

WAS A REGULAR FIRE TRAP

The Printers Had Often Warned the Tribune People.

IGOE'S LAST "GOOD NIGHT."

The Telegraph Operator Sits at the Southerly Hill Retreat is Too Late—About Twenty Lives Supposed to be Lost.

Removes That Aired the Spectators. MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 1.—Four smoke-blackened walls towering up above a steaming, scolding mass of machinery, brick and building debris, is all that remains of the eight-story brick Tribune building, in which, until today, had been printed three daily and a weekly paper, and where was located a number of offices.

At 10 o'clock a constantly changing and ever-increasing crowd of spectators thronged the streets, watching the efforts of the firemen to entirely subdue the flames, which they brought under control about 3 o'clock this morning.

The building had been considered dangerous for some time, its loose construction permitting the heavy machinery to jar the whole building. There was but one fire escape, and that was at the end of the building where the fire raged furthest. The single stairway was spiral narrow and dark and wound around the elevator shaft.

Three years ago the inadequate fire protection of the building was considerably criticized, the matter being taken up by the trades and labor assembly, and earnestly to the city officials, an attempt being made to have the building properly protected or condemned, but nothing came of it. For some time the Union League club room, where the fire started, has not been used, and its origin is a mystery. The room is close to the elevator shaft and the breaking of a window in the effort to extinguish the flames gave a draft which quickly carried the fire to the elevator and cut off the escape of those who had delayed. A few broke through the stifling smoke and scorching flames, but others sought to escape elsewhere.

Being at the south end of the building, the fire soon reached the west end, north end, the printers were cut off. A number of them climbed out of the windows and clinging to the ledges waiting for help, which in several cases came too late. The pitiful cries attracted the attention of the firemen, and a number of them were saved, while others fell off the ledges, some on the telegraph and telephone wires down, which they tried to escape.

The sight of the sufferings of the burning, smoldering men brought tears to the eyes of the bravest.

One of the most pathetic incidents was the attempt of James Jones to escape. He had got clear of the burning and was gradually working his way along the wires to a place of safety, while the crowd below anxiously watched his progress. He was in the middle of the wires when he slipped and fell, and four little ones tried to help him, but his strength failed, and a groan went up from the crowd, as he was seen to slip and fall from the roof of the building, receiving fatal injuries. He was lifted gently and taken to a drug store but died a few moments, breathing a last word of loving care for his family.

Seven bodies were found last night, all of which have been identified. They were: James F. Miles, associated press operator; Walter E. Giles, night agent of the Associated Press; W. H. Millman, commercial editor of the Tribune; Jerry Jenkinson and Robert McCutcheon, compositors.

Others whose names are known to be in the building but how many is unknown.

Two men who could not be identified were seen to shoot themselves before the flames reached the ground today. One was a man caught in the ruins in plain view from Fourth street. It is believed that the number of victims was twenty, and perhaps twenty-five, but until the bodies of all the positive information cannot be obtained.

The last man of the Tribune editorial staff to leave the building today was Editor Williams. He was badly burned about the head and hands. Mr. Williams says the following statement of how several of those named above lost their lives. He and Millman, together with a number of printers started down the fire escape. A blast of hot smoke and flame struck them and they fell. Mr. Williams and Millman and fell, knowing Miles off. Both fell to the sixth floor, where they struck and knocked out the fire escape. The four men in falling struck against the lower platform of the escape and bounded away from the building and were down when they fell to the ground. Mr. Williams and Millman were on the ladder the fire was burning his hair and hands and he narrowly escaped the fate of those who fell. The printers on the ladder escaped with slight burns. Miles and Jenkins sought to escape by the wires. McCutcheon jumped from a window ledge for an extension ladder. He was killed and fell to the pavement. A man was stretched to catch him, but he was too heavy for it, and striking the ground he was fatally injured. As learned nine of those in the building were quite seriously burned or bruised in escaping, but it is not thought their injuries are dangerous.

REPEATEDLY WARNED. Minneapolis Typographical union, No. 42, this afternoon adopted resolutions stating that the reports of the Tribune and Journal chapels show that committees had been repeatedly appointed to confer with A. Nettleton, fire department, who manifested a desire to have the building and its contents removed from that body having long earnestly with Nettleton, but all its efforts failed.

The position in which the only fire escape on the building was placed rendered it practically useless, and a prominent member of the fire department has said that he had been trying for three months to have an additional fire escape placed on the building. "We most severely condemn those whose duty it was to place a second fire escape on the corner of the building for not so doing, and in our judgment this is a proper subject for the corner to be investigated and the blame placed on the shoulders of those who were responsible for the fire."

Anton J. Dahl, a bookbinder, was on an upper floor, and it is believed he is among the lost. The elevator man, who manifested a desire to have the building and its contents removed from that body having long earnestly with Nettleton, but all its efforts failed.

Chief Stationer of the fire department lays the blame for the loss of the Tribune and its contents on the shoulders of those who were responsible for the fire. He says the department did all that was possible.

The elevator man, whose brave attempts to bring down the occupants of the upper floors while the elevator shaft was on fire have been generally commended, says he thinks that some of the men who were on the eighth floor when the fire broke out, and who were rescued by the elevator a few minutes before the fire broke out, and he says they did not come down as they should have.

The financial loss by the fire has been considerably reduced from last night's estimates, and it is thought that it will not exceed \$500,000.

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SECRETARY NOBLE'S REPORT

Recommendations of the Interior Department to Congress.

THE BUSINESS OF UNCLE SAM.

General Land Office Affairs—The Eleventh Census—Railroad Land Grants—The Indians—The Pension Bureau—Irrigation.

Noble's Report. WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The report of the secretary of the interior is very exhaustive. It first treats of the opening of Oklahoma; the successful negotiation of a treaty with the Sioux Indians in Dakota and the advent into the union of the four new states—North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Wyoming.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE. With reference to the general land office for 1889, the following table with reference to patents issued is given:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes Agricultural patents, Mineral patents, Coal patents, Railroad patents, etc.

There can be found in the commissioner's report tables assigning these different selections to the proper states and territories in which they are made.

The fiscal entries made during the year covered 3,985,522 acres; the original entries, 3,828,108 acres; the total, 7,813,630 acres. The number of final entries was 2,073,414. The number of final entries was 2,073,414.

There remained pending in the office on the 30th of June, 1889, 150,015 final entries of original entries of all classes then pending 25,444,251.61 acres (an increase over the amount pending at the beginning of the year 1888) and 1,000,000 acres of land not included 304,956.67 acres of Oregon wagon road selections. Swamp selections of various states covering over 2,000,000 acres were pending, and selections of 1,000,000 acres of improvement selections covering 1,975,472.88 acres.

The cash receipts for the year, from all sources, were \$9,984,991.34, a decrease as compared with the previous year of \$3,801,295.08. This decrease, the commissioner explains, was due mainly to the falling off in cash entries.

IRRIGATION. The estimates for pensions made for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1889, were not only inadequate but also impracticable, so that when recommended to congress, the estimates for the previous year were \$80,000,000. It was found that the estimates for 1889 were \$100,000,000, and it was estimated that the original eight millions would not be enough to meet the obligations accruing before the end of the fiscal year.

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For the purpose of investigating the extent to which the arid regions of the United States are affected by irrigation, the secretary of the interior has directed the geological survey to make a study of the practicability of constructing reservoirs for the storage of water in the arid regions of the United States and to report to congress. Afterward, upon such report, the secretary in the act approved October 2, 1888, making appropriations for the sundry civil expenses of the department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1889.

THE CLEARANCE RECORD. Financial Transactions of the Country For the Past Week. BOSTON, Dec. 1.—(Special Telegram to The Herald.)—The following table, compiled from special dispatches to the Boston Post from the managers of leading clearing houses of the United States and Canada, shows the results of the business for the week ending November 30, with the percentage of increase and decrease, as compared with the corresponding week in 1888.

Table with 3 columns: City, Clearings, and Percent. Lists cities like New York, Boston, Chicago, St. Louis, etc., with their respective clearing amounts and percentage changes.

CHINA HORRORS. An American Ship Wrecked—A Great Typhoon—A Village Burned. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 1.—The steamship Gaelic, which arrived from China and Japan today, brings the news that the American ship Chesborough was wrecked October 30 by running on a rock off Suifu-Hiro and minutes of her crew drowned.

On October 26 at Kaidamkhan, in Nuginia, three-fourths of the village was destroyed by fire. Three children were burned to death and 180 houses destroyed.

THE WEATHER FORECAST. For Omaha and vicinity: Fair, followed by rain. For Nebraska and Iowa: Fair, followed by light rain or snow, slightly cooler except in extreme eastern portion of Iowa, stationary temperature, variable winds.

Alderman Stone Found. WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 1.—Alderman Stone, prominent business man who disappeared mysteriously some time ago, has been found by his son near Fort Scott, Kan. Stone has been in ill health for some time, and it now appears that he had become suddenly insane and wandered away. For the past three months he led the life of a tramp.

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