

[SPECIAL TO THE DESERT NEWS.]

## By Telegraph.

WORCESTER, Mass., 12.—The People's Insurance Company in this city lost over half a million dollars by the Boston fire. The directors have voted to call in their policies for cancellation, and to discontinue business.

The First National Insurance Company lose 50,000, which will be raised by assessments. The Bay Insurance Company will lose 260,000; it is suspended for the present. The Merchants' and Farmers' Mutual will lose over 300,000, but will continue business. No other companies lose heavily.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., 12.—A Fort Gibson dispatch says Lewis Downing, the principal chief of the Cherokee nation, died at Tallequah on Saturday last.

CINCINNATI, O., 12.—The epizootic continues to spread. Nearly all the street car lines have stopped, oxen are appearing on the streets.

NEW YORK, 12.—The *Bulletin* says the wool market dealers there recently sold heavily to Boston merchants, but the wool is still mostly held here, or in transit, thus escaping destruction. Only a small amount of Boston paper, on account of wool transactions, is held here. No fears entertained that other than an extension of time will be necessary on the maturity of the bills. A partial suspension in the wool trade for a few weeks is expected, till the insurance balances are perfected. New York houses are seriously affected. The actual sufferers will be the public at large, as all kinds of woolen goods, it is expected, will advance thirty to forty per cent.

NEW YORK, 12.—In the dry goods trade the bulletin also says there is much confusion and uncertainty, owing to the absence of letters from Boston, but no great uneasiness is manifested in the hide and leather trade. There is an entire absence of panicky feeling in the boot and shoe trade, and no crisis is anticipated. The sentiment is that all the Boston dealers are in good standing, and may only need an extension of time. Boot buyers who appeared here yesterday were given the usual credit.

BALTIMORE, 12.—A meeting of citizens to-day, called by the Mayor, passed resolutions of sympathy with the Boston sufferers and appointed a committee to ascertain in what manner aid can be most effectually rendered.

PHILADELPHIA, 12.—The centennial commission has issued an address to the people of the U. S., asking for subscriptions to the fund of ten millions, required to make the centennial such a success as the patriotism and the pride of every American demands, and appealing to the people in every section to see that each contributes its share to the expenses and receives its share of the benefits of the enterprise in which all are so deeply interested.

At a meeting of the Citizens' Aid Committee to-day, Wm. Gray, chairman, read with great emotion a dispatch from Wirt Dexter, chairman of the Relief Association of Chicago, stating that that body had appropriated one hundred thousand dollars for the relief of Boston, and tendering its deepest sympathy in remembrance of favors to Chicago in its calamity. The reading was greeted with prolonged applause. Robert Laird Collyer, Chicago, telegraphed that the relief committee of that city were on the way to Boston. Gov. Perham, of Maine, was present and tendered the sympathy of his State, with offers of aid from its citizens. Numerous other cheering reports were made. Naylor & Co., of Liverpool, sent in a check for \$5,000, through their Boston house. Jordan, March & Co. donated \$10,000 for the benefit of the firemen.

It is understood that Postmaster Burt is endeavoring to make some arrangement with the trustees of the old church to allow it to be temporarily used as a post office until the new office in Devonshire street is completed. Many large dry goods houses, which were burned out, have already opened in new quarters. The work of opening passages through the streets of the burnt district was prosecuted with vigor to-day, at least one thousand laborers being engaged. Nearly all the fire engines have been withdrawn, except those employed in cooling the ruins beneath which safes are burned, which are being dug out all over the region swept by the flames. The safes of the Home Insurance Co. and the heirs of the Simmons estate have been opened. The contents are in good condition. Exploring parties are at work in various localities, clearing away the ruins,

and searching for bodies of missing firemen. Members of the Hook and Ladder Co. No. 4 are looking for the body of their assistant firemen, who disappeared on Sunday morning, and a gang of men are also at work among the ruins of Weeks & Potter's store, in search of the bodies of men supposed to be there.

NEW YORK, 12.—The fire risks in Boston, of the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company of San Francisco have been erroneously reported at over a million dollars. According to the Massachusetts Insurance report that company's Boston agents have returned \$5,800,981 of risks. The agents here state that only \$208,738 of this amount was in Boston.

The situation of mercantile affairs is unchanged. Rain interferes somewhat with the shipment of goods, although many orders and buyers are here from Boston for stocks. The Boston boats to-night are crammed with goods. Extra steamers with freight will probably leave to-morrow. In Wall St. the financial situation is brighter and the Boston fire is already being "lost sight of, yet there is much anxiety as to the action of the treasury, but it is stated and generally believed that the secretary will buy an additional amount of bonds to-morrow if offered at and under par in gold. Money is close and an outflow of gold will commence to-morrow, weakening the bank resources, unless government ships in.

President Dodge of the Chamber of Commerce received, to-day, from Mayor Gaston of Boston, the following reply to a telegram expressing sympathy and asking what aid he could render—"Thanks for your sympathy and kind offers of assistance. The fire is now fully under control, but few dwelling houses are burned. A meeting of the relief committee will be held this a.m.; as soon as the extent of our calamity is ascertained, we will communicate with you and inform you of our needs."

"(Signed) WM. GASTON, Mayor." CHICAGO, 12.—The contributions in Chicago for the relief of Boston are already nearly a quarter of a million. This includes \$100,000 from the Chicago Relief Society, and \$50,000 from Cook & Co.

The horse disease is rapidly abating, and the streets are resuming something like their usual appearance.

A Boston special to the *Tribune* says an estimate, as accurate as could be made, from the best informed sources, under existing circumstances, of the extent of the fire and the losses, place the area of the burnt district at about sixty acres, and the total losses, including buildings and merchandize, not to exceed one hundred million dollars. Another correspondent says the best judges place the losses at eighty millions.

PHILADELPHIA, 12.—Many horses are dying here. The epidemic is spreading at Scranton.

CINCINNATI, 12.—The horse disease is now spread over the entire city. Very few horses are seen on the streets. Ox teams are making their appearance.

BOSTON, 12.—At noon all the bar rooms were closed by order of the mayor. The military guard forming a cordon around the burnt district has been increased. No person is allowed to pass without a permit as follows:

"Pass bearer within the lines, by command of Brigadier-general J. S. Burrell."

"(Signed) H. MOORE" MILWAUKEE, 12.—The horse disease is raging in full force.

The relief committee forward immediately to Boston, \$9,000.

BOSTON, 12.—The following official statement with regard to Boston banks was forwarded to-day to Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell, Secretary of the Treasury, Washington—

Seven national banks were burned out by the fire. All have recovered their cash assets and will immediately resume business. I have met the presidents of the leading banks to-day, and all agree that the total loss will not exceed one half of their surplus of 12 millions of dollars. An excellent feeling prevails. JOHN J. KNOX, Comptroller of Currency.

A preliminary meeting of insurance adjusters of leading American and English companies, was held at the Revere House this evening, to organize. By choice, E. J. Bassett, of Aetna, Hartford, was elected chairman, H. E. Bowers, North Britain, secretary. Thirty-six companies were represented. No definite action was taken. It was proposed to appoint committees to settle all the various risks.

A table relating to insurance gives the number of companies doing business in Boston at 95, which includes 20

companies admitted since the publication of the report of the insurance commission. The total amount of capital of the companies is 38,025,000. Companies having small risks and last admitted will pay their policies in full. Boston companies will pay from 20 to 100 per cent, or on an average of 50 per cent of the amount of their risks.

LOUISVILLE, 12.—The horse disease is spreading rapidly among the horses. Many mules are attacked.

All is quiet to-night. A strong military patrol guards all the approaches to the burnt district. The city is still in darkness, the gas not having been let on. The weather is thick and rain is falling. The only bank that failed to settle at the clearing house to-day was the Freedman's. The bonds, gold and money, of this bank, were found in the safe all right, but the notes were destroyed, which caused a temporary suspension. The Boston Mutual Insurance Co. will pay in full, and the average payments will reach 50 per cent. Considerable rain fell last night and to-day. The night passed quietly. The theatres are closed. It is feared six persons lost their lives by the falling of the walls of Weeks & Potter's drug store on Sunday morning, four of them being firemen. The fact that incendiaries are about was manifested by an attempt, last night, to fire the stable of North & Foster, on Dudley street, Boston Highlands. Slabs were torn off the rear of the stable and hay stuffed between them and the ceiling, and set fire to. Fortunately the fire was discovered before it made much headway, and put out. There was another incendiary fire in the rear of a dwelling, No. 27 Conant street, also, but little damage was done. In the evening several men and boys were discovered piling wood against a dwelling house on Prince street, and had kindled a fire, when the police arrived and arrested several of the ruffians. Two of the ringleaders escaped, but they are well known to the police.

BOSTON, 13.—All the theatres tender benefits to aid the fire sufferers.

The police stations are filled with property recovered from thieves. Sixteen thousand dollars' worth has been restored to the owners, and thirty thousand worth more is awaiting claimants.

The gas was turned on to-day, relieving the city from the darkness of the past two nights.

PATTERSON, N. J., 13.—The silk weavers of Tilt & Sons, of the Phoenix mill, in this city, the largest establishment of the kind in the United States, quit work to-day. The proprietors are insisting on a reduction of twenty per cent in wages. The strikers number two hundred men and fifty apprentices.

BOSTON.—The Relief Committee made the following report this morning:

"It having been suggested that the Secretary of the Treasury might issue an additional amount of currency, in view of our calamity, resolved that this committee earnestly remonstrate against such issue as unwelcome, unnecessary and prejudicial to the whole country."

NEW YORK 13.—At a secret meeting of the board of fire underwriters yesterday, a resolution was adopted making the rates of insurance conform to those of 1870, which are understood to be an advance on the present rates of from ten to fifteen per cent. The subject of mansard roofs was referred to a special committee, who it is expected will declare uninsurable all building and dwellings that have mansard roofs, constructed of other than fire-proof material. Insurance men are becoming more cheerful. They believe the losses by the Boston fire will fall below the estimates of Monday, which they say were placed high enough to cover all risks in the burnt district. The salvage it is thought will be considerable.

Gen. Shotter, of the New York fire department, concludes, from inspection of the burnt district, that the fire was so large in consequence of the delay of the firemen in reaching the scene, the narrowness of the streets, which made it impossible to work efficiently, and the great heat, which in the open spaces prevented the firemen from approaching the burning buildings. He agrees with the chief engineer of the Boston department that the destruction of buildings by gunpowder tends rather to spread the fire than otherwise.

People in this city are assured that there is no likelihood of a similar calamity befalling them, because of the abundance of water and the superior organization of the fire department. Two new reservoirs are building to contain nine hundred feet of water in addition to the present available supply.

A species of dropsy has attack-

ed a number of diseased horses.

NEW YORK, 13.—The *Spectator* has the following list of suspended insurance companies, and the amount each will probably pay:

Massachusetts Companies—the Bay State, fifty per cent.; Boston sixty; Boylston fifty-six; City forty; Elliott seventy-five; Exchange forty; Faneuil Hall fifty; Fireman's thirty-five; Franklin twenty-five; Howard twenty-five; Lawrence fifty; Manufacturers' ninety-five; Merchants' seventy-five; Mutual Benefit, thirty-five; National seventy-five; North America, fifty; People 55; Prescott fifty; Shree and Leather seventy-five; Suffolk fifty; Tremont twenty-five; Washington ninety-five.

New York companies: Humboldt forty; International seventy-five; Market fifty.

Providence companies: Equitable sixty; Merchants' sixty-five.

CHICAGO, 13.—A Boston special says there is no want in the city to speak of. Up to last night, Monday, two families only had applied for shelter, and it seems probable that the great reserve capital of the city and the thrift and foresight of its people, besides the comprehensiveness of the regular charities, will meet all demands. The news from abroad has strengthened the confidence of the people, who already feel secure in their home incorporations, and there is a reactionary feeling against the wild schemes of legislative relief. The *Herald* comes out strong this afternoon, Sunday, against any expansion of the currency or any sort of monetary relief, and any issue of city bonds to aid in rebuilding, and also thinks the Common should not have been granted to business people for temporary buildings, but that they should have been put up on the back of the bay lands. It points to the fact that the whole loss is only equal to one year's increase of Boston's wealth, which amounted at last assessment to above seventy millions in twelve months. An expansion of currency, it shows, would increase the price of merchandise and cost of rebuilding.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., 13.—The Equitable Insurance Company of this city, has stopped taking risks. Its losses in the Boston burnt district amount to \$317,000, and its total assets are \$430,000. The Mercantile Insurance Company to determine its course in the future. The total assets of the company are \$385,461, its total risks in the burnt district of Boston are \$210,000.

A Boston special says that the First National pays in full. The Boylston and Washington Companies start afresh to-day. The Mutual Company of Massachusetts will pay in full, and must assess the full amount required by law.

SACRAMENTO, 14.—The board of fire commissioners, Sacramento, have decided to contract with the Electrician Construction Co., of San Francisco for a patent fire alarm telegraph, to be erected in Sacramento immediately. The system will comprise signal stations and three engine house alarm gongs, to commence with. The public are fully alive to the importance and value of an effective fire alarm system, which it is expected will reduce the loss by fire fully one half.

A company of surveyors of the Texas Railroad Company are now camped at Riverside, where they arrived yesterday from Temecula. They will proceed in a few days to Colorado River via San Geronimo Pass, and will make a survey of the route that was surveyed last spring by Mr. Phelps for the Southern Pacific.

BOMBAY, 14.—Lord Northbrook, viceroy of India, is now visiting Bombay for the first time. He had a brilliant reception and will hold a public audience on Saturday, when many Indian sovereign Princes will be received. Great preparations are making for the ceremony, which will be accompanied by all the gorgeous display usual on occasions in India.

LONDON, 14.—The Pensall coal mine, Staffordshire, was suddenly inundated to-day while the men were at work. Eleven miners were rescued, but twenty-two remain in the mine, with little hope that they will be saved.

LONDON, 14.—The common council of London voted resolutions of regret at the conflagration of Boston and sympathy with the inhabitants of that city and the whole American people under what can be no less than a national calamity.

PANACCA.—Bishop T. J. Jones, wrote from Panacca that times were tolerably good there, "election over, with two men killed and quite a warm feeling." The letter was dated Nov. 8.