Fireman Daniel Foley's right leg broken and he was sent to the hospital. Fireman Joseph Minsch and Thomas Mix fell from a ladder and broke their legs, and a piece of cornice crushed Fireman Kemmer's foot. The three men were taken to the hospital. Captain Andreise died shortly after arriving at the hospital.

EASILY HANDLED.

New Orleans Demonstrates She Can Take Care of Many People.

New Orleans, Feb. 26.—The manner in which the largest carnival crowd ever came to this city was handled shows the Confederate veterans that they will have an easy time as far as accommodations are concerned. The city was literally packed with people, and not a murmur was heard about either rooms or meals. The same information bureau which was used to assist in getting visitors located at the carnival will be used for the reunion. Arrangements are being hurried. Reports indicate everything is in good shape. Adjutant General Mickle says reports from 1600 camps show attendance will be very large and veterans are exceedingly enthusiastic about visiting New Orleans.

Considering Rough Draft.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Great Britain, Germany and Italy are still considering the rough draft of The Hague protocol, submitted to their representatives here Tuesday by Mr. Bowen, in which it is provided that the Czar of Russia shall select the personnel of the court to pass upon the preferential contention of the allies. Meanwhile Mr. Bowen is carrying on negotiations with the other claimant nations and is to finish up the French protocol this week.

Russell Represents Germany.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Baron von Sternberg, the German minister, called on Secretary Hay to request that Mr. Russell, the United States charge at Caracas, be authorized to care for German interests at that capital, pending the arrival of Herr Poldram, the newly appointed minister to Venezuela. Secretary Hay assented.

Protest Against Smoot.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Senator Barrows, chairman of the senate committee on privileges and elections, presented to the senate a protest signed by Rev. J. L. Leitch, representing the Ministers' association of Salt Lake City, against the seating of Reed Smoot. The statement, which is sworn to, declares Smoot is a polygamist, and now has plural wives.

Continues Alarming.

City of Mexico, Feb. 26.—News from the region surrounding the volcano of Colima continues alarming. The people, terrified by the belching flames and pouring lava, are seeking refuge in distant towns and villages.

The city of Tuxpan, in the state of Jalisco, continues under a heavy cloud of smoke. The volcano is alight with flames. An American who slept near the volcano on the night of the eruption was awakened by a tremendous explosion and saw the mountain ejecting flames to an enormous height. He awaited till morning enjoying the magnificent spectacle and then deemed it prudent to leave the vicinity.

Castellane Coming.

New York, Feb. 26.—Count Boni Castellane has started for this city from Paris. He comes to get his wife and children and visit friends. He favors an alliance between United States and France, and says the American navy will soon be the strongest in the world. He also hopes the "lesson of Venezuela" will not be lost on the United States.

Engineer Hinckley, who has had charge of the surveying of all Indian Territory town sites, has resigned.

Non-union miners in South McAlester district will get 65 cents a ton, eight-hour day and semi-monthly pay.

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Total.....	\$130,847,036 39	Surplus.....	\$6,477,343 89

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