

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN MINNEAPOLIS.

It Caused a Loss That is Roughly
Estimated at Three Million
Dollars.

TWO MEN WERE KILLED.

Some Missing and Some Burned—
For a Long Time Best Part of Re-
tail District Was Threatened.

Minneapolis, Dec. 14.—Fire which broke out in the photograph supply house of the O. H. Peck company on Fifth street South, at 10:30 o'clock last night, spread to adjoining buildings and caused a loss roughly estimated at \$3,000,000. The Peck building was entirely gutted, while the six-story furniture house of Boutell Bros., one of the largest establishments of its kind in the northwest, was ruined and a number of smaller buildings also destroyed.

The Powers Mercantile company, an immense department store just across First Avenue South, was threatened with destruction, but the heroism upon the part of the Minneapolis and St. Paul fire departments prevented the destruction, although immense damage was done to the stock by water.

For a time the best part of the retail district of the city was threatened and the firemen seemed unable to stay the onrush of the flames, which were driven by a high wind from the north. By allowing the buildings already on fire to burn themselves out and confining their efforts to adjacent buildings, the firemen had the conflagration well under control at 2 o'clock this morning.

One man was reported killed by coming in contact with a live wire, and two firemen are also believed to have been killed.

The fire was discovered in Peck's store at Fifth Avenue South and Fifth street. It soon got beyond control and attacked the Boutell Bros. store. The big store, filled with draperies and rugs hung from display racks, was easy prey for the flames, and the store was hopelessly ruined.

With the firemen still working on Boutell's building, the walls fell. Two firemen were seen in the glare that lighted the whole city to be buried beneath the avalanche of brick and mortar. One of the men caught in the fall of the walls was a member of the salvage corps. The other was a fireman from one of the engine companies. The fire spread to the New England House Furnishing establishment across the street from the Boutell store. Then it leaped to the Powers Mercantile company's great department store.

The district in which the fire occurred is closely built up, most of the buildings being substantial brick and stone structures. The high wind carried burning brands and sparks in all directions and many small blazes were lit within a radius of four blocks. The principal newspapers of the city were located but a block from the scene of the fire and for a time were thought to be in danger.

The Northwestern bank building, the Phoenix office building, the National Bank of Commerce, the New York Life building and many other big office buildings were within the fire zone and for a time seemed to be in danger of being wiped out. As soon as the extent of the fire was seen an appeal for assistance was made to the St. Paul department and two steamers were dispatched by special train.

The cold weather and high wind deterred the firemen greatly in their efforts to subdue the flames, but fortunately the wind died down about 2 o'clock and further danger of the fire spreading seems to have been averted. In the front of the burning building—Boutell Bros.—there stands a street car totally demolished by a falling electric light pole, from which several live wires were burned. Only one man is reported killed by these wires, though several were stunned, but seriously is not known.

The O. H. Peck company, one of the leading photographic supply companies of the city, sustained a total loss. The building was owned by the Hale Home-stead company and was valued at \$300,000; insurance \$25,000. The Boutell company had stock stored in this building valued at between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

THE DEAD.

Gustavo Miller, salvage corps.
John Buckley, salvage corps.

THE MISSING.

John Felloys, hose company No. 18.
George Siroco, hose company No. 18.

BADLY BURNED.

Leon Kirkhoff, hose company No. 18.
Losses so far as known:
Boutell Brothers, building \$300,000,
stock \$400,000, nearly covered by insur-
ance.
Bintliff Picture Frame company,
building \$100,000, stock \$200,000.
Peck's Photographic Supply house,
building \$35,000, stock \$20,000.
Miss Irene Hale, building \$300,000,
other losses \$400,000.
Powers Mercantile company, building
\$100,000, stock \$300,000.

Police Disperse Students.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 13.—A demon-
stration of students similar to that
which occurred here on Sunday, took
place in Moscow today. The police
promptly dispersed the crowd.

Favors Freedom of Speech.

London, Dec. 13.—A dispatch from St.
Petersburg to a news agency says:
Great importance is attached to resolu-
tions adopted by the Moscow city coun-
cil today in favor of freedom of speech,
of the press and of domicile, and for
abolition of restrictive laws.

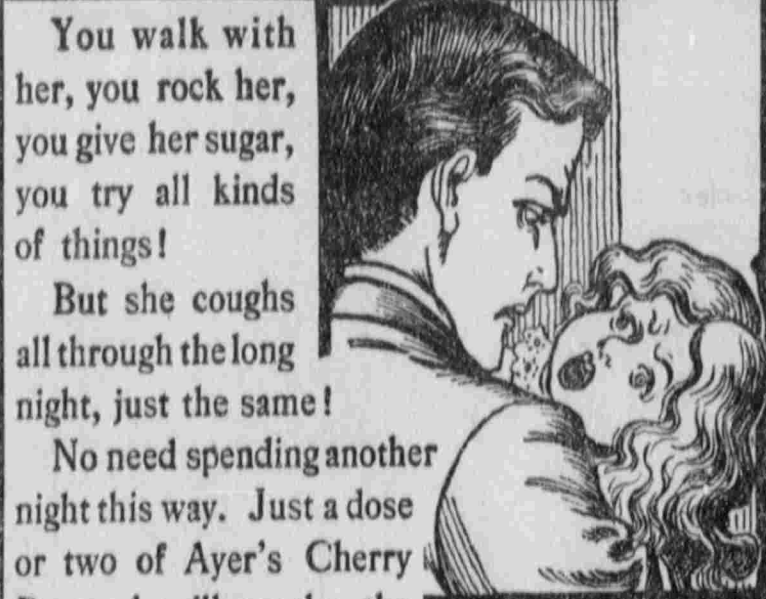
FATHER IGNATIUS.

Claims to Have Performed Mir-
acles on Various Occasions.
New York, Dec. 14.—Continuing his
avowal that all things are possible with
God today as they were in the past, even
to the healing of the sick and the raising
of the dead, Father Ignatius of Llanthony,
Wales, has proceeded, via the Herald's
London correspondent, to recount various
occasions upon which he claims to have
performed miracles.

One miracle, he is quoted as saying,
occurred in 1862 when a young girl who had
been dead two hours arose at the com-
mand. The second was that of a woman
crushed to death by falling stones,
when the abbey was being constructed at
Llanthony. This man is asserted to have
walked home unaided, after having been
crushed to a pulp.

TEA

Every woman knows how
to brew tea—her own way—
and she likes to have her own
way.



You walk with
her, you rock her,
you give her sugar,
you try all kinds
of things!
But she coughs
all through the long
night, just the same!
No need spending another
night this way. Just a dose
or two of Ayer's Cherry
Pectoral will soothe the
throat, quiet the cough, insure a good night's rest.
Ask your doctor about the wisdom of your
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NAN PATTERSON STOOD UP IN COURT

Faced Pawnbroker Stern Who
Sold the Revolver With Which
Young Was Killed.

HE COULD NOT IDENTIFY HER.

Was Not Certain Whether the Man
Had a Smooth Face or Wore a
Mustache.

New York, Dec. 13.—A dramatic situa-
tion developed today in the criminal
branch of the supreme court, when
Nan Patterson, on trial before Justice
Vernon M. Lewis, for the murder of
Caesar Young, stood up in the court-
room and faced Pawnbroker Hymen
Stern, the man who sold the revolver
with which Young was killed.

Stern was unable to identify the
prisoner as the woman who accom-
panied the man to whom he sold the
revolver. He was not certain whether
the man had a smooth face or wore a
mustache. He was not asked to iden-
tify the photograph of J. Morgan Smith,
Police Capt. Sweeney was recalled
and identified the photograph. He
said that he saw Smith on June 8 last
and gave him a grand jury subpoena.
Objection was made to the introduc-
tion as evidence of a copy of a sub-
poena served by the witness, and the
jury was excused while Justice Davis
listened to arguments of counsel.

Mr. Rand informed the court that the
theory of the prosecution is that Smith
and his wife were co-conspirators
against Young, although they had not
planned to kill him. The prosecution
further said it was prepared to prove
that Smith and his wife, with the ac-
complice of the defendant's introduc-
tion and also with the connivance of
the defendant's lawyers, had fled to
parts unknown.

"When I say the defendant's counsel,"
continued Mr. Rand, "I do not
mean you, Mr. Levy."

Much of the testimony today was
given by experts as to the result of
their examination of skin taken from
Young's fingers. Dr. Ernest J. Lederle,
former health commissioner, for an examina-
tion to determine whether or not the
marks were caused by gunpowder.

Dr. Lederle today testified that his
examination failed to satisfy him either
that the spots were or were not gun-
powder. He said that chemical anal-
ysis might possibly show the nature of
the substance which caused the black
spots, but that it would be only a
chance and in making the experiment
with the small bit of material submit-
ted to him the identity of the spots
might be destroyed.

At the suggestion of Mr. Rand the
piece of skin was divided, one piece
going to Dr. Lederle and the other
to the defendant's chemist for chem-
ical analysis.

PENNSYLVANIA MAGAZINE.

Complete Set for 1775 and 1776
Sold for \$200.

New York, Dec. 14.—A complete set of
the Pennsylvania Magazine for the years
1775 and 1776, edited by Thomas Paine and
containing one of the earliest prints ever
published—the battle of Brunker Hill,
has just been sold at auction here for \$200.

Automobile Climbing Contest.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 14.—An automobile
climbing contest, entries to which will be
open to the world, has been announced by
G. A. Wahlgreen of the Overland Racing
association. The event will occur in Aug-
ust, 1905, and Pike's Peak will be the
scene. Mr. Wahlgreen states that the
roadway leading to the summit of the
famous mountain will be especially pre-
pared for the test. The actual climb will
be approximately 5,000 feet, and the road
distance about 14 miles. The steepest
grade will approximate 45 degrees.

Salvation Army People Excluded

New York, Dec. 14.—Proprietors of
several well known hotels, restaurants
and cafes in Broadway, especially in the
theater district, have adopted a
rule of excluding women of the Salva-
tion Army and Volunteers of America
who seek contributions from patrons.
At some of the hostesses it was stat-
ed that there had been no objection to
the women when they came singly,
but that recently half a dozen were
seeking donations at the same time
and guests had been annoyed to such
an extent that it had been decided to
adopt the new rule excluding them
entirely. Many leading hotels have not,
however, made a ruling on the subject.

public schools of Utah, said he had
been called on to conduct religious
classes in his school of 20 pupils. He
read letters from the Boxelder stake
presidency instructing him how to out-
line the "Mormon" class work. One
letter was dated about a year ago
and another in September, 1904. Mr.
Morning said he was not a "Mormon"
himself.

Mr. Taylor offered in evidence pas-
sages from the Book of Mormon sent
to all grades of the schools. They were
largely composed of the lives of prom-
inent "Mormons," among them the
president of the Church and the Apos-
tles, including Senator Smoot.
Senator Hopkins asked Mr. Taylor
what he expected to prove by that.
"We are proving," said Mr. Taylor,
"that the 'Mormon' Church is teaching
its religion at public expense, and that
the lessons are largely composed of
biographies of men who are notorious
polygamists."

LETTER FROM FRANCIS.

Writes One to Governor of Each
State and Territory.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 14.—President D. R.
Francis of the world's fair has written
a letter to the governor of each state and
territory embraced in the Louisiana pur-
chase, informing him that the exposition
company has decided to present to each
of those states and territories the statue
symbol of it, and occupying a niche in
the colonnade of states back of festival
hall on the fair grounds. The gift is to
be made without cost to the states and
territories, the only condition being that
the statues be removed from the grounds
and a promise given that they will be
preserved in their present form as long as
practicable.

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The states and territories represented in
the group are: Missouri, Louisiana, Ar-
kansas, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Colo-
rado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Mon-
tana, Wyoming, Oklahoma and Indian
Territory.

Election Fraud Indictments.

Pueblo, Colo., Dec. 14.—A special grand
jury impaneled several days ago has re-
turned 20 indictments for election frauds.
Special jurors were sworn in to serve
the capias.

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CHICAGO.

TESTIMONY IN THE SMOOT HEARINGS

[The following testimony in the case
against Senator Smoot came too late
for our last issue so is continued today
that our readers may have it entire.]

Washington, Dec. 13.—Five witnesses
were examined today by the senate
committee on privileges and elections
in the investigation of protests against
Senator Smoot retaining his seat in the
senate. The first witness described the
obligations taken by persons who pass
through the Endowment House, and de-
clared that every one agrees to submit
to mutilation of the person if he or
she reveals what takes place during the
ceremony. Two members of the faculty
of the Brigham Young university tes-
tified that they have sustained polyga-
mous relations since the manifesto of
1890, and a teacher in the public schools
asserted that the Church has had relig-
ious taught in public schools. Mrs.
Margaret Geddes, a Mormon, testified
concerning her marriage, and broke
down on the stand. The hearing will
be continued tomorrow.

Mr. Hickman took the stand again
at 2 p. m.

Chairman Burroughs asked Mr. Hick-
man concerning his marriage in Mex-
ico, and was told that the ceremony
was performed by some man named
McDonnell, who, the witness said, must
have obtained his authority directly
or indirectly from the president of the
Church.

Mr. Hickman said he believed in
plural marriages at the time, but has
not believed in them since the manifes-
to, which he regarded as binding upon
all members of the Church as "the ex-
press will of God."

Mr. Smoot in a conversation since
the investigation began had expressed
to him the opinion that there would
be no more plural marriages.
Mrs. Margaret Geddes of Salt Lake
said she was born in Glasgow, Scot-
land, where she was converted to the
"Mormon" faith and went to Utah 20
years ago. She became the plural wife
of William Geddes in Logan, Utah,
the same year. She said she did not
live with her husband much, as he re-
mained in Oregon, his other wife living
in Elkins City. She had four children.
Her husband died in Oregon, and she
then went to her husband's first wife
and there a baby was born.

She broke down, crying, as she gave
this evidence. It was brought out that
her husband died 12 years ago and that
her youngest child is now 1/2 years old.
She said she had not been married a
second time and refused to give the
name of her youngest child's father.
She broke down again as she told the
committee she had no one to look after
her, and that she sat in the waiting-
room from 2 a. m. until daylight after
arriving in Washington this morning.
Arthur Morning, a teacher in the

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