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1 DIE IN HOTEL FIRE

PRINCIPAL HOSTELRY AT FORT WAYNE IN RUINS.

Chief of Police Fears Twenty Others Are Still in the Ruins—Thirteen Are Seriously Injured—Hotel Register Is Consumed by the Fire.

Fort Wayne, Ind., May 4.—Eleven known dead, many missing and thirteen seriously injured is the result of a fire that destroyed the new Aveline hotel, Fort Wayne's principal hostel, at an early hour. Chief of Police Amelbruch said he believed twenty bodies were still in the ruins.

The entire interior of the building is a smoldering heap of ruins, and how many dead are concealed by the debris can only be conjectured. The hotel register was consumed by the fire and there is no accurate means of determining who is missing.

The known dead are: R. S. Johnson of Iowa, Ill.; M. Hirsch of New York; J. B. Miller of Sheboygan, J. E. Ellis, salesman, Chicago; W. A. Pitcher, salesman, Fort Wayne; J. W. Deviney, salesman, Philadelphia; three unidentified men and one woman.

The known missing: Frank Baxter, attorney, Auburn, Ind.; E. B. Atty of Wabash, Charles Benjamin, salesman, Detroit; Mrs. Sarah Hathaway and companion of Mishawaka, Ind.; R. S. Trible of Daibert, Tex.

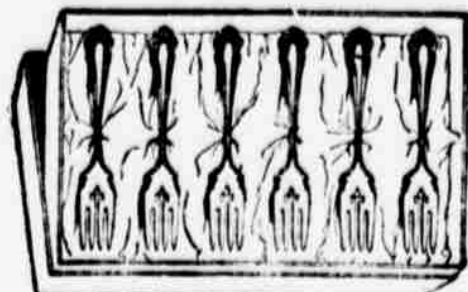
The complete destruction of the interior of the hotel makes the work of recovering bodies a difficult task. A confused heap of charred wood, bricks and twisted girders is piled up between the bare walls to the second story. Piece by piece this must be removed before the roll of the dead can be completed. Some of the bodies taken out are mangled and charred beyond recognition. Infantry company D and battery B of the National Guard are on duty and aiding the fire and police forces to clear away the debris.

Started in Early Morning.

The fire was discovered at 3:39 a. m. in the elevator shaft, by Night Clerk Ralph Hopkins. He rushed to the upper floors, alarming the guests until the flames, which had spread with appalling rapidity, drove him back. His efforts, however, saved many lives. The hotel was erected half a century ago and the woodwork was dry as tinder. It burned like matchwood and within a few minutes from the time the fire was discovered the whole interior of the hotel was a mass of flames that filled the corridors and rooms with suffocating clouds of smoke and laid fiery barriers across all means of escape, save by the windows. The fire department rescued many by means of ladders, but some, frenzied by the onward rush of the flames, leaped from high windows to the paved street. R. S. Johnson of Iowa, Ill., jumped from the fifth story, his body struck a balcony and bounding far into the street. He was a crushed and bleeding mass when picked up, and died a short time later at St. Joseph's hospital.

As the flames increased, men and women were seen in the windows of their rooms, where they wildly implored help. Those who got from

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their rooms before the flames cut off their retreat were able to make their way to the fire escapes, and so were saved with comparative ease. Soon the flames broke from the windows and curled about the fire escapes. Some of the more hardy ones braved the flames and made their way through smoke and fire down the iron stairways.

The Aveline hotel was a six-story building of brick, in the business center of the city. Its erection was begun in 1852, but it was not completed until several years later. In 1895 the building was extensively remodeled and two stories were added. The hotel and furnishings were valued at \$50,000.

SIX PERISH IN BROOKLYN FIRE

Police and Firemen Risk Lives in Work of Rescue.

New York, May 4.—An early morning fire in a four-story brick tenement at 17 Humboldt street, Brooklyn, caused the death of six persons and the serious injury of four others.

Every member of one family, consisting of a mother and four children, are among the dead. There were many thrilling rescues by police and firemen and it was due to their brave work that the death list was not larger. A half dozen or more persons who were trapped in the upper stories were saved by jumping into life nets. The financial loss is \$10,000. The dead are: Mrs. Dora Abrams and Sadie, Carrie, Anna and Charles Abrams; Mrs. Jennie Cohen.

Three Dead in Butte Wreck.

Butte, Mont., May 4.—George Ehle, fireman of the Burlington overland limited, the train which was dynamited by bandits near this city, is dead. This makes the third fatality of the wreck, the other two being Engineer

Charles Busby and Carl Ming, a driver. At the sheriff's office it was said that the authorities had obtained no clue as yet which might aid in tracing the men involved in the plot to blow up the train.

Known Dead Number Eight.

Chicago, May 4.—The finding of another body in the ruins of the Chicago Reduction company's plant at Thirty-ninth and Iron streets, which was wrecked by an explosion and fire, makes the list of known dead eight. The body was identified as that of William Lenze, a Welchman. One of the bodies previously recovered was believed to be that of Lenze.

Bryan Introduces Lecturer.

Lincoln, May 6.—Professor John U. Lloyd of Cincinnati delivered a lecture here last night, under the auspices of the Lincoln Medical college, on "An Evening in the Orient." He was introduced by William J. Bryan, who related their experiences in quarantine at Suez, two years ago this month. Mr. Bryan and Mr. Lloyd met at that time and were companions in forced exile for several days.

Kearney Can Advance 'Phone Rates.

Lincoln, May 5.—By a ruling of State Railway Commissioner Williams, the Kearney Independent Telephone company is permitted to advance its present rates of service. The ruling sets a precedent in that it is the first time such a concession has been granted since the commission assumed jurisdiction over the telephone lines.

Shoots Self Through Heart.

Harvard, Neb., May 5.—H. O. Fletcher, manager of the brokerage house of H. E. Gooch & Co. of Lincoln, is dead at his home here, as a result of a gunshot wound through the heart, thought to be self-inflicted. His wife found him dying on her return home. No cause is known.

L. H. Korty Resigns.

Omaha, May 2.—Louis H. Korty, for twenty-one years superintendent of telegraph for the Union Pacific system, has resigned on account of ill health. J. B. Sheldon, who has been manager of the headquarters' telegraph office, has been promoted to succeed Mr. Korty.

Spoiled Their Waltzing.

In her memoirs Mme. de Boigne gives some interesting glimpses of English social life. For instance, she writes:

"In 1816 no young English lady ventured to waltz. The Duke of Devonshire returned from a tour in Germany and observed one evening at a large ball that a woman was never seen to better advantage than when waltzing. I do not know whether he was anxious to play a trick, but he repeated this assertion several times. It was passed from mouth to mouth, and at the next ball all the young ladies were waltzing. The duke admired them greatly, said that it was delightful and gave proper animation to a ball. He then added carelessly that he, at any rate, had decided never to marry a lady who waltzed. It was to the Duchess of Richmond and at Carlton House that he saw fit to make this revelation. The poor duchess, the most clumsy of matchmaking mamma's, nearly fell off her chair with horror. She repeated the statement to her neighbors, who passed it on, and consternation spread from seat to seat. The young ladies continued to waltz with

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STATE OF NEBRASKA: In the County Court of Webster County (In the estate of Rachel K. Lewis, deceased).

Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims and demands against the estate of Rachel K. Lewis, late of Webster county, deceased, that the time fixed for filing claims against said estate is six months from the 15th day of May, 1909.

All such persons are required to present their claims, with the vouchers to the County Judge of said county, at his office therein, on or before the 15th day of November, 1908; and all claims so filed will be heard before the said judge on the 15th day of November, 1908, at one o'clock p. m.; and that the administrator is allowed one year from the 20th day of April, 1908, in which to pay the debts allowed against said estate and settle the same. I. W. Edgus, County Judge. (Seal.) E. U. Overman, attorney for estate. 12-29

INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM CURED IN 3 DAYS.

Morton L. Hill, of Lebanon, Ind., says: "My wife had inflammatory rheumatism in every muscle and joint; her suffering was terrible and her body and face were swollen almost beyond recognition; had been in bed six weeks and had eight physicians, but received no benefit until she tried Dr. DeChon's Relief for Rheumatism. It gave immediate relief and she was able to walk about in three days. I am sure it saved her life." Sold by H. E. Groat, Druggist, Red Cloud.

clear consciences. The old ladies were furious, but the unfortunate dance was concluded. Before the end of the evening the good Duchess of Richmond was able to announce that her daughters felt an objection to waltzing which no persuasion of hers could ever overcome. Some few girls of more independence continued to waltz, but the majority gave it up."

The best reading is what suits our temperament, mood or season of life. We leave Longfellow and Scott at sixteen, Byron at nineteen; Shelley and contemporary poets occupy us when we come of age, and subsequently we settle down to Wordsworth till we die.—London Outlook.

"St. Louis doctor sets sixty crazy women to shopping as a cure," she read from the paper.

"Suppose when they can shop all day without buying anything he'll regard them as cured," he commented. Her only rejoinder was a look of contempt.—Philadelphia Ledger.