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TEN CENTS A WEEK

## 4 FIREMEN PERISHED

Most Spectacular Fire Occurs In New York.

### SOME NARROW ESCAPES

Parker Building, a Thirteen Story Structure Destroyed—Fire Is Fought by Half the Firemen of Manhattan. Loss \$6,000,000.

New York, Jan. 13.—Four firemen went to their deaths Friday night when they responded to a fire that ruined the Parker building, a twelve story business structure, occupying the block between East Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets, on Fourth avenue. Fought by half the firemen of Manhattan and apparatus that blocked the streets for blocks, the flames were never controlled, and only with difficulty confined to the building in which they originated. Floor after floor gave way and dropped to the basement, and beneath these and crumbling walls no less than thirty firemen were caught and either killed outright or seriously injured.

Firemen's Roll Called. When the fire had burned itself out and the firemen's roll was called, three men of engine company No. 72 and one from fire patrol No. 2 failed to respond. They were:

Thomas Phillips, Thomas O'Connor, John Lynch and John Fallon.

Tih Hutchinson, of Patrol No. 3, was removed, dying, to the hospital. Captain Wilson and Captain Garvin, of engine companies Nos. 24 and 72, who were injured internally, were among those dangerously hurt.

When the casualties began, the Florence hotel, which adjoins the burned building on Eighteenth street, was made a temporary hospital, where fire department physicians gave immediate aid to the injured. The monetary loss was estimated at \$6,500,000.

The fire was one of the most spectacular, as well as disastrous, in recent years. From start to finish its course was marked by heart-rending scenes, sensational escapes and flashes of heroism.

With the first streak of dawn Saturday scores of firemen began the task of searching the ruins of the building at Nineteenth street and Fourth avenue for the bodies of the four firemen who were reported missing after the calling of the roll of the companies that took part in fighting the spectacular fire that destroyed the 12 story building Friday night, causing a loss variously estimated at amounts reaching \$6,000,000.

The great building burned almost like tinder. The fire in the upper stories gaining headway unchecked, as it was far beyond the reach of the fire department's great water towers.

### Sensational Rescues.

Sensational rescues were the feature of the fire. Five men who were at work on the top floor of the building, were cut off from rescue below and sought the roof where they stood silhouetted against the flames which had broken through the roof. From the top of an adjoining building, several stories lower than the blazing one, a line was shot up to the other building, and with this line the men drew up the hose.

Three firemen were caught in the sixth story when a floor gave way and they were forced upward to the seventh and then to the eighth story of the building.

### Hairbreadth Escapes.

From below it seemed that rescue was impossible until several firemen securing scaling ladders began to swing themselves up the face of the tottering wall. Climbing to a window ledge the ladder with its great hook was drawn up and swung to a higher ledge, the men working heroically until their endangered comrades were reached.

Down the smoking wall the men came slowly, almost painfully, until they were near enough to the ground to drop into their comrades' outstretched arms. So narrow was the escape for rescuers as well as rescued that the ladders themselves were

burned where they hung when the firemen dropped from their rungs.

In addition to the missing, a score or more firemen were hurt, their injuries ranging from painful bruises to injuries that may prove fatal.

### BANNER BASEBALL YEAR.

1908 Holds Out Most Flattering Prospects, Says Hermann.

New York, Jan. 13.—That 1908 will be a banner year for professional baseball is the opinion expressed by President Garry Herrmann, of the national commission, in a letter published here Saturday. In the letter Hermann says: "I believe that the present year holds even greater prospects for baseball than there were results in 1907. Through the instrumentality of the national commission and the National Association of Minor league clubs, the various baseball interests are being drawn closer and closer together in a more friendly cooperation, with the natural result that events are being eliminated and beneficial features evolved that cannot but work to the best interests of the great national game. In my opinion, the races in both the national and American league will be more exciting in 1908 than they were in 1907. It was plain that the weaker teams on both circuits have been strengthened more than the stronger ones. This means that the second division teams will be tougher propositions in 1908 than they were in 1907."

### ANCIENT JEWELS RECOVERED.

\$17,000 Worth Had Been Stolen from Home of Connecticut Man.

New York, Jan. 11.—In an untenanted room in a tenement on the East Side Friday, detectives found a valise containing ancient jewelry valued at \$17,000, stolen Sunday from the home of Charles F. Brooker, of Ansonia, Conn.

Frank Rivira, who was formerly a pantry butler in Mr. Brooker's Ansonia home, his wife and his brother, Carlo, are under arrest charged with the theft and are held awaiting extradition papers from Connecticut. Although Rivira was identified by pawnbrokers and dealers in antiques as a man who had tried to sell them antique jewels, nothing of the kind was found in the room he occupied with his wife.

### FLOODED WITH DEPOSITS.

Currency Which Was at a Premium Is Now Dug on the Market.

New York, Jan. 13.—Currency which was at a premium a short time ago, is now something of a dig on the market according to officials of savings banks, which within the last ten days have been flooded with deposits by panic time money hoarders.

The large amounts of currency received have in many instances caused the 10 per cent limit which these institutions are allowed to carry in cash to be exceeded. The surplus has been turned to their depositories, state and national bank. Savings banks men now report protests from these institutions which are asking for deposits by check instead of cash, which they find inconvenient to handle.

### Dropped Dead in Store.

Griffin, Ga., Jan. 13.—Starkey Hand, a prominent and wealthy farmer of Lane Creek district, Spalding county, died suddenly here Friday, falling dead in T. H. Wynne's jewelry store at 3 o'clock. He came to Griffin with his wife and son, and just before starting home dropped into the store. While talking to several friends he was seized with heart failure.

### Cunard Meets White Star Line's Cut.

Liverpool, Jan. 13.—The Cunard Steamship company has made a further reduction of \$2.50 in its steerage rates to meet the White Star Line's second cut. The Cunard line has also followed the White Star Line in its reduction in the second cabin rates.

### To Abolish Secret Societies.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—The school management committee of the board of education voted Friday to abolish secret societies in the Chicago high schools. This means an end to the fraternities so far as the official tolerance of the school authorities is concerned.

## JURY IS COMPLETE

Trial of Thaw Is Scheduled to Begin on Monday.

### IS EXPECTED TO BE BRIEF

Thaw Announced that He Was Entirely Satisfied with the New Jury—As a Whole, Jury is a Most Intelligent Body of Men.

New York, Jan. 13.—The jury in the case of Harry K. Thaw for the murder of Stanford White, was completed late Friday afternoon, and on Monday morning the prosecution will present its direct case against the defendant.

Five jurors in all were accepted and sworn in at the morning and afternoon session held Friday. As a whole, the jury is made up of a most intelligent body of business men, most of whom are at middle age or over.

When the panel had finally been completed after many delays, and after the exercise of twenty-three peremptory challenges by the defense and twenty by the people, Thaw announced that he was entirely satisfied and, in fact, pleased with the twelve men chosen. Young Mrs. Thaw, who has watched the selecting of the jurors with the keenest interest, also declared she was well satisfied.

"They are much nicer than the men selected last year," she said, as court adjourned, and Thaw exclaimed that he echoed his wife's sentiments. The prisoner and his wife had an earnest five-minute talk after the last juror had been sworn, and while the attorneys were conferring as to the appointment of a commission which will be sent to Pittsburgh to take the testimony of Mrs. William Thaw, the mother, who is still too ill to come on to New York.

The new jurors selected are Messrs. McHugh, Howell, Burke, Devale and Hooper. The last two seats in the jury box were especially hard to fill, and a number of talesmen were passed temporarily into these places, only to be excused in a few minutes by the challenges from both defense and prosecution.

On Monday morning the trial will be opened by a brief by Assistant District Attorney Garvan, and then the people's case will be put in.

The twelve men who will decide the young Pittsburgher's fate are all beyond middle age, there being five gray heads on the jury box. Then all of them are fathers of families.

The fact that the jury was finally accepted without the attorneys using up all the peremptory challenges allowed showed that both the prosecution and defense are satisfied. Of the 500 veniremen summoned, 372 were examined, the defense using twenty-three peremptory challenges and the prosecution twenty, each side having been allowed thirty. At the first trial 236 veniremen were examined before the jury was finally completed, and each side used all its peremptory challenges. That fact that eight days were required to complete the first jury, while the work this time was accomplished in five, is due, in some degree, to the night sessions of the court, which Justice Dowling insisted on holding.

### Cannot Tax Certain Moneys.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 13.—According to a decision handed down here by Judge Saunders, in the United States court, state assessors cannot tax money loaned by foreign insurance companies to local policyholders, nor can premiums collected and deposited locally be taxed while awaiting transactions to the home office. The decision was made in a case which grew out of an effort by the state assessors in the parish of Orleans to tax such moneys of the New York Life Insurance company.

### Arrested on Contraband Charge.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 13.—Captain Kayutin, the commander of a Russian Black Sea steamer, has been arrested for bringing into the country large quantities of arms for the use of Russian revolutionists.

### HAD NARROW ESCAPES.

People Rescued from Burning Building in Sensational Manner.

Ashtabula, O., Jan. 13.—A number of persons were rescued in a sensational manner Friday night in a fire which gutted the four-story building of the Warren company. All of the inmates got out alive, but several were badly hurt.

The fire started from an explosion in the Reed furniture store on the second floor. The flames shot up to the second, third and fourth floors, which were occupied as living apartments by several families.

The only escape from these apartments was by an inside stairway and the elevator, and shortly after the fire started both of these were cut off by the flames.

Mrs. Kitzler who lived on the third floor, had to be taken out of a third-story window by firemen. Confining down the ladder she fell twenty feet to the sidewalk and was sent to a hospital badly injured.

A number of other persons were overcome by smoke, while several of them were more or less burned before they were carried out of the building to a place of safety.

### HUMAN BONES ARE FOUND.

Another Link in Chain of Evidence Is Being Forged Against Bavari.

Florence, Colo., Jan. 13.—The finding of charred portions of human bones Friday in a cabin adjoining one in which he lived, added another link to the chain of evidence being forged by the police against Anton Bavari, the Italian charged with murdering Joseph Minichello and suspected of having foully dealt with two other fellow countrymen, as well as an Italian woman with whom he was living, all of whom have disappeared within the last month.

Mrs. Joseph Minichello, who swore to the complaint against Bavaria on Friday, told the police of a quarrel her husband had with Bavari on the night of the former's disappearance, dramatizing her interview with the state-meat.

"I believe Tony Bavari killed my husband on that night."

### POPULAR RAILROAD MAN DIES.

Death of Willie J. Swain, Auditor of the A., B. & A. Road.

Atlanta, Jan. 13.—Willie J. Swain, auditor for the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic railroad, died suddenly and unexpectedly after a short illness from grip at the Presbyterian hospital Friday afternoon.

Mr. Swain had been connected with the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic Railroad company since its inception—in 1896—when the line was then known as the Waycross Air Line. He was the auditor of that railroad, with headquarters in Waycross, and when the line was further developed and extended, he remained with it in the capacity of auditor. Two years ago when the headquarters of the road was removed to Atlanta, Mr. Swain took up his residence here, where he immediately became a conspicuous figure in the railroad and social life of the city.

### Little Change in Strike Situation.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 13.—A Madisonville, Ky., dispatch says that because the company would not grant them an increase of 25 cents per day in wages, eighteen miners employed in the Helmske mines near this city quit work. There is little change in the strike situation in this section. Two more operators in Webster county have signed the agreement and are now working union men. Several mines are still closed down.

### Fire at Ninety-Six.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 13.—There was a large fire at Ninety-Six Friday morning, starting about 2 o'clock. The loss amounting to \$14,000. Nothing of any consequence was saved from the burned buildings.

### Stroke Proved Fatal.

Albany, Ga., Jan. 13.—John Temple Hester died Friday morning from the effects of a stroke of paralysis suffered at the dinner table Christmas day. He was tax collector of Dougherty county and a highly esteemed citizen.

## HOLY WAR DECLARED

Mulai Hafid Has Been Proclaimed Sultan of Fez.

### IS OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED

Proclamations Were issued at All the Principal Mosques and All Moorish Formalities Attending Such Ceremonies Were Observed.

Tangier, Morocco, Jan. 13.—Mulai Hafid has been proclaimed sultan at Fez, one of the capitals of Morocco, and a holy war has been declared.

Unverified reports to this effect have been in circulation for some days, but Saturday official confirmation was received.

Abdul Aziz, the sultan of record, was formally deposed from the sultanate.

The proclamations were issued at principal mosques and all the Moorish formalities attending such ceremonies were scrupulously observed.

The ulamas, or body of Moslem doctors, who interpret the Koran, of the Chofaa tribes, and the city officials, were the principal leaders in the movement.

The followers of Mulai Hafid made use of the decision of Abdul Aziz to co-operate with France and Spain in the execution of the terms of the Algeiras act and the installation of an international police force in the coast towns of Morocco to arouse the fanaticism of the southern Moors.

Abdel Aziz was represented as having sold himself to the Christians; as having connived at the invasion of the sacred soil of Morocco by Christians, and as being ready to turn the country over to the foreigners.

### MAY BE AN "OVER IDEAL."

Judge Grosscup Speaks of President Roosevelt in Recent Address.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—Judge Peter Grosscup, of the United States circuit court, thinks President Roosevelt may be an "over ideal." In an address at the Twenty-fifth annual initial banquet of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, at the Congress hotel, Judge Grosscup said: "I may not be sure but what Roosevelt is an over ideal. We must not go too far in ideals. We must not over-emphasize them at the expense of the practical side of life. They go hand-in-hand with and accomplish something more than dreams. Ideals are often overdrawn, and we may carry them too far. It is in this respect that I refer to the president. We should not devote ourselves in this commercial age to mere ideals, but should look further."

### \$50,000 Locker License.

Milledgeville, Ga., Jan. 13.—There will be no locker clubs in Milledgeville just yet. At the last meeting of the city council an ordinance putting the license tax at \$10,000 was passed without a dissenting vote. This action of the council was in accordance with the sentiment of the majority of this community and to have the matter thus decisively settled is more satisfactory to the club men than to have the matter up in the air as will be the result in some communities.

### No Trace of Missing Man.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 13.—A. O. Coggins, of Seattle, state manager of the Loyal Americans, J. W. Venable and John Peters, wealthy sheep men of Prosser, left for Durango, Mexico, last March to purchase land. They took about \$30,000 with them. No trace has been found since last May, although it is known that they reached Durango.

### Shot and Killed His Sister.

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 13.—News was received in Mobile Saturday from St. Stephens, Ala., near here, that the ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mosely, a prominent merchant of that place, shot and killed his sister, aged twelve, at their home Friday night. The full discharge from the gun hit the little girl between the shoulders, completely severing the spinal column. Death was instantaneous.