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FATAL DISASTERS.

A Number of Firemen Caught Under Falling Walls Four of Them Killed.

ANOTHER FIRE ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY.

People Jump from the Windows The Loss will Reach Three Quarters of a Million.

By Telegraph to the News.

FEARFUL FATALITIES

An Explosion and Two Whereby Many Lives are Lost.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 8.—While firemen were raking the ruins of the Boone Paper company at 250 this morning there came the sound of a terrific explosion from Bauntegar, Strong & Co's building, 300 to 308 high. In an instant flames broke out from every floor and shot out through the roof. The fire must have been smouldering for several hours in the cellar, and, when each of the four stories had been filled with heated air and smoke, the explosion followed.

The following firms were burned out: Bauntegar, Strong & Co., shoes and shoes, loss $125,000, insurance $100,000; Hiles, Wiedell & Co., furniture and mattress, loss $50,000, insurance $30,000; Weller, Woolfolk & Parker, boots and shoes, loss $75,000, insurance unknown; Johnstonbar & Scott, hats, loss $60,000, insurance $35,000. It was with great difficulty that the firemen prevented the flames from spreading further. Assistant Chief Dunn was sleeping in the upper stories of the building, but all escaped. One fireman is missing and he may have been crushed to death in the falling walls.

Later information shows that a number of firemen were caught under the falling wall of Bauntegar Strong & Co's building. Captain Weatherford, Lieutenant Wentworth, Fourteen firemen lay under the walls and four others were badly hurt. The dead are Captain Weatherford, William Davis, Sam Baker and Tony Schlitch.

ANOTHER FATAL FIRE.

AS a result another fatal fire was raging at 3, 5, 7, Main A Clay streets one engine and hose company was in square above the Boone Paper Company's building.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. Forty girls were at work on the fourth floor, and all were told to make to escape. The bodies of six girls were almost burned to ashes, burned beyond recognition. Identification of Ty Mann, a brother of the assistant member of the fire, is supposed to have been burned to death, and the firemen think that almost five other girls will be found as soon as a thorough search is made.

The flames fell across by the stairway leading to the cellar of paper, where the girls were at work. Many jumped from the windows to the second story projection and escaped with broken limbs and bruised bodies. Others got out safely. Will to forces weakened and demoralized by the chaos of the early morning fire the department was called to the district at the early morning fire. To add to the excitement and confusion, Major Chief Hughes of the fire department was so badly hurt in the accident early in the morning that he may not recover. He and Henry Westmeford, the chief's assistant, while driving to the fire ran into by the Salvage corps wagon and their buggy smashed. Both were trampled by horses, but the injuries of Westmeford were not as bad as those of the chief. A number of other firemen were badly injured at the early morning fire. In the face of these disasters the firemen stood bravely to their work, and within another half hour the flames were under control. Within this time half a score of lives were sacrificed.

The fire is supposed to have arisen from one of the candy furnaces, which possibly exploded. The flames soon manipulated with a big stock of Christmas fireworks. The first explosion alarmed the fireworks scattered firebrands all over the city. The skylight fell in and the entire stack was fiercely blazing almost immediately.

The bodies of the girls were removed as soon as possible to the nearest undertaking establishments. Two of the girls have just been identified as Mary Walsh and Amelia Dolby.

Greatest sufferers are Mr. Stalz street, where the principal traffic of the city goes on, is blockaded and business is almost at a standstill.

The loss on Meun & Co.'s building and stock is placed at $75,000, and the total loss will be nearly three-quarters of a million. The flames were stopped at George W. Weiss & Co.'s cotton house.

The work of searching for the bodies in the buildings destroyed by fire the morning was still going on at midnight. The missing firemen are now believed to be in the ruins of the Boone Paper Company building, and between stage piles of paper that filled the cellar.

The bodies recovered at Mann & Co.'s are Bertha Lola Keith, Carrie Jackhardt, Barnes Bell, Amanda Dolby, Wm. Mulcrastie, Charles Kimmel, Clara Ida Parker.

Missing and certainly dead at the Boone Paper Company fire are:

Tom Moore, Sam Baker, Will Davis, Tony Schlitz, all of No. 1 Hook and Ladder company. James Weldon and Thomas Redmilder, who worked at Mann's, were also missing this afternoon, but their relatives have not received them tonight.

The injured are:

Katie Sullivan, Teresa Hathaway, Edward Dugan, Lillie Greenwald, Mary Hughes, James Schmidt, Charles Bailey, Henry Westmeford, Allen Grimes, Fire Chief Hughes has concussion of the brain.

How the fire originated is still uncertain. There were only two office floors in the Boone Paper Co's building and the rooms were occupied by employes in neither of them. At Mann & Co's a number of fires were burning in the stockhouse for the starting of the stuffing room. It is now believed if there was an explosion at Bauntegar, Strong & Co., near door to the Boone Company, at the time the firemen were caught. It is more probable that it was the falling of walls. It is thought that the total loss will reach three quarters of a million.

The Chinese Trouble.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Chronicle this morning publishes a letter from its Shanghai correspondent in which it repeats the previous assertion that the basis of the present crisis in the Chinese empire is political not religious. He says that the revolutionary spirit fills the land, that a spectre of Nihilism, and has permeated the army, members of the official classes, even to the other families of China, and devoured in the bosom of Europeans. The promoters of the governors present hold the situation. No revolution is possible, certainly not successful, without them. Their present interest is against rebellion, because their live by corruption. But if they could be convinced that a revolution would operate their favor the cooperation of all of them might be relied on.

THURSDAY DENIES ANY ILL SURVIVE

upon the part of the doctor, and denied that he had any but the best of wishes for the sick lady, as the message, made at her office to Dr. Cornell said. He said that John Cornell, after examining the accounts, expressed the desire from the charge of mismanagement, and said that he would make a statement to that effect. The doctor said he thought it would only be right. According to Putnam, Cornell said exactly opposite to what he said to the governor and United States Senator." They met at Mrs. Cornell's residence in the evening. Putnam, and Mr. Cornell and he spoke of the statement then. He added that he had contributed $10,000 to the last election in Brooklyn and expected were to be governor. He thought he could get back and say it was a mistake in naming the doctor. It would be kind with the exception of "Dick's you think someone said a bottle of pure whisky?" said he. "I believe

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and it we can prove that someone sent a whisky, I think we can win the case." Versatile. The doctor would not say anything because to have nothing. Two days after a certain statement, was made, Dr. Graves was appointed, the following Wednesday Cornell sent for Dr. Graves to talk about the will. In the first will Cornell's children were to get $100,000. In the second the three children were to get $10,000. Cornell said to him: "Doctor, I want you to sign this paper, in which you admit that I have been drinking pure whisky. By God, if you don't sign this I will take you to Denver in handcuffs. I will do a lot for you, you know I am a Western man." Dr. Graves demanded to be let out of the house, and next day telegraphed District Attorney Stevens that he was coming to Denver.

At the afternoon session two witnesses were examined, but no testimony of importance was brought out.

Wheat and Flour Rates.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 8.—At a convention of the committee of the Mississippi River Railway & Steamship Association, assembled yesterday, the special committee having in charge the wheat and flour rates between Texas and Washington and Oregon points reported that an advance of 20 cents per 100 pounds had been made in these rates, and, in the face of these disasters the firemen stood bravely to their work, and within another half hour the flames were under control. Within this time half a score of lives were sacrificed.

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THE ROYAL FUNERAL.

The Memory of Ex-Emperor Dom Pedro Honored by the French Government.

A SOLEMN AND MAGNIFICENT RELIGIOUS CEREMONY.

The Whole Route of the Procession Lined by Thousands of People.

By Telegraph to the News.

DOM PEDRO.

He is Given a Royal Funeral by the French.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—The French government, having determined to give the dead an empire a royal funeral, the Place de la Sacleotine today was used with sentiment. A great crowd of people has gathered in the square for the office of the hour set for the religious ceremonies. The church where the services were held was closely packed. The morning dispatches from the Tuilerie and elsewhere, Princess Teresita, Don Pedro's daughter, and the Princess Imperial of Brazil, and her husband, Count D'Eu, sat on the left of the nave. They were accompanied by their three sons. Close by sat the members of the royal family of France. All diplomats at present in Paris were in attendance. President Carnot was represented by General Saussier. In the pew of the Princess Imperial was the Duke of Santa Ba, the Duchess of Chartres, the Countess Treyes and the Duchess Rosalie of Spain. The Brazilian minister, the Chinese Legation and other dignitaries of that country surrounded the catafalque.

The archbishop of Paris presided at the religious ceremony, which was very solemn and magnificent. When the high mass was ended the coffin was carried to the car awaiting it in the cemetery of Montparnasse. As it emerged from the building the vast concourse uncovered their heads, the troops presented arms and the bands played the funeral marble of the "Dead March in Saul."

The funeral car was drawn by eight horses, a magnificent black, its body a wreath of ribbons, embroidered with the arms of Empire. Three cars followed carrying the mourning relatives of Dom Pedro, and those in both houses of the Brazilian legislature. There were some 300 carriages, representing the national government, the diplomatic corps and scores of the deceased Emperor