DESTRUCTION AND DEATH

DISASTER RAMPANT IN MANY HIDEOUS FORMS.

Hundreds of Lives Lost by Fire, Flood, Explosions and Cyclones, and Millions of Dollars' Worth of Property Destroyed by the Same Agencies.

The year 1891 has gone into history and its record is being made up. It cannot be called a memorable year. There was no great war begun or completed, and, strange to say, there was not in all the world a single fully great battle. In minor colonizing scenes, however, the year was exceptionally rich, and there were some displays of truly appalling magnitude. Many years, therefore, to be quoted in the record for the fire, flood, wreck, collision and other casualties than for any other class of accidents. Among those the great earthquake in Japan stands prominent, and is perhaps the only one that will have a permanent place in history. In the political world North America has been the scene of greatest interest, while all North America has enjoyed profound peace and unprecedented abundance.

JANUARY.

4. Revenue cutter Rush rescued the Polish steamer Dunai off Cape Cod by fire in New York city; loss, $100,000.
5. Mining disaster near San Antonio, Cal. 12 miners lost.
11. Sinking of the steamer Rose in the Firth of Forth, Scotland; 32 drowned.
14. $500,000 fire in New York Van Tassell's paint manufactory destroyed.
17. Tobacco warehouse burned at Philadelphia; loss, $100,000.
18. Four workmen and three people killed by a accident gas explosion at Pittsburg, Pa.
19. Fire destroyed the village of Pine Grove, Mich., leaving 1,000 homeless.
20. Oil tanks exploded by a gas explosion in Newhall (a suburban city) at Bloomfield, Ind.
24. Herds from Montana and Wyoming, N.Y., destroyed by fire; loss over $100,000.
25. 17 miners drowned by water in Prince Hadenbeck, Pa., by mine explosion.
27. 9 persons killed by a tornado in Dakota.
28. 3 persons killed by an explosion at the gas works, Lyons.
29. Many houses destroyed by the sinking of Bergen Hill, Jersey City, Hoboken, Guttenberg, Weehawken and Union City, New York city's suburbs.
31. Gas explosion in the tunnel, New York city's suburbs.
31. Gas explosion in an excavation in the mining city, Nova Scotia.
31. Wrecking of the ship Elizabeth, of New York, off the coast of Florida; 8 sailors lost.
31. Fire in Union City destroyed $100,000 of property.
31. Accident occurred from flooded mine shaft, after 10 days' imprisonment, near Houghton, Pa.

MARCH.

4. The City of Richmond, a Hartford steamer, burned to her port in New York; seven killed.
5. 30 passengers and the crew of the steamer Dunkerque lost in Puget sound.
7. $100,000 fire of Omaha; the Hess and Hord factory burned.
7. Twenty miners gas poisoned at Bowie, Ariz.
8. 3 killed by a gas explosion in a large portion of the tenement district of Syracuse, N. Y.
23. Steamboat Gen. G. H. Crocker in Brooklyn, N. Y., burned; loss $100,000.
24. In collision off the Scilly islands the British steamer Borough Castle was sunk; 12 drowned.
27. $100,000 fire; four buildings burned in New York.
28. Collision between the English steamer Utopia and the British imperial Italian in the Straits of Bonifacio; 600 drowned.
29. Two miners, by gas explosion caused by the bursting of steam storage works at Kimberley, N. J.; loss, $100,000.
31. Fire at Oakdale, N. J., destroyed Vandenhoff's great wood mill; loss, $300,000.
31. 60 persons reported the wreck of steamer Stonewall off the Hatteras coast.

APRIL.

4. Public library and other valuable property destroyed by fire at Lowell, Mass.
4. Fire at Rochester, Pa.; 9 lives lost.
22. $1,000,000 fire in the heart of Chicago.
23. 50 persons poisoned, several fatally, at the Saxon-Coburg wedding banquet in London, E.
26. Boss building, New York city, insured by for $100,000, burned.
26. 3 persons killed by a railroad collision on the Lake Shore road, Kipton, O.
27. Fire destroyed the Beach building, New York city; $125,000.
28. Earthquake in Kansas, N. Y.
29. 17 persons killed and historic buildings ruined by the explosion of a powder magazine at Rome.
30. $500,000 fire in Philadelphia; the National Publishing company's building burned.

MAY.

2. Apollo, Mich., nearly destroyed by fire.
4. $100,000 fire in Long Island City; two several rubber curls and a foundry destroyed.
$100,000 fire at Sidney, O.; American Wheel company's shop burned.
5. 4 persons killed by a gas explosion in a coal mine at Carbondale, Pa.
10. $400,000 fire in New York city; Francis H. Leggett & Co.'s wholesale grocery burned out.
$125,000 fire at Mossing, Ia.
11. 7 men killed in a railroad disaster in Potter county, Pa., by being thrown into a pile of burning logs.
20. Fire at Hudson, Mich., destroyed 30 blocks and $400,000 of property.
23. Fatal explosion occurred at Tarrytown, N. Y.; 10 dead, 20 injured.
24. Fire destroyed National Linseed Oil mills in South Chicago; loss, $100,000.
Destruction of million bushels Tree factory in Bellevue (O.); loss, $170,000.
$200,000 worth of property destroyed in Detroit.

JUNE.

2. $100,000 fire in Brooklyn; engineer Smith's factory burned.
3. $100,000 fire in Cleveland; Hardware company's building burned.
4. Injured with air at Dover, Kentucky, a train was exchanged a bridge, killing 10 and injuring 20.
10. Wind and Kalamazoo, N. J.; loss, $200,000.
24. 3 persons killed by a bursting flywheel of a steel factory in Mount Carbon, Pa.

JULY.

3. Railroad collision at Kansas, O.; 8 killed.
4. 12 killed, 30 injured in a railroad disaster by the giving way of a trestle near Charleston, W. Va.
7. $100,000 fire in Clarksville, Texas; Dunlap Scribner furniture burned.
8. Fire in Kalamazoo, Mich., destroyed the factory in Chicago; damaged $100,000 worth of property.
10. Fire at Chelsea, at Saginaw, Mich.; 7 persons killed.
12. Cyrus Hamel William Hunter killed by a fall of a building in Chicago.
14. 4 killed, 40 injured, all Japan cadets, 30 drowned.
21. $100,000 fire destroyed portion of Pittsburg, Mass.
22. Hancock (Mich.) Flour company's mill burned; loss, $100,000.
23. $100,000 fire in Fairbury, Ill.; Rollins Wind and Kelsey, of Lille Falls, co.
$100,000 worth of property burned in Lowell, Mass.
26. Rockville, Mich., destroyed by fire; loss over $100,000.
27. 8 killed and 40 the Hoosbeer (England) train was used by train being over an embankment.
29. 3 persons killed in railroad accident near Ashland, O.
30. 10 killed in a railroad accident near St. Nazaire, France, by a collision.

AUGUST.

4. 11 killed in railroad collision near Syracuse, N. Y.
5. 3 killed and 10 injured in the explosion of the Saratoga Spring Dove, in L. 11 gone into Michigan.
14. Burned at Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 40 houses.
21. Fire in Chicago; Hoffman's property destroyed.
23. Fire in New York city; Baker's carriage factory burned.
25. 10 killed and 30 injured by an express train in a Fort check, New York.
26. Fire in Chicago; the building of the Chicago Lake court house and tenants burned.
27. 17 miners killed by fall of a train from a mine near Hazleton, Pa.

SEPTEMBER.

2. $100,000 fire destroyed the business portion of the Dalton (O.).
4. 3 persons killed by explosion of dynamite factory in White Pigeon, Mich.
14. $100,000 fire at Cedar River, Mich., destroyed Hubbard & Sewer's carbon plant.
15. 7 persons killed in a railway accident near Fort Scott, Kan.
17. 10 miners killed in an explosion in a Belgian colliery.
22. $150,000 fire in Fort Worth, Tex.
24. 8 persons killed by railroad collision on the Pittsburg and Western railroad.

Terrible disaster by the explosion of a boiler in an Indiana factory resulting in Newark, N. J. 9 persons injured and $50,000 destroyed by fire in Chicago.
25. $50,000 fire in Savannah.
26. $50,000 fire in St. Louis; Plant Milling company's warehouse burned.
Manor-Tillotson Agricultural Implement company's warehouse in St. Louis burned; loss, $50,000.
28. A Philadelphia warehouse burned; loss $50,000; Pennsylvania Schools.
30. Fire in Water Street district, Boston, Mass., 10 lives lost; loss, $700,000.
31. 4 killed, many injured, by explosion of ice factory in Chicago city.
Entire Chicago scared in Baltimore and Ohio tunnel.

OCTOBER.

Fire in Jacksonville, Fla., $100,000.
5. Fire in Fort Dodge, Iowa; loss, $150,000.
7. Fire in Cincinnati, Pa.; loss, $70,000.
8. $1,000 worth of property burned in Lima, O.
9. Fire in Walnut Schoolhouse in New Haven, Conn.; loss, $100,000.
11. Wreck of United States steamer Dolphin on American shoals, Virginia coast.
12. Fire in Chicago at Hoffmann's Pet pharmacy warehouse.
14. Fire in Pittsburg, Pa.; loss, $100,000.
15. Fire at Sandusky, Mich., destroyed Atlantic Mills.
16. Fire in Tacoma and $1,000 by the Tacoma Tribune and Ledger; loss, $100,000.
20. An explosion in Hyperion mine in Colorado exploded and killed 4 men.
Dust explosion at Pittsburg, Mich., at Jackson.
22. Fire destroyed the village of Pine Grove, N.Y.
$100,000 worth of property destroyed by the wrecking of an electric light plant in Lancaster, Pa.
23. Railroad collision at Tecumseh, Virginia. 3 killed, 15 injured.
Fire in Pittsburg, Pa.; loss, $100,000.
25. Fire at Sandusky, Ohio, destroyed $50,000 worth of cabinet.
26. 10 persons killed, 20 injured at Mitchell's Bluff, Ind., by a train.
Fire destroyed the city of Newberry, Ind.

NOVEMBER.

1. Fire in Bristol, Conn.; loss, $200,000.
Earthquake, the heaviest felt in the Pacific states, the country west of the Pecos.
2. Fire destroyed the Geneva Lyceum (Pa.) loss, $150,000.
3. Gas explosion in Kankakee, Pa., killed 10 miners.
5. Fire in Denver's lime kiln and 30 houses burned.
Entire family of 4 persons suffocated in Kansas city of Chicago.
6. Great flood in Dakota, Minn., by sudden thaw.

DECEMBER.

1. Town of Tyler crushed by a flood in Florida valley, S. F.
2. Great earthquake and tornado blockaded by a blizzard of wind and snow in Kansas.

MAY.

23. The village of Lancaster, Mo., swept by a tornado which caused a rent of seventy six yards in width and 3 miles long in Kansas.

JUNE.

1. Storm of rain, hail and wind did great damage in Dakota, Kentucky and other states. Rivers Cooper and Cumberland in Kansas and Nebraska were much injured.
6. A dirt squall of pressure on the steel tower at Berlin, while marching in the Andersen's parade, were struck by lightning and killed.

JULY.

3. Southern Louisiana and Mississippi visited by a complete flood, farm and country destroyed. Hundreds killed, 30 injured.
4. 7 persons killed by a landslide on Rocky river, British Columbia.

AUGUST.

6. Tornado at Washburn, Wis., killed 30 people and injured 30, who were at a circus exhibition.
10. Mattingly Mountain devastated by a hurricane, several hundred killed and injured.
23. Incendiary fire caused by a circus tent at Pottsville, Pa.

SEPTEMBER.

1. Violent storms in Great Britain and Ireland.
4. The Central American states of San Salvador swept by earthquake 4 killed.

OCTOBER.

10. The Atlantic coast visited by severe storm.
14. Great Britain visited by severe storm.
20. Destructive earthquake in Zante; thousands killed and great damage done. Philippine, the sacred mountain, lost in Oceania.

NOVEMBER.

9. 10 lives lost in the Bay of Bengal in a cyclone.
12. Extreme cold in the northwest; thermometer below zero.
25. Washington and Baltimore visited by a tornado doing much damage.

DECEMBER.

4. Storm damaged New York electric wires $250,000.

LABOR TROUBLES.

3. Laborers' riot in Bayonne, N. J.
$200 in cars at Broad Top, Pa., and adjacent coal fields, 1,000 idle.
6. Rochester (N. Y.) shoe manufacturers men in the great strike.
22. Miners made settlement demonstration in Glasgow, Scotland.

APRIL.

3. 3 strikers killed by soldiers on the guard, Homestead (Pa.) works.
12. Troops ordered to Philadelphia riots repeated.

MAY.

1. Great strike against national troops in Pittsburg, Pa., New York and outside for 3 days a day.
Homestead, Pittsburg, Duff, and Lewis, Frances and Dial log riots.
Several persons killed during outbreak between troops and soldiers in Fortunat, Pa.
26. Failure of strikes of New York brewmen for 3 years a day.

OCTOBER.

13. North of Europe coal miners inaugurated general strike.

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