

THE BROOKLYN FIRE.

One Hundred and Twenty three Children Missing.

Heart Rending Scenes at the Burning Orphanage.

A Woman on the Roof Perishes in the Flames.

Tons of Ruins Still Conceal the Facts.

Twelve Bodies Recovered from the Burned Asylum.

No Means on the Premises to Protect the Buildings from Fire—Mansard Roofs Condemned.

THE GRIFAN CREMATORY.

New York, December 19.—The Brooklyn Eagle extra states that the fire marshal reports twelve bodies found up to 8 o'clock this morning among the ruins of St. John's home for children.

Workmen are still searching in the debris. The bodies were found so charred that identification is almost impossible.

It is believed that most of the children who perished were in the ill-fated Jeanne ward. The bodies of nine boys and two grown persons were found in the ruins of the laundry.

The adults were not known. The sisters are unwilling to give interviews. The list of those rescued has not come up to the full number.

This is explained by the statement that the children may have been cared for in private families and will soon turn up. Last night only one child was said to be missing.

This morning a dozen bodies were found. There was a very large water hydrant in the yard with four feet of water in it.

Chief Engineer Nevins, now in charge of the fire department, has been ordered to have mansard roofs condemned at once as death traps.

While the fire was in progress, a boy and a woman were seen in the flames.

The bystanders yelled to the firemen to keep her courage up. She looked to the building as if fascinated by the fire, and unwilling to stir the flames.

She suddenly threw herself into the flames and with a cry of agony she fell backward into the blazing mass. It is yet absolutely impossible to tell where the body of the woman can be found.

In station houses, car stables and private homes the waifs found shelter. Late this afternoon the list of children was made up. One hundred and twenty-three were unaccounted for.

While it may turn out that not one of these is among the missing, the fact remains that the flames burned, warped iron and fallen bricks yet to be removed may entomb many more corpses than have been recovered.

The bodies of the children were found in the ruins of the building. In addition to these there had been committed by the fire, and the parents were either unable or unwilling to properly care for them.

Boys forming the most numerous class, and the little fellows, many of whom are also known to have perished. Diggers this morning found the charred remains of a small group of boys who appeared huddled together just before their cries for help had been stifled in death.

In the dormitory just over the laundry were six sick boys, all of whom it was believed were saved. At a later hour this morning three more bodies were found and shortly after nine two more, but the agencies were not able to identify them.

The police have found many and are continuing to search for more. The citizens have taken charge of some. Loss, \$250,000; little saved. The diggers are still at work.

THE CHANK AND THE PARROT.

CALLING ON THE PRESIDENT-ELECT WITH A BISHOP THAT "SHEIKED" "BURN THIS LETTER."

ALBANY, N. Y., December 19.—Mr. Cleveland has not yet definitely decided where he will spend January and February. It is not expected that the constant stream of visitors will grow any smaller as the 4th of March draws nearer, and after giving up the executive chamber there is a question where the president-elect will be able to meet his numerous callers.

It is felt that the privacy of the executive mansion should not be invaded by these hundreds of callers.

Another patriotic crank with a present for Governor Cleveland came to the front yesterday. His scheme was not so much to get into the good graces of the president-elect as to secure a paying advertisement for himself at small cost.

But the aggressive-eyed, red-headed boy at the door blocked his little game, even before he had time to send in his card to one of the executive's clerks and went away swearing that the democratic party was not what it used to be.

The long afternoon just of the executive chamber was filled with the net rows of expectant visitors anxiously waiting for the president-elect to receive them, when the gentleman with the scheme in his head and a parrot on his hand came in. He placed the parrot on the table and went to tell the red-headed boy of the vice president he had brought the goose for the chief, led to present his own words, and to show his true democratic principles, started the waiting callers by shrieking the old refrain: "Burn—

RAILROAD RACKET.

A Gigantic Scheme to Reduce Railroad Men's Wages.

A Plan to Reduce Their Wages Ten Per Cent.

On All of Jay Gould's Lines of Road.

Engineers, Firemen and Auxiliary Employes Aimed At.

The Transcontinental Association Conclude Their Labors.

The Illinois Railway Commission—A Meeting of the Chicago Rate Committee.

REDUCTION SCHEME.

Special Telegram to The Bee.

CHICAGO, December 19.—A special from Dallas, Tex., outlines a most gigantic combination for the reduction of wages ever known in history.

It contemplates no less than taking 10 per cent from the wages of every railway employe in the United States. The object is understood to be a concerted action of railway magnates to stem the tide of depression in stocks by the closest retrenchment, with a view to greatly improve the showing in their next reports.

As the great railway art rises are really the pulse of the country, the belief is that a good show of net earnings three months hence will do very much toward restoring confidence, which is recognized as about the only element now lacking to bring about a return of good times.

But as the temper of the labor market is such as to make the feasibility of a wholesale reduction very problematical, it has been determined to put out a feeler in such a way that if successful it will pave the way to a general cutting, and if not successful to allow of a gradual retrenchment thus avoiding disasters which would send stocks still lower, if indeed it should not precipitate a financial panic of great proportions.

The Chicago Elevation Frauds.

CHICAGO, December 19.—Judge Blodgett, of the United States district court, postponed the hearing of the arguments to quash the indictments against the persons charged with the Eighteenth ward election frauds, until next Wednesday.

IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES.

The Chicago Times will say to-morrow that Arthur Gleason will give information in respect to election frauds in the second ward of the Eighteenth ward which the grand jury had been investigating and that the facts within Gleason's knowledge are now in possession of United States District Attorney Tullih.

Gleason is an employe in the county clerk's office where the ballots were counted and where the inspectors are under indictment for complicity in the job.

A NEW RAILROAD.

THE CHICAGO, FREMONT AND SAINT PAUL. MADISON, Wis., December 19.—A mortgage was filed in the secretary of state's office to-day by W. O. Wright, of Fremont, to the Chicago and North Western Railway Company, for a loan of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of building a new line from Chicago to St. Paul.

The Chicago and North Western Railway Company, to be used for the construction and equipment of a new line from Chicago to St. Paul, extending from Chicago to Minneapolis, a distance of four hundred miles, the road to be completed within the coming year.

A New York Charnel House.

NEW YORK, December 19.—An anonymous correspondent wrote to the sanitary board quarters that there was a small graveyard in the loft of a house at No. 11 West Third street. Heaps of mouldering skulls and bones have been there for years and no one knows anything about them.

The writer asks the authorities and asks how they got there. Investigation proved the story to be true and the matter was turned over to the police. All sorts of rumors are current as to how the bones came to the loft, but no reliable information can be had.

Michigan Poor House Cremated.

DETROIT, Mich., December 19.—The Lapeer county poor house burned last night. Thirty-seven inmates were turned out in their night clothing. One insane woman, Bertha Rockwell, dashed back into the building and was burned to death. Another woman ran two miles before she was recaptured. She was badly frozen but may recover. The thermometer was below zero. Loss, about \$6,000. The inmates are scattered among the farmers.

The Weather.

ST. LOUIS, December 19.—The cold weather here still continues, the mercury being below zero this morning. Weather more moderate to-day. The Mississippi river is full of heavy floating ice all the way north of here and as far south as Cape Girardeau.

BERLIN, Iowa, December 19.—Yesterday and this morning the temperature stood 10 below zero in the most exposed places; at noon 9 below. The river closed at this point last night.

Death of Mrs. Rebecca A. Edwards.

ST. PAUL, December 19.—Mrs. Rebecca A. Edwards, wife of G. W. Edwards, formerly editor of the Burlington Hawkeye, and Mrs. Pleasant, Iowa Journal, died at Duluth yesterday. The family of the deceased passed through this city to-day with the remains, en route to Mt. Pleasant where she will be buried.

Entered to be Hung.

MARSHALL, Texas, December 19.—Anthony Walker, colored, was to-day sentenced to hang on the 23rd day of January next for the murder of William Henry, white. Walker appealed for charity to his wife and six children, and passed his hat around the court room himself and collected \$6.

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