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And we are prepared for it, SPECIALLY IN OUR DOLL DEPARTMENT. All these Dolls, Toys, &c., are a side line with us, and in order to once enable you to buy Xmas things cheap, we have put this line away without much profit to us. We don't care to make anything on them. Our object is to get you in our place, to cast your eyes upon the most superb display of fine China, Fancy Goods, &c., ever seen in Asheville. Our prices—well they talk for themselves, always getting lower. Many exclaim: Mr. T.—How can you afford to sell your goods so low? Our motto answers: Quick sales and small profits. Come to our store—bring all the little boys and girls with you—to see the miniature train run, and get a copy of the Holiday Headlight.

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FIRE IN NEW BUILDINGS.

LOSS OF FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS.

An Explosion of Gas at the Jersey City Terminal of the Pennsylvania Railroad Causes a Big Blaze—Loses Covered by Insurance.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 4.—An explosion of gas caused a disastrous fire at the Jersey City terminus of the Pennsylvania railroad this morning. The company recently completed a magnificent train shed on a grade with the street, an elevated road being constructed from the river to Bergen Hill, and were constructing new waiting rooms and ferry houses to correspond. The old wooden building that General Superintendent F. Wolcott Jackson occupied in the ferry boat was turned into a temporary exit for eastbound train passengers and the officials moved their desks into a five story brick building fronting on Exchange place.

It was in this exit that the explosion occurred. The tearing down of the structure and the constant jarring caused by the ferry boats entering the slip caused the gas to collect in the building and to be broken or disconnected a gas pipe close to the main distributing meter.

The explosion took place at 3:40 o'clock and the surrounding woodwork was instantly ablaze. The fire department responded quickly to three alarms sent out and the entire apparatus of the city and harbor got to work. The reason was that the river end of the terminus, including the ferry slips, was but slightly damaged. On the interior portion of the depot building the flames spread rapidly. The flames from the office building mounted upward until the wooden railing and sides of the unfinished waiting room were ablaze. The fire was then carried along a huge yellow pine pipe casing to the new office structure. This consisted of a fine solidly built structure of brick 150 by 48 feet and five stories high. The second floor of the eastery building was used as a baggage room, the others being merely bare walls. The high baggage master Kegan and his assistants succeeded in saving all the trunks. Four floors above the baggage room and two buildings on the first floor were gutted. General Superintendent Jackson's office, with those of the division superintendent, Chief Engineer Brooks and numerous other officials of the road, were cleaned out.

From the office buildings the fire spread to the train shed in the rear and attacked the wooden interior ceiling. A hundred feet of the ceiling and hundreds of glass roof lights fell in fragments upon the concrete platform below. A dozen lines of hose were brought into play and the train shed saved from further damage.

The flames were under control by 5:30 o'clock and at 6:30 o'clock the first ferry boat from Cortland street succeeded in landing at the depot. The Florida, Florida and Washington express leaving Jersey City at 6:40 o'clock this morning pulled out of the depot ten minutes late.

The train dispatchers' offices occupied fire and the railroad men were again working by seven o'clock. Trains are running regularly on time and the ferries are carrying the usual throngs. The loss on the office building is estimated at \$45,000 and on the train shed and ferry house \$3,000, more than covered by its insurance.

OPINIONS OF MR. DEPEW.

Flower May be the Coming Man—Mr. Field is not a Very Rich Man.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—Chauncey Depew, who is with the Vanderbilt party on its trip to the West, said tonight that Blaine would surely be the republican presidential nominee if he would consent to make the sacrifice. Otherwise Harrison would be the candidate. Mr. Depew declared that Roswell P. Flower's chances of getting the democratic nomination were fully as good as those of Cleveland, and that the republican party were certainly named for vice president.

In discussing the World's Fair, Mr. Depew says congress should not make the loan of \$5,000,000, but should make an appropriation of that amount. He also said that the stories about Cyrus W. Field's financial ruin were all nonsense; for Mr. Field was still an immensely rich man.

New York, Dec. 2.—From yesterday's developments in the case of Edward M. Field, Weichers & Co. it appears that Field had been completely ruined in the strong box of all its securities and left Cyrus W. Field penniless, but yesterday it was learned that he deliberately robbed his partner, John F. Weichers, Mr. Weichers himself is the author of the story. He says that Field not only robbed him of the \$250,000 capital he invested with the firm, but that he also took \$50,000 in government bonds left in the firm's safe. Weichers went to Cuba a number of months since to negotiate the purchase of the sugar plantations. These government bonds, Mr. Weichers adds, belonged to his wife.—New York Sun.

CYRUS W. FIELD.

His Condition at a. m. Reported as Unchanged.

New York, Dec. 4.—The condition of Cyrus W. Field was reported at 10:30 this morning as being about the same as last evening. He passed an easy night and is seemingly recuperating. Mrs. Lindley, Field's daughter, is said to be in a very critical condition.

DOM PEDRO'S ILLNESS.

A sudden change for the worse Now Reported.

PARIS, Dec. 4.—A change for the worse has occurred in the condition of Dom Pedro, ex-emperor of Brazil, who is suffering from chills complicated with diabetes. His physicians, Drs. Charcot and Buchard, had hoped that their patient was out of danger, but there was a sudden change, and he is again entertained as to the outcome of the attack.

The physicians have ordered that nobody except members of Dom Pedro's family shall be allowed to see him.

Wants to Get Out.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—Actor M. B. Curtis (Sam'l of Posen) who shot Policeman Alexander, has sued out a writ of habeas corpus returnable before the supreme court. Curtis is now in the county jail awaiting trial for murder, and desires to be released on bail, a petition which was refused by Judge Trout.

Prominent for Forty Years.

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 4.—Hon. W. H. Harris, one of the most distinguished citizens of Mississippi, died last night aged 70. He was a member of congress in the fifties and has for forty years been a prominent figure in the state.

The Influenza in England.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The influenza is epidemic in Cornwall, the county forming the southwest extremity of England, and hundreds of inhabitants are prostrated with the disease.

At Peace.

PARIS, Dec. 4.—M. Lemnier, president of the International League of Peace, is dead.

EDWARD J. ASTON.

A Life Sketch of a Prominent Ashevilleite.

THE CITIZEN'S