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AWFUL HOLOCAUST.

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and around me, hearing the excruciating cries of those dying in agony, and being almost overcome by the shock and smoke, soaked with water and almost drowned, and fearing that the next moment I would be buried alive."

Frederick French, one of those yet missing, came to Colorado from Michigan in 1875, locating in Gilpin county. He had served as alderman and mayor of Central City and two years ago was elected county treasurer. He was a prominent Mason.

Bell I. Lorah, another victim hailing from Central City, was 28 years of age, and a native of that city. He was one of the best known assayers in the state. He leaves a wife and young son, who are now visiting in Iowa.

The total loss caused by the explosion and fire is about $75,000. The Gumry hotel was worth about $125,000 and had $8,000 worth of furniture. It is a total wreck, but was insured for $25,000.

The McMinn block, which stands next to the Gumry, was also heavily damaged. It is owned by Colonel E. E. Bishop and was built in 1890. It is a four story pressed brick front and is occupied throughout by A. Lillyblade Furniture company. The whole rear end of this block was ruined. The loss on the building is about $25,000, as the building will have to be torn down. This block is insured for $15,000. The stock of A. Lillyblade, valued at $30,000, is only partly lost.

WEAK SPOTS IN THE WALL.

A Boy Engineer Said to be Responsible for the Explosion.

One of the causes of the total collapse of Gumry hotel building, after the shock occurred, was undoubtedly the weak manner in which a portion of the eastern wall was constructed. A flue had been run through this wall, directly in its center, and from basement to roof. This left but a single row of bricks on either side, and when the explosion took place, the wall parted directly in the weakest place, the flue. A number of architects who viewed the ruins this morning were of the belief that if the wall had not been thus weakened by the flue, the wreck would not have been nearly so widespread.

Engineers who viewed the remains of the boiler that caused the accident seemed to unite in the opinion that the high pressure at which it was run was the responsible reason for the explosion. The fact that the head was blown completely out routed the theory that accumulated coal gas caused it, as such a shock could not be heavy enough to wreck a building.

On the eastern side of the building, where the debris was greatest, three gangs of men were employed to work at the ruins. Twelve men constituted a gang and the heavy work, in the midst of the steam from the hose as it struck the hot bricks and the arising stench, permitted but a few minutes work at a time. The gang was relieved every ten minutes by fresh men.

The explosion is supposed to have been caused by the engineer, Elmer Schwab, turning a large quantity of cold water into the boilers at once. Schwab was a boy only about 17 or 18 years old.

Chief of Police Goulding gives this as his opinion and thinks that Schwab was blown to pieces. The boilers are said to have been in excellent shape and were only repaired a few weeks ago. There were many rumors current as to the cause. One was that the engineer discovered what he had done and succeeded in making his escape. Another was that he was drunk and was in a neighboring saloon when the explosion occurred. Still another said that he had committed suicide in a rooming house on Larimer street, but there is no truth in the last report. He has not been seen since the explosion occurred and in all probability was killed when the engine blew up.

IN ONE ANOTHER'S ARMS.

That Was the Position Landlord Grenier and His Wife Were Found.

The second body found in the ruins was that of Mr. H. C. Greiner, the lessee of the hotel. A few seconds after the body of his wife was uncovered lying by his side. This was at 11 o'clock. As the burning timber was removed from the bodies a pitiful sight met the eyes of the rescuers. Mrs. Greiner lay close to the breast of her husband. When death came to them he was evidently trying to protect her. His left arm was thrown across her face and his right hand was raised as if to ward off the danger. Thus raised it had grown stiff in death. Her face was snuggled close under his arm and her arms were extended as if she, in the last moment, had tried to encircle him. The bodies were not much burned or disfigured with the exception of the faces and small burns on the limbs. They had met the end by suffocation. The firemen first uncovered their heads and it was half an hour before the debris were totally removed from the upper half of their bodies.

An effort to draw the bodies by the upper part from the hole in which they lay proved futile. His feet were securely pinioned under a heavy timber and she was so locked and entwined in his embrace that one body could not be taken from the other. Fifteen minutes afterwards both bodies were uncovered and the black wagon carried its second burden of death to the morgue.

Mr. and Mrs. Greiner were the lessees and managed the hotel. They occupied rooms 30 and 31 and these rooms were directly above the place where the bodies were found. No other man and wife occupied rooms in that part of the building. By this means they were first identified.

By the side of the two bodies lay a woman's shoe, evidently one the dead woman had removed before retiring.

At the morgue Mr. and Mrs. Greiner were identified by J. P. Handley, a friend of the family, who lives at 1052 Broadway. Her wedding ring was still on Mrs. Greiner's finger and in her ears were a pair of diamond earrings.

THREE MORE BODIES.

At 12:30 a. m. three more bodies were uncovered, those of Bela I. Lorah and Frederick French, of Central City, Colo., and an unknown. The former have been identified by Mr. Lorah's father, who is assisting in removing the debris from the bodies. The third body is burned beyond recognition.

STORY OF AN EYE WITNESS.

Railroad Man on the Street When the Explosion Occurred.

Conductor Grace of the Gulf railroad was an eye witness of the Gumry hotel tragedy and spent several hours after its occurrence assisting in the work of rescue. Mr. Grace was in the city last night and told his experience to a reporter for the Chieftain. He was on the corner near the hotel waiting for a midnight car and had just walked to the curb from his position on a window ledge when he heard a sound that he describes as being like the discharge of a medium sized cannon. At the same moment came a crash of glass and fragments from the windows on all sides fell to the sidewalk. Then he noticed the dust rising up in a cloud from the back of the hotel.

Meanwhile the frightened people were running around taking to the middle of the street to avoid the glass pieces of which continued now and again to fall. The fire alarm soon brought out the department but as there was no blaze or smoke it was several minutes before the exact situation was apparent. Guests in the front rooms of the house crowded to the windows scarcely knowing what had happened. They heeded the warnings however and none jumped. Mr. Grace now went around to the alley and assisted the firemen and others in the work of rescue until the flames drove them away.

THREE PUEBLO VICTIMS.

Find Death in the Gumry Hotel Disaster.

Denver's Sunday night holocaust was a universal topic in Pueblo yesterday and those who had friends or relatives in the Gumry hotel anxiously awaited any information which might come from there concerning them. Of the two persons who were registered from here, A. L. Blake and W. J. Corson. Mr. Corson was the one most inquired about and not until nearly 9 o'clock last night was it definitely known that he was dead. This information was received from Thomas J. Cribbs, formerly of this city but who now resides in Denver and who wired "Corson is dead."

Mr. Corson lived with his family on Fourth avenue, Central park, in the

or at any rate was moving about when he was struck down and probably instantly killed by some heavy timbers. Mrs. Burt and Conductor Locke of the Rock Island, an old friend of Mr. Burt, accompanied the body to Chicago last night. Mrs. Burt had intended to accompany her husband to Denver on his last trip but missed the train or she too would probably have been killed.

S. A. Abbey was at the hotel Friday night and occupied room 14 which was in the back of the hotel and had he stayed over no doubt would have been numbered among the dead. Fortunately however he returned to Pueblo on Saturday and is now congratulating himself that he was so lucky.

In the list was the name of Bud Burns, a well known Pueblo young man, who escaped without injury, as he had a room in the front part of the hotel. He lives at 939 east Evans avenue and was in Denver on business. General Adams who was among the killed was well known in Pueblo by the old timers as he has lived in El Paso county for many years.

ANOTHER EXPLOSION.

London, August 19.—The Trieste papers report that an explosion destroyed the artillery barracks at Toula, Russia, and that 300 men were killed, including many officers. The barracks were found to be completely undermined. Many arrests have been made.

AN EDITOR'S OPINION.

Says the American People Will not go it Blind Next Year.

Memphis, Tenn., August 19.—Hon. W. E. Carmack, editor of the Commercial-Appeal, one of the delegates from Tennessee to the recent democratic silver conference at Washington, has returned home. In an interview today he said: "The talk of Hon. R. W. Morrison for the presidency by certain zealous silver men must be taken as tentative. Colonel Morrison has a record of unbroken loyalty to the cause of silver remonetization, but so had a number of other statesmen. You can not depend on records as you once could and no more can you pin your faith to men's loyalty to party platforms. Colonel Morrison can get the votes of free silver democrats only on condition that he climbs upon the house tops and makes a few unequivocal and well understood remarks to the American people. The country's faith in human nature has had some pretty severe shocks of late and the people will not go it blind for the next campaign. Every candidate that seeks democratic votes must be running down on the counter and no exception can be made in favor of Colonel William R. Morrison."

A BIG BLAZE.

Salt Lake, Utah, August 19.—A special to the Tribune from Bingham, Utah, says the whole town is ablaze, and the loss is estimated at $200,000. The fire originated at 3:30 p. m. in Butler's livery stable. Roberts' dwelling house, saloon and stables were consumed, then the fire spread to Chinatown and swept everything on the east side of the street. Among the buildings consumed on the west side of the street were the Griffin house, Quinn's building, postoffice, mining recorder's office, United States commissioner's office and the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone, Catholic church and a number of boarding houses. Many people are homeless.

A MONTANA ASSIGNMENT.

Salt Lake, Utah, August 19.—A special from Helena, Montana, says: A deed of assignment was made this morning by I. L. Israel & Co. E. J. Goodkind is named as the assignee. Israel is one of the oldest Jewish merchants in the town. He is a brother-in-law of Louis Auerbach of California and was regarded as one of the best fixed business men in Helena. He conducted a wholesale and retail liquor store and a large clothing house, known as the Boston. The liabilities foot up over $100,000. The preferred creditors are L. Auerbach and other relatives.

A HAIL STORM IN KANSAS.

Newton, Kas., August 19.—A destructive hail storm passed over Harvey county this evening doing immense damage to crops. Sugar cane is ruined and fruits of all kinds, especially peaches, which are now ripening, will be a total loss. Corn which promised the biggest yield in a decade, will probably yield only half a crop. The damage in Newton will be heavy. The wind blew a gale and demolished the carriage factory, an ice house and numerous buildings. The fall of rain was two inches.

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