

TWELVE PERSONS PERISH IN FIRE

They Were Guests of the New Avelline Hotel at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

WIDE COMPLETELY GUTTED.

Recovery of Dead Difficult Matter—Impossible to Tell How Many Are Missing.

Fort Wayne, Ind., May 3.—At least twelve persons lost their lives in a fire that today destroyed the New Avelline hotel here. The entire interior of the hotel is a smoldering heap of ruins, and how many dead are concealed by the debris can only be conjectured.

The hotel register was consumed by fire, and there are no accurate means of determining who are missing.

DEAD.

John Campbell, jumped three stories; badly shocked. Charles Falls, Columbus, O.; leaped three stories, gash in leg, contusion on head and lacerated. F. M. Matthews, Columbus, O.; back broken and burns and gashes; at St. Joseph's hospital. George A. Hill, Philadelphia; badly cut and burned about face and arms. Mrs. Agnes Adeau, Miss Margaret Meacham, Miss Anna Block and Nathan Bell, all kitchen employees, burned and bilaterated; at hospital.

F. C. Phillips, Calumet, Mich.; face burned and head scorched.

John Long, bartender; arms broken.

RECOVERING BODIES.

The complete destruction of the interior of the hotel makes the work of recovering bodies a difficult task. A confused heap of charred wood, bricks and twisted girdles is piled up between the bare walls to the second story. Piece by piece this must be removed before the roll of the dead can be completed. Some of the bodies taken out are mangled and charred beyond recognition.

Infantry company D and battery B of the national guard are on duty and aiding the fire and police forces to clear away the debris.

The fire was discovered at 3:30 this morning in the elevator shaft by Night Clerk Ralph Hopkins. He rushed to the upper floors, alarming the guests, until the flames, which had spread with appalling rapidity, drove him back. His efforts, however, saved many lives.

The hotel was erected half a century ago, and the woodwork was dry as tinder. It burned like matchwood and within a few minutes from the time the fire was discovered the whole interior of the hotel was a mass of flames that filled the corridors and rooms with suffocating clouds of smoke and laid heavy barriers across all means of escape save by the windows.

The fire department rescued many persons by means of ladders, but some, frenzied by the onward rush of the flames, leaped from high windows to the paved street.

R. S. Johnson of Pana, Ill., jumped from the fifth story. His body struck a balcony and bounded far into the street. He was a crushed and bleeding mass when picked up and died a short time later in St. Joseph's hospital.

As the flames increased, men and women were seen in the windows of their rooms, where they wildly implored help. Those who got from their rooms before the flames cut off their retreat were able to make their way to the fire escapes and so were saved with comparative ease. Soon the flames broke from the windows and curled about the fire escapes. Some of the more hardy ones braved the flames and made their way through smoke and fire down the iron stairways.

There were many thrilling escapes. Claude H. Varnell of the Fort Wayne baseball team; his sister, Mrs. John Hendricks, and John Hendricks of Chicago, manager of the Fort Wayne team,

together with Master Hendricks, aged 5 years, barely escaped with their lives. Varnell lost all his personal belongings valued at several thousand dollars. Hendricks, with his wife ahead of him and his boy in his arms, was descending the fire escape from the fifth floor. At the third floor the fire broke out below them. He swung Mrs. Hendricks over the railing and she dropped to the platform of the story below. He then dropped his son into the waiting arms of his wife, and all made their way to the ground. Other rescues are thrilling and escapes as narrow were numerous.

CRIED IN VAIN FOR HELP.

When the fire was at its height a man at a third-story window was seen wildly waving his arms. He shrieked: "My God, men, save me; will no one save me?" and then leaped from the window and went swirling to the pavement below. He was picked up desperately hurt. He was E. H. Matthews of Columbus, Ohio.

A score or more of women employed in the hotel were in the upper rooms in the rear of the hotel. Most of them escaped without injury, but some in their fright leaped to the alley and were more or less injured.

That there are still many bodies in the ruins is the belief of Fire Chief Hilbrecht and Chief of Police Ankenbruck. Chief Ankenbruck, having his estimate on the reports of the police, gives the number of dead in the ruins at 6 o'clock at 20. At that hour eight bodies had been recovered. A guest on the fifth floor, who was aroused, says he believes very few on the fifth floor escaped. Other bodies are believed to be at the foot of the elevator shaft.

THE HOTEL.

The New Avelline hotel was a six-story building of brick in the business center of the city. Its erection was begun in 1852, but it was not completed until several years later. In 1885 the building was extensively remodeled and furnishings were valued at \$80,000.

Within a quarter of an hour from the time the fire was discovered in the elevator shaft, practically the entire building was wrapped in flames. The whole interior became a roaring furnace and from basement to roof all was blazing and oiled. In rapid succession the floors fell to the basement, carrying their toll of dead.

John P. Strohacher of New York, after a thrilling escape from death in the flames, reached the ground almost nude. He had no time to gather his apparel, the flames having burst into the room before he was awakened. Scores of men and women reached the

ground, some of them with nothing on but their night clothes. None of the guests had time to save his effects. Dry goods and clothing stores were thrown open to men and women, and all who needed apparel were supplied without question.

R. S. Lewis of Chicago was driven from his rooms on the third floor to the window ledge. The flames were leaping about him and he swung down from window to window. Firemen hoisted a ladder to aid him, but it became entangled in wires. He became exhausted, his grasp loosened and he dropped just as the ladder was raised under his feet, but it broke his fall and he escaped with his life.

A. R. Ballot of New York, had an almost similar experience. The flames were in his room when he awoke. He groped his way through the smoke to a window and crawled out upon the ledge and clung there precariously edging away an inch at a time as the flames curled angrily from the windows. He was just about to take a final leap when a fireman's hand was thrust down to him from the roof adjoining and he was pulled to safety. Late last night the Barrett Transfer company moved three large trunks to the New Avelline hotel. Instructions came with the order to move to have the trunks carefully watched, as they contained thousands of dollars' worth of fine jewelry. No information as to the owners can be secured at the company's office, as the checks previously sent over with the instructions.

As the officers have heard nothing of the missing jewelry it is probable that the owner or owners perished in the flames.

SAVED HIS JEWELS.

Toledo, O., May 3.—J. O. Vingling of this city, who travels for the Swigard Jewelry company of this city, was at the Fort Wayne hotel fire. He had with him jewelry and samples valued at \$40,000, and succeeded in saving \$30,000 of that amount. It is under guard at Fort Wayne.

ANOTHER BODY FOUND.

Making Eighth Victim Chicago Reduction Co. Plant Fire.

Chicago, May 3.—The finding of another body today in the ruins of the Chicago Reduction company's plant, at Twenty-eighth and Iron streets, which was wrecked by an explosion and fire last Friday night, brought the list of known dead up to eight. The body was identified as that of William Lenz, a watchman. One of the bodies previously recovered was believed to be that of Lenz.

NO TONGUE CAN TELL.

My sufferings with eczema until Cuticura cured me.—Mrs. A. Etson, Bellevue, Mich.

ENTIRE FAMILY VICTIMS OF FLAMES

Mrs. Dora Abrams and Her Four Children Perished in a Tenement House Fire.

MANY THRILLING RESCUES.

Max Tolar and His Wife and Children Were in General Slocum Disaster And Escaped from Building.

New York, May 3.—An early morning fire in a four-story brick tenement at 17 Humboldt street, a thickly populated district of Brooklyn, caused the death of six persons and the serious injury of four others today.

Every member of one family, consisting of a mother and four children, are among the dead. There were many thrilling rescues by police and firemen, and it was due to their brave work that the death list was not larger.

A half dozen or more persons were entrapped in the upper stories and saved by jumping into life nets.

The financial loss caused by the fire is estimated at \$10,000.

THE DEAD.

Mrs. Dora Abrams, Sadie Abrams, Carrie Abrams, Anna Abrams, Charles Abrams, Mrs. Jennie Cohen.

The injured are Mrs. May Noble, Mrs. Amelia Hirschhorn and Fannie Hirschhorn, who suffered a broken shoulder from jumping from a window into a life net.

The fire started in the cellar of the building early this morning when the people comprising the eight families living in the house were asleep. It had gained much headway before it was discovered, and three policemen who arrived about this time repeatedly risked their lives in dragging people from the lower floors. When the firemen came the fire had spread through the entire rear of the house, where the fire escapes were, and the

terror-stricken inmates of the upper floors had been driven to the front rooms, where they were hanging from windows, shrieking for help. Ladders and life nets were quickly brought into use and most of the inmates were thus rescued.

The Abrams family lived on the third floor. For some reason the flames swept through their apartment so that the only way of escape was by jumping from the windows. Charles Abrams and his sister Anna did this, but both struck an iron railing and were dead when picked up. Mrs. Abrams and her other children, Sadie and Carrie, were burned to death, clasped in each other's arms. Mrs. Abrams was the widow of Michael Abrams, who was an interpreter in the Brooklyn police courts for many years.

One of the families in the building, that of Max Tolar, was in the Slocum disaster, and each member escaped at that time. Their good fortune followed them today, for all got out of the burning building without injury. Although there is no evidence of incendiarianism, the origin of the fire was so peculiar that the authorities will make a rigid investigation.

TROOPS READY TO SUPPRESS TROUBLE IN PERU

Lima, Peru, May 3.—Government troops have been sent out by President Pardo on receipt of reports here that an insurrection was brewing not far from this city. Alarm was felt in government circles on Friday night when it was rumored that the insurgent leader, Dr. Durand, with 300 of his men, attempted to cut the wires of the electric lighting plant which supplies the current for the lighting of Lima and the suburbs. If an attempt was made it was not successful and the troops have not yet succeeded in tracing Durand.

President Pardo passed Sunday night in the barracks and this morning additional troops were sent out in search of the alleged insurgents. A number of arrests were made in the city of persons suspected of complicity in the movement, but Lima itself presents no unusual aspects and the idea of any extensive movement looking to a revolution is not generally believed.

There is no doubt, however, that the insurgent bands have been at work in the vicinity of Lima, although the latest reports indicate that the whole republic is quiet. Soldiers are now moving both north and south and they have found quantities of cartridges and dynamite along the railroad lines. It is reported also, but the report has not been confirmed, that recently a railroad bridge was blown up. The troops have been ordered to take the utmost precaution not to give the insurgents any opportunity to surprise them.

Last night the theaters were in full swing in Lima and at Callao and the English club gave a ball.

TIED OF PERSECUTION.

J. B. West of Idaho Makes an Assault On G. W. Thompson.

Portland, Or., May 2.—A special to the Oregonian from Lewiston, Id., states that greatly angered over an article appearing in an evening paper signed by G. W. Thompson, a prominent political leader in Idaho, J. B. West, former register of the United States land office, who is under indictment on a charge of land fraud, made a personal assault on Thompson. The fight was the culmination of a bitter political contest. Thompson, who is a cripple, says the assault was wholly unexpected. West declares that Thompson has persecuted him for six years and he is determined to stop his name being dragged into print. West was arrested and will be tried Monday.

SECOND ATTEMPT TO DYNAMITE TRAIN.

Butte, Mont., May 3.—What appears to be an attempt to wreck a similar fate on the northbound Oregon short line train that befell the Burlington train Friday night, was thwarted today by a lone foot passenger, John Holman, who was walking to Melrose from the north.

At a point about six miles this side of that place he saw a place where dynamite had been planted in a small excavation under the rail, where it would have probably thrown the train into the river if it had exploded. No daring to handle the explosive, Holman threw it into the river and hastened to notify the Melrose station agent. When the northbound train arrived it was held back until a thorough investigation could be made. No more powder was found, but Nolan called the attention of the railroad men to the hole under the rail where he claimed he had found 15 sticks of powder.

The officers in Butte are inclined to believe that this may have been some of the powder which was stolen recently from the Western Union & Western mine. The quantity would have been enough to repeat the outrage of Friday night on the Burlington train on the Northern Pacific tracks, which the Burlington uses.

A telephone message from the station agent at Melrose informed the officers of the affair, repeating all the details as given by Holman.

Holman's story is believed by those who hear it to be the truth, as some time ago several sticks of dynamite were found on the Short Line tracks, and upon his confession the perpetrator is now serving time in the Deer Lodge penitentiary.

"Had dyspepsia or indigestion for years. No appetite, and what I did eat distressed me terribly. Burdock Blood Bitters cured me."—J. H. Walker, Sunbury, Ohio.

Madsen's Annual Clearance Sale

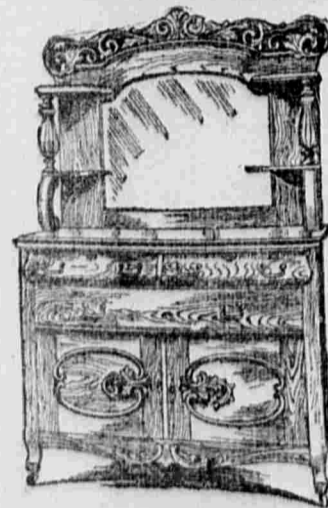
BEGINS TOMORROW

Every Article in the Store is Reduced in Price During This Great Trade Event. Reductions of From 33 1-3 Per Cent To 50 Per Cent Prevail, Though Some Articles are Reduced More

We Must Move the Goods--You Reap the Benefits of Delayed Shipments--Prices Made With But One Object That of Selling the Goods

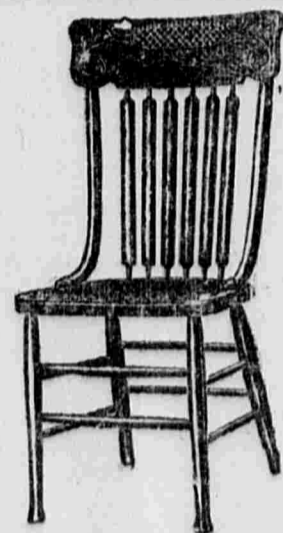
The opening of our doors this morning marks the beginning of one of the most important clearance sales of Furniture, Carpets, Draperies, Housefurnishings, etc. Salt Lake people have had the opportunity to attend in many years. Practically every line of merchandise in the store will figure in the price-cutting, and no pains will be spared to make the special prices so low that they will speak for themselves more eloquently of the bargains offered than anything we might say about them in the papers.

There is just one object we wish to accomplish in making this Clearance Sale general throughout the store, and that is to relieve the crowded condition of both the store and the warehouse. There's much merchandise in our warehouse that we haven't room to show on the display floors—not only furniture, but carpeting and house furnishings as well. WE ARE FORCED TO SELL THE GOODS NOW ON OUR HANDS IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THE GOODS WE WANT TO SHOW LATER IN THE SEASON—and the folks who purchase during our Clearance Sale are the ones who are going to reap the benefit of savings which in many cases represent considerably more than our profit. One department has to suffer as much as another, as all the different stocks are too large for this time of the year.



Many beautiful designs in Sideboards cut down from 33 1-3 to 50 per cent. We have them from—

\$15.00 to \$135.00



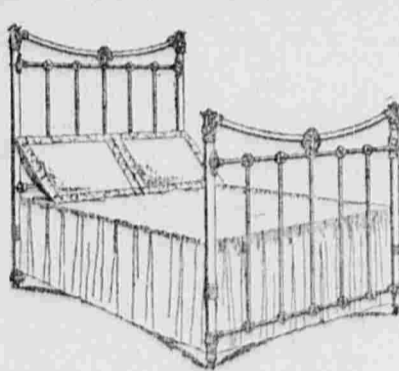
The largest assortment of Dining Room Chairs ever shown in Salt Lake City. Like cut, plain back—

75 Cents



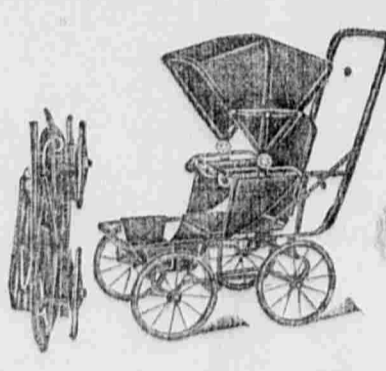
We carry the celebrated Gurney Refrigerators. There are others just as good, but none better. From \$11.00 to \$62.50.

33 1-3 off on this line



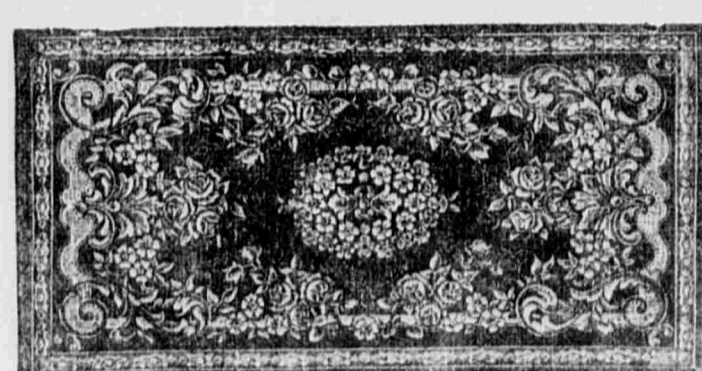
Never at any time in our history has our line of Brass and Iron Beds been so complete and tasteful in design and finish as at present. From \$2.50 to \$150.00, just like cut—

\$5.75



To say that we sell the celebrated F. A. Whitney line of Go-Carts and Perambulators is enough, as everybody knows they are the best; 92 styles to select from; 33 1-3 per cent off during this sale. Like cut—

\$7.20



Velvet Rugs, 27x54 \$1.15
Axminster Rugs, 27x54 \$1.90
Axminster Rugs 9x12 \$22.50

All Carpets, sewed, laid, faced and lined 33 1-3 per cent discount

First grade Inlaid Linoleum \$1.00 per yard
Second grade Inlaid Linoleum \$7.50 per yard
E. grade Linoleum, choice pattern45c per yard
Lace Curtains from 90c a pair up

Another thing to remember is that very little of the merchandise included in this Clearance Sale has been in the store more than eight or ten months, and large quantities of it have arrived within the past four months. All of the Red Tape Sale goods are desirable even from our standpoint, except that they take up too much room.

Come to the Store Often--New Goods will be Marked with Red Tags just as fast as we can make room for them

Mission Furniture at actual cost. Parlor Furniture in endless variety, some of them cut in half. China Closet Buffets, Dining Tables, Mirrors, Ranges, Cooking Utensils, Dishes and Glassware, in fact everything in the store to go at this sale.

P. W. MADSEN'S FURNITURE & CARPET STORE

51-53-55-57 EAST FIRST SOUTH STREET.