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## EASTERN DISPATCHES.

NEW YORK. — The fire marshal to-day commenced the investigation of the Centre street fire. The evidence shows that the means of escape provided for operatives in the upper stories at Dun, Barlow & Co.'s were entirely inadequate, and it would appear that the loss of life is directly chargeable to this negligence. It also appeared that the buildings had been on fire twice before within the last few weeks.

In the Irish-Anderson case the jury disagree. It is understood that they are nine for acquittal and three for conviction. Both Dr. Irish and Mrs. Anderson are bailed.

PHILADELPHIA. — This afternoon the roof of Winche's spike mill fell through from the weight of snow. Five workmen were seriously injured. One of them had his back broken.

NEW YORK, 24. — About a quarter past four this morning the policeman noticed fire bursting through the roof of Barnum's circus directly over where the giraffes were kept, and immediately after the animals and birds began howling and screeching in a terrific manner. An alarm was soon sounded, but the flames spread with such rapidity that almost before the firemen could get the water on, Barnum's circus was a thing of the past. The firemen report the roars of the animals as frightful during the short time they lasted. Two elephants and a camel were the only animals saved. When these were led out by their keepers they were given a large space by the crowd witnessing the fire, although the animals were very docile considering the excitement on all sides. The front of the building was two stories and composed nearly altogether of corrugated iron and wood. The structure burned however as though it was a tinderbox. The firemen and others were unable to stand within a hundred feet of the burning building. The heat was so intense that the windows of the Academy of Music were scorched and broken with the heat. The doors were blistered and the bill boards in front of the Academy were burned on the side towards the Circus, and there were great fears for the safety of the Academy. Nothing could be done to save any of the animals. Grace Chapel was wholly consumed, only the front walls being left standing. The wind caused the fire to extend across 13th street, destroying on its way the large carriage manufactory of Stevens & Co., and several private dwellings. The fire next spread to the mansion of Mrs. Lawrence, consuming it, then to

the iron front building occupied by F. Grote, ivory dealer, which with a rear building occupied by the same, were both destroyed. It thence spread to Miner & Stevens carriage manufactory on 13th street, the rear portion of which was burned, with \$80,000 worth of carriages. The men who slept in the building threw open the doors opening on 14th street and the two performing elephants, Jeanette and Betsey, and the camel walked out. These are the only inmates that escaped. The remaining animals, terror stricken, dashed madly against the iron bars which confined them or crouched in corners of their cages, overcome with fear. The performing elephant Pedro, a magnificent specimen of the kind, who arrived last week from Hamburg, was securely fastened with chains to his forefeet. After unavailing efforts to undo these the keepers were obliged to leave him to his fate. His shrill trumpeting could be heard for a considerable time after the advancing flames had driven away those who had vainly endeavored to rescue him. One hundred and fifty persons are thrown out of employment. All the performers lost all their effects. Grace Church, valued at \$75,000, was insured for \$60,000.

NEW YORK, 24. — A pair of carriage horses ran away in Brooklyn last night and jumped into East river, drowning Mrs. C. F. Adams, the occupant of the carriage, and themselves.

CINCINNATI, 24. — A Jeffersonville, Ind., special says the south bound freight train on the Jeffersonville, Madison and Indianapolis road jumped the track at Henryville at 3 a. m., plunging thirteen cars and a locomotive over a steep embankment, making a total wreck of the train. Jno. Babel, engineer, Geo. Colter, fireman, and Henry Roon, brakeman, were instantly killed.

PHILADELPHIA, 24. — The Law Committee Councils have agreed to present an ordinance to the councils making it unlawful within the city limits to build cornices of combustible material, and all cornices or other constructions for connecting roofs and walls or enclosing points of connection are to be made of brick or other incombustible material; roofs to be constructed of metal or other incombustible material; mansards on buildings over 35 feet high, to be made in all parts of incombustible material.

MILWAUKIE. — The weather to-day beats the memory of the coldest inhabitants, the thermometer going down to 30 below zero, moderating in the p. m. to zero.

A woman named Kraish was picked up this a. m. in River street, frozen to death, supposed to have fallen in a fit of intoxication.

CLEVELAND. — Train No. 6 on the Cross Cut road leaving Corry at 1 p. m., to-day, ran through a high trestle over Goose Creek. The trestle was some 40 feet high, and the train is a wreck below. It is reported that some eight or nine persons were killed and a number injured.

DENISON, Texas. — The track layers on the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas railroad reached this city to-day. The regular passenger train leaves here to-night for the north. Old settlers say this was the coldest morning ever experienced in Northern Texas, the thermometer standing at 10 degrees above zero.

MEMPHIS. — To-day is the coldest known here for 20 years, the mercury ranged from five to ten above zero during the day. The river is filled with heavy ice and navigation is entirely suspended.

NEW YORK. — The entire block and west side of Centre street, between Leonard and Worth, was burned this evening. The flames broke out near the boiler in the basement of the building Nos. 81, 83 and 85 Centre street, and speedily communicated with the upper floors, whence they spread to adjoining buildings, 87, 89, 91; also 79 and 77 Centre street, and 180 and 132 Leonard street. In 81, 83 and 85 the following parties were losers: N. Y. Newspaper Company; Aiken & Cremer, of Milwaukee; Dun Barlow & Co., printing office; Anderson, Archer & Co., book bindery; in 87, J. Gallagher, dealer in brass goods; in 89 and 91 were

the law offices of Howe & Hummel, Howe & Shorter and Edward Price, and the liquor store of Geo. Middleton; 79 was occupied by E. B. Cummins as a paint shop and the dwelling, and 77 by E. Wilkins, as a liquor store; 180 and 132 Leonard street were occupied by numerous families, and the first floors as groceries. Two girls employed in the building where the fire commenced were severely injured; also two men, one of whom, Ben. Ballard, probably fatally. The total loss is estimated at \$500,000.

ROCHESTER, N. Y. — The examination of Bensly J. Jones, Edwin T. Jones and Edward Hall, inspectors of election, who permitted Susan B. Anthony to vote at the late election before the U. S. Commissioner, A. P. Ely, on charge of permitting women to vote, was concluded to-day. John E. Pound, Deputy U. S. District Attorney, made an argument in behalf of the prosecution, and Miss Anthony appeared as counsel for the inspectors, and made an able argument in their behalf. The decision of the commissioners is not yet announced.

The argument in the case of Susan B. Anthony was concluded on Tuesday before commissioner Starrs. The decision was postponed until Thursday next.

ELMIRA. — Twelve wooden buildings in the business portion of the city were destroyed by fire this morning and a large hotel, the Pennsylvania House, was burned. Loss \$50,000. Carley's carriage factory, adjoining, was slightly damaged.

Barnum's losses are variously estimated at from \$200,000 to \$300,000. Barnum is said to be in New Orleans. Loss to Lawrence, \$20,000, insured, Grote's loss is \$300,000, insured \$120,000. Reed & Co., varnish dealers, lost all their fixtures and stock. Remworth, manufacturer of piano strings, lost all his stock. A thousand people visited the ruins during the day and a large force of police was on duty to keep the firemen from being impeded in their duty.

It is reported that Barnum's insurance on animals is \$25,000.

Recorder Hackett this morning quashed the indictment against Hugh Smith, who was jointly indicted with Sweeney, Tweed and others, on the ground that the extended term of Judge Bedford's grand jury was illegal.

PHILADELPHIA, 24. — The passengers by the through train from Washington, due here at 10 p. m., report an accident near Stanton station, on the other side of Baltimore. Several persons were injured, one or two fatally. The train ran into a carriage which was crossing the track.

CORRY, 24. — Midnight. — This p. m., at 3 15, as the mail train on the Buffalo, Corry and Pittsburg railroad, leaving Corry at 1 20 p. m., neared Prospect, when within about 80 rods of the station the train was thrown off the track at the trestle work, the passenger, baggage car, and tender falling a distance of 26 feet. The engine passed over unhurt. At the present time the dead bodies of 19 persons have been recovered, some fearfully burned, and 35 persons are known to have been wounded, some seriously. Among the dead are Frank Taylor, baggageman, of Corry; E. Bacon, of Brocton; Con. Malory, of Brocton, trackmaster; Mr. Beil, of Sherman; Mr. Haite, of Brocton. The others are at present unrecognizable owing to the charred and blackened state of the corpses. Among the injured are H. Flanders, of Corry, conductor; W. H. Ticknor, of Titusville, seriously; J. Cowdry, employee of the Philadelphia and Erie road at Corry.

NEW YORK, 25. — The Times says it has been ascertained that some forty of the majority of the intimate friends of the murdered man were concerned in the plot to lynch Simmons, the murderer of Duryea. By the original plan, an attack on Park Hospital was to have been made at midnight on Sunday, but probably from the extreme cold as much as anything else, a postponement for 24 hours was decided on. The programme was for a number of conspirators to enter the hospital quietly and, first securing and gagging the surgeons and wardens, to prevent any alarm, drag Simmons from his bed and hang

or shoot him. At a late hour on Sunday night the conspiracy became known to the police and Capt. Leary immediately took measures to prevent its execution. The hospital was guarded on Monday night by police in citizens' clothes, and Simmons was safely removed in an ambulance to Bellevue Hospital, where he now remains in a room secure from the vengeance of the mob and guarded night and day by two policemen. The police are very reticent on the subject, but it is understood that efforts are being made to bring the conspirators to justice. As yet no names can be ascertained.

The following persons employed in buildings Nos. 81, 83 and 84, Centre Street, are reported missing by their friends—James Stewart, Bridget McGrath, Margaret and Mary Donahue, Margaret and Mary Bell, and James Brown. The thick coat of ice on the ruins prevents the police and firemen searching for them.

NEW YORK, 25. — The great Pallsade hotel near Engelwood, N. J., burned this morning.

NEW YORK, 25. — A fire broke out this evening in the ticket office of the Bowery Theatre. Damage light.

At nine o'clock this evening the scenery in the Canterbury theatre caught fire. There was great excitement among the audience, who rushed to the street. No lives lost.

Christmas was generally observed here. Religious services were held in the various churches. The poor of the city were generally remembered.

Christmas was generally observed throughout the Eastern States.

BATH, Me. — Mercury 28 degrees, the coldest perhaps with one or two exceptions since 1857.

CONCORD, N. H. — The weather is intensely cold. Thermometer 30 degrees below zero.

LANCASTER, N. H. — Last night has been the coldest ever known here. At 8:30 p. m., the thermometer was 25 degrees below zero. At 7 this morning 45 to 50 below, according to location. Numerous cases of frozen limbs are reported.

CORRY, Pa. — By the accident yesterday it is now ascertained that 21 were killed altogether and of the recovered 16 are so charred as to be unknown. Four are in the Chautauque House, awaiting their relatives, and one is at Prospect. There are yet three to five bodies under the ruins, which are rendered to ashes, distinguishable only by pieces of skulls and bones. The train was going on a down grade of 82 to 85 feet to the mile, and was about 60 rods from the Prospect depot, and had the steam shut off. It was about three feet from the north end of the trestle when the broken wheel of the tender was discovered. When under the impetus of the down grade a stoppage could not be made. Every care is being taken of all the wounded, who are scattered around in farm houses near, and medical attendance has been promptly furnished. The conductor's pocket showed 37 through tickets taken up and 1 to Prospect. There were supposed to be 42 to 50 persons on board the train, which consisted of one passenger car, one baggage car, engine and tender.

The cars upset into a ditch eight feet deep, James Hunt, brakeman, was injured in the head slightly, and one passenger very slightly hurt. Orville Swift, of the firm of Hollister, Swift & Co., insurance agent, Corry, are missing. The accident was caused by a broken rail. Flanders will probably lose his toes on one foot and the other foot entire, from burns. He was also slightly wounded internally, but will probably recover.

## EUROPEAN.

ST. PETERSBURG, 25. — It was officially announced to-day, that the Czar and Czarina have been ill since November 19, and his malady is becoming serious. On the 19th of December it was pronounced typhus fever, accompanied with an affection of the abdomen, to which the physician considers of a grave character. A bulletin issued this morning says his imperial highness passed a sleepless yet tranquil night. The fever has not abated yet. His condition is the same.