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BURNED TO A CRISP.

Twelve Persons Perish in a Hotel Fire at Seattle, Wash.

OTHERS HAVE NARROW ESCAPES.

Explosion of a Kerosene Lamp in the Kitchen is the Origin of the Blaze.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 27.—A fire, which resulted certainly in twelve deaths and the injury of three more, broke out in the West Street house, at Columbia and West streets, about 1 o'clock this morning and at this hour (5 a. m.) all the dead are turned up beyond recognition and the corner has decided to allow the dead to remain where they are in hope that the proprietor could identify the bodies by the location of the rooms, the hotel register being saved.

The flames broke out so suddenly and so fiercely that the occupants were taken by surprise and there was a wild panic, men and women jumping from the windows in all manner of attire.

A sharp explosion was heard in the kitchen in the rear part of the second story by S. F. Butler, a guest of the concerned and immediately the flames began to spread rapidly through the rear corner of the corrugated iron building, which is one of a range of twenty structures owned by J. M. Colman on the east side of West street.

Butler raised a cry of fire which aroused the guests, with whom the house was crowded, and a race for the outside. It was not any too soon, for the flames were burning through the dry canvas back like traveling needles curling a crisp. In the beneficiary office F. E. Bryant had gone were the flames and urged in an Irish Miss through the fire department to escape. Then he turned his attention to saving the terrified people, who poured from every window, with the flames fast encircling them. Mrs. Bryant, the hotel Mrs. Rose Allen and six employees could not a window to the West street side, the woman crying for some one to save her child.

"Drop the child," shouted the officer.

She did so and he caught it safely in his arms. Depositing it on the ground he mounted a ladder and set it up against a window. The woman slid down it and suffered no further injury than a few scratches.

W. F. Butler, proprietor of the hotel, was in his room when the fire was discovered and escaped to safety alive.

His son, S. F. Butler, was night clerk at the hotel. He says that he was immediately aroused from a between lamp in the kitchen, which was hanging on the upper floor near the fire wall. The flames made such rapid progress that before the occupants could possibly be aroused the fire was upon them. Then the people began to dry from the windows on both sides of the building, the flames closely following them.

C. H. Lewis, who was in room "A" at the corner, dropped twenty feet to the ground and escaped unhurt. Jas. A. Day, who was in room 64, tied his sheets together and tried them as a rope to slide down. D. B. Gibbs jumped out of a window but not till his hair was burned. He strove to save his life and by struggling on the ground. He was picked up and carried to the Northern Pacific passenger station and with the two others was taken to the hospital.

One poor fellow whose identity is not known, was caught in the flash of the conflagration near the top of the West street railway and sank down overcome with the smoke and flames. The firemen fought to keep the fire away from him, but it was too hot work, and when last seen the victim's right arm had been bitten to a cinder in cinders.

Two streams of water were kept trained on this place and the water fell in torrents on the sidewalk, which was not enough almost to scale.

It was only after the fire department had gotten well to work that the full horror of the affair began to reveal itself, and by that time the building was a mass of flames. There was some unaccountable delay in getting the water on, owing to the slowness of the fire boat in getting up steam. When at last the pressure did come, the building was a raging furnace, and all that could be done was to confine the flames to the block where they started.

The first dead man was taken out from over the Bill Syrup company's store, and was found with one leg in an iron bed and the other half dead. The body was found with his head covered with the bed clothes, under the bed, having apparently hidden from the flames, so badly burned as to be unrecognizable, as were all the other bodies.

FOURTEEN BODIES FOUND.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 27.—Fourteen bodies have been taken from the ruins of the West Hotel and two more are thought to be in the ruins. None have been identified.

Police Captain Gives Himself Up.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—Police Captain Schmittberger gave himself up at police headquarters today in answer to the charge of bribery in office. Judge Gildersleeve fixed the magistrate's bail at $7,500, and this was forthcoming.

FOUR ALASKA.

The Schooler Being Well—Fifty Hogshead Found.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Oct. 27.—Rev. Sheldon Jackson, commissioner of education for Alaska, has arrived from the north. He reports that the bark Kodiak, bound for Port Clarence, has been released by Russian officials and is now at Unalaska, and that the crew are thriving splendidly, very well cared.

Yesterday at Lagoda, on which work began the past summer, a gale uncovered the native to bring and stacking the supply. He brings the report that any of them were taken by falling over precipices.

Mr. John Henry, whose business relates to a transportation company in the Yukon, arrived from Fort Ellis Creek. She says the Canadian government this summer sent in twenty officers who collected duties on American goods imported at Fort Ellis Creek diggings, a small territory belonging to Canada. Very few placer diggings have been discovered on Stickine and Bear creeks.

The British steamer Winifred, which for years for liquor smuggling, has been sold in Sitka for $700.

Destructive Tobacco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 27.—Advices from Honolulu state that the cigarettes on Hawaii are being in fashion of an insect without the size of a lady bug. The natives have it in be to be extremely unpleasant. Non-Japan, and so call it the Japanese bug. The insect attacks the leaves, eating at the end, parasites having the fluid extracted. Shrubs and trees quickly die under the ravages of the myriads of these destructive insects. The bug is extremely prolific, depositing its egg, working only at night. The Hawaiians have so far been unable to procure an antidote for the pest.

Cutting the Price of Sugar.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 27.—Something in a sensation was created among the wholesale grocers of this city by the action today in the large wholesale firm of Tomlin, Sides & Co., in cutting sugar prices 1-8 of a cent by selling Lion batter at graduation at 4 cents per pound, low the refiners' notice, which is fixed at 100 cents one, with an additional 1-8 cent off 1 per cent. cash. There is an agreement among members of the wholesale grocers and importers' exchange not to be affected the cut made by the firm of Tomlin, Sides & Co., in making