RAIN AND WARMER. SUN RISES 6:10 A. M. SUN SETS 6:21 P. M. MOON RISES 9:37 P. M. HIGH WATER 8:05 A. M. AND 8:25 P. M. TEMPERATURE 54. VELOCITY OF WIND 15 MILES.

1773 1913

Baltimore American.

LIBERTY ENLIGHTENS THE WORLD

FORD'S.....The Woman
ACADEMY.....Christie MacDonald
AUDITORIUM.....Marie Dressler
MARYLAND.....Keith Vaudeville
HOLLIDAY ST.....Man o'Warsman
NEW THEATRE.....Vaudeville and Pictures
VICTORIA.....Vaudeville and Pictures
EMPIRE.....Miners' Americans
GAYETY.....Knickerbocker Burlesquers

ESTABLISHED 1773—VOL. CCXIV. BALTIMORE, MONDAY, MARCH 24, 1913 PRICE ONE CENT

NEW ACADEMY OF MUSIC
Gala Easter Week Attraction
Tonight, 8:15. Auto Call, 11 P. M.
Inaugural Performance
On Any Stage
WERBA & LUESCHER Present
The Nation's Leading Prima Donna,
CHRISTIE MacDONALD
In New Romantic Opera,
"SWEETHEARTS"
Prices: Nights & Sat. Mat., 50c to $2.00. Popular Mat. Wed., 25c to $1.50.
Starting Monday, March 31st,
SEATS THURSDAY
The World's Greatest Dramatic Spectacle,
THE GARDEN OF ALLAH
Prices 50c, $1, $1.50 & $2
MAIL ORDERS SOLICITED.
NO PHONE ORDERS.

FORD'S Tonight At 8:15. Carriages 10:45.
DAVID BELASCO Presents
THE WOMAN
With the Entire Original New York Cast.
Nights, 25c to $2. Sat. Mat., 25c to $1.50.
Wednesday Matinee, 25c to $1.

NEXT WEEK Mrs. Fiske in THE HIGH ROAD
SEATS NOW

MISCHA ELMAN
WILL GIVE ONE RECITAL AT FORD'S
Tuesday, April 1, 3.30 P. M.
SEATS NOW ON SALE BOTH OFFICES

AUDITORIUM Nights at 8:15. Matinee at 2:15
MATINEE TODAY
Marie Dressler
AND HER
All-Star Players
Including JEFFERSON DE ANGELIS
And a Score of Other Favorites.
PRICES: Nights, $1.50 to 25c; 500 good seats $1.00. Matinees, best seats, $1.
NEXT WEEK WALKER WHITESIDE IN THE TYPHOON

MARYLAND Matinee Daily.
The New Song Birds.
30—Real Operatic Stars—30
Franklin Ardell & Co.—Lamberti
Hoey & Lee—Muller & Stanley
Bronson & Roth—Clark & McCullough
Edison's Talking Motion Pictures.
Special Feature HARDEEN The Man Of Mystery

EMPIRE Matinee Daily.
THE REAL BEAUTY SHOW
MINER'S AMERICANS
Presenting the New Musical Burlesque "THE YANKEE DOODLE GIRL."
Lady Patronage Welcomed.
Country Store—Thursday Night.
Next Attraction—The Rose Buds.

Ideal Easter Festival Show.
NEW THEATRE
Popular Palace of Popular Features.
LUKEN'S WILD ANIMALS
SIX GREAT ACTS.

GAYETY Matinee Today at 2:15.
It's a Riot of Fun.
KNICKERBOCKER BURLESQUERS
ROGER IMHOF
PLENTY OF GIRLS.
Next Week—Sam Howe's Big Show.

HOLLIDAY ST. Matinee Daily.
Matinee Daily, 10c. and 20c.
Evening, 10c., 20c. and 30c.
Last Week of the Stock Company.
The Best Play of the Season.
MAN-O'-WARS-MAN
Next Week Beginning of Road Attractions, "THE SMART SET."

Albaugh's Theater Nightly Until Thursday, 8:15.
PAINT AND POWDER CLUB,
In Magnificent Spectacular Production of "FLORODORA"
Proceeds for Charity.
Seats, $3.00, $2.00, $1.50, $1.00, 50c.
Albaugh's, 2 E. Fayette, or Theatre.
Good Seats, First Floor, at $1.50.

BELL'S DANCING ACADEMY CLASSES SPECIAL
Class nights Mon., Wed. and Sat. nights, 7:30 P. M.
Soiree every Sat. night with orchestra music, at 9 P. M.
Albaugh's Theatre (Lyceum Parlors), N. Charles St.
Third and last term for beginners March 24 to May 30.
Soiree Easter Mon. night, 9 P. M., with special music.

Tolchester Beach.
Baltimore's most beautiful and popular Bay resort. New attractions. Many changes. Where the people go. Now is the time to secure dates.
Apply to Pier 16 Light St.

Personal

WANTED—JAMES McEVOY, BROTHER OF PETER McEVOY, DECEASED, LATE OF THE CITY OF UTICA, ONEIDA COUNTY, N. Y., WILL FIND IT GREATLY TO HIS INTEREST IF HE WILL COMMUNICATE WITH KERNAN & KERNAN, Attorneys, of Utica, N. Y. mh23-4tp

AN Extra White 1-kt. Diamond Ring, $102; worth $175. BECK, 110 Equitable Bldg. d1tp

COME TODAY. Select from the famous line of $9.99 Models and Sample Suits. Biggest snap ever offered. $3 Hats for $1.50. Hirschmann's, Baltimore and Caroline. 1tp

DR. AND MRS. FOWLER ARE LOCATED at 1207 E. MONUMENT ST. mh22-d1mp

LOANS ON FURS, OVERCOATS AND WINTER Garments; good care summer months. New York Loan Office, 668 W. Baltimore street. mh1-d&s1mp

MRS. ADOLPH, LICENSED MIDWIFE, IS located at 1023 MYRTLE AVENUE. mh22-d&s1m

MRS. GERTRUDE KATZEN, Licensed Mid. wife, now located at 216 N. Poppleton St. mh13-d&s1m

Easter German
TONIGHT, FAVORS FOR ALL.
Prof. Cooley's School, Greenmount and Biddle. Private lessons any time. Soiree Mon. and Fri.

FARSONS
ACAD. MUSIC CONCERT HALL.
Largest and Handsomest Hall in City.
"Special Dances Today"
AFTERNOON, 2:30. EVENING, 8:30.
Celebrated Gwynn Oak Orchestra. 1tp

To the Ladies

BRAUN'S. $2.50 for Human Artificial Eyes; none better made; largest assortment in city. BRAUN, Grad. Optician, 538 N. Gay street. m,w,fr-tf

MAYER, 532 N. Gay St.—Only Eye Specialist and Optician on Gay St. Examines eyes free. Makes glasses at lowest prices. m,w,fr&s-tf

NEW Designs sure to please. Runge, Paperhanger, 627 W. Balto. Phone, St. Paul 7309. d&s

When You Buy Friendship
You Pay More Than It's Worth
YOU CAN'T PAY TOO MUCH FOR A GOOD HORSE, PARTICULARLY A BRAND-NEW NEARBY HORSE. THEY WILL PROVE YOUR FRIENDS ALL THE WAY THROUGH, AND GIVE BEST SATISFACTION UNDER ALL CONDITIONS.
400 HORSES AND MULES AT PRIVATE SALE
DON'T LOOK FOR ANY JUST AS GOOD, AS THE PRICE WILL BE HIGHER, AND DON'T LOOK FOR ANY BETTER, AS THEY'RE NOT TO BE HAD. A MOST UNUSUAL SELECTION OF BIG WORKERS NOW ON HAND. Business and Express Horses, FARM HORSES AND MULES and the stock we receive in exchange from the merchants of Baltimore and SELL TO YOU DIRECT. SERVICEABLE HORSES AND MULES, $25 TO $75.
EXTRA PEN MULES AT PRIVATE SALE
ALL SIZES AND PRICES, TO SUIT ALL PURPOSES.
KING'S NEXT AUCTION
MONDAY, MARCH 24th
COMMENCING AT 10:30 A. M. You'll be the loser if you don't attend this sale. EXTRA LARGE LIST OF PRIVATE ENTRIES OF HORSES, CARRIAGES, WAGONS, HARNESS, ETC., and our regular CONSIGNMENTS OF OUT-OF-TOWN NEARBY HORSES.
JAMES KING & SONS
HIGH, BALTIMORE, FAYETTE STS.
LARGEST ESTABLISHMENT OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD.

YOU MIGHT WONDER
HOW WE CAN PAY YOUR MONEY IN 30 SECONDS when you SELL YOUR HORSES, MULES, CARRIAGES, WAGONS, HARNESS, etc., at
KING'S AUCTION
Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 10:30 A. M. WE CAN DO IT BECAUSE OUR METHODS ARE FAIR TO BOTH BUYERS AND SELLERS. FOR OFFERING HORSES AND MULES NOT SOLD THERE'S NO CHARGE.

Everything Comes to the Man
WHO DOES NOT WAIT
BUT WHO PULLS OFF HIS COAT AND GOES AFTER IT. DON'T WAIT TOO LONG TO BUY YOUR NEW WAGON OR HAVE YOUR REPAIRS DONE NOW'S THE TIME TO GET JUST A LITTLE AHEAD OF THE OTHER FELLOW.
THE KING-HOSBACH CO.
HIGH, BALTIMORE, FAYETTE STS.

THE BERTHA
218 N. CHARLES.
Exhibition of Spring Models

LOUIS FRIEDMAN
LADIES' TAILOR
309 N. Eutaw St.
Offers for Easter Week Only
ESTIMATE SUITS
$27.50 to $30
Including all the Novelties of the Spring and Summer Seasons. Fit and Workmanship Guaranteed.

HOPKINS PLACE SAVINGS BANK
No. 7 Hopkins Place
INTEREST AT THE RATE OF
Four Per Cent.
per annum will be credited on April 1, 1913, for the past six months on all deposits entitled to interest and entered on depositors' books on and after April 10th.
The Bank pays all taxes on deposits.
ROBERT M. ROTHER, President.
JOHN L. HILDEBRANDT, Treasurer.

Merchants & Miners' Trans. Co.
"FLORIDA"
Now Is the Time to Be There.
$33.80
Baltimore to Jacksonville and Return
Including meals and stateroom berth on steamer. Tickets good for six months. Three sailings weekly. Fine steamers. Low fares. Best service. Staterooms de luxe. Baths. Wireless telegraph. Tickets to all points.
City Ticket Office, Light & German Sts.

ARCHER'S LAUNDRY
YOUR BOSOM FRIEND.
Baltimore's most popular laundry maintains the same popular prices. Highest grade work.
Collars and Cuffs, 1½c each.
Shirts, 8c each.
When left at our 30 offices.

Look Into the World's Mirror Every Day
BY JOHN P. FALLON.
¶ Have you stopped to think of your daily newspaper as the World's Mirror? Every time you look into your newspaper you see reflected the doings and happenings of the earth.
¶ Not long ago you read a word picture of the Antarctic regions, of the South Pole, of the experiences encountered by a band of brave and noble explorers. Recently you have had a glimpse into the Orient brought about by the Balkan war. You know a great deal about Mexico and her civil troubles. Today you are reading with keen interest the proposed tariff changes which may raise or lower your cost of living.
¶ All these things are of great interest, but the thing that has to do with your cost of living is most important. One of these things is the advertising which appears in THE AMERICAN and THE STAR every day. By reading the advertisements closely and constantly you will know where to buy and what to buy at the lowest prices. When you look into the World's Mirror, don't overlook the opportunities to economize.

EXTRA!

1,000 REPORTED KILLED IN OMAHA BY STORM

Fire Starts in Ruins And is Said to Be Sweeping The City

MANY OTHER CITIES ALSO SUFFER TERRIBLY

Sleeping Families Are Crushed in Bed and Saved From Being Roasted Alive by a Deluge of Rain—Sandstorm in Kansas and a Blizzard in Colorado—The Deathlist Grows As Reports Come In.

Chicago, March 24.—The Western Union telegraph offices here have received a report from their Denver office that 1,000 persons have been killed by the storm in Omaha and that the city is in flames.

This information was received by the Western Union at Denver from Grand Island, Nebraska, the nearest city to Omaha with which the telegraph officials were able to communicate.

The Nebraska state troops have been ordered out by the Governor to preserve order and prevent looting at Omaha. The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy and the Rock Island Lines are preparing special trains to be sent to Omaha carrying physicians and nurses.

Lincoln, Neb., March 23.—A tornado, forming near Greenwood, today, swept over the eastern part of the state, resulting in the death of at least 20 persons, while 10 more are missing and over 100 are injured.

The known dead:

Baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ohnf, killed on a farm near Mead.

Henry Hickory, aged 40, killed on a farm near Mead.

Valley Still, a town north of Yutan, was reported hard hit, with 10 more persons missing and many others injured.

The heaviest loss of property occurred near Greenwood and north of Ashland.

Two tornadoes were reported as forming near Greenwood, one going north and the other holding east. The one which went north did most damage, according to early reports.

At Ralston much property was destroyed and the railroad lines were blocked with debris, necessitating the holding of several trains.

Wire service in the eastern portion of the state was demoralized and only comparatively meager reports of the storm were received over the telephone wires.

RUINS SET ON FIRE

Victims of the Tornado in Danger of Being Roasted Alive.

Terre Haute, Ind., March 23.—Loss of life and severe property damage was caused by a tornado, which wiped out the southern part of Terre Haute at 10 o'clock tonight.

At 12 o'clock seven bodies had been recovered. Scores were injured and property damage will reach into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

All wires were blown down in the district affected. This prevented rescue work, although every available fireman and policeman was rushed to the stricken district.

It is expected that the death list will be more than a dozen.

With no warning the terrific gale swept down upon the district. Parts of the Root Glass Company's plant were flattened. The end of the foundry-room of the Gartland factory, a solid brick wall 18 inches thick was caved in. Brick and stone structures suffered alike.

Lightning set fire to many houses. Men, women and children were crushed to death in bed. Some escaped to the cellars. Whole structures were blown away by the force of the winds. The maimed were rushed to hospitals as fast as they were extricated.

Difficulty was experienced in obtaining doctors, and the firemen were unable to cope with the flames, which swept the district. The heavy downpour of rain is all that prevented scores of injured from being burned in the debris of their homes.

TERRIFIC DUST STORM

Great Clouds of Sand Hide the Sun In Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., March 23.—One of the most terrific dust storms which Kansas has had in years visited the central part of the state today and ended with a brilliant thunderstorm tonight. A wind that afterward got as high as 60 miles an hour blew across the state. In sandy sections the wind carried such clouds of dust that the sky was actually darkened.

At Abilene, McPherson and Solomon the dust storm was the worst in the memory of the oldest settlers. The wind and the electrical display tonight have damaged the telephone and telegraph lines so much that only a few points could be reached.

Sioux City, Ia., March 23.—Six persons were killed, houses were unroofed and many thousand dollars of damage was done at Wodbine, Ia., by the storm which swept that section tonight, according to an unconfirmed report. Several persons were reported killed at Craig, Neb.

St. Paul, Minn., March 23.—An unconfirmed report from Marshalltown, Ia., tonight said there had been loss of life at Ackley, Woodbine and Carroll, Ia., as a result of a storm which swept Iowa and Nebraska today.

DESTRUCTION WIDESPREAD

Six States Are Devastated and Small Towns Wiped Out.

Chicago, March 23.—A terrific windstorm, causing widespread destruction and loss of life and practically wrecking the already demoralized telegraph service, raged over the Central West and Middle States late today. Reports from Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and Indiana indicate heavy damage, but owing to the wrecking of the telegraph lines, the reports are fragmentary and lacking in detail.

The loss of life and property in Iowa was less severe, according to messages from the storm-swept district. Dust storms, rain, hail and tremendous electrical disturbance prevailed over Kansas and Nebraska the greater part of the day.

Local Notes

Office of The
UNITED RAILWAYS & ELECTRIC CO.
Sewerage Commission work on Pratt Street, between Eden and Caroline Streets, necessitates single track in lieu of double track operation at this point, resulting in irregularity of service on the Druid Hill Ave. and Roland Park and Highlandtown lines.
Pending the resumption of normal operating conditions, the Company asks the indulgence of its patrons on account of any inconvenience they may experience while this work is in progress.
T. A. CROSS,
March 24th, 1913. General Manager.

Royal Arcanum,
Baltimore City Council, No. 357.
All members desiring to attend the funeral of Brother J. Charles Schilling should be at the hall Wednesday, March 26, at 1 o'clock; also notify W. C. Black, 223 South Broadway.

Maryland Institute.
Exhibition of Paintings from the collection of the Hon. Theodore Marburg, Dr. Wm. H. Holmes and the Lucas Collection. Daily, 9 to 4. Sundays, 2:30 to 4:30. Admission, Free.

It's like buying gold dollars for 50c to get a Parcel Post Letter Scale at from $1.40 to $2.50 that will weigh your packages up to 12 lbs. We have 10 of these left in our Stationery-at-Cost Department. Don't wait a minute. The J. F. W. DORMAN CO., 526 N. Calvert St.

American Barber Shop,
American Building, Main Corridor.
Decidedly an establishment of the highest class, where cleanliness and good attention prevail. Only popular prices are asked.

Billiard and Pocket Tables, Bowling Alleys, Bar Fixtures. The Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co., oldest established house in Baltimore, 11 and 13 North Liberty street.

Established 1825.
CONSOLIDATED LOAN CO.,
PAWNBROKERS, NO. 1 N. GAY ST.
SIDE ENTRANCE TO PRIVATE OFFICE.
Loans Held Any Length of Time Agreed Upon.

It Is Better To Go To
EMIL FISHER for
Cleaning and Dyeing Than Wish You Had.
216 W. Fayette
419 N. Charles. 229 N. Howard.

Special, Large Sugar-Cured Hams, 15½c lb.; Compound Lard, 8½c.; strictly fresh Eggs, 20c. doz. W. P. Bird & Bro., 211 N. Paca St.

Beveled Plate Glass and Mirrors.
We are manufacturers. Are you wise? Chaudron & Co., 217 W. Camden. Phone,

MIGHTY THRONG ON BOARDWALK

Many Baltimoreans Take Part in Easter Parade.

WONDERFUL GOWNS IN SHOW

CROWDS ESTIMATED AT MORE THAN 200,000.

Fair Skies and Bracing Air Made Easter Sunday at Atlantic City a Perfect Day for the Display of Newest Fashions in Richly Colored Gowns and Headgear—Notice to Keep the Lid On Tight Disregarded by Many of the Cafe Proprietors.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Atlantic City, N. J., March 22.—The Boardwalk today presented a perfect phantasmagoria of coloring. It was the showiest Easter pageant Atlantic City has known for many years. The word "showy" is used advisedly. The gentle zephyrs blowing in from the sea and coming in contact with slashed skirts revealed more anatomy than is usually exposed to the view of the passers-by, except on the strand in the good old summertime.

Many a girl would have been mightily embarrassed if she knew how the wind were helping to silhouette her form, enveloped in silken attire sans petticoats. The crowd was so tremendous that only here and there did the breezes get a chance to play havoc with the costumes and some of the results were startling. The drapery of the gowns is so weird this spring that when the soft folds become inflated the wearer presents an incongruous figure.

Vivid colors predominated and such combinations of shades! Blue skirts, green coats and purple hats, violet gowns with yellow sashes, white costumes garnitured with "Cubist" silk. Gowns of the spectacular, "futurist" texture, there was every combination that you could think of and some that would make your eyes sore. It was one dizzy medley of riotous hues.

SOME WEIRD DISPLAYS.

And the cut of the costumes! A wide accordion pleated skirt would pass side by side with a narrow concoction slashed at the side. Some skirts were pleated and some were draped, but all were longer than have been worn for the last few seasons.

As for the coats, they, too, were "assorted." Some were extremely long and some were of the short bolero mode. However, whether long or short, they were all cut rather full and did not conform to the line of the figure. In fact, the Easter parade for 1913 has put fashion's stamp on the "corsetless figure." That was the striking characteristic of feminine attire today. The Balkan blouse with the belt placed well down over the hips was the most ultra style on the walk and judging from the number of women who followed this fashion the normal waistline will be out of commission as long as there is war in the Far East.

Taken as a whole the parade on the walk today presented a wonderful study of things sartorial. There were few tawdry costumes. Everybody had on something new. And the men in their way were quite as ultra in their choice of brilliant colors as the women. Several men went in for vivid spats and giddy neckties. There were more top hats and frock coats seen than usual.

Even the quietest of costumes had a touch of color at places least expected. For instance, there was a stately brunette on the walk near the Steel Pier attired in a small black turban and draped costume of black satin. Beneath the skirt peeped forth brilliant red high-heeled slippers and red silken hosiery. Another woman drew a lot of attention by her costume of old gold satin with cutaway coat of brocaded velvet and a plumed chapeau of the same shade. She wore slippers to match.

A PETITE BLONDE.

For picturesqueness a petite little blonde would take the prize. She had on a black satin draped skirt and directoire coat of white kismet cloth with black collar and cuffs and built with a red vest. She wore a black hat with while aigrettes and carried a directoire walking stick with a long silver handle. Poised on the roofs of the three piers were the moving picture men with cameras ready to snap all that was novel in the Easter gathering. Here and there in the center of the walk were the camera men on long ladders, getting panorama views of the colorful pageant. How the people did love to have their pictures taken! As soon as a camera man would mount his ladder the crowd instantly halted. The picture men were deluged with question as to how soon the "movies" would be put in the theaters, etc.

This has been a perfectly ideal Easter Day with no clouds to worry the visitors and no high winds to make heavy wraps a necessity. The air was balmy enough for visitors to show off their elaborate Easter gowns and suits of shimmering silks and satins. The weather man kept his promise and gave to Atlantic City a dry Sunday, but the county prosecutor was not as successful. He, too, prophesied a "dry" Sunday, but his prophecy did not come true. No one went thirsty here today.

With few exceptions all the cafes were wide open. Although Saturday night at 12 o'clock every dispenser of the cup that cheers was ordered to put the "lid" on tight and keep it there until Monday morning, hardly anybody did. Young's Hotel was one of the few places along the ocean front today that obeyed the order to the letter.

Last night was a season of wildest revelry. The gayety had hardly begun at 12 o'clock and many of the weary stragglers did not leave

Continued on Ninth Page.

EXTRA!

FIREMEN BURIED UNDER FALLING ABBATOIR WALL

Members of No. 8 and No. 30 Engine Companies Badly Hurt

UNION STOCK YARDS FIRESWEPT EARLY TODAY

Employes Barely Escape With Their Lives Down Ropes in Elevator Shaft—Thousands of Cattle Stampede and Bellow in Panic—The Flames, Fed by Oil, Sweep Beyond the Control of Firemen.

Fire, which started at 2 o'clock this morning in the large oleo building of the Union Abbatoir Company, completely destroyed the structure and the engine-room, swept on beyond the control of half of the fire fighting force of the city and threatened the destruction of the entire plant, one of the largest in the East.

Sixteen firemen, members of Nos. 8 and 30 Engine Companies, were caught beneath the east wall of the building when it crashed down upon them without the slightest warning at 4 o'clock.

All of those injured were standing on the roof of the engine-room, facing almost certain death or injury, in an effort to check the flames.

The injured are:

Captain Cort Stewart, No. 8 Engine Company.

Lieutenant McDonald, No. 8 Engine Company.

Pipeman R. H. Lyeth, No. 8 Engine Company.

Pipeman Harry Barry, No. 8 Engine Company.

Pipeman Joseph Barry, No. 8 Engine Company.

Pipeman Riggs, No. 30 Engine Company.

Assistant Engineer Joseph Chase, No. 30 Engine Company.

Lieutenant Sharker, No. 30 Engine Company.

George Bellis, No. 30 Engine Company.

Frank Kaisersky, No. 30 Engine Company.

Anthony Yenger, No. 8 Engine Company.

FELL WITHOUT WARNING.

Trapped like rats, the firemen had barely no chance of escape unless they leaped from the roof of the engine building, which is fully as high from the ground as a two-story house, even though they had been allowed this time. The wall did not give the slightest warning that it would fall and like a sheet of paper, crumpled up and tottered down upon the luckless firemen, completey burying them beneath a mass of red hot debris.

Those who were rescued were mostly lying near the outer edges of the huge pile of bricks and charred wood. Brave work was done by the policemen under Deputy Marshal Manning and by the firemen under Chief Emrich, who ascended ladders and crawled about on the burning roof, digging among the hot debris for the firemen.

As soon as one was found he was hurried from the roof and taken to the Fire Department's ambulance. There Dr. J. B. Valentine, the department physician, administered first aid to every one, easing their pains, and they were then hurried to hospitals in police and Fire Department ambulances.

CATTLE STAMPEDE.

The point from which these men had been fighting the fire was one of the most advantageous, and powerful streams of water were being poured in the windows at the worst part of the burning building.

When the heavy wall fell part of the roof of the engine-room upon which the firemen had been standing, caved in, and it is feared some were carried into the building, which was a seething mass of flames then.

Thousands of persons witnessed the catastrophe and women were taken away, almost fainting, while others, who had already been worked up to a high pitch of excitement, hurried from the scene, sick with the horrible sight which they had witnessed.

Thousands of animals in the Union Stock Yards, terrified by the fire that lit up their stalls as bright as day, ran about the building, broke from their pens and for a time threatened to break past their guards. The crying and moaning of the cattle was pitiful, and many persons who had hurried to the scene were forced to turn back, so horrifying were the cries of the animals, who semed to think they were doomed.

In the oil building at the time the fire was raging, on the third floor were four or five employes of the plant, and they barely escaped with their lives.

ESCAPE CUT OFF.

Not knowing their was a spark in the place, they were attending to their various tasks when the flames suddenly burst through, shutting off every means of escape but the elevator shaft, up which dense clouds of smoke began to pour. Seeing this was their only chance the men slid down the ropes that pull the machine to the top floors and stumbled, choking, to the fresh air.

None of them were injured as far as could be learned.

The first that was seen of the fire was shortly after 2 o'clock. The men who were working in the building, unable to escape in time to send in an alarm themselves, had the presence of mind to call outside to a watchman, who only by chance, was passing.

He called to the watchman stationed at the front part of the yard, who pulled an automatic box, which brought firemen to the scene. The district chief on his arrival immediately realized the serious nature of the fire, which, strange to say, was bursting from the windows for the first time, though it had probably been raging inside the structure for some time.

A second alarm was ordered and this brought Chief Emrich to the scene. Before he had been there a minute and heard the crying and baying of the animals in the Union Stock Yards, he ordered a general alarm, which brought out more than half of the fire-fighting force of Baltimcre.

FIREMEN IN PERIL.

The lives of many of the firemen were placed in peril and the hundreds of persons who had hurried to the fire as the flames leaped skyward were forced back when it was learned that not 50 yards from the fire were 10,000 gallons of ammonia.

Half a dozen firemen were at that time standing upon the very tanks containing the explosive liquid throwing powerful streams of water into the burning building. As a watchman rushed up to them, at the risk of his life, for a maize of electric wires were lying across his path, and told the chief in charge what the tanks contained, the men were immediately ordered off and streams of water were kept playing upon them to keep them cool. Every precaution was taken to prevent their exploding, and sparks were falling dangerously close.

In the rear of the building were half a dozen tank cars of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, also containing oil, and before anyone realized it, large brands of burning wood were falling incessantly upon these cars.

CARS FILLED WITH OIL.

These were also kept wet and cool as possible, but the flames from the burning building were leaping directly across them, missing the cars by a bare few feet. An engine was hurried to the scene from Camden Station and it hauled these cars, with many bax cars containing finished material, from the Union Abbatoir ready for shipment today, to the Mount Clare yards.

The fire proved one of the hardest the firemen have had to cope with for some time, according to several grizzled old fire laddies. The building contained a large supply of oil and this burned fiercely, defying every effort of the men to extinguish it.

To make their task more laborious, dense clouds of black, stifling smoke were swept to the ground, at times almost enveloping the men so that the hundreds who had hurried to the spot were unable to see them.

SPREAD QUICKLY.

This was one of the main causes of the fire sweeping so far beyond the control of the firemen, who fought desperately against the burning oil and a high wind, which did not become noticeable until the fire had gained serious proportions. From the oleo building it spread greadily to the engine-room, quickly consuming it, and also to the glue factory just north of the oleo structure.

Directly next to the engine-room were the large tanks containing the 10,000 gallons of ammonia, used for refrigerating purposes. Despite these dangers, the firemen faced them bravely, though they had already seen many of their co-workers carried past them, burned, cut and some mashed almost beyond recognition.

Spreading out in both directions at once, an unusual occurrence at a fire, the flames literally devoured the killing plant, the longest building on the place. In the structure were thousands of pounds of dressed beef ready to go to the shipping department.

HIGH PRESSURE ENGINES.

At 4:30 o'clock Chief Emrich called the high pressure wagons from the central section of the city, and lines of hose were ru a block and a half from Gwynn's Falls to these powerful fire fighting machines. The streams of water attained by this clever movement, had a perceptible effect upon the flames, which, however, continued to sweep on through the plant, threatening to raze every building.

The structures which were burned are all large, the oleo building being four stories high, while all the others are two stories and extremely long.

Nearby are also other large abbatoirs, stockyards and packing houses. One of the largest of these is the Greenwald Abbatoir Works, a seven-story structure.

The loss, according to members of the firm who were on the scene, will be enormous, and an estimate of $300,000 was considered small.

WATER WAS SCARCE.

The miserable lack of water, for such a dangerous district as the fire was in, was severely censured by many persons. For a time it was all the firemen could do to get sufficient water to throw on the one building, but this was soon supplemented by getting a supply from Gwynn's Falls, and by the time the fire had spread to other buildings thousands of tons of water were being poured upon the flames. It was described as a veritable little Niagara.

Mounting skyward, the flames soon sent a dull red glow over the entire southwestern section of the city and called thousands of persons from their homes, some leaving their houses because they were panic-stricken and others for the novelty of seeing Baltimore's Fire Department in action at a large fire.

The exact origin of the fire is not known, but it is believed to have been caused by crossed electric wires in the oleo building. The structure is composed of wood inside, while the walls are brick, as are all of the buildings, and all contain the latest devices for abbatoir work.

The flames swept through the buildings with wonderful rapidity and formed a beautiful spectacle, busting in great sheets from the windows as barrel after barrel and tank after tank burst and was consumed.

The place is owned by the D. B. Martin Company, listing under the name of the Union Abbatoir Company. The pork-packing house is leased from the D. B. Martin Company by Street & Cockran, but the entire place is included in the Union Abbatoir Company.

SHOOTING ON A STEAMER

Austrian Captain Wounded and His Steward Dead.

New York, March 23.—As a result of a stabbing and shooting today on board the Austrian steamer Isthina, docked in South Brooklyn, her captain, Matildo Tombjanovic, is in a hospital with a serious knife wound in the back, while Steffan Mutcheff, his steward, is dead from a revolver shot in the back of the head.

Although members of her crew declared that the steward shot himself after attacking the captain with a big bread knife and a revolver, a charge of homicide was preferred against the vessel's master, and a police guard was stationed over him in the hospital.

DR. ELIOT ADMITS IT

Neither Age Nor Health Nor Financial Reasons Moved Him.

Cambridge, Mass., March 23.—Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president-emeritus of Harvard, said tonight that it was true that he had declined the post of Ambassador to Great Britain.

While he would not give his reasons for declining, he said it was not on account of his age, the condition of his health or financial considerations.

Dr. Eliot's letter regretting his inability to serve was sent to President Wilson two days ago.

FERRYBOATS COLLIDE

Dozen Persons Injured in Crash in Jersey City Ferry Slip.

New York, March 23.—A dozen persons were injured, two so seriously that they were taken to hospitals, when the Pennsylvania ferryboat Pittsburgh crashed into the Philadelphia, of the same line, in a Jersey City ferry slip early today. The strong tide running caused the accident, it was stated. Cries of passengers on the Pittsburgh, who had been thrown to the decks and injured by the crash, and fears that the boat was in a sinking condition caused a brief panic. Neither boat was badly damaged.

©Maryland State Archives, msa_sc4150_1_215-0569