

The Brooklyn *Eagle* furnishes the following. The work of identifying the dead will be difficult, for most of them are burned beyond recognition. The only mode of identifying will be by the personal property found attached to the bodies. Thus far it is only evident that the flames made common havoc with the men and children. Shortly before 9 o'clock the Rev. Father Hanly visited the theatre, and among the bodies, recognized the brother of the Rev. Father Kylee. Father Kylee was present and identified the body of his brother. The body was taken from the ruins charred and blackened beyond recognition. In the breast pocket were a number of cards bearing the name, Abraham Barnett, in German text. Bodies are constantly being removed from the ruins, and are taken to the Morgue as fast as possible. It is rumored that a number of attaches of the Theatre are burned. It seems certain that Charles Lott and his son, who were stationed in the upper gallery, are among the lost.

The actors and actresses escaped from State into Johnson Street. J. W. Thorp, stage manager, states that the fire occurred in this wise: A drop was ignited from a border light by some means inexplicable, as the one was guarded from the other. He immediately directed the stage carpenter and two supernumeraries to endeavor to extinguish the flames, but the difficulty was to reach the part on fire. The stage carpenter with supernumeraries essayed to effect the object by lowering the drop, and in so doing added fuel to the flames. The scene, the last in the play, embraced a ceiling apartment, and the instant the burning drop came in contact with the inflammable ceiling, it served to spread the existing flames. In a flash the entire properties were in a blaze. The usual avenues of escape were thus summarily closed at the rear, and an exit, if at all possible, had to be made by way of the box entrance. All except perhaps one or two thus escaped. It is now believed that the number of dead will be about 125.

The courts adjourned this morning without transacting any business. There is intense excitement in the city and business is partially suspended. The Park Theatre has been closed for the week. A meeting of the theatrical profession has been called for Thursday to concert measures for relief.

Hon. Henry C. Murphy, a distinguished citizen of Brooklyn, and well known throughout the country, is among the missing.

The Brooklyn *Argus* states that up to one o'clock ninety-four bodies had been taken from the ruins, and others were still visible, lying in layers four deep. The Morgue is completely filled, and bodies are now carried to the old market building in Adams Street. They cannot be recognized.

Wagon loads of rough boxes are arriving in front of the Theatre, and corpses are placed in them and covered with tarpaulin and carried to the morgue. The scene grows more terrible every minute. Men and women are crowding around the station house and theatre entrance, making inquiries for missing friends. In some instances whole families have perished. The bodies present every form of contortion, just as they stiffened in the last agony, when the floor gave way and they plunged down into the blinding smoke and flames. Arms and legs are bent and twisted in every way; hands are clenched, and reach out as if grasping for help.

The *Post* says at about eleven o'clock a horrible discovery was made. In the middle of what was the lobby of the Theatre lay an immense pile of rubbish, smoldering beams, fragments of girders and other things. This heap was nearly opposite the principal entrance to the auditorium of the Theatre, and beyond it was another heap, marking the place where the stairs which led to the gallery fell. Under the heap first mentioned a dead body was found, and the firemen diligently prosecuted their search in this direction with much labor. Some of the heaviest lumber was removed and a horrible sight was revealed beneath that mound. Corpses lay in rows heaped one upon the other, packed together with fearful solidity, which told of the great pressure to which they had been subjected. How many lay there, and what their sex or age, no man could tell, and at noon only guesses could be made. Another actor, Claude Burroughs,

is reported missing. Thus far but three corpses have been identified, those of Hugh J. Dovei, Nicholas Kelley and John Woods.

Wade Hampton, in a speech in Columbia last night, said to the people: "I am supported by the property owners of the State and by the good men of all classes. Two months ago I said I would submit my claims before the people of South Carolina, and if elected Governor, that, by the eternal God, I would have my place. Since then, in spite of frauds and falsehoods, and all the powers of the State government and bayonets of President Grant, I have been, by 75,000 white men and 17,000 colored men, chosen to be Governor of the State of South Carolina, and Governor I will be. The ballot box has announced the verdict of the people, and I will be their Governor, or they shall have a military government."

WASHINGTON, 6.—The following has just been received:

Tallahassee, Fla., Dec. 6.

Prest. U. S. Grant: The count is just finished. Hayes' majority 930. The republicans elect the Governor, Lieut. Governor and both members of Congress. All is quiet.

(Signed) LEW WALLACE. Numerous enquiries continue to be made as to the means provided for payment of awards by the United States and Mexican commission in favor of American citizens, and, from present appearances, there must be considerable delay in the payment of any part of the money.

PITTSBURG, Pa., 6.—The process of cremating the body of the late Baron De Palm, at Dr. Lemoine's crematory, was successfully accomplished this morning.

COLUMBUS, O., 6.—The Ohio electors assembled at the Senate Chamber at 12 o'clock, and cast their 22 votes for Hayes and Wheeler.

MONTPELIER, Vt., 6.—Aldrich, contesting elector, appeared before the electoral college to protest against Henry N. Sollace taking part. Roswell Farnham objected to hearing outside parties and the college proceeded to ballot. Five votes were declared for Hayes and Wheeler.

BOSTON, 6.—The electoral colleges of this State cast a unanimous vote for Hayes and Wheeler.

CONCORD, 6.—The electoral college cast their votes for Hayes and Wheeler.

HARTFORD, 6.—The electoral college voted for Tilden and Hendricks.

DENVER, Col., 6.—The Presidential electors for Colorado met here, to-day, and cast their votes for Hayes and Wheeler, and appointed Otto Mears messenger to the legislature.

ANNAPOLIS, 6.—The vote of the electoral college was for Tilden and Hendricks.

ALBANY, 6.—The electoral college vote for Tilden and Hendricks.

CHICAGO, 6.—The *Inter-Ocean's* New Orleans special says the action of the House in dispatching a committee here provokes angry democratic comment, and embarrasses the white league in any attempt at insurrection. A wanton and disciplined force, boasting of 15,000 rifles, stung with wrath at the democratic defeat here and in South Carolina, and for a fortnight loud in threats, is a dangerous element, which may mass at any moment on the streets. We are standing on a volcano. Concerted assaults by armed bodies may give way to private assassination. Many warnings have already been conveyed. It was openly declared on Carondelet Street that Packard could not be daily accompanied by a regiment of troops from his residence to the State House, and would get an early bullet. More immediate danger threatens the members of the returning board, and the sudden death of two or more need not surprise you.

AUGUSTA, 6.—The Maine electoral college voted for Hayes and Wheeler.

SPRINGFIELD, 6.—The Illinois electoral college cast her 21 votes, to-day, for Hayes and Wheeler.

MADISON, 6.—The electoral college, to-day, cast ten votes for Hayes and Wheeler.

COLUMBIA, 6.—The Hayes electoral college met at noon and cast seven votes for R. L. Harris for President, and seven votes for W. A. Wheeler for Vice-President. C. C. Bowen was chosen president of the college. The Tilden electors are now in session.

PROVIDENCE, R. I. 6.—The pres-

idential electors met to-day, and cast four votes for Hayes and Wheeler.

ST. PAUL, 6.—The five Minnesota electors voted for Hayes and Wheeler.

INDIANAPOLIS, 6.—The State electors voted for Tilden and Hendricks.

NEW ORLEANS, 6.—The electors voted solid for Hayes and Wheeler, to-day. The democrats bearing certificates from McEnery voted for Tilden and Hendricks. Nichols, proclaiming himself duly elected, issued an address to the people of Louisiana, counselling peace and complimenting them on their forbearance, and expresses confidence in the final vindication of truth and justice.

TOPEKA, 6.—The electoral college voted for Hayes and Wheeler.

ST. LOUIS, 6.—The electoral college voted for Tilden and Hendricks. Frost was represented by an alternate, and Conway, the republican elector, offered his certificate, which was tabled.

LITTLE ROCK, 6.—The electors voted for Tilden and Hendricks.

SAN FRANCISCO, 6.—The republican electors met at Sacramento to-day, and cast their votes for Hayes and Wheeler. Gen. J. F. Miller was appointed messenger.

The Nevada electors met at Carson and voted for Hayes and Wheeler, and selected R. M. Daggett as messenger.

RALEIGH, N. C., 6.—The Electoral College, to-day, cast ten votes for Tilden and Hendricks. The proceedings were all in due form, and no objections made.

RICHMOND, 6.—The electors cast their vote for Tilden and Hendricks.

WILMINGTON, 6.—The electors voted for Tilden and Hendricks.

HARRISBURG, Pa., 6.—The Pennsylvania electors cast a unanimous vote for Hayes and Wheeler.

LIVE OAK, Fla., 6.—The visiting democrats, to-day, issued an address to L. J. Randall and the House of representatives, saying that they have the grief of seeing the Tilden electors, who were chosen, counted out and Hayes counted in. They denounce this as a preconcerted fraud, well promulgated and understood at the polls, and finally by the returning board. They say it is manifest:

First—That Tilden had a majority of all the votes cast.

Second—That the Tilden electors had a majority over and above the radical count after the fraudulent votes had increased it.

Third—That the majority declared for Hayes is fictitious, fraudulent and manufactured, and is a flagrant violation of the law.

The board were shameless enough not to concede their swindle. Congress must determine whether this assault upon the rights and liberties of freemen, protected by the federal administration hitherto, shall be crowned at the capitol. They present a sad picture of the corruption and distress under capture-bag rule in Florida.

SAN FRANCISCO, 5.—Later advices from Salem, Oregon, confirm the report that the Governor issued certificates to Odell and Cartwright, republicans, and Cronin, democrat. The latter declined to show his authority at the meeting of electors, and the republicans refused to recognize him. Cronin then elected J. N. T. Miller and John Parker, republican electors, and proceeded to cast the vote, two for Hayes and one for Tilden. The republicans organized, when Watts resigned and was at once re-elected and the votes cast for Hayes and Wheeler, which, with their sworn statement and copies of the abstract of the votes cast in the States, certified to by the Secretary of State, with the seal attached, were sealed and sent on. Intense excitement prevails. An outbreak is expected by many who went to the State House prepared for any emergency. The republicans are holding an indignation meeting this evening.

NEW YORK, 6.—At two o'clock 115 bodies had been recovered, and there are probably as many more within the ruins. Some persons assert that no one in the upper gallery of the theatre escaped. The last man that left the stairs before they fell says, behind him was a helpless, half suffocated crowd. On Washington Street a line of horses and wagons are ready to remove the bodies. Great crowds of persons gathered in the neighborhood of the Morgue to identify missing relatives and friends, and their lamentations are truly pitiful. It requires a force of police to keep them from crowding over each

other. The actors themselves had great difficulty in effecting their escape. Going to the back of the stage their advance was cut off by the flames that played around the usual place of egress, and they struggled from beyond to burst open the doors. Miss Claxton and another lady, Mr. Mathews and another gentleman, succeeded in entering the dark underground passageway to the box office, and saved themselves with difficulty. Stuart Campbell, a short hand reporter on the *Commercial Advertiser*, is among the victims; also police officer Patrick Keon.

240 p. m.—Up to this hour 130 bodies have been removed, and others are still in the ruins.

Brooklyn, 5 p. m.—Two hundred bodies have been taken from the ruins of the Theatre. The ruins are still burning, making the work of removing the bodies very difficult. Flags are at half-mast throughout the city and the theatres are draped in mourning.

As the night approached two calcium lights were placed in position, and the work of removing the ghastly forms of the dead was continued. They were under the galleries, but no estimate could be made of the charred remains of the victims, who were taken out in front and rear of the theatre, and rapidly loaded in wagons. Still the pile of bodies in the cellar did not seem to diminish. Although the fire originated on the stage, the loss of life among the theatrical company was not extensive. Two lives were lost—two young men in the flower of their professional life, Harry S. Murdoch and Claude Burroughs. These two young men were playing respectively, *Pierre the cripple*, and *Picard, the valet to the chevalier*. At the moment when the fire was discovered Murdoch was before the curtain playing with Miss Kate Claxton. As soon as the panic occurred a general rush was made to escape, Murdoch and Burroughs ran to their dressing rooms to get clothes to wear in the street, their garments being very scanty in the play. Their dressing rooms were on the same side of the stage, and on the right wing, as viewed from the audience, and consequently furthest from the stage door; even that means of exit had been locked by the panic-stricken janitor. The dressing rooms were arranged in tiers, approached by a narrow stairway, which led up to the painter's bridge which spans the stage. Murdoch's room was on the second tier and Burroughs' on the third. Before they emerged the staircase was one sheet of flame. So eagerly and so rapidly did the fire do its work, that all chance of retreat was cut off. The unfortunate men were driven back by the roaring flames, step by step, till supposing, in the agony of their peril, that by some chance a means of descent from the other side of the bridge might offer, they ascended the trembling structure. There they were last seen by J. H. Studley, a member of the company, who had left his dressing room a few seconds before them, and fought his way through the flames to a place of comparative safety, from which he was enabled to make his escape. Once on the bridge their position was hopeless. They could not descend by the way they came up. There was no other means of escape but to leap.

At half past ten this evening the bodies of the two men were dug from the ruins, and both were identified by the remnants of their dresses worn on the stage. Only the trunk of Murdoch remained. This evening, notwithstanding the popularity of "Miss Multon," the latest play at the Union Square Theatre, the proprietors ordered that the theatre be closed, and a placard, draped in mourning, placed at the entrance, stating that in consequence of the terrible disaster in Brooklyn there would be no performance this evening.

At a late hour to-night 285 bodies had been recovered. Kate Claxton loses \$10,000; Ida Vernon \$8,000; Shook and Palmer, the lessees of the theatre, \$30,000. When the panic occurred on the main floor of the theatre, Thomas Rockford, chief usher of the establishment, was in the lobby. The performance was almost over, and he was about making arrangements for the departure of the audience. At the cries of fire he rushed into the auditorium, and taking in the terrible situation, endeavored to quiet the people about him. Seeing that they were too thoroughly alarmed he ran to the doors leading

into Flood's Alley, which connects Johnson Street and Myrtle Avenue, and opened them so that the people might escape that way. This diverted many from seeking escape through the main entrance. All who were on the righthand side of the parquet and balcony escaped through these doors. The opening of the doors creating a tremendous draught, which so increased the flames that the players were compelled to abandon the stage and escape as best they might. They had remained there to the last, but seeing that it was now a question of life and death, they retreated. The flames shot out on all sides of the stage and enveloped the proscenium, and the smoke began pouring in volumes into the parquet. Studley and Murdoch were the last to leave. Probably not more than five minutes elapsed between the beginning of the panic and the complete envelopment of the stage and parquet in flames; by this time nearly all of those in the lower part of the house had escaped. The crowd from above came pouring down into the lobbies, which were soon densely crowded; the stairways choked up, and there seemed to be no way in which they could be relieved. Many succeeded in escaping by the regular means of egress to Washington Street, but that staircase was also soon crowded and escape by that way was next to impossible. The greater loss of life must have been among those in the family circle or top gallery. Those who happened to be seated near the doors succeeded in gaining the stairways and the lower part of the house, but there were many who got no further than the second floor, where they died. The flames made such rapid headway that the floors fell in before any assistance could reach them. The shrieks of the women, and the shouting and imprecations of the men, and pitiful cries of children were heard below. There was no human relief for them. It was a heartrending situation. To have human beings perish almost in sight of their fellows is something terrible beyond description.

The city authorities were in session to-day, to make arrangements for the interment, in Greenwood Cemetery, of the dead not identified.

The *Times* says fire marshal Kerdy, who has made an exhaustive examination of the circumstances attending the fire, is of the opinion that at least 350 persons perished in the flames.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., 7.—A quo warranto was issued and served on the Hayes electors yesterday before they cast their votes; also a bill of injunction was obtained in behalf of Gov. Drew against the members of the canvassing board, and the order granted restraining them from completing the canvass on the basis that the vote was canvassed by the majority of the board for the electors.

Attorney General W. A. Coke, a member of the canvassing board, protested against the action of the board in certifying to the majority of votes in favor of the Hayes electors, and denounced the same as criminal, and a gross falsification of the returns on file in the office of the Secretary of State. He also gave certificates of election to the Tilden electors, stating therein that the returns on file, canvassed by the board, showed a clear majority for the Tilden and Hendricks electors. The democratic electors met at the capitol, in the office of the Attorney General, and cast the vote of the State according to law. They also signed a petition to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States stating their legal election, and praying that they might be recognized as electors. The republican electors cast their vote for Hayes and Wheeler, and C. H. Pearce, colored, was selected as messenger to convey the returns to Washington.

PORTLAND, Maine, 7.—A foolish lad, residing in the family of John Moulton, a butcher, at Gorham, was left in charge of an infant, and imitating what he had seen, he killed the child, skinned the body and cut and hung it up.

—Here is a new name for it, given by the Secretary of the Louisiana Republican Committee to the supervisors—"You must obtain the results called for herein without fail. Once obtained, your recognition will be ample and generous." It is to be feared that the politicians of the day are getting altogether too fond of "ample and generous" recognition.