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FATAL TENEMENT FIRE.

It Results in Four Deaths and Serious Injuries to Two Others.

THE VICTIMS' ESCAPE CUT OFF.

One Jumped from a Window and Received Injuries Resulting in Her Death While Being Taken to a Hospital—A Fireman's Serious Fall.

NEW YORK, March 30.—Four people were killed and two injured in a fire which started early yesterday morning in the three story business and tenement building at 374 Hudson street. The dead are: Thomas Malloy, 25 years old, a fireman on the steamship St. Louis, suffocated; Archibald Grogan, 35 years old, a waiter, suffocated; Mary McMahon, single, 22 years old, suffocated; Margaret Ryan, 60 years old, single, died on the way to the hospital from injuries received by jumping from a window. The injured are: Kate Higgins, leg fractured by falling; Edward Walsh, 29 years old, fireman, internally hurt by falling from a ladder.

The burned building is one of a row of three story structures owned by the Trinity church corporation. The ground floor is occupied by John H. Eggers, a dealer in confectioners' supplies, and the upper floors were occupied by several families as dwellings. The second floor, immediately over the confectioners' quarters, was occupied for the most part by the family of Thomas McManus, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. McManus, two sons and two daughters. Twelve other rooms on that floor are used by the family of Mr. McManus, while three rooms in the rear portion of the floor were occupied by a Mr. and Mrs. McMahon and the young man Malloy, who was boarding with them. On the third floor were a number of families.

It was in the apartments of the McManus family that the fire originated, so far as the police and the firemen are able to determine. Nicholas McManus, one of the sons, who slept in one of the back rooms of the suite, was awakened by the smell of smoke. He turned in an alarm and awakened the tenants. It was apparent that the lives of many were in danger, for the smoke had permeated every part of the house and the flames were burning briskly. All of the McManus family were able to make their way down the stairs to the street before exit in that direction was cut off by the flames. Nicholas McManus succeeded in helping several of the people out by leading them down the stairs through the blinding smoke in the hallway.

It was among the tenants on the top floor that the chief danger lay. Some of them ran to the roof and escaped in that direction, but others sought to get down by the stairway. Miss Margaret Ryan and Miss Kate Higgins on being awakened ran to the front windows on the third floor, where they lived. The firemen had already arrived, and ladders had been placed on the front side of the house to help take out the tenants whose lives were in danger.

On one of these ladders was Fireman Walsh. As he was ascending a burst of flame and smoke shot out of one of the windows, and he was sent reeling to the street. As Walsh fell Miss Ryan leaped from the window to the sidewalk, and Miss Higgins, apparently partly overcome by the smoke in the rooms above, fell to the ground at almost the same time. An ambulance was sent for, but Miss Ryan was unconscious when placed in the conveyance, and died before the hospital was reached. Walsh was taken to the hospital at the same time. He will probably recover.

After the flames had been extinguished a search of the building was made, and the bodies of Thomas Malloy, Archibald Grogan and Mary McMahon were found.

A Trunk Mystery at Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 27.—The badly decomposed body of an unknown man was found yesterday in a trunk bought at an auction in Waken & McLaughlin's warehouse at 504 North Water street. The trunk was inside a box, on the top of which was written "G. M. Morgan, 166 Jefferson Court, Chicago." Nothing else was found to establish former ownership. Investigation showed that the corpse was that of a man about 35 years old, who had been murdered by some blunt instrument, the skull being crushed in two places. The box was shipped from Salt Lake City on Feb. 7.

Naval Appropriation Bill Passed.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The naval appropriation bill was passed yesterday by the house without substantial amendment. An unsuccessful effort was made by the advocates of a larger increase of the navy than was authorized by the bill to increase the number of battleships from four to six. The bill carries \$31,611,034, and authorizes the construction of four battleships and fifteen torpedo boats, the total cost of which will be in the neighborhood of \$35,000,000. The senate spent most of the day on the legislative appropriation bill, but did not complete it.

General Garcia Safe in Cuba.

HAVANA, March 26.—The insurgent expedition which left New York on board the steamer Bermuda on March 15 has landed on the shores of Cuba. It is positively known that the men, arms and ammunition on board the Bermuda were safely put on shore and conveyed to the headquarters of the Cubans, despite the vigilance of the Spanish guards. General Calixto Garcia was at the head of the party, and is now understood to be in the insurgent camp.

FERMENT IN FRANCE.

The Political World Again in a Highly Perturbed Condition.

THE AIR FILLED WITH SUSPICION.

Report That the French War Squadron Has Been Ordered to be Placed on a War Footing—Russia Joins in the Protest Against British in Egypt.

PARIS, March 30.—The political world of France is again in a highly perturbed condition, and there are indications going to show that the government seeks to retrace some of the steps by which it has been placed in the position of impotent acquiescence in the dispatch of an Egyptian expedition up the Nile and the defraying of the expenses of it out of the Egyptian debt surplus. The government will be interpellated in the Chamber of deputies, and the ministers will be under the necessity of making some kind of statement in reply. An important debate is expected to result, and there is a feeling in some quarters that far reaching changes of policy may be announced.

The air is filled with suspicion, and numerous rumors are current of great things that are in contemplation. Among those which are circumstantially formulated are that the resignation of M. Berthelot as minister of foreign affairs, announced on Saturday, was connected with the wish of M. Bourgeois, the premier, to recall Baron De Courcel, the French ambassador in London; that France's naval reserve squadron has been ordered to be placed upon a war footing, and that France and Russia will convene a European conference to discuss the powers of the Egyptian debt commission to act against the vote of a minority of the powers guaranteeing the debt, and to discuss also the evacuation of Egypt.

There is a growing feeling among Frenchmen that the entente between Great Britain and the dreibund as a whole is not as cordial as it was believed it was when the Nile expedition was first announced. The signs of the unreconciled attitude of Germany towards Great Britain have been keenly noted in France for two weeks past, and the conviction has grown that Germany, though glad to avail herself of Great Britain's assistance to her ally, Italy, will not take a more lenient view on that account of any other forward movements by Great Britain.

Russia's Support of France.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 30.—The Russian newspapers are unanimous in opposing England's claim to employ the reserve of the Egyptian debt to pay the expenses of the Sudan expedition. This is necessarily an accurate reflection of the views of the government, whose understanding with France on all aspects of the Egyptian question is most complete. Both governments are now seriously considering the adoption of a common political attitude in order to formally establish their opposition to a prolonged occupation of Egypt.

England Gets the Money.

CAIRO, March 27.—Despite the protest of Russia and France, the Egyptian public debt commission has decided to advance from the reserve fund the sum of £5,000,000 asked by the government for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Nile expedition. Of this amount £200,000 will be furnished immediately.

The March to the Soudan.

CAIRO, March 30.—Sir H. H. Kitchener, the sirdar of the Nile expedition, has arrived at Ak-neh. A small body of dervishes approached the troops, but fled before their artillery fire. Abu Hamed has been reinforced from Berber.

Keep the Flag Flying.

CHAMPAIGN, Ills., March 29.—Now features have come to light in the action of the Champaign grand jury, which indicted John P. Altgeld, governor of the state, and the other members of the board of trustees of the Illinois university for non-compliance with the state law requiring the United States flag to be floated over all public school buildings. The grand jury also brought in indictments against Father Wagner, pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church, and Rev. Fred Veharn, pastor of St. Peter's German Lutheran church, for failure to comply with the law in not maintaining the United States flag over their respective parochial schools.

All Hope Abandoned.

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, March 28.—All hopes of saving the sixty miners who were entombed in a mine at Brunnton on Thursday by an explosion of fire damp, which killed five men outright, has been abandoned. The bodies of fifteen of the miners have been recovered from the pit, around which there are the usual scenes of distress, caused by the presence there of the wives and other relatives of the men entombed. Many of the men engaged in the work of rescue have been overcome and there have been several narrow escapes.

The Launch of the Iowa.

PHILADELPHIA, March 30.—The big battleship Iowa was successfully launched at Cramps' shipyard on Saturday, amid the plaudits of enthusiastic thousands gathered to witness the event. There was a distinguished delegation from Washington, led by Vice President Stevenson, while from Iowa came many leading citizens, including Governor Drake. Miss Mary Lord Drake, daughter of the governor, christened the vessel.

EPIDEMIC OF MURDERS.

John Rech Said to Have Made a Full Confession.

A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY IN OHIO.

An Isolated Farm House Entered by a Masked Murderer, Who Kills the Aged Parents and Knocks Two Others Senseless—A Girl's Wild Run for Aid.

MAT'S LANDING, March 30.—The young woman strangled to death by her supposed husband, John Rech, formerly a notorious "dive" keeper at Gloucester City, and found buried in the woods near Estelville, N. J., on Friday, was Bessie Weaver, daughter of a Germantown physician, whose youthful escapades and marriage to Willie Heft, the son of the wealthy brewer, from whom she was soon divorced, created a decided sensation in Philadelphia several years ago.

PHILADELPHIA, March 30.—Suspected murderer John Rech, it is said, yesterday made a confession to the police admitting that he murdered his wife for the purpose of enjoying the money left by Dr. Weaver to his daughter Elizabeth (Bessie). The authorities refuse to reveal the details of the confession. It is said, however, that Rech, in admitting the crime, says that the child is not the offspring of Elizabeth, but that it was obtained in this city six weeks ago as a result of a newspaper advertisement. It seems also that the couple were not lawfully married, although a ceremony was gone through before a justice of the peace in Jersey City in May, 1895. He is said to have confessed that he has a wife and daughter living in Cataqua, Pa., but whether she obtained divorce papers is not known.

It is claimed that he and Elizabeth Weaver conspired to let him become the beneficiary under the will of her father in case of her death. Under the terms of the doctor's will Elizabeth had between \$30,000 and \$50,000 left her in trust. Should she die without issue the money was to go to charity. As the first step in the conspiracy the woman made a will leaving her inheritance to Rech in trust for their child. They had yet to obtain a child.

When they appeared in Estelville she began to make it appear they had a child in this city. About six weeks ago they are said to have come here and advertised for an infant about ten months old. One was obtained, which is said to be the illegitimate offspring of a prominent society woman and a New York business man. With the child they returned to Estelville.

The resolve to murder the woman, it is said, entered Rech's mind suddenly. He strangled her while she slept, and then carried her to the grave he had hastily prepared. He came here Thursday night and Friday went to Fox Chase, and on Saturday to Somerton, where he stopped at a hotel. He had previously left the child in Philadelphia in a "baby farm." On Saturday night he read of the discovery of body, and began trembling so that the hotel proprietor spoke to him. He admitted he was John Rech, and was then turned over to the police.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY IN OHIO.

A Masked Man Kills an Aged Couple and Knocks Others Senseless.

AKRON, O., March 30.—At a late hour Saturday night a masked man entered the farm house of Alvin M. Stone, near Tallmadge, a few miles from this city, and in the brief space of half an hour committed a horrible butchery. When he took his departure Stone and his wife, both aged people, were lying dead in bed, horribly mutilated, and Ira Stillson, the hired man, and Emma Stone, the eldest of three daughters, were unconscious from blows dealt by the murderer.

The murderer entered the house by means of a ladder, which he raised to an upstairs window. Going quietly downstairs to the room in which Mr. and Mrs. Stone slept he attacked them with a blunt weapon of some sort, hitting both upon the head. The fiend then cut off one of Stone's ears, slashed him across the face and stabbed him in the back. Then he laid Mrs. Stone's cheek open with a knife.

After satisfying his fiendish desires downstairs he proceeded to the room of Stillson, upstairs. The hired man heard the intruder, apparently, for he had arisen, when he was dealt a stunning blow on the head. Next the murderer turned his attention to Emma Stone, who slept in a room by herself. When he entered her room she screamed. That awakened the two other girls who slept across the hall. Hattie Stone arose to go to her sister's assistance, but was felled to the floor by a blow on the head, but fortunately was not rendered unconscious. Regaining her feet she ran to her own room and locked the door. Throwing a bed quilt about her she leaped from the window and ran through the rain and mud to the nearest neighbors, a quarter of a mile away.

The murderer returned to Emma's room and struck her on the head, leaving her unconscious. Then he tried the door to the room in which Hattie had left her younger sister, Flora, when she jumped from the window. Finding the door locked he battered it down, finding only Flora in the room. He asked Flora where the other girl was, and being told that she had gone for help he hastily left the house and made his escape.

Hattie, with the blood streaming from the wound in her head, managed to reach the neighbor's house, told her story and then fainted. The neighbor, calling for help, went to the Stone house. The only person in the house who was able to speak was Flora Stone, aged 16, and she was so badly frightened that she could tell nothing about the murderer, except that the man who committed it wore a mask over his face.

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Ira Stillson, the hired man, and Emma and Hattie Stone have not yet recovered consciousness and it is feared that Stillson will die.

Triple Tragedy in Arkansas.

BENTONVILLE, Ark., March 30.—A triple tragedy occurred three miles from here yesterday. Piuski Duckworth, a prominent and highly respected farmer, killed his wife with an ax, and then attacked his 4-year-old child with the same weapon, inflicting injuries that will prove fatal. The man then drew his pocketknife and slashed his throat from ear to ear, dying almost instantly. A 7-year-old daughter escaped slaughter by being at Sabbath school. Duckworth was undoubtedly insane.

Jealous Husband's Double Crime.

COLUMBUS, O., March 30.—Fred Gorrell, a moulder of West Columbus, aged 21, yesterday afternoon shot his wife, who is but 17, and then stood before a mirror and cut his own throat with a razor. Gorrell died almost instantly, but his wife will recover. Jealousy was the cause of the affair.

Spain Will Again Apologize.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, March 30.—The American schooner William Todd, from Mobile, Ala., was fired upon by two Spanish gunboats, six miles off the Isle of Pines. Four solid shot crossed the schooner's bows after the schooner hoisted the United States colors. The vessel was boarded and searched by an armed boat's crew. Nothing of a contraband character rewarded the searching party.

New York's Delegation for Morton.

NEW YORK, March 25.—The Republican convention has finished its labors, and the honor of the presidential indorsement of the greatest state in the Union, the state casting the largest number of votes in the electoral college, goes to Governor Levi P. Morton.

New Homes for Settlers.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The president today issued a proclamation opening the Red Lake Indian reservation, in Minnesota, to settlement. The date selected is May 1. The White Earth reservation will be opened by a proclamation to be issued later.

Murder and Suicide.

VIRGINIA, Ills., March 30.—Conrad Becker, a wealthy farmer of Arenzville, this county, was shot dead on Saturday by his stepson, William Becker, the latter committing suicide by firing a bullet through his own brain. The terrible tragedy is the result of an old family quarrel, which recently terminated in a lawsuit and the ordering of the stepson off of some land. The murdered man leaves an estate of \$30,000. The murderer and suicide carried a life insurance of \$20,000 in different fraternal orders.

Quay Leads in Allegheny County.

PITTSBURG, March 30.—Complete returns from the Saturday primaries show that the McKinley supporters carried Pittsburg, while the Quayites swept the county, securing two national delegates and fourteen state delegates out of twenty-seven. Congressman W. A. Stone and Robert McAfee were elected national delegates on the Quay ticket in the Twenty-third district, and C. L. Magee and William Flinn, McKinley men, in the Twenty-second district.

British Sailors Mutiny.

BALTIMORE, March 30.—James Craig, John Mackenzie and James Watson, sailors on the British steamship Lord Erne, mutined yesterday because they were ordered to work on Sunday, and before they could be subdued Watson stabbed Alexander Rubin, the steward, in the leg, inflicting an ugly wound. The mutineers were locked up, and will either be tried before the British consul or taken to England to be dealt with.

Sorry He Failed to Kill.

SCRANTON, Pa., March 30.—Dr. J. R. Newton, a well known physician of this city, was shot twice in the shoulder and dangerously wounded Saturday night in his office. His assailant was W. H. Grieves, a tailor, who had a shop adjoining the doctor's office. Dr. Newton will recover. After his arrest Grieves expressed disappointment that he had not killed the doctor. The shooting was the result of a quarrel.

Bound, Gagged and Robbed of \$50,000.

CHICAGO, March 25.—Mr. Christopher Schrage, who is 76 years old and lives alone, was bound and gagged by two men last evening at 6:30 o'clock and robbed of money and papers amounting in value to more than \$50,000. The men pretended they were anxious to rent some rooms, and as Schrage was showing them through they bound and gagged him. They did not injure the old man. The police are mystified.

Income Tax for France.

PARIS, March 27.—The chamber of deputies, by a vote of 285 to 270, has voted for the government's proposal of the principle of an income tax, but has referred the details of the scheme to a committee. The action is in the nature of a compromise, endorsing the principle of an income tax, but throwing aside the details of the government's scheme.

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