

CLICKING CEASED.

Fire in the Western Union Building in New York City.

Seven Persons Saved From an Awful Fate on the Roof.

Driven Upward by the Rapidly Spreading Flames.

They Got Far Beyond the Reach of Ladders—Escaped at Last by Means of a Rope—Many Lives Saved by a Messenger Boy's Presence of Mind—The Associated Press Burned Out—Loss Very Heavy.

New York, July 20.—The Western Union telegraph building caught fire at 7 o'clock P. M. today morning. The battery room on the sixth floor, the operating room on the floor above and the restaurant on the fifth floor, were completely destroyed, and seven lives were miraculously saved.

A few minutes before 7 o'clock the operators began to arrive to go to work. About fifty men and young women had reached the operating room.

Discovered by a Messenger. A messenger boy named Matthews first saw a puff of smoke under a table in the checking department on the floor below the operating room. He had scarcely time to investigate the cause when a wooden table was overturned and the fire was spreading with lightning rapidity. He rushed to stairs to notify the new arrivals that the building was on fire. They were compelled to go through the checking department to go down stairs.

A Panic Results. A panic was the result of the messenger's warning. The young women screamed and the men rushed pell-mell down stairs to escape the pursuing flames which, in less than two minutes, had spread throughout the entire clicking department, burning up wires, instruments and tables as if they were so much tinder. The entire room, when the panic-stricken crowd passed through it, was filled with a dense, stifling smoke. They fell over each other in their wild efforts to reach a place of safety.

The little messenger, with an operator named Skidmore, were the only two persons who retained presence of mind enough to take in the awful situation. The boy pushed down stairs and out of the building and sent out an alarm, while Skidmore got down a fire extinguisher and endeavored to quench the flames. This he saw was impossible, and he had to flee in a very few minutes. The flames ate through from floor to floor in short order.

Seven Yet in the Building. Just about this time it flashed upon the minds of the frightened persons who had escaped that there were seven others in the restaurant floor who had not been warned of their danger. All exit had by this time been cut off, but the imprisoned persons succeeded in reaching the roof through the trap door. Under the eaves of the big building the flames were shooting and the eddies seemed to be crowned with fire.

Escape Seemingly Impossible. When the next group of people on the street saw the men and women rush out on the roof of a horror-struck group, it seemed impossible that they could escape the flames burning between them and the street. Screaming women on the roof wringing their hands and crying out: "For God's sake do something to save us!"

The first engine had arrived before the swirling events transpiring on the roof were fully explained to the crowd. A volume of water was poured into the burning building and the sounds of cracking and breaking timbers was added to the confusion of the scene. In a few minutes there were fourteen engines and a water tower on the ground. Water poured in through the flaming windows and beat down upon the roof. But the flames were already in a state of the tons of water poured upon them.

Still no effort had been made to save the terrified men and women on the roof, who could be seen like spectres enveloped in smoke and mist. To the rescue. A long ladder was rushed up on the roof of Bay street, and placed against the rear of the burning building. It did not reach within fifty feet of the roof of the big telegraph building. Undaunted, however, two of the firemen scaled the ladder, leaving it at the top, and threw a rope across it. It was caught and tied by one of the brave girls, who seemed never to lose her nerve.

The two firemen pulled themselves up and over the ladder, which was called to support them. They were in a moment below them they let the seven down to places of safety. It was accomplished.

Just in Time. For the flames burst up through the cornice and soon enveloped the roof. The tower of the building was caught by the flames. It was a beautiful sight at the same time a terrifying sight to see the fire shoot out from the windows around the entire building, fifty feet high, and above look like great fiery tongues to lift the roof of the building.

Less No Known, But Heavy. The entire upper portion of the building was gutted, and every instrument and wire rendered useless. At this time the loss cannot be estimated, but it will be great.

Origin a Mystery. How the fire originated no one seems to know positively, but it is surmised that two of the company's electric light wires became crossed and set the floor-rog on fire.

Fortunate It Wasn't Later. Had the fire broke out an hour later in the loss of the night have been enormous. Fully 200 girls and men are employed on these two floors.

PARTICULARS OF THE FIRE. Started in the Battery Room—The Associated Press Burned Out.

LAYER—Reliable particulars as to the fire in the Western Union Telegraph building are now obtainable. James Larissey, a wireman, who was on duty in the building was the first to discover the fire. About the same time Mr. Tobin, night chief operator, noticed an odor of burning rubber, and on looking into a wire shaft leading from the battery room to the operating room saw five smoke very distinctly. This was five minutes before 7 o'clock. Two watchmen were supposed to be on duty, but no alarm was given by them.

When Mr. Tobin discovered the smoke in the shaft, he descended to the battery room, he was surprised at the great headway the fire had already made. The flames followed the wires, which being covered with rubber, oil and paraffine, were very inflammable, and soon all of the woodwork was burning. The fire leaped from table to table and from the window and door casings, and all efforts of the men on duty to suppress the burning by the appliances at hand proved unavailing.

The firemen were promptly on hand

IS THIS THE LAST?

The One Hundred and First Body Recovered at Lake Pepin.

Believed to Be All as No More Are Missing.

A Rare Possibility That Some Strangers Were on Board Who Have Not Yet Been Mined—Statement Made by the Captain and Clerk of the ill-fated Excursion Steamer Sea Wing.

LAKE CITY, Minn., July 20.—One body was found Thursday morning—that of a little girl, named Rosie R. H. D. This makes 101 bodies recovered, and it is now believed that all are out of the water. At least no more missing are reported, and the only possibility is that some strangers may have been aboard the vessel.

THE LOSS OF THE SEA WING.

Statement of the Captain and Clerk of the ill-fated Vessel.

St. Paul, July 20.—Capt. Wether and six of the crew of the ill-fated steamer Sea Wing arrived in this city Thursday afternoon, and Government Inspectors Vester and Knapp are conducting an investigation of ails behind the scenes. Capt. Wether and Clerk Knapp have given to the press a statement of the disaster. It is as follows:

The steamer Sea Wing had been in good condition and was in the harbor in company, was allowed 250 passengers. There were on the boat and large 200 tons, 187 work and life-preservers, and seven good sails, with twenty-eight

The boat left Lake City at 5 o'clock and proceeded up the lake about five miles. When the storm struck the boat was caught and instantly overturned. Capt. Wether was at the wheel and did all in his power to keep the boat headed into the wind, and remained in the pilot house until completely submerged. Then he broke through the sea and swam to the shore. The engineer stood at his post until the water filled the engine room, then made his escape. With the boat upon the water was no water in the hull, and nothing but the force of the wind kept the boat from capsizing. The boat was to start at 5 o'clock, but most of the number from Red Wing wished to remain until after the dress parade, at 7 o'clock. Hence the boat delayed until 8 o'clock before starting.

Funerals of the Lake Gervais Victims. St. Paul, July 20.—The funerals of the victims of the Lake Gervais disaster, Mrs. J. R. Schummeier, Charles Schummeier and Rev. M. Pfeiffer, occurred at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Services were conducted at the German Methodist church on Washburn street, of which Rev. Mr. Pfeiffer was pastor, and the funeral was in Oakland cemetery. The obsequies of George J. Miller and Peter Wolber were observed Wednesday.

The injured all doing well save Frank Meanson, who is in a very serious condition at the city hospital in St. Paul. He is suffering from concussion of the brain, and inflammation has set in. Mrs. George J. Miller and Mrs. Pfeiffer are all doing well, but Mrs. Pfeiffer is still in a critical condition. The obsequies of George J. Miller and Peter Wolber were observed Wednesday.

STORMS ELSEWHERE. In Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey and Illinois. PHILADELPHIA, July 20.—A violent storm of wind and rain swept over Pennsylvania and New Jersey about sundown Tuesday evening.

All the north windows in Ashland, Pa., were broken by hail stones "as large as hen's eggs." At Hazleton, Pa., hotels and houses were unroofed, and a factory demolished, killing a boy and wounding seven others. At Philadelphia a saloon was overturned.

At Port Richmond several yachts and boats were wrecked, in different places people were killed by lightning. In Illinois. PEORIA, Ill., July 20.—A small eye storm of wind and rain swept over Peoria Tuesday evening. The cloud moved slowly and caused much damage in the timber. Three men walking on the railroad track were caught by the storm. Fred Emerson was killed, his body being turned black all over. The other two, Holmes and Gray, were stunned. The Lake Erie and Western freight train came along just as the cyclone crossed the track. The wind in one car from the center of the train and smashed it into kindling wood.

It was reported here at 7 o'clock Thursday night that the town of Green Valley, on the line of the Peoria, Decatur and Exeter road, and Morton, on the Santa Fe, were swept away. Telegram communication with these places was shut off, as the wires are badly damaged by the storm. The cyclone traveled toward Peoria, and messages from there say that it proceeded the outskirts of the city and suddenly rose to the clouds, disappearing from view. It was also reported that several men were killed by the destruction of a bridge at Westport, but this has not been verified.

Wisconsin's First Death Sentence. Oshkosh, Wis., July 20.—John Wapoose, an Italian from the Reshena reservation, who was found guilty in the English court here of repeated assaults upon his daughter, was sentenced to be hanged in September on the reservation. The sentence was pronounced after he had been in the Wisconsin court.

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MYSTERIOUS TRAGEDY.

Jordan Walker Found Assassinated while Hunting Deer.

ALBANY, Ga., July 19.—The other day Mr. Jordan Walker, who had been sick, told his wife that he would see if he could kill some of the bears which were destroying his corn, his plantation being on the edge of the Coolawachee swamps. He had not returned at bedtime, and the negro were sent to find him. They searched all night, but did not find him. Early in the morning, however, his body was found by a searching party, lying in the track of two bears. Three buckshot had entered his body—one in the head, one in the side, and one in the hip. He had apparently been in a sleeping posture, and had fallen backward, dying instantly.

He was discovered around him, and to his side lay his Winchester rifle, loaded. Whether he was mistaken by some of the bears for a bear, and shot, or foully assassinated, is not known; but it is known that Mr. Walker has been having trouble with his hands, and a negro had his gun loaded the other day, and it is thought by some that he had something to do with the mysterious death of Mr. Walker. The matter is being investigated.

TILLMAN NOT DISMAYED. Two Sensational Incidents—Opponents of the Farmers' Candidate Desperate. COLUMBIA, S. C., July 19.—Capt. Tillman announced on the stand the other day, that William N. Amerson "had out of the whole cloth," and Capt. Tillman said, apparently by a newspaper reporter that he was "an infernal liar," and that the truth was not in him.

It is said that Col. Amerson is a man of undoubted courage, and some are of the opinion that he will resist the insult. It has also been asserted that Tillman fears assassination, and that he is constantly surrounded by friends that it is next to impossible for any one known to be unfriendly toward him to obtain a private interview with him. It is believed that Tillman is satisfied with his course, and pays but little attention to the anathemas heaped upon him.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING. Warehouse Destroyed—Three Fine Mules Killed. DALTON, Ga., July 19.—The warehouse of the Crown Cotton mills was struck by lightning and destroyed, together with 300 bales of cotton, thirty fine horses and a lot of cotton put in insured.

McDONOUGH, Ga., July 19.—Three fine mules belonging to Mr. G. E. Turner, of this place, were killed by lightning during a thunder storm. They were in a barn, which was struck, and burned up.

Awful Tragedy in Tusculum. SHEPHERD, Ala., July 19.—News of a terrible tragedy in Tusculum, Ala., has been received. The origin of the trouble seems to have arisen from some family affairs in which Mrs. W. P. Challenor's name was used. The first shot was fired by Hon. John Steele, mayor of Tusculum, at John Goodwin, a brother of Mrs. Challenor. Goodwin returned the fire, the ball striking Major Steele in the chest, penetrating the brain and producing instant death. Several shots were fired by friends on both sides, and Tom Goodwin fell with a load of shot in his neck, arm and shoulder. Tom Steele was shot in the chest, and fell, and Mrs. Challenor, who was trying to shield the children, was shot in the right arm, suffering it.

ATLANTA, Ga., July 19.—Before adjourning, the Dental association elected officers for the ensuing year. Dr. G. E. White, of South Carolina, was elected president on the first ballot; Dr. R. K. Lucio, of Holly Springs, Miss., first vice president; Dr. R. R. Stubblefield, of Norfolk, Va., second vice president; Dr. M. C. Marshall, of Little Rock, Ark., recorded recording secretary, and Dr. H. D. Beach, of Clarksville, Tenn., was re-elected treasurer.

The convention will hold its next annual meeting at Moorhead City, N. C., on the 7th of August, 1891.

A Good Suggestion for the South. RALEIGH, N. C., July 19.—One of the most interesting features of the Gleaner and Alliance convention to be held at Mount Holly, N. C., July 21st to August 2d, will be the organization of a league, whose members pledge themselves to use, as far as possible, the products of southern manufacture of every kind. At every fair held in the south this year, such an organization should be made. Manufacturers of all kinds of goods should place samples at all these fairs, and show the people how much the south herself produces for the necessities of her own people.

Victims of the Unfortunate Affair. GUYTON, Ga., July 19.—The people of Edgecombe county are much agitated at the terrible killing of Johnnie Bird by Robble Norton, and young Norton would fare badly if he should fall into the hands of the friends of the Birds. The verdict of the coroner's jury was that Bird was killed by the killing of Johnnie Bird, but will not murder as to the killing of Johnnie Bird.

Young Norton has been apprehended, but it is thought he is in Savannah, as he was heard riding in great haste in that direction, immediately after the awful tragedy.

A Negro Porter Kills a Burglar. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 19.—A negro porter named Harry Jenkins, who stays at the store of the Sibley Steel company, here in the city, shot and killed a burglar named Coleman. Coleman had entered the store and snatched a coat and vest and ran off with them. Jenkins followed the thief, and was refused to stop, he shot and killed him.

They Lynch in Florida. FORT WHITE, Fla., July 19.—A negro named Green Jackson was lynched near here in the neighborhood of Mrs. Robert Ingham, and the woman, whom he had insulted and outraged.

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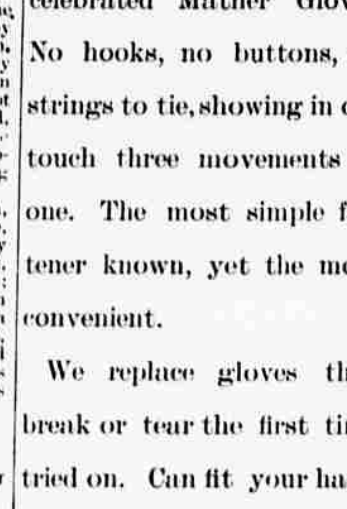
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