

DANGERS OF WEALTH.

Russell Sage Has a Narrow Escape from an Awful Death.

DIABOLICAL DEED OF A DESPERATE MAN.

Demand of a Check for Money Followed by Terrible Explosion.

SEVERAL PEOPLE BLOWN INTO ETERNITY.

Members of Human Bodies and Fragments of Flesh Scatter'd Broadcast.

TERRIBLE FORCE OF THE EXPLOSION.

Death of the Man Who Threw the Dynamite—Experiences of People in the Office—Statement from Mr. Sage.

New York, Dec. 4.—(Russell Sage, the millionaire broker, escaped death by a narrow escape today, his office and the entire Empire building, in which it was being shaken to its very foundation by the explosion of a dynamite bomb, buried by a crank who made a demand upon Mr. Sage for the immediate payment of \$1,250,000, the ultimatum being in case of refusal the death of the millionaire, the crank and those employed in the office.

In the history of the metropolis it is probable that an event has occurred that for the time caused more excitement on Wall street and lower Broadway. Fully 500,000 people were drawn to the scene of the explosion, and for an hour the police were powerless to bring order out of chaos.

The office of Russell Sage was on the second floor of the building numbered 69, 71 and 73 Broadway, situated on the southwest corner of Reator street, overlooking the Trinity churchyard, and a stone's throw from Wall street.

It was just twenty-two minutes past 12 o'clock when the explosion came, with a force that was absolutely startling, completely wrecking the second floor of the building, and blowing up the street to the ground and starting people for blocks around.

Those who were close at hand saw a man blown through one of the windows of Sage's office into Reator street. A few minutes later Mr. Sage himself, with blood streaming from his face and hands, was helped out into the street and taken to the Trinity churchyard, where he was lying on the ground.

Statement of Mr. Sage. Within ten minutes after the explosion Dr. A. P. Munn, the physician of Jay Gould, was at the side of Mr. Sage and personally attended to his injuries, which proved to be not of a serious nature. The hair and eyebrows of the millionaire were burnt and his face and hands out by small particles of glass and plaster, the result of the explosion.

A man, who gave his name as H. D. Wilson, came to my office just now. I had never seen him before. He had a carpet bag in his hand and said: 'If you will not give me \$1,250,000 I will blow you all to pieces.' I know nothing further about the man, except that he was dressed in a dark suit and a bowler hat, and was carrying a large trunk.

When the police arrived in force the building was quickly cleared of all persons and a search made in the wrecked office.

Horrible Sights. Just inside of the door of the general office was found the body of a man, who had rendered recognition impossible, the head having been severed from the body. A pointed, red-hot iron bar was found in the man's hand, which was embedded in the heavy mustache that adorned the upper lip of the dead one. When the body was taken up it was found to have been torn in shreds by the explosion.

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This incident was quickly perverted into a statement that flew the rounds of the lobby. The news of the success of Holman's plan, that Mr. Holman had positively turned over all the eleven Indiana votes to Mills, was not, in fact, so simple.

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There was supposed to have been fifteen men beneath the wall at the time it fell and the majority of them were killed or received injuries which will probably prove fatal.

All the patrol wagons in the city were at once summoned and the police attempted to organize the laborers who were not under the wall and get them to work removing the dead and injured.

Wide with Excitement. The men were wild with excitement, however, and it was a long time before more than half a dozen could be induced to go to work.

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FOUR TRAINS IN ONE HEAP.

East Thompson, Conn., the Scene of a Most Singular Collision.

CARS CONSUMED BY THE FLAMES.

Three Men Lose Their Lives and a Number Are Badly Wounded—Thrilling Experience of the Passengers.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 4.—A most extraordinary accident occurred at East Thompson, Conn., a station on the New York & New England main line just before 7 o'clock this morning. Four trains, two freight and two passenger, were piled up in indescribable confusion within less than five minutes and three lives lost, while several persons were seriously injured, one of whom may die.

The passenger trains were the Norwich Road train and Long Island & Eastern States express. The freight trains were the local Southbridge and the through east-bound Boston.

At East Thompson the local Southbridge freight train as usual just before 7 o'clock encountered the through east-bound Boston train.

It was a special freight, east-bound for Boston, on the west-bound track and struck the local freight.

Plunged Into the Water. The engine struck the wreckage on the track, bounded in the air and fell over on its side.

Killed and Injured. HARRY TABOR, engineer of the Long Island express, was killed.

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