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DEMON OF DRINK

Responsible for Another Terrible Disaster.

DENVER HOTEL IN RUINS.

A Number of Guests Suddenly Hurled Into Eternity.

SOME MIRACULOUS ESCAPES.

Complete Lists of Dead, Injured and Missing as Far as Have Been Ascertained.

DENVER, Aug. 19.—A midnight fire in a down town hotel was destroyed by an explosion which startled the whole down town district in the city. In an instant one of the best known hotels in Denver was reduced to a heap of ruins. The front of the structure remained standing, but the great mass of brick and crumbling wooden beams marked the spot which had been occupied by the hostelry portion of the hotel.

To add to the horrors, fire began to break forth in different places from the ruins. The groans of human beings in terrible pain from the smouldering pile, and how it got there for the most part unknown exceptions of the fire department may improvised victims would have been burned to death.

The great loss of life, the extent of which is impossible at present to determine, was entirely unexpected. As soon as the explosion occurred every member of the hotel was up. When the fire department reached the scene the windows were crowded with human forms, who pleaded for help to rescue them from their perilous position. It was not thought at that time, however, that the flames would complete the work of demolition. The guests were generally very much alarmed at the explosion, but in answer to their frantic appeals they were assured that they were perfectly safe where they were, and that no danger existed. Afterwards when the fire broke out all calmness were spent and many of the night gowns were saved at once, and it is now known that the fire was to follow, sent to their awful fates.

The fire department was soon on the scene. Ladders were run up to the windows fronting on Lawrence street, and men and women were assisted down the stairway. The escaping guests found refuge in a neighboring lodging house. Many of them came away from the hotel in their bare feet, which were badly cut by broken glass in the stairs.

While the fire department was bending its energies to the important work at hand, a report spread through the crowd that the roof of the building was falling down, carrying many victims. The cry of a lady caused a thrill to pass through hundreds of men and women who heard it, and in a few moments the voice of a woman could be heard coming from a great mass of bricks and mortar that had piled forty or fifty feet high, near the center of the ruins. At another point, toward the southwest portion of the ruins, the form of a man was heard. Men volunteered to work with superhuman exertions to clear away the debris and rescue the human beings. Nobody could tell how many or number of victims in the mass which extended across the alley and as far toward Lawrence street as the front row of rooms in the building.

E. E. Irwin, the night clerk, made the following statement: "I was sitting at my counter talking to Burt Hall and Harry Hope, the two barkeepers, when all of a sudden a terrific roar was heard and instantly the roof came crashing down and I was plunged into total darkness by some heavy beams which held me tightly that I could not move my limbs. The room began to fill with smoke and I was unable to breathe. After about ten or twelve minutes I heard some one and soon they had removed enough timbers to allow me to drag myself out, and from there to the street.

"The engineer is a boy named Bert Lonsdale, who was at the time he went on duty, in the basement of the building, or is away from the engine room. I cannot say just how many there were in the hotel at the time, but I should say about seventy-five are over now in the ruins, including General Adams."

The clerk was covered with blood and presented a grimesome sight. He had many wounds and internal injuries, and was crushed.

THE HOTEL REGISTER.

DENVER, Aug. 19.—The following names are taken from the hotel register, which was picked up in the debris in the street:

Thursday—Mrs. F. P. Minton, Lake City, Ill; W. Hogan and wife, Buena Vista, Colo; J. Hardin, McCook, Neb.; W. Wilcy, Boston, Mass; Richard Wills and wife, Silver Plume, 21; Elmer White, 20; James Glynn, Leadville, 4; Mrs. May Jocklin, Kansas City, 40; H. F. Updegraff and wife, Joplin, Mo.; C. C. Thomas, Chicago, 35; J. L. Hinkle, City, 28; George Burt, Cordova Springs, 35; A. J. Hagen, City, 8; Frank E. White, Lincoln, 4; W. A. W. Hardy, San Francisco, 42; W. Hoskins, Stone City, 7; Mrs. A. W. Burrows, Colfax, Colo.; Mrs. J. Franch, Colorado Springs, 13.

Thursday—James Moran, Cairo, Ill., 60; Ray Hoover, Ogden, Utah, 31; W. B. Hickman, Chicago, 30; A. L. Blake, Pueblo, 12; Pete Younger, Denver, Colo.; Charles D. Meyers, Indianapolis, 4; W. G. Rodin, McCook, Neb., 35; N. S. Somerville, McCook, Neb.; Miss Jane Brown, Central City, Colo., 14; E. M. Dodd, Washington, D. C., 35; A. L. Dalke and wife, Omaha, Neb.; Mrs. Ed. Lyons, Chicago, 60; J. H. Hood, Louisville, Ky., 36; N. J. Allen, McCook, Neb., 70; George Burt, Colorado Springs, 35; H. Kirk Patrick, Fallon, Nev., 34; J. L. Tiernan, Boise, Mont., 8; Agnes Kane, Denver, Mo., 9; A. Barry, Cards 6, 20; M. E. Leland, city, 17; F. W. Willard, Cleveland, O., 72; W. B. Rogers, Boston, 8; W. E. Hosford, Mattisville, Ind., 26; Mrs. A. Burrows, Colfax, Colo., 35; H. J. Franklin, Colorado Springs, 18; S. A. Abney, Pueblo, 14.

Saturday—John A. Coleman, Omaha, 46; Bert Cross, Fairplay, 35; F. S. Howes, Lake City, 37; Cecil Brown, McCook, Neb., 30; F. E. Clark, Buckhaws, Colo., 3; M. E. Letson, city, 7; N. Carlens, St. Louis, 18; D. E. Clark, Goodland, Kas., 40; M. J. Baker, St. Louis, 35.

Yesterday the following registered at the hotel: Mrs. O. H. Knight and sons, Lake City, 21; J. L. Kirk, Denver, 65; J. H. Brown, Omaha, 40; Rod Burns, Colorado Springs, 3; J. W. Roberts and wife, Colorado Springs, 32; Miss Jennie Howard, Boston, 40; Mrs. C. Wright, Boulder, 43; Mrs. Hattie Williams, Boulder, 43; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McClain, Huron, Kan., 35; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spivey, Huron, Kan.; Mr. George Burt, Colorado Springs, 60; F. McClinkey, Central City, 68; F. Preston, Central City, 14; E. J. Lamb, 14; M. E. Letson, city, 7; W. A. Carson, Pueblo, 18.

STORY OF DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.

The death list will include the owner of the hotel, Peter Gumry, Manager Robert C. Greiner and wife, who acted as city clerk.

Joe Mutal of Cairo, Illinois, was found at 2:30 o'clock, a few an hour's work, and it is certain no more victims can be alive. A. E. Irvin, the night clerk, who with the bartender, William Hoskin, had a miraculous escape, went over the register for the last few days this morning and endeavored to call to mind the occupants of the different rooms. He says there were between fifty and fifty-five people registered and sixteen were occupying rooms where it was difficult to secure.

General Charles Adams, of Manitou, Colorado, occupied room 11, in the rear of the hotel and over the boilers, a section in which the larger of the explosion was the heaviest. If he was in the room, he is undoubtedly dead. A. L. Blake of Pueblo, Colorado, was stopping in room 17 over the office and Hoskin places him also among the dead. Myron E. Hawley, clerk in the freight departments of the Union Pacific railway, roomed in the rear and had gone to bed early and is counted among the lost. James Murray, a contractor, was a regular boarder and also is among the dead. The alleged portion Hoskin says he was in the room and also must be among the dead. The others who had rooms in the hotel and who have not been accounted for are: M. E. Letz, F. Preson and Bert F. Lamb, of Central City, Colo.; W. J. Carson, Pueblo; Mr. and Mrs. Burgess and two others, Richard Richter, Colo.; Herman Lonsdale, Mrs. Wall and daughter; A. W. Roberts and wife, Colorado Springs; R. P. McKinney, Denver City, Colo.; three chambermaids, and bell boy.

The rear part half of the hotel was blown to atoms and the front portions are nearly shattered and burned freemonts of the house. The force of explosion was so great that for two blocks on Lawrence street and for some distance on Larimer street every window in the business blocks is shattered to pieces on the pavements. The dust just started alarm somewhat when the firemen reached the place. There was no fire to be seen then.

The explosion awoke the guests in the front part of the house, and by the time the firemen reached the scene they were ready to be taken from the windows. The firemen with horn and lanterns entered into all parts of the hotel. The first to demand the attention of the ambulance corps was Michael C. Burgess, who was walking on Lawrence street when the opposite side from the hotel when the explosion occurred. The glass cut him about the neck and the face in a frightful manner. His injuries are very serious, though not necessarily fatal. He is a painter from Custer City, S. D. Bert Hopkins, bartender at Gilpin, was found on the second floor of the hotel unconscious, bleeding from many cuts.

STATEMENT OF SURVIVORS.

Joe Mutal was found in the basement dressed only in his underclothes and completely covered with sauce and dirt. When he was found he said: "I am a cigar maker from Cairo, Ills. I was upstairs in bed when I heard an awful crash. I did not know what it was but I got out of bed and hurried out, and going downstairs I must have lost my way, for when I got down on what I thought was the ground floor, I fell down a long distance." He is injuries, though severe, are not thought to be fatal. These three are the only injured persons taken to the county hospital. Mr. Hoskin, of the Times-Times, was in his room but had not retired when the explosion occurred. He was on his way to the office to see the bed when I felt the bed move upward with a violent jerk. Before the bed rights fell I a heavy quantity of plastering fell on me, completely covering myself and the bed clothing. When I could see anything I saw the walls of my rooms were torn from the foundation and I was fastened in tightly except for the window. I was not hurt, but lost no time in getting out of the building."

Many others had similar experiences.

THE BUILDING SPLIT IN TWO.

The hotel was divided about the center by a crack, running to the top of the roof, and the building had been split in two at the point and the entire five stories back of the rotunda were thrown into a separate mass in the alley. One of the pile of brick and wood and iron below there came inside houses and illuminaries for help. The firemen rushed to the office to the work of rescue until suddenly flames broke out and the workers were driven away. Joseph Mutal, whose home and adjoining property from the burying mass was rescued after the hours' work. At times the cries of a lady and the shouts of men and women could be heard, but the flames and smoke increased and finally the voices were all silenced.

At 4:30 a large force of men and teams began hauling away mountain debris from the place where the hotel stood. At daylight three bodies were already in sight, two men and a woman, but it was impossible to recover them sufficiently to identify them, the fire still being dangerous. There is no doubt the disaster was caused by a boiler explosion. Frank Loescher, engineer, it is said, was in the basement after supplies a large quantity of cold water into the hot boilers just the building, ten minutes before the explosion occurred. The police are taking him. Gumry was a five-story building valued at $120,000 and has been used as the hotel since 1889 when it was rebuilt after a fire in which one life was lost.

ONE OF THE VICTIMS.

General Adams, whose body is believed to be in the ruins, has been a resident of the state since early days, and formerly took a prominent part in politics as a Republican. In 1876, at the time of his Ute troubles, he was Indian agent at Ouray reservation. Following the expiration of that appointment he was sent to Chile as United States consul, and served a number of years. Of late years he was engaged in mining and various other enterprises at Creede and Cripple Creek. General Adams was a half brother of ex-State Auditor Louis Brunwacker. The name of Adams was given him by an act of the legislature.

THE OWNER.

Peter Gumry, owner of the hotel, was an old time citizen of Denver. He was about sixty years of age, a widower, his daughter being the wife of R. C. Greiner, and three of whom perished in the explosion.

At 11 o'clock one body, which was not identified, had been removed from the ruins, and several more were in sight. The number killed will not exceed twenty.

DEAD, INJURED AND MISSING.

The following are the lists of dead, injured and missing, as far as ascertained:

Dead—Peter Gumry, owner of the hotel; R. C. Greiner, manager of the hotel, son-in-law of Peter Gumry; Mrs. R. C. Greiner, clerk in the hotel, daughter of Peter Gumry; General Charles Adams, Manitou, Colo; A. L. Blake, Pueblo; Myron E. Hawley, Union Pacific railroad clerk, Denver; James Murphy, contractor, Denver; Geo. Burt, passenger conductor, Rock Island railroad, Colorado springs; Mrs. H. G. Wall and daughter, Lincoln, Neb.; two chambermaids, one of whom is a sister of Joe Mutal, name unknown; one bell boy, name unknown.

Missing—Greiner, father of R. C. Greiner, manager of the hotel; Bert Barnes, Colorado Springs; W. J. Carson, Pueblo, Colo.; F. French and B. H. Lamb, Central City, Colo.; E. F. Richter, Central City, Colo.; E. E. Jackson, Central City, Colo.; Jesse Glynn, Leadville, Colo. It is not positively known that these two men were in hotel room.

Injured—Joseph Mutal, cigar maker, Cairo, Ills., face and head severely cut but only bruised; internal injuries; Michael C. Burgess, severely cut about the face; Bert Hopkins, clerk, cuts and bruises; J. H. Lemon, railway conductor, body badly bruised, internal injuries.

J. H. Lemon was discovered alive in the ruins about 7 o'clock. He was jammed between an ice box and timber in such a shape that it was impossible to reach him for several hours. Meantime he begged piteously to be saved.

About 10 o'clock he was rescued and removed at once to the hospital. One of his arms was crushed and he may have suffered internal injuries, but recovery is confidently expected.

WITHOUT INJURY.

Among the guests who escaped practically uninjured are:

Peter Yoe and daughter, Chattanooga, Tenn.; W. R. McCormick, traveling salesman, Chicago; Ray Helms, Ogden, Utah; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McClain and baby, Huron, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spivey, Huron, Kansas; Herman Lonsdale, Shannon, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Roberts, Colorado Springs.

1 p. m.—Five bodies have been recovered, two of which have been identified as the remains of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Greiner. The others are unidentified. Judge James Lynn had had a room at the hotel, but it is not positively known that he occupied the room last night. He was a prominent Populist and served one term as district judge of the Thirteenth judicial district. Being defeated for re-election last fall, he moved from McCook, Colo., to Leadville, where he engaged in the practice of law.

War Talk in England.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Some talk has been current here by the receipt of an emergency letter from the war office, signed by the principal medical officer of the home department, asking the city authorities if the quarters would be whether in the event of war or invasion they will be prepared to allow the war department to utilize the hospitals in Birmingham for the mobilization of the army corps for home defense. The war office is reticent, and it is impossible to obtain the reasons for the sequence of the letter.

Excitement in France.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—The Journal reports that the situation on the frontier is serious, owing to the aggressive attitude of the Germans who have gathered to celebrate the victories of the Franco-Prussian war. The French are greatly agitated and excited over the matter and trouble is feared.

Austrian Ministry.

VIENNA, Aug. 19.—The emperor has summoned Count Badeni, the governor of Galicia, to consultation with the formation of a permanent ministry.

British Commander-in-Chief.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—In the House of Lords yesterday, secretary of state for war, Marquis Lansdowne, announced that Field Marshal, Viscount Wolseley would succeed the Duke of Cambridge, as commander-in-chief of the forces, on November 1st.

Serious Fight in Cuba.

HAVANA, Aug. 19.—A severe engagement has been fought at Arillas, department of Santa Clara. The insurgents are said to have lost fifty killed and on the government side eight soldiers were killed or wounded.

DESTRUCTIVE STORM.

Torrents of Rain and Flashes of Vivid Lightning.

TWO LIVES KNOWN TO BE LOST.

Property Damaged to the Extent of at Least a Hundred Thousand Dollars.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 19.—Last night's storm was the most terrible and destructive that has visited this city for many years. It came without warning at a time when the parks were filled with people and the river banks crowded with excursionists. As far as we know, two lives were lost, a score of persons injured, two fatally, and property damaged to the extent of thousands.

The storm struck the city about 10 o'clock and was over in half an hour. Rain came down in torrents accompanied by vivid lightning and terrific wind. Houses were unroofed, trees uprooted, fences and outhouses demolished. The tremendous wind blew the furnace that the steamers Lord Keeler, Little Bill and Arlington were overturned and many barges and boats sank. Other craft broke from their moorings and sent adrift. The passenger large Dakotah was forced against the bridge and had her cabin crushed in. One man was taken out of water. When the storm struck Keeler, Captain Keeler, May Biber, Millie Linnbaugh, a cook, and the crew of twenty men were in the cabin, and all reached shore in safety except Millie Linnbaugh, who became exhausted and was drowned.

The steamer Lorne with 400 passengers on board, was swept with water and the passengers became panic stricken, but Captain Kelm succeeded in making a landing in Lulu's marine and all were discharged from the boat in safety. While the wind was at its height, an unknown woman attempted to cross the Highland bridge. She was caught in the whirlwind and blown into the river, and was drowned.

Thousands of people were at Schenley park. When the rain fell they took to the trees was a rush for shelter. The wind has prostrated the electric light wires and several women were seriously injured by shocks received from them. On Second avenue, a food wire was broken and in attempting to repair it, Conductor Archer was fatally shocked. On the south side, the large grain elevator of Henderson & Johnson is in ruins or condemned, was almost completely demolished. Heavy iron girders were twisted like straws and crushed them, and fortunately the occupants were away from home. Two freight cars on the Pittsburg, Lake Erie railroad were blown into the Monongahela river. Pittsburg Monongahela and Castle Shannon lines were carried away by the wind. On the north side of the Allegheny great damage was done to small buildings and many trees were uprooted in the parks, but so far as reported no persons were injured. On Fifth street, Polk city, a new brick building was blown over crushing a double frame dwelling adjoining, occupied by Mr. Healy with six children and Mr. Flynn with three children. They were dug out and are safe.

Seventeen Persons Drowned.

HAMMOND, Aug. 19.—A boat containing twenty-five passengers was run down and sunk today by the steamer Concordia, from Duluth. Seventeen persons were drowned.

SILVER CONVENTION.

One Result of the Visit of Warner and Stokes to Washington.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—At noon today the non-partisan free silver convention called by the American Bimetallic League met at Metropolitan Hall. The object of the convention is to arouse California on the silver question. The advocates of the white metal have gathered here before to hear A. J. Warner, the president of the league, and ex-Congressman Bell, discuss the question. These gentlemen, however, merely stated the way for an expression of popular sentiment by the holding of this convention.

The convention will continue in session three days. It will hold a morning and afternoon session today and all day and evening sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The programme for the first day will be addresses of welcome and a general statement of the objects of the convention by Governor Markham, chairman of the executive committee. Then the business of organization will be commenced by the appointment of committees on permanent organization of officers and the appointment of committees on credentials and resolutions.

The speech making will follow the mechanical organization and completion of the business of organization.

Letters and telegrams of regret over disability to be present at the consideration already have been received from Senator J. A. J. Warner, Mr. Harvey, author of "Coin's Financial School," Senator John C. Jones, Senator Stewart, Senator Cullom, Senator Pettigrew, Senator Cockrell, Senator Peffer of Kansas, Senator Stewart of Nevada, Senator Aaron Walker of Indianapolis and others.

The principal speakers thus far announced are: Governor McConnell, of Idaho, Hon. M. M. Beatty, attorney general of Nevada; R. Guy McCollum, Timothy Guy Phelps, Justice M. H. Beardsley, of the supreme court of Nevada; Hon. H. F. Bartine, of Utah; Hon. Wm. Stanley, of Nevada; W. A. Massey, of Nevada; Hon. Stephen M. White, Thomas V. Cator, M. H. Estee, Hon. Charles M. Fox, Frederick Adams, A. B. Cotton, Frank Willis and A. W. Sampson. It is expected that Mrs. Pomeroy Cousins will convey her lecture on "The Great Silver Conspiracy and the Wizardry of the Golden Calf."

Out of this convention will come the formation of a local bimetallic league, and copies of the form of constitution prepared by the American Bimetallic League have been sent members all over the state.

Senator George C. Perkins has written a long letter to the league explaining his views in detail on the silver question. He concludes by expressing the statement that he feels bound by the one strange plank of the Sacramento convention.

Governor McConnell of Idaho has written saying that he will attend the convention if the business of his office will permit.

Great Labor Representatives.

CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—Great circles have been made and a great assembly of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners composed of delegates from local unions—numbers in round figures—is assembling for a parade and picnic on labor day and an effort to bring about a general strike and general parade, which would fittingly represent organized labor in Chicago, have proved futile.

A FAMOUS DOG

Now Starts for a Trip Around the World.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 19.—Swazy, the pedal Cody's hunting dog, who has traveled all over the United States, sails today on a trip around the world from Tacoma.

Early in July Swazy came to Tacoma and made a trip to Alaska. Returning he presented a Chinese camel driving in the dirt and earned hands interested in it. Yesterday Swazy's owner received telegrams to making arrangements for him to go around the world. He will go to Hong Kong on the Northern Pacific steamer Tacoma, as the guest of Captain John Paxton. Then Captain Paxton will take the dog around to Singapore and steamer bound for London, via India and Suez. Swazy will then be sent to New York and back to Tacoma.

Swazy is now fifteen years old. He started traveling from Albany, N. Y., many years ago. A pedal cab took a fancy to him and his master was such a hard looking tramp that he called it Swazy.

Ever since he has been traveling with the pedal cabbies. He is now blind and age will probably be a sensibility of traveling as he intends to with one another in taking good care of him.

HOUSE'S ANNEXATION.

The Election of Sullivan in a Chicago Factory Considered a Rebuke.

CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—A meeting of Armourites was held yesterday night as a rival to Mayor Hopkins' meeting in a rival to Mayor Hopkins' meeting. Speeches were made by Mr. Armour and others, and the meeting was called to order by Mr. Armour, who was the first speaker. He said he was