

DEATH IN THE FIRE

New York Lodging House Inmates Lose Their Lives.

IT WAS A VERITABLE FIRE TRAP

Hallways Blocked by a Struggling Mass of Humanity—Injured Rescued by Firemen and Policemen—Little Loss of Life.

Five persons burned to death and three were injured shortly after 2 o'clock Sunday morning in a fire which occurred in a seven-story lodging house at 44 to 48 Bowery, New York. The dead are:

- Charles Battie, forty years old.
- John Clark, fifty years old.
- Edward Doyle, thirty-five years old.
- Henry Jackson, colored, thirty-five years old.
- One unidentified man, about fifty years old.

Stephen Carney, seventy-five years old, was burned about the body, face and hands, and is in a serious condition.

Martha Gallagher, fifty-three years old, was burned about the face and hands.

Edward Walker, forty-seven years old, was slightly burned.

The lodging house was cut up into 132 rooms and ninety of these small places were occupied when the fire broke out.

The hallways were instantly filled with a crowd of excited people. Policemen forced their way to the upper floors in an effort to rescue some of the helpless. They carried out Thomas Harper, a one-legged man, and Edward Walker. Stephen Carney was found lying on the floor in his room with his hands, face and body badly burned.

The firemen succeeded in putting out the flames without great loss to the building and then they began a search. The bodies of all five of the victims were found on the fifth floor.

The place was conducted by Dominico Milano, and was a cheap Bowery lodging house.

Stephen Carney died later at the hospital, bringing the list of dead up to six.

AN APPEAL IN ANY EVENT

Arguments in Kentucky Contest Concluded at Louisville.

After hearing argument by former Governor Bradley for the republicans and Zach Phelps for the democrats, Judge Field in the circuit court at Louisville, Ky., took under advisement the cases to determine the rights of the rival claimants to the offices of governor and lieutenant governor. An opinion is not expected for several days. When it is announced an appeal will be taken to the state court of appeals, which the democrats claim has final jurisdiction. The republicans, however, will try to get the case before the United States supreme court if the decision is against them.

KAISER MAY BE MEDIATOR

Regarded as Most Fitting Person to Play Part of Peacemaker.

The Paris Courier du Soir, which is usually regarded as an inspired organ touching political matters, states that there is reason to believe Emperor William is disposed to offer his services in favor of mediation in the Transvaal difficulty, knowing that he is no longer isolated, and all the powers recognize him as the most fitting sovereign to act as the part of peacemaker.

His telegram to the queen after the victory of Lord Roberts is believed to have been intended to pave the way for such a step.

May Lose His Eyesight.

James Rogers, a deaf and dumb boy, who resides with his sister, Mrs. J. A. Linford, near Smartville, Neb., is suffering from the effects of an accident that may cost him his eyesight. He was using some chemicals, preparatory to the finishing up of some kodak pictures, when a bottle containing nitric acid and other ingredients exploded in his face. His face was filled with the acid and small particles of glass.

Man Charged With Murder.

"Jack" McCrystal was arrested at Sioux City, Ia., charged with the murder of John Robson, a prominent pioneer citizen and bridge contractor, on the night of December 30. Robson was attacked with a hatchet while alone in his office. Motive for the crime is believed to have been robbery. McCrystal is a well known police court character.

Cochran Found Guilty.

In the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Herbert Cochran, charged with burglary at Fairmont, which has been on trial at Geneva, the jury rendered a verdict of guilty. An effort was made to show that Cochran was in Table Rock on the night the burglary was committed at Fairmont, but the alibi failed, and the court will pass sentence before adjournment.

Negotiating for a Port.

The London Standard says: "We believe that negotiations for England's acquisition of a port in Portuguese east Africa, giving easy access to Rhodesia are on foot and likely to succeed, in view of the turn the war has taken."

Receipts in Philippines.

The war department received a cabled statement showing that the total receipts from the Philippine islands for the month of February, 1904, was \$526,423, of which amount \$357,000 was received from custom sources.

DISPATCH FROM ROBERTS

Boers Are Leaving Stormberg Daily, So Gatacre Reports.

The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Osofontein, Sunday, March 4:

"General Cronje, on behalf of his party and Commandant Wolmarans, on behalf of 4,000 other prisoners, who have all now left Modder river, asked the British officers to thank me for the consideration and kindness with which they have been treated.

"General Clements reports that his advanced troops hold Achttertang and that railway communication would be opened to Joubert's siding today. The enemy is still in force at Norvalspont bridge.

"General Gatacre telegraphs that the number of Boers at Stormberg is daily diminishing.

"Colonel Baden-Powell reports that all was well at Mafeking on February 15 and that the enemy's activity was being met everywhere by equal activity on the part of the defenders.

"The position is unchanged at Osofontein, except that frequent heavy showers have materially improved grazing, to the benefit of the horses and transport animals."

PASSES THE 100,000 MARK

Topeka Capital Office Buried in a Mass of Mail.

At the close of business of the Capital counting room Saturday night, the subscriptions for the Sheldon edition, beginning with the issue of March 13, passed the 100,000 mark with a bushel basket full of letters unopened.

An express wagon hauled to the Capital office a load of letters which will require the services of a dozen extra clerks to open and put on the mailing list.

It was thought that the rush was only commenced.

This unique venture in a business way is surpassing the fondest dreams of the originators, and to handle it the Capital needs the facilities of the larger metropolitan daily newspaper in the United States.

Subscriptions are coming from every civilized quarter of the globe.

The Topeka postoffice is already clogged and Postmaster Guthrie has telegraphed to Washington twice for additional help.

MRS. STANFORD QUITE ILL

Contracts Had Cold and Her Condition Dangerous.

Mrs. Leland Stanford, widow of the late multimillionaire senator from California, is dangerously ill at the Fifth avenue hotel in New York. Ten days ago Mrs. Stanford contracted a cold while out driving and the next day was confined to her room.

The Ray Murder Trial.

The trial of George H. Ray for the murder of Frank Cheesman at Brownville in November, 1898, which was to have been called Thursday morning, was postponed until 7:30 in the evening on account of the snow blockade south of Auburn, that delayed the train on which was one of Ray's attorneys. A jury has been secured and testimony is being taken.

Three Children Burned.

John, Charles and Emma, aged respectively five, seven and nine, children of Charles Wenger, living eleven miles from Olympia, Wash., were burned to death. The parents were absent from home attending a dance. An elder child, aged 12, was badly burned while trying to rescue the others.

Newspaper Man Returns.

W. L. Morgan, a volunteer in the Philippines, who returned to Chadron, Neb., after mustering out, and went to Paris last fall on a visit to Consul General Gowdy, is again back in Chadron. He was not pleased with France nor the French people. While in Europe he was a special representative of a list of American papers.

Acquitted by the Jury.

The Carterville union miners who have been on trial for the past forty days at Vienna, Ill., charged with murdering five negro miners, were acquitted by the jury. Four other charges are pending against the white miners and the prosecuting attorney of Williamson county announces that he will try all of them.

Rubber Plant Closed.

The large rubber manufacturing plant of the L. Candee Rubber company at New Haven, Conn., has been closed and work will not be resumed until April 1. More than 1,250 employees are thrown out of work. Owing to the extremely mild winter orders have been unusually small and the factory has been running only five days a week.

Alleged Thief Located.

J. A. Gregory, the man charged with stealing a mule from E. D. Laughlin, living near Ashland, October 1, 1899, has been located in Iowa and a warrant was issued by the Saunders county, Nebraska, county court for his arrest. Governor Poynter will be asked for requisition papers and Gregory will be brought back for trial.

Car Barns Burn.

The car barns of the Cleveland, Berea, Elyria & Oberlin electric railway, located just west of Cleveland, were destroyed by fire. A dozen large suburban cars were burned. The loss will probably be between \$60,000 and \$70,000, covered by insurance.

Manage to Settle Strike.

A strike at the Montreal Cotton company's mill at Valleyfield, Quebec, by which 2,000 operatives were affected, has been settled, the men getting an advance of 5 per cent. Work was resumed Monday.

MAKES A STAND

Enemy Forces General Bates to do Some Fighting.

THE SOUTHERN LUZON IS INVADED

Occupies Nueva Caceres After a Single Engagement Fought at Close Quarters With Over a Hundred Insurgents Killed.

General Otis has cabled the following account of recent military operations in Luzon:

"Manila, March 5.—Bates, with two battalions of the Fortieth and Forty-fifth regiments and detachments of artillery engineers and signal corps, total 2,200 men, landed troops on the southeast, northwest and southern coasts of San Miguel bay, Camarines province, to move on Nueva Caceres, in three columns. The only strong opposition was encountered by Godwin and the battalion of his regiment at Kibmanan, northwest of Nueva Caceres. Goodwin's loss was Adjutant Gallaher, died of wounds, three enlisted men severely and five slightly wounded. The enemy left sixty-four dead on the field and many wounded, who were cared for by our medical officers.

Godwin captured a number of armed insurgents, eighteen Spanish prisoners, thirty rifles and considerable ammunition and property. Particulars of minor engagements of other columns not reported. Nueva Caceres was found practically deserted, inhabitants in mountains. Troops are now covering important points in the provinces of Camarines, Albay and Sorsogon. The navy rendered most valuable aid in landing troops and supplies.

On February 20 the expedition arrived at San Miguel bay, landed, and in three columns immediately pushed inland, converging upon Nueva Caceres, and attempting to control the enemy's routes to retreat. At Libanman, north of Nueva Caceres, the enemy was concealed in the rice field and resisted a battalion of the Fortieth regiment, which engaged them at close quarters with bayonets. After forty minutes' fighting the enemy fled and Libanman was occupied. The Americans buried sixty-four of the enemy, whose total loss in killed and wounded is estimated at 140.

From Libanman the expedition proceeded to Nueva Caceres, the grunboat Paragua arriving ten minutes ahead of the troops. The town was found practically deserted. The Americans, daily scouting in the vicinity, report that the enemy have retreated into the mountains. The insurgents around Legaspi and Albay, province of south Camarines, are harassing the Americans nightly. Foreigners doing business at Legaspi are living on ships in the harbor or in the American barracks.

TO OVERTHROW EMPRESS

One of the Leaders of the Revolutionary Party in America.

Leong Kay T'ing, one of the foremost Chinese reformers connected with the movement of Kang Yu Wei for the overthrow of the empress of China and the establishment of a new celestial empire, has arrived at Victoria, B. C. He is a brother of Leong Kay Chew, now at Honolulu looking after the interests of the revolutionary party, which is expected to come northward soon. Like his brother, the young reformer has been a fugitive from China since the notorious soap-detect of the empress dowager when Yang Yu fled to Japan. He says that although a posse of twenty-six has been sent by the empress to kill Yang Yu Wei, he has no fear, for he says he is well guarded. Kang Yu Wei went to Siam at the invitation of the king of that country to visit that monarch. The British government has furnished him a bodyguard.

MRS. WOLCOTT GAINS SUIT

Wife of Colorado Senator Granted a Divorce.

Before Judge Allen of the district court at Denver, Colo., Mrs. Francis M. Wolcott was granted an absolute divorce from Senator O. Wolcott on the ground of desertion. Senator Wolcott was not present, and no evidence was introduced for the defense.

Losses Three Hundred Sheep.

I. Griffith, a recent investor in sheep in Dawes county, Neb., has suffered the loss of nearly three hundred of his flock within a few weeks. They first packed up in a shed and smothered nearly two hundred to death. The next day they stampeded in a storm and a hundred were killed by coyotes. He is a new man in the business and the only man reported having lost sheep in that section.

Telegraph Line Cut.

A dispatch from Maseru, Basutoland, says: The telegraph line between Mafeking and Maseru was cut, a whole section being removed. It is believed this was the work of natives prompted or bribed by the Boers.

Husband Shoots His Wife.

William Chappel, aged thirty-six, of Steubenville, O., entered the house of Ella Miller, at Wheeling, W. Va., and fired four shots at his wife, Ethel, aged twenty-two, an inmate. Two shots took effect and the woman will probably die. Chappel was arrested.

Charged With Murder.

Jack McChrystal, charged with the murder of John E. Robson, was arraigned in police court at Sioux City, Ia., but took a change of venue to a justice court. McChrystal stoutly maintains that he is innocent.

COLLISION ON G. & I ROAD

Two Killed outright and Over Forty are Injured Mortally.

A miners' train, carrying 400 workmen employed at the mines north of Brazil, Ind., to their homes in the city, was run into by a local freight train on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad and the caboose and two cars were smashed to splinters. Melvin Easter and Charles Crompey were instantly killed and more than forty persons severely injured. Among those seriously hurt, many of whom will die, are: Thomas Barrowman, both legs broken.

Will Dodwell, injured internally.

William Lunsdon, arm broken, injured in chest.

Samuel Lynch, internal injuries.

John Dickson, back broken.

Thomas Davis, both arms broken.

John Little, arm broken.

William Vesper, internal injuries.

The wreck occurred in a deep cut in the center of a short curve. The railroad company at once sent a special train and brought the wounded to Brazil. They were placed in the waiting room of the depot.

Hundreds of women gathered at the depot and grasped their maimed and bleeding husbands and brothers in their arms when they were carried from the train.

The wreckage caught fire from an overturned stove and the men who were rescuing the wounded were forced to turn their attention to the fire to prevent those pinioned in the wreck from being cremated.

STOCK YARDS AT CHADRON

Company With Plenty of Capital Will Operate Them.

For some time Chadron citizens have had under consideration the establishment of sales yards at that place. The project is now sufficiently matured to indicate that the yards will be built within the next few days. The plan, under the management of W. R. Johnston and William McGannon, is to establish permanent yards for the selling of all kinds of young stock, but principally stock cattle, to accommodate stockmen of the adjacent country. While this will be an advantage to those having large herds, it will be especially beneficial to the owners of small herds for the reason that such parties can purchase just the number their means will permit or the circumstances warrant.

FATALITIES IN KENTUCKY

Two Men Killed in One County in One Night.

Millard Hughes was murdered and Henry Blevins and others were injured at a dance in Smallwood's resort, near East Bernstadt, a Kentucky mining town. During the dance Leonard Smallwood, Hamp Gragg and others attacked Millard Hughes on account of an old grudge. During the fusillade Hughes and other were hit with stray shots. Today Leonard Smallwood and Hamp Gragg were arrested as principals, and Edward Smallwood, father of Leonard, and his daughter Lizzie, as accomplices.

Poisoned by Eating Cheese.

Dr. S. A. Sammons was hastily called to the home of H. J. Lammers at West Point, Neb., to ascertain the cause of the serious illness of the family. It was found to be case of poisoning. Dr. Sammons called medical assistance and the two doctors quickly got to work with stomach pumps and were kept busy the greater part of the night. When Mr. Lammers was able to be questioned it was found that the family had eaten brick cheese, which is supposed to be the cause of the poisoning. The cheese was purchased from one of the local merchants. The family is now thought to be out of danger.

To Repeal Duties on Paper.

Representative Devries, of California, has introduced a joint resolution for the repeal of duties on white or printing paper and the material from which it is made and directing the attorney general to enforce the anti-trust law against those maintaining a monopoly in such paper and material.

Forty Thousand to Oppose Roberts.

Spenser Wilkinson, in the London Morning Post, merely reviews the small events announced in the dispatches from the front and expressed the opinion that the Boers cannot place more than 40,000 to oppose Lord Roberts except by a complete abandonment of Natal.

Prisoners Make a Break.

It is reported that the Boer prisoners, while on the way from Paardeberg, unsuccessfully attempted to escape from the train. Eleven hundred of Cronje's men have been placed temporarily on board the British steamers, Mongolian and Manila, in Table bay.

Ordered to Manila.

Col. C. C. Carr of the Fifth United States cavalry was a passenger by the steamer Ponce which arrived at New York from Puerto Rico. Colonel Carr has been ordered to Manila.

Will March Through Zululand.

A number of horses have been sent into Zululand with the object of marching the British force through Zululand and intercepting the Boers north of Biggarsberg. A complete system of heliographic communication is established between Weenan and Eshowe.

Fell on Ice Pavement.

At Beatrice Mrs. Nancy J. Cruncheon slipped and fell as she stepped on the icy porch at her home, sustaining a broken collar bone. Lynus Knight fell and was badly hurt.

MORE THAN 50 DEAD

Awful Calamity in a West Virginia Mine.

EXPLOSION COMES WITHOUT WARNING

Very Worst in the State's History—Forty-five are Yet Entombed Slight Hope of Rescuing Any of Them Alive—Relief Prompt.

A dispatch from Fire Creek, W. Va., dated March 6, says the most disastrous mine explosion ever known in the New River district occurred at the Red Ash mine shortly after the miners went to work. Although the most heroic work of the rescuing party has been going on incessantly all day it is impossible tonight to estimate the full extent of the loss of life and property. More than fifty dead bodies have already been taken out and the number of the dead may reach seventy-five or more. It is thought tonight that at least forty-five miners are yet entombed in the wrecked mine.

The Red Ash mine is a large drift and the explosion occurred near the entrance, which was thus closed by the falling slate, entombing a large number of miners.

The scene of the disaster is between this place and Thermoind, on the south branch of the Chesapeake & Ohio railway, and every assistance possible was rendered by the railway company and the adjoining mining towns. Relief parties from great distances arrived as soon as possible.

J. Fred Edinger, the owner, and his manager, Fred Howell, spared no effort in the work of rescue.

The scenes around the entrance to the mine were beyond description. The wives and children and the neighbors of those who were known to be entombed were there in full force and their anxiety and distress was most intense.

At a late hour the most reliable estimate puts the list of victims at 125.

The general belief is that the explosion occurred by contact with dust when the miners entered in the morning with their lamps, and that it was not fire damp as had been currently reported. Nearly all the men employed in the mine were white, only about one-fifth being colored, and most of the men were married and had families.

MANY STOCKMEN INJURED

Two Illinois Central Freight Train Collide Near Chicago.

Twenty stockmen and railroad employees were injured, two probably fatally, in a collision between two Illinois Central freight trains near Broadview, a few miles out of Chicago.

The two trains had been running about a mile apart. While climbing a long grade a coupling pin in the middle of the head train broke. The rear section of the broken train immediately started down the back grade and struck the engine of the oncoming freight train with a terrific crash.

Both trains were on the way to Chicago from Western, Ia., and were made up mostly of loaded stock cars, with a caboose and passenger coach for the stockmen.

The caboose telescoped the coach and pinned a number of the passengers in the debris. Fire added to the peril of the situation, but happily no one was burned.

HE GETS TEN YEARS.

George Ray Pleads Guilty to Manslaughter at Auburn.

In the district court at Auburn, Neb., Judge Stull passed sentence upon Geo. H. Ray who was tried at this term for the killing of Frank Cheesman at Brownville, during the month of November, 1898. Counsel for plaintiff and defendant mutually agreed that the defendant might plead guilty to the charge of manslaughter, which he did. The court passed the sentence, giving Ray ten years in the penitentiary at hard labor. The result of the trial gives general satisfaction.

Bank Building Burns.

The State bank building at Indianola, Neb., was completely destroyed by fire. The loss of the bank is fully covered by insurance, and it will rebuild immediately. The loss will not interfere with the business of the bank.

The fire started in the Reporter office in the bank building. The bank and fixtures are nearly a total loss. Dr. McKee's loss is \$600, insurance \$200; Reporter loss, \$800, insurance \$500; S. R. Smith, \$600, no insurance.

Zaza May Be Suppressed.

The police of Cleveland, Ohio, received instructions to attend the performance of "Zaza," at the Euclid avenue opera house, by Mrs. Leslie Carter, for the purpose of securing evidence as to its morality. Mrs. Carter did not appear, however, and it is thought her engagement will not be finished. It was announced that she was suffering from an affection of the throat.

Diaz to Visit Exposition.

Minister Mariscal, Mexican secretary of foreign affairs, through United States Ambassador Powell Clayton has transmitted President Diaz's acceptance of the invitation extended by the Pan-American Exposition company to participate in the exposition of 1901 at Buffalo.

Stricken With Paralysis.

Erick Shortrom, a pioneer of Stromsburg, Neb., was stricken with paralysis and is in a dangerous condition with little hope of recovery.

FERVID RELIGIOUS APPEAL

Kruger Calls On Soldiers to Stand Fast and Invokes Divine Guidance.

A special from Lourenzo Marques, dated March 4, says: Persistent reports continue that the Transvaal republic has opened negotiations looking to the securing of peace. On the other hand it is asserted the Boers will make a stand at Glencoe and Laing's nek and that in the meantime entrenchments at Pretoria are being extended in anticipation of a siege. A conference between the Boer presidents, it is added, and the general commanding the Boers in Northern Natal was hurriedly arranged on receipt of the news of General Cronje's surrender. Until Thursday night official confirmation of the surrender was withheld from the public. President Kruger sent a fervid religious appeal, with orders that it should be read by all the officers of the burghers, urging them to stand fast and strive in the name of the Lord, for unless they had faith in Him, cowardice would set in and their position would be hopeless the moment they turned their backs on the enemy. The past victories, he declared, showed that the Lord was on their side. The president beseeched the burghers not to bring destruction on their progeny.

Continuing the special says that a high authority in Bloemfontein declares that in the event of a repulse of the Free State forces the letter will retire towards the Transvaal and unite with their brethren there, maintaining the struggle to the last.

A MYSTERIOUS ROBBERY

Much Money Missing, But the Method Not Understood.

When Cashier Wier opened the vault of the Farmers bank at Farmington, Ia., Monday morning, he discovered that it had been rifled of a portion of its contents. The lock showed no sign of having been tampered with, and the door to the bank was locked as usual. It is claimed that nearly \$17,000 was secured by the robbers, but E. D. Barr, one of the directors, said tonight that the sum taken amounted to but \$1,700. Cashier Wier left the bank at 3:30 Saturday afternoon to spend Sunday at Eldon. President Lightfoot and Director Barr left an hour later, after after closing the vault and setting the time lock for 5 o'clock Monday morning. There is no clue to the thieves, although suspicious characters who left here Sunday are being hunted for. No suspicion rests on the cashier.

MAYOR MOORES RE-ELECTED

Has a Majority of at Least One Thousand Strong.

A dispatch from Omaha says: After a hard fought battle Frank E. Moores has been elected mayor of Omaha by a handsome majority. Moores carried eight out of the nine wards in the city by a majority ranging from eight in the Second to 559 in the Third. The Seventh gave thirty-nine majority for Poppleton, making Moores' majority in the city 4,069. At 2 o'clock Wednesday morning complete figures on the balance of the ticket are not obtainable, but the entire republican ticket is probably elected. The republicans have elected seven of the nine councilmen sure, and possibly the entire nine.

Kills Himself.

Prof. E. L. Harvey of the university of Maine shot and killed himself at his home in Orono, Me. He had been suffering from mental troubles, resulting from overwork. Mr. Harvey was professor of natural history and etymology. He was about sixty years old and a native of Ithaca, N. Y. He was at one time president of the Iowa agricultural college, and was later connected with Humboldt college, Iowa, and the Arkansas industrial university.

Cole Indicted.

Charles R. Cole, formerly president of the defunct Globe National bank of Boston, was indicted on twenty-five counts by the grand jury in the United States district court before Judge Lowell. Sixteen of the counts are for false entries on the books of the bank and nine counts are for misapplication of funds. The case is set for trial during the first week of April. The amount of Cole's alleged misappropriation is \$1,067,270.

Stuck to the Goebel Law.

The Kentucky house by a party vote killed the bill introduced by Representative Haswell (republican) which proposed to repeal the Goebel election law and to substitute for it the law in force at the time of its passage and under which the election machinery was in the hands of the county judges.

Cleveland Able to Travel.

Ex-President and Mrs. Grover Cleveland left Princeton Wednesday for New York, where Mr. Cleveland will join E. C. Benedict and Daniel S. Lamont, with whom he will start for Florida on a three-weeks' fishing trip along the Florida coast.

Two Brothers Killed in Philippines.

Lieutenant E. F. Koehler of the Ninth infantry, killed near Tarlac recently, was a brother of B. Koehler of Geneva, Neb., and A. Koehler, who was buried there ten days ago.

A woman supposed to be Miss Laura Larson of Denver, Colo., or Given, Iowa, took a large quantity of wood alcohol on an east-bound Rock Island train out of Lincoln and was taken from the train at Omaha in a dying condition. She was removed to the Omaha police station, where she died.

Prof. Bernard Moses of the University of California has had a conference with the president. Mr. McKinley tendered him the vacant place in the new Philippine commission and Mr. Moses accepted it.