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FROM BURNING BUILDING New York, Jan. 2 .- The Morton house and Keith's theater at Union Square

and Fourteenth street were threatened with distruction by fire early this morning. One hundred frightened patrons of the hotel were forced by smoke to make a basty exit from the rooms and a great deal of excitement was

caused in the neighborhood by the fear that the fire would spread. Twenty-two firemen were overcome by smoke and the fire department worked three hours before it had the flames under control. The loss is estimated at \$30,000.

The fire was discovered by the night engineer of the Morton House. The alarm was turned in by film without waiting to alarm the guests of the hptel, who, when they were awakened, found the hallways full of smoke. None of them waited to dress, but gathering up their valuables hurried to the ground floor, where they found refuge in a restaurant; which was free from smoke.

The firemen tried to fight the flames from the sidewalks, but were obliged to lower the laddens into the cellar and fight the fire from there. The smoke in the cellar was so dense that many firemen were overcome by it. An ambulance was called from a hospital and all were resuscitated in a short time. It was three hours before the hotel guests were able to return to their rooms. All were badly chilled and many women were hysterical from fright. The origin of the fire is not learned. The hotel and theater are in the same building. The fire was confined to the lower part of the hotel and the theater was not damaged.

A NASHVILLE THEATER DESTROYED BY FIRE

Nashville, Jan. 2 .- The Theater Vendome was gutted by a fire that started a few minutes after midday. The roof and both galleries fell in shortly after the arrival of the engines and nothing but the outside walls re-

main. The fire originated by a live wire falling across the drapery on one of the boxes, which quickly ignited. The flames spread rapidly to the scenery and the interior was a roaring furnace when the department arrived, which it

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not high. Many of his acts are not only radical, they are rash.

"With Roosevelt at its head the republican party is playing right into the hands of the democrats. The Booker T. Washington incident, the Schley court of inquiry incident and other recent events have worked lasting injury

to the dominant party."

FIVE KILLED AND **ELEVEN INJURED**

Macon, Jan. 2 .- The boiler of an er gine of the Central of Georgia railway exploded in the shops in this city this morning, killing five men outright and mealy injuring eleven others, three of two of the victims were blown completely off and found one hundred feet from the bodies. A negro painting the top of the roundhouse was blown one hundred yards, his body being reduced to an unrecogniable mass of human fleen.

The shock broke every window in the building at the corner of Poplar and Fifth streets, five blocks from where the explosion occurred.

The following is a list of the casualties

Dead: John H. McDonald, white, machinist; ,Tosh Hodges, white, engineer; Urish Cornelius, colored, helper; James

O'Neill, white; one unidentified. Injured: Alderman Robert L. Willis badly scalded; W. M. Wilson, Edward Hambrick, Henry Fox, white, machinists; Peter Hammond, colored; "Doc" Meadows, colored; Lum Marshall, col ored; P. H. Keller, wite; Wm. White, white; James Handley, one unknown white man.

The explosion wrecked three locomo tives and demolished the building.

MISS RODSEVELT TO CHRISTEN KAISER'S YACH Berlin, Jan. 2 .- Emperor William de sires that his yacht now building in the United States shall be christened by President Roosevelt's daughter, Alice, and at the New Year's reception at the old palace at noon, he requested the United States ambassador, Andrew D. White, to ask the president to allow Miss Roosevelt to christen the yacht. The contract made by Carey, Smith and Barbey, naval architects, to con-

struct an American schooner yacht for Emperor William was let to the Townsend and Downey Shipbuilding company of Shooters Island and Staten Island. The yacht is to be completed in time for the next year's racing season. Specifications of the emperor are being carried out in the building.

London, Jan. 2 .- A Berlin despatch confirms the report that the Kaiser has

Washington, Jan. 2 .- The last advice of the state department respecting Miss Stone and Mme. Tsilka is that both were alive and well, though still in captivity at the end of last week.

London, Jan. 2 .- A Vienna despatch says it is reported there that Miss Helen M. Stone has been released by her captors.

CHATTANOOGA COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY WATER

Chattanooga, Jan. 2 .- A hundred ors consisting of representatives of the families living in the flats and low- strongest banks of the city. This synlands around Chatteneoga camped on dicate owns or controls a number of the knolls fast night as a result of the telephone and railway companies whom will probably die. The heads of highest point of forty-one feet at 6 throughout Ohio and Michigan. o'clock last night and remained at a' standstill until 8 o'clock today. By noon it had fallen only two inches. curious fact is that when the river guit rising the back water continued to go up for nearly two feet.

> The belt railroad and both street car lines are cut off from all the suburbs except by transfers, and many houses are submerged.

> Except for two roads built over high. fills, Chattanooga is completely surrounded by water.

MR. PEARSON HAS A TALK WITH THE PRESIDENT

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.-Former Congressman Richmond Pearson, who was recently appointed consul to Genoa, called on President Roosevelt today. He said good-bye to the president and will together with his family sail for Genoa on January 11. Mr. Pearson, at first intended to sail several days earlier but changed his plans.

After his interview with the president Mr. Pearson told some reporters that the president intended to elevate the consular service by appointing the best class of men to these positions.



Lincoln, Jan. 2 .- Bryan announced tomight that the house where in 1900 he received visiting delegations would shortly be sold and he would remove to the suburbs, where a fine new house, to cost twenty thousand dollars, is being erected. In order to be on the ground while the house is being built. Bryan says the family have decided to move into the barn on his next birthday, March 19, and occupy it until the house is completed.

Perry Belmont Wins.

New York, Jan. 2 .- Justice Scott, of requested that Miss Alice Roosevelt handed down a decision declaring Perry be allowed to christen the yacht being Belmont to be the regular nominee for

eral for Venezuela received a message from President Castro today saying the Venezuelan revolution had been crushed, that General Fernandez had been defeated and Pietri, one of the revolutionary leaders, had been captured.



dicate, the most extensive owners of electric railways, today turned over all its property to a committee of credit-

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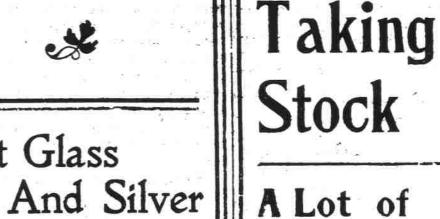
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