

IN A FIERY SHROUD.

Awful Holocaust at the Home of Secretary Tracy.

WIFE AND DAUGHTER PERISH.

The Body of the Young Lady Completely Incinerated.

HER MOTHER STIFLED BY SMOKE.

Death Results a Few Moments After Her Rescue.

MR. TRACY'S NARROW ESCAPE.

He is Taken from the Building in an Unconscious Condition, but is now Believed to be Recovering.

A Terrible Calamity.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—A terrible calamity visited the household of Secretary of the Navy Tracy this morning whereby three persons—Mrs. Tracy, wife of the secretary, his daughter Marie, and a French maid—lost their lives and three others were badly burned. The house is a three story and basement brick situated on I street between Connecticut avenue and Seventeenth street, and has recently undergone extensive improvements.

Persons passing the house at 7 o'clock this morning saw smoke issuing from the front windows, and at once raised the alarm of fire. The fire and police department responded promptly. The premises were almost completely concealed by the dense smoke, which was thickened by a heavy fog which was just lifting.

It was soon discovered that the house was all ablaze inside, and that the main stairway was burnt, thus cutting off communication with the sleeping apartments on the second and third floors. Several streams of water were thrown on the flames, and every effort was made to check the fire.

A scene of the wildest confusion ensued when it was known that all the members of the family were in the house. The fireman behaved like heroes in the emergency, and went through fire and smoke searching for them in the different apartments.

Mrs. Winlerding, the secretary's daughter, and Miss Winlerding forced their way through the blinding smoke and jumped from the second-story front window. Ladders were stretched for them, but in their excitement they failed to see them. Mrs. Winlerding lost her wrist and was severely injured. Her daughter was badly injured about the lower limbs, but broke no bones. They suffered severely from the shock. They were at once taken to the residence of Dr. Baxter, near by, and restoratives applied.

Mrs. Tracy endeavored to escape the raging element by crawling through her front window, and in an effort to decrease the distance to the ground grasped the narrow window sill and lowered herself as far as she was able. Those who saw her in her perilous position shouted to hold on, but either she did not hear or her strength failed her, for after thus hanging a moment between life and death she fell forty feet into the roadway below.

Anything could be done towards rescuing her or relieving her fall. She was immediately taken to the house of neighbor Dr. H. H. H. and placed upon a lounge in the sitting room. She was perfectly unconscious, and did not seem to suffer any pain. Occasionally she complained of oppression in the neighborhood of her heart, and found difficulty in breathing. She talked a while, coughed slightly, and then became silent. Physicians looked at each other significantly—Mrs. Tracy died. The immediate cause of her death was supposed to be from injuries to her heart, sustained in the fall from the window, which flooded her lungs with blood. It is said that had she delayed her movements a couple of minutes, ladders and mattresses and other means of safety could have been at hand. Her body was soon removed to the residence of Attorney General Miller, on Massachusetts avenue.

Almost at the same time two ladies were taken from the burning building. One was the secretary's daughter, Miss Marie, a young lady, and the other was that of a French maid, Josephine. The former was found by Chief Parish lying on the floor in the second story hall, at the head of the stairs. She had evidently died from suffocation. The chief lifted the lifeless body in his arms, and although the staircase was ablaze, he brought it out into the street. It is said that Miss Tracy could have saved herself if her strength had held out a few minutes longer.

Of the French maid little is known, save that her dead body was found in a room on the top floor of the house, burned beyond recognition.

Both the bodies of Miss Tracy and the maid were taken to an undertaker's establishment in the vicinity.

Secretary Tracy himself had a most wonderful escape and is now lying in a somewhat precarious condition at the residence of Judge Davis. Like the others, he was overcome in his sleep by the smoke which filled the house and rendered him unconscious.

He was discovered in this condition and with considerable difficulty was removed to one of the bedrooms. One of the ladies who were quickly answered, and many willing hands were raised to assist him to the ground. He was at once removed to a neighbor's house and was soon surrounded by physicians. The doctors applied artificial means to induce respiration and succeeded, after an hour's work, in restoring him to semi-consciousness. It was then thought safe to remove him to Judge Davis' house. He improved slowly from this time, and soon regained consciousness, recognizing friends who called to inquire in regard to his condition. Among the first of these were the president, vice president and several members of the cabinet. The full extent of his terrible affliction is withheld from him for the present. His first inquiry upon recovering consciousness was in regard to the safety of his family. He gradually gained in strength, and his friends are sanguine of his complete recovery.

The walls of the house are standing, but the interior presents a picture of ruin and desolation. The residence of Judge Cox of the district supreme court, on the left, was badly damaged by water.

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REPUBLICANS ON THEIR GUARD.

Considerable Difference of Opinion as to the Proper Time for Electing a United States Senator.

The Iowa Legislative Situation.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 3.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—There is talk tonight that the democrats may spring tomorrow a double proposition in the house and ask the republicans to take their choice. This proposition, it is reported, will be to the effect that whichever side has the permanent speaker shall not have the committee on the suppression of intemperance. They will suggest a fair division of the offices and committees, with the speakership on one side and the temperance committee on the other, and try to put the republicans in the attitude of going back on prohibition or else surrender the speakership. It is a very shrewd scheme, if they really have it in mind. Leading republicans were asked tonight what they would do in that case and they say that they would insist that all such propositions must be submitted through the regular channels—that is, by a conference committee. They will not consider or discuss on the floor of the house any proposition of that kind without its previous consideration in conference.

The only other subject of interest discussed tonight in the senatorial matter. Tomorrow the Iowa legislature will convene in regular session. If the status quo is maintained the election of a senator will be held on Tuesday, after which an organization as the house now has, then it is imperative that a bill be taken tomorrow. But if permanent organization is meant it can be deferred. Some republicans think the attempt to elect a senator should be made tomorrow, but the democrats object to any such proceeding, and will not consent unless their government can also be inaugurated. There has been so much talk lately that possibly the republicans might be in the minority tomorrow. Then, supposing some democrats should move the election of a United States senator, what would the republicans do? This contingency has only rarely been anticipated, and a strong effort will be made tomorrow to get the republican strength so as not to be caught napping.

THE HOUSE. DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 3.—In the house this afternoon twenty pairs were announced—only two more than on Saturday. Voting for permanent speaker began with the forty-ninth ballot, which resulted in Hamilton, 30, Wilson, 30. After taking a few more ballots the house adjourned.

THE MAYOR HOLDS THE FUNDS. CHESTER, Ia., Feb. 3.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—A set of resolutions were introduced in the city council meeting tonight demanding that the mayor, John A. Patterson, turn over to the city treasury all moneys collected by him in connection with the city, and in case of his refusal, to do so the city attorney be instructed to begin suit at once compelling him to do so. Also that impeachment proceedings be instituted in case of his refusal. The resolutions were adopted by a vote of 10 to 2. The mayor cautions the council that the city treasury is empty, and that the city attorney is instructed to begin suit at once compelling him to do so. Also that impeachment proceedings be instituted in case of his refusal. The resolutions were adopted by a vote of 10 to 2. The mayor cautions the council that the city treasury is empty, and that the city attorney is instructed to begin suit at once compelling him to do so.

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IOWA'S CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS. DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 3.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The report of the superintendent of the Gleason home for the feeble minded, which was filed with the auditor of state today, shows that during December there were 41 inmates. Warrants for the sum of \$4,000 were issued for the support of the college for the blind at Council Bluffs, \$15,700 was paid out of the state treasury.

BRIDGE PROPOSITION CARRIED. LYONS, Ia., Feb. 3.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—A special election on the question of building a bridge over the Mississippi at this place was held here today. The vote was in favor of the bridge—551 majority—only 110 votes being cast against it.

KILLED BY A HORSE. WATERLOO, Ia., Feb. 3.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Samuel Decker, a blacksmith at Jessup, a small town near here, was kicked in the temple by a horse he was shoeing last Saturday and instantly killed. He was about fifty years old.

FORG-R LARKINS PLEAD GUILTY. SIOUX CITY, Ia., Feb. 3.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—A. Larkins, the noted Parsons, Kan., forger, this morning pleaded guilty to an indictment for forgery and will be sentenced Friday. He evaded the Sioux City Savings bank out of \$25 a year ago.

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