

FEARFUL HOLOCAUST

The Hotel Royal, New York City, in Ruins.

MANY LIVES ARE REPORTED LOST.

Harrowing Scenes Witnessed by Those Who Assembled in Sight of the Burning Building—Guests Leap from Windows to Escape from the Sea of Flames

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—A disaster paralleling in horror and probably exceeding in loss of life the terrible occurrence in Park Place, the remembrance of which is fresh in the public mind, occurred here early yesterday morning. The Hotel Royal, at Fortieth street and Sixth avenue, was burned to the ground and a large number of people were burned to death, many suffocated by smoke and others crushed to death in the ruins.

It was a few minutes after 3 o'clock yesterday morning when the flames were first discovered. They never had better fuel. The building was composed of several old structures, all amalgamated into the Hotel Royal years ago. So far as can be learned the flames kindled in the shaft of the elevator in the basement at about the middle depth of the building.

Terrible Scenes Enacted. Harrowing scenes were witnessed by those who were assembled in sight of the burning house. One unknown man sprang from a window on the third floor and was dashed to death on the sidewalk below before the horrified eyes of the spectators. This terrible scene was enacted on the Sixth avenue side of the house. A moment later another man leaped from a window on the Fortieth street side and was mangled to death. Shortly afterward two women jumped from windows on the Sixth avenue side.

Firemen and spectators helped to rescue the imprisoned guests and employes. Many were taken from windows where they had sought refuge from the flames and the firemen dared smoke and flames to save life. Sergeant Ward and Patrolman Phillips went into a room on the fourth floor and took Walter H. Phelps and his wife safely down a ladder. Officer Phillips succeeded in saving Mrs. Samuel Knapp, of Chicago, who was unable to save herself and was about to leap from a window on the third floor.

Mr. Uhlman's Great Loss. Mr. Frederick Uhlman, a well known dealer in hops, lost everything in his room, including \$12,000 in cash, several checks and notes and other valuable business documents. Among the narrow escapes related is that of William C. Thompkins, of this city, who was a transient guest. He was aroused by the cry of fire and finding escape by the stairs impossible coolly packed his things and lowered himself to the ground by means of the rope fire escape which he found in the room. When on the ground he gathered up his effects, which he had previously thrown out of the window, and went elsewhere to finish his sleep.

A tall, handsome young man, climbed down the Sixth avenue front from the topmost window. He slowly climbed from sill to sill until he reached the ground. He was seriously burned and bruised, but alive, and the crowd cheered him wildly while he disappeared, unidentified, in the crowd. Mrs. Keuper and her daughter, Julia, who occupied a room on the third floor at the corner of Fortieth street and Sixth avenue, and who registered from Flemington, N. J., on Saturday, were rescued by a policeman and a fireman, who carried them down a ladder. They lost all their clothing save their night dresses, which they had on. Mrs. Keuper suffered greatly from the shock and Miss Kneper's long black hair was badly singed by the flames, which burst out of the window as she stepped on the ladder to safety.

Richard Meares, proprietor of the Hotel Royal, miraculously escaped death with his wife. They retired at 1 o'clock and were asleep on the second floor. They were aroused by the watchman.

Mr. Noonan's Thrilling Escape. A young man named Noonan, who occupied a room on the fourth floor, made a thrilling escape. With the confidence of an athlete he swung himself from the window sill to the window below, and from one window to another he descended until he reached the ground.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—How many charred and mangled bodies are yet buried beneath the ruins of the Hotel Royal is a question of horrible uncertainty. Thus far twelve bodies have been recovered, only two of which has been identified. From a very careful examination of the hotel register and the journal which was furnished by Night Clerk Underwood the number of persons in the building when the fire broke out was 152. Of these twelve are known to be dead, eighty-one were rescued by the firemen, assisted by citizens, before the walls collapsed, and fifty-nine are still missing.

Twelve Bodies from the Ruins. At 8 o'clock last night number twelve was found. It was the trunk of a woman, and was found near the Fortieth street entrance to the hotel. The legs and arms were gone, and nothing was found near the body by which it might be recognized. Twenty minutes later the laborers found the foot of a human being wedged in under a piano. At this point work was stopped temporarily.

Work was resumed in a few minutes, the stop having been made to remove a portion of wall which appeared dangerous. A lady's memorandum book, on the back of which was the name Mrs. H. A. Cate, was found. Last evening the identification of the body in box No. 9 was made complete. It is that of Mrs. Mary Begley, the housekeeper of the Hotel Royal.

Among those who were rescued from the flaming building are twenty-four who are more or less seriously burned and bruised. Three of these are at Bellevue hospital, and there is one each at the New York and Presbyterian hos-

pitais. The others have been cared for by their friends at neighboring hotels or at their homes.

At the Morgue. The body of Henry S. Levy, the only one of those at the morgue which has been identified, was removed to the home of the dead man's cousin. It was taken to 243 East Forty-ninth street, and will be buried in Salem Fields, Brooklyn. The other bodies have been viewed by hundreds of persons, none of whom were, however, able to identify them. There was a big crowd about the morgue, but admittance was denied to all but friends of the persons reported to be missing. The bodies are arranged in a row in pine coffins.

McILVAINE ELECTROCUTED. The Youthful Murderer Dies in the Electric Chair at Sing Sing.

SING SING, Feb. 9.—Charles McIlvaine was shocked to death in the prison here yesterday in the presence of the following witnesses, besides the deputies taken from the prison keepers: Dr. S. B. Ward, of Albany; Prof. L. H. Landy, of Columbia college; Dr. L. A. Saxer, of Syracuse; Dr. T. S. Robertson, of New York; Dr. Herbert F. Williams, of Brooklyn; Dr. J. Marill, of Poughkeepsie; Dr. A. F. Carroll, of Brooklyn; Dr. J. Hasbrouck, of Port Ewen, N. Y.; Dr. C. F. MacDonald, of New York, and a number of newspaper reporters.

The first contact with the dynamo was made at 11:12 a. m.; the duration of the contact was forty-five seconds. In a few seconds after the current was cut off by order of Dr. MacDonald, froth issued from the mouth, and almost simultaneously there was a quick gurgling exhalation and as quick a recovery, like a person strangling. The current was at once reapplied and continued for forty-five seconds, when the doctors examined the wrist and jugular vein for pulsations. There were none, and after examination by all the doctors present the subject was declared dead. The doctors with one exception believe that life and consciousness were destroyed at the same instant.

McIlvaine was not quite 19 years old when he committed his terrible crime, and he had just been married to a girl still younger than than himself. They occupied a couple of rooms in an east side New York tenement. One night in August, 1889, he took two companions to his rooms. All three typical east side "toughs" lay down to sleep, with orders to Mrs. McIlvaine that she should awaken them shortly after midnight. In the early hours of the morning they crossed the Brooklyn bridge, bent upon plundering some house before their return. Passing through Jay street, an open window in Grocer Christian Luca's house attracted McIlvaine's attention. It was an "easy mark," he thought, and telling his companions to wait, he removed his shoes and climbed up and into the window. While he was searching for plunder Mr. Luca surprised him. McIlvaine whipped out a knife, and as Luca approached plunged it again and again into the man's body.

The Chileans Sentenced. WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Unofficial intelligence has been received of the sentencing, at Valparaiso, of the men convicted of participation in the assault on the Baltimore sailors. Little surprise is expressed at the mildness of the punishment inflicted.

Carlos Arena, alias Gomez, gets 920 days' imprisonment, which includes 540 days for assaulting Turnbull, who died of his wounds, 300 days for disorderly conduct, 60 days for carrying a concealed weapon and 20 days for giving a false name.

Jose Ahumada gets 320 days for his part in the assault on Turnbull, and Frederico Rodriguez 140 days for wounding Boatwain's Mate Riggan, the other murdered American.

Killed by a Boiler Explosion. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 9.—When half way between Wayne Junction and Nicetown, on the Bound Brook track of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, at 10:15 last night, engine 180, while pushing freight train 504 up a steep grade, blew up with terrific force, killing three men and injuring four others. Two of whom will probably die. The killed are: George Reardon, fireman; Harvey Moore, brakeman; an unknown man.

The injured are: Hugh Dougherty, probably fatally; John J. Moore, brakeman, probably fatally; John Buck, brakeman, badly; Jerome D. Miller, brakeman, badly.

Murderer Fitzsimmons Suicides. NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 5.—Frederick C. Fitzsimmons, alias Ambrose G. Budd and several other names, who was arrested here Tuesday charged with murder and theft in Pittsburg, Pa., cut his throat with a penknife in a cell at the Parish prison. He died at 1 o'clock this morning. In reference to the rumor that Fitzsimmons was suspected of being Tascott, the missing murderer of Millionaire Snell, of Chicago, William A. Pinkerton, of St. Paul, says positively that he was not the Snell suspect.

Governor Boyd Seated. LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 9.—At 2:10 yesterday afternoon Governor Boyd entered the official apartments of the governor and was seated in triumph. Governor Thayer came forward as Mr. Boyd entered, extended his hand and exclaimed: "How do you do, governor?" Governor Boyd made no reply or offered to take his hand, whereupon Mr. Thayer turned and left.

The Elmira Postmastership. WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The Senate, in executive session, yesterday confirmed the nomination of Rathbun to be postmaster at Elmira, N. Y., vice Flood, removed. This is the nomination which Senator Hill has been opposing.

Eighteen Burned Alive. VIENNA, Feb. 9.—Eighteen people were burned alive in one carriage of a Roumanian express train which caught fire.

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BLAINE WITHDRAWS

He Sends a Letter to Chairman Clarkson.

HE WILL NOT BE A CANDIDATE

For the Presidency, and Adds That His Name Will Not Go Before the Republican National Convention for Nomination—Comments on the Secretary's Declination.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The following letter was made public last night. WASHINGTON, Feb. 6, 1892. Hon. J. S. Clarkson, chairman of the national Republican committee: MY DEAR SIR—I am not a candidate for the presidency, and my name will not go before the Republican national convention for the nomination. I make this announcement in due season. To those who have tendered their support I owe sincere thanks and am most grateful for their confidence. They will, I am sure, make earnest efforts in the approaching contest, which is rendered especially important by reason of the industrial and financial policies of the government being at stake. The popular decision on these issues is of great moment and will be of far reaching consequences.

JAMES G. BLAINE. WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Opinions differ widely as to the effect upon national politics of Mr. Blaine's letter. Politicians seem to be practically unanimous in the belief that the secretary, in writing it, turns his back on the nomination for the presidency, it being generally conceded that he could be his party's candidate if he would but consent. This belief is shared by leaders of both great parties.

Cullom in the Field. It is developed here, as a consequence of Mr. Blaine's letter of withdrawal, that Illinois will probably have a strong candidate for the presidential nomination in the person of Senator Cullom. The senator desires a delegation favorable to him from his own state, and that he will endeavor to gain strength from other states is assured. When questioned by a reporter Senator Cullom said:

"I am not surprised. I had intimations of its coming from various sources, and, indeed, from the secretary himself, but nothing definite. If it is construed by his friends to mean an absolute refusal, as I have no doubt it will be (the senator had not then seen a copy of the letter), it opens the field for the nomination."

"Does that mean that you will enter?" "Yes, it does. I have said to my friends that, having given Illinois thirty years of earnest service—eight in the state legislature, six in the governor's chair, eight in the lower house of congress, and nine in the senate—I would esteem it a great honor to have the delegation to the national Republican convention from Illinois support me for the presidential nomination."

Chauncey M. Depew's Opinion. NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—After reading Mr. Blaine's letter Mr. Depew said: "It is the most important announcement that has been made in the presidential canvass. Blaine was certain of the nomination. There would have been no name seriously considered in opposition to him. Mr. Blaine is still in a position to largely dictate the nomination. The party's devotion to him has prevented the consideration of other names. The renomination of President Harrison has by this letter, in my opinion, been assured."

Senator Hill Expected It. "This announcement is no surprise to me," said Senator Hill, "but its form is not exactly such as I had supposed it would be." The ex-governor did not seem to think that it would have any particular effect upon the nation's destinies, as he believed the Republican candidate, whoever he might be, is certain to be defeated. President Harrison, he continued, was almost sure of a renomination. "He has all the federal machinery in his hands, and can easily get the nomination if he chooses to take it."

Ex-Governor Foraker's Views. CINCINNATI, Feb. 9.—Ex-Governor Foraker, on Blaine's letter of declination, says: "Mr. Blaine will stand in history without a rival. Twice when he was a candidate for the nomination it was refused him. Once when nominated he was defeated. Such a record would destroy the power, influence and prestige of almost any other man. But instead he has constantly grown greater, stronger and nearer to the hearts of the people, until, as a result, he had had literally forced upon him an opportunity to make the unprecedented record of twice declining a nomination which would have meant in each instance an election. "As a Republican, I deeply regret Mr. Blaine's determination. In saying this I don't mean to disparage President Harrison."

From General Alger. DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 9.—General Russell A. Alger appeared to be surprised at the announcement of Mr. Blaine's withdrawal from the race. "I didn't believe," he said, "that Mr. Blaine would write it, but a good many people told me they thought he would. I think that the time for red fire in conventions has gone by and believe that the delegates will be selected with the view of careful consultation when they get together at Minneapolis, and that there, after comparing notes, they will do what is best. It would be a healthy thing for the party to have several presidential candidates."

It Means Harrison. CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Blaine's withdrawal is the political sensation of the hour. The members of the numerous Blaine clubs are much chagrined, but Harrison's supporters are jubilant. The leading Republicans of the state say that it certainly means Harrison's renomination at Minneapolis. Major Brockway, president of the Illinois Blaine club, says it means victory for Harrison. The Tribune, the Blaine organ of the north-

west, accepts the resignation as final and says it points unerringly to Harrison's renomination.

The Old Ticket. COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 9.—Governor McKinley believes in the old ticket, Harrison and Morton. He says it would be stronger than it was in 1888.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED

Wednesday, Feb. 3.

In a fight which grew out of a practical joke in a Chicago saloon Charles Maguire shot William Tagney and Andrew Gallagher. Tagney was killed and Gallagher, it is believed, is mortally wounded.

Of the eighteen men who drifted out to sea in the tug Webster and four scows of the New York street cleaning department all have been rescued. The last two were brought into Philadelphia last night.

Thursday, Feb. 4.

A mail wagon crossing from New York to Hoboken, N. J., was robbed of seven pouches of first class mail. No clew.

Governor Abbett has reappointed Mercer Beasley as chief justice of the New Jersey supreme court. Senator Werts was appointed associate justice. Both were confirmed.

An earthquake shock in Omaha caused a bank of earth to fall on the house of S. H. Green. The house was demolished, and Green, his wife and two children seriously injured.

Ex-Senator Ingalls, of Kansas, says the government has no need of a navy, that the Chilean affair was fomented by interested parties, and that the government has "no business to send war ships swaggering around the earth."

Friday, Feb. 5.

The president of the Louisiana Lottery company has issued a circular saying the company has suspended business.

James Odem, who went to Portland, Ark., and wantonly killed two negroes recently was shot and killed near Morell Station, Ark., by a sheriff's posse.

Britton Williams, the 14-year-old son of Deputy Sheriff J. A. Williams, of Bradyville, Tenn., was killed by being stabbed by a playmate named Willie Bryan.

While Richard Griffith and two laborers were robbing pillars in the mines at Upper Lehigh, Pa., a fall of rock occurred, burying Griffith beneath it. It took fifteen hours' hard work to recover the body.

Saturday, Feb. 6.

At a meeting in Dublin of the McCarthyite section of the Irish parliamentary party Mr. Justin McCarthy was re-elected president.

At New York Recorder Smyth sentenced James E. Minnaugh, the convicted murderer of Edward Moran, to die during the week beginning March 21.

The president has issued his proclamation promulgating a reciprocity treaty with the British West India colonies, Trinidad, Windward and Leeward islands, etc.

Samuel Southerland, who, with John McCann and Charles E. Waterbury, was arrested for kidnapping little 8-year-old Ward Waterbury, was held in \$5,000 bonds at Greenwich, Conn., to answer the charge in court.

The lord mayor of London, before whom Mrs. Florence Ethel Osborne, the English society woman, appeared to answer the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses from a London firm of jewelers, to whom she represented herself as the rightful owner of jewelry she stole from her friend, Mrs. Harreaves, discharged Mrs. Osborne from custody, the authorities refusing to prosecute. Mrs. Osborne was immediately arrested on a charge of perjury and held for trial.

Monday, Feb. 7.

Four of the anarchists of Xeres, Spain, will be executed on Wednesday.

Captain W. S. Schley has been detached from the command of the cruiser Baltimore and assigned to duty as inspector of the third lighthouse district, with headquarters at New York.

The Greek steamer Embirocos has gone ashore on one of the Scilly islands and ten of her crew perished. The captain, mate and engineer are among the missing. It was a 1,500 tonner.

The steamer Venezuela, from Venezuelan ports for New York, which went ashore on Brigantine shoals, near Atlantic City, on Friday, was floated yesterday morning in good condition. The passengers were taken to New York by rail.

United States Deputy Marshal Spurry reports a terrible tragedy which happened at a country dance near Gondoville, Putnam county, Tenn., as a result of which three persons, George White, his wife, Mrs. Mary White, and Sam Donelson were killed.

Tuesday, Feb. 9.

The President has granted a pardon in the case of John Eicher, convicted in Missouri of counterfeiting and sentenced in October last to one year's imprisonment.

A special from Moorhead, Minn., says that the Merchants' bank, of that city, closed its doors yesterday with \$175,000 on deposit, including considerable of the county funds.

The Duchess of Sparta, wife of Crown Prince Constantine, is suffering from influenza, but is progressing toward recovery. The Duchess of Sparta is Princess Sophie, of Prussia, sister of Kaiser Wilhelm.

The six story brick block on Main street, Springfield, Mass., occupied by the Birnie Paper company, was gutted by fire. The loss will reach nearly \$70,000, fully covered by insurance. While the firemen were on the third floor the roof crashed in, badly injuring Frank A. Sauer and W. E. Hosmer.

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MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter	5 4:39 a. m.	Third Quarter	20 7:15 p. m.
Full Moon	12 2:38 p. m.	New Moon	27 10:47 p. m.

The Argentine Elections. BUENOS AYRES, Feb. 9.—The provincial elections resulted in favor of the conciliation party desiring an agreement between Mitre and Roca, who have figured as presidential candidates. In some places the elections were marked by street riots. Several persons were killed and a number wounded.

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