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china and cut glass for Mr. Ed. Rum-

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## THE BELMONT BURNED

TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF THE BIG

HOTEL LAST NIGHT.

138 GUESTS IN THE BUILD-

ING AT THE TIME.

EVERY ONE BELIEVED TO

HAVE BEEN RESCUED.

The Hotel Belmont, the fine three-story

brick hotel building at Sulphur Springs,

five miles west of Asheville, caught fire

about 11:30 o'clock last night and was

totally destroyed.

At the time of the conflagration there

were 138 guests in the building. It is be-

lieved that all of these escaped with their

lives. A number were more or less in-

jured.

**The Injured.**

The following is a list of those who

were hurt during the fire:

N. P. STRAUSS, Henderson, N. C.,

both ankles sprained.

MISS AGNES MONTGOMERY, New

York, suffering severely from shock.

MISS ABIE MOORE, Asheville, con-

cussion of spine and contusions about

eyes.

MRS. J. W. ROSS, Pensacola, Fla.,

ankle sprained.

EMMA RUFFIN, colored nurse, Ashe-

ville, ankle sprained.

R. G. HENDERSON, assistant room

clerk, cut on hip.

**STORY OF THE FIRE.**

Where it Started—Alarm Given by

a Pistol.

The fire was discovered about 11:30

o'clock by a number of male servants,

who were in their quarters in a building

about fifty yards from the hotel. There

seems to be have been no night watch-

man.

Ed. Green, colored, head waiter in the

ordinary, was the first to give the alarm.

He states that the fire appeared to be

in the engine room or laundry, which

joined each other in the basement in the

northwest corner of the hotel. From

there the fire quickly communicated

with the elevator shaft to the upper

stories. Smoke and flames were pour-

ing out of the windows. One of the

servants had a pistol which he fired

several times to arouse the guests.

Almost at once they were all awake,

and amid the shrieks of the women and

the shouts of the men, were hurrying

with a terrible fear to urge them on,

through the smoke towards the various

exits.

These were the stairways and the wide

verandas. Of the latter, there was one

at the ground floor and one, on two sides

of the L-shaped building—the north and

the west—at the second floor. There was

none under the third story windows, but

several guests who were in the top floor,

both men and women, jumped on to the

second story veranda, and from there

made their way to the ground by way of

the veranda supports. There were no

fire escapes proper on the building, but

the halls were wide and the veranda

easy of access to perhaps half the

sleeping rooms.

From the stories of the survivors it

would seem that not many of them "lost

their heads," and to this fact and the ar-

rangement of the halls and porches is

probably due the fact that there was

not, so far as is yet known, any loss of

life.

The flames made phenomenal progress

and within half an hour after the

alarm was given the whole building

was gutted.

The north wall of the east wing fell

with a tremendous crash before the

flames burst out in that portion

of the building.

As soon as Dr. von Ruck, whose ex-

perience is given in full elsewhere, got down

stairs he cut the gas off of the building

from the tank in the yard.

The general impression seems to be

that the fire originated in the engine

room. There had been no fire in the

laundry during the day, and the elevator,

which is run by electricity, had not been

moved for two days.

**DR. VON RUCK ROUSED.**

He Carries Mrs. von Ruck Out in

His Arms.

The rooms of Dr. von Ruck, the pro-

prietor, were in the second story, almost

immediately over the spot where the

fire originated.

Dr. von Ruck had been in bed some

time and says he was roused by shouts

in the building. He hastily arose and

dressed, and when he stepped into the

hallway he found it full of smoke, and

his exit by the main stairway cut off.

Dr. von Ruck grabbed one of the fire

extinguishers and ran to the elevator

and undertook to subdue the flames, but

finding this impossible he returned to

rescue his wife.

Mrs. von Ruck, who was very ill, was

sleeping in an adjoining room with her

nurse. Dr. von Ruck rushed into their

room and took his wife in his arms and

started down a back stairway or fire

escape. When he neared the bottom he

found that the flames had cut him off,

and he was forced to carry his wife back

up the stairs. On reaching the main

hallway the smoke had become so dense

as to be stifling. He rushed through

with Mrs. von Ruck still in his arms, but

when he reached the head of the stair-

way fell exhausted. Two servants were

on the stairway, and they carried Mrs.

von Ruck to a place of safety.

**Maj. McCreery's Story.**

Wearing two cutaway coats of as-

sorted sizes, buttoned closely up to the

chin to hide the absence of a shirt and

with the appearance of a man who had

been through a trying ordeal, Maj. B. B.

McCreery of Columbia, S. C., came in

town early this morning to see

what he could get for himself and

wife to wear. Maj. McCreery and his

wife had rooms on the second floor and

a hard time in making their escape