THE FAMOUS OLD DELEVAN HOUSE ENTIRELY DESTROYED.

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Seventeen Employes are Missing-Several Person: Injured, Some Perhaps Fatal. ly-Blany Narrow Escapes From the Flames-Loss Will Exceed Half a Millton Liollars.

ALBANY, Dec. 21.- The candidacy of the several men for speaker of the assembly received a startling baptism of fire, for the Delevan House, that famous hostelry known from Mains to California, the Mecca of politicians and the centre of all big state political events for 40 years, was completely destroyed.

Fire is not an uncommon visitor, but are such as this has seldom been seen. It was half past eight and the political headquarters of both Mr. Flah and Mr. Malby were filled with politicians and newspa per men.

The outburst of flames before an alarm could be given to arouse the immates of the rooms was something appalling Up the elevator shaft there shot a solid column of flames and up the staircass near this perfect flue shot another column. As the mass of white hot flame reached each of the five floors it branched out into songues of leaping destruction and is seemed as though the whole interior of

the structure was a seething mass. Fortunately the guest list was not very large and the majority of those registered were politicians and were down on the second floor where Mr Fish and Mr Malby had headquarters. There was a rush for the stairs in the front and the servants stairs to the back where the flames bad not reached and in a few minutes there was a tumbling mass of humanity coming down these few means of egress.

Those on the two upper floors could not avail themselves of these exits, for the flames were rushing along the corridors, and becope on the street who had not vol ecen the fames heard a eresh of glass and saw figures coming tumbling out of the

Within 10 minutes after the first note of alarmat least 10 persons were dangling on the moufficient rope fire escape or

banging on to the window sills. The department arrived quickly, but it took some time to get ledders up, and in the meantime some of the people had

dropped to the street. On the right side of the building there appeared at a window, surrounded by smoke, a man and a woman. The man had hold of the woman, trying to persuade her to wait for help. but she broke away and sprang out. Sho struck a balcony and

rebounded to the street. The man waited for a ladder and was taken down in salety. His name was H. A. Foakes, and he represented a cosh rep tster company in Dayton, O. The woman was his who and she will propably dis-Bett Hellman of Brooklyn was in the third story. He opened his rooms door as

soon as he heard the cry of fire. A burst of flames made him look to the windows. as the means of escape. In an instant he had but two alternatives—a flery densit or a jump. He chose she latter and plunged picked up from the sidewalk he wastound o be badly injured. He will die.

His wife, who was in the room with him, tried the fire escape, but it either broke or she falled to hold to it, for she, too came to the payement heavily. Her right leg was broken, her left anklo dislocated and she was hadly burned about the face and head.

At the hespital it is said that Mrs. Hellman will lose her reason. She has been Dut under opinies and every Endeavor made to save her. Mrs. Hellman had just been married and the couple were on their

bridal tour. The husband will die. Edward Walsh, a porter, was caught in the hall. Before he could get, out he was very badly burned and had to be taken to

the hospital. The hotel takes in the entire block. about 110 by 150 feet, and this was in 15 minutes a seething cauldron, only bound

The Delevan House is 50 years old and one of the most famous hotels in the country It is a part of the estate of Edward

C. Delevan. Hurly & Moore, the proprietors, paid \$40,000 a year rental and lately had made vast improvements in expectation of a big winter season.

The total loss is estimated at \$500,000 with an insurance of \$300,000.

VICTIMS OF THE FLAMES.

Seventeen of the Delayan House Em ployes Still Missing.

ALBANY, Jan. 2.—Although 17 persons, all attaches of the house are supposed to be buried in the ruins of the Delayan ho tel no attempt has been made to search the ruine for the whole mass is still so hot that work is impossible.

Chief Higgins of the fire department

"I don't know how many persons per ished in the fire, but of their remains not even a bone will be found, for, in my opinion, every victim must have been completely incinerated. I don't believe a bone will be found, for the building for hours was a seething furgace, hotter than any crematory fire?

So far none of the persons reported miss ing has been located.

Flames In Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Dec. 28 - Eckert's big dry goods store at Broadway and Fillmor avenue was badly damaged by fire and a number of adjoining buildings were more or less burned. Much difficulty was experienced with the water plugs on account of the storm and the firemen were sonsiderably delayed, thus allowing the flames to gain headway. The losses will aggregate \$130,000.

Horrible Quadruple Tragedy. BURLINGTON, Vt., Dec. 27. - William H. Whitman of Winooski, a manufactur-

ing suburb of this city, shot and killed his wife and two boys and then going upstairs shot himself, dying instantly. Whitman is said to have been of intemperate habits on account of which his wile

separated from him and recently obtained a divorce. Lord Churchill Some Better.

LONDON, Dec. 81. - Lord Randolph Churchill is still conscious. The hemorthage which caused the pressure on \$1 brain is temporarily ceased and the improvement in his condition is maintained.

Several Business Blocks Barned. FONDA N. Y. Jan 2 - Fire, starting in the West Winfield postoffice, destroyed several business blocks, including the National bank. The loss will amount to LEXOW'S LAST DAY.

Closing Scenes in the Famous Poller

Euvestigation. NEW YORK, Dec. 81.-A 8:500 clock Saturder night the Lexow committee adjourned subject to the call of the chair, thus closing a session of investigation tions.

The corruptness existing for years in the polico department of this city was exposed thoroughly, and instead of beginning at the top the prosecutor, Mr. Geff, and his assistants began with the patrolmen and finished with the superintendent, who was the last witness to be called.

Just as he was through answering M? Golf's probing questions, Superintendent Byrnes handed a letter to Chairman Lexow and said that it was a copy of one that be had sent to Mayor elect Strong early this month. It was his resignation from the force, of which he had been a member for the last 32 years.

The superintendent said that on two oc casions since he was appointed in Superintendent Murray's piece he was on the point of resigning, owing to the continual conflict between the commissioners and himself. The superingendent, he said should have absolute charge of the discipline of the department, but all his efforts in that direction were frustrated by the commissioners. The department was honoy-combed with abuses which had been growing for 80 years, and they could be remedied only by radical legislation. Local politics, he claimed, were the curse of the department and as long as polluic was a factor to the force, such a state of

affairs would exist. Although he had done his utmost t secure substantial information as to the corruption and bribery, he was unable to get it, and the whole department was impregnated with the belief that promotion had to be bon, t and merit was of n

Ho claimed to have done a good deal toward helping to bring about the ex posures. He paid a tribute to Dr. Park hurst, who, he said, manufactured public sentiment without which it would have been impossible for the committee to have acquired the information it did.

His wealth, which he estimated at \$250.

000 was made by speculation, he said, through the instrumentality of Jay Goold and his son, George Gould. His purchases of real create were also very profitable, and he claimed not to have a bank ac-

Inspector Molanghlin, the chief of New York's delective force, was also on the progress. Starting in the trucking business in 1964, he claimed to have \$6.00 plenty of money.

His great luck in the investment of Si. \$40,000 in less than five years, aroused conbut when pressed for facts in regard to his the interior of the college for the ject of a romance. He has been to siderable interest among the senators. connection with the company, the inspector said that he had no papers of agree ment or partnership, that he had neve signed a note and, although he shared the profits, he had not interested himself per sonally in the enterprise nor had he ever been in 'Chicago where the business was carried on.

lutely gold mines, according to his testimony, as every purchase he made was fabulously successful. By his own figures, the air freely to circulate. he showed his equity in real estate today ever having received a dollar for protecting gamblers or proprietors of houses of who accused him of wrongdoing he de-

clared to be accusing him falsely.

The other events of the day were of little interest.

COMSTOCK INDIGNANT.

He Denounces Streep's Charges as Ran

and Infamous Perjury. SUMMIT, N. J., Dec. 28 - Anthony Com stock, when seen at his home here, made the following statement relative to the testimony given before the Lexow committee by Louis S. Street, who charged him with accepting \$1,000 to have an in-

dictment dismissed:
"If Streep made any such statement be fore the Lexow committee it is rank and

infamous pérjury. Streep was first arrested by the police for carrying on this husiness, but their evidence was they meter to sustain an indictment to I was sent for and through is faithful to her high traditions my evidence he was held in 4800 ball in

the court of general sessions.

He foriested the bail by going to Eu rope. While he was a fugitive from justice the case was dismissed. After a time he returned to this country. One day not long after his return he came into my office with a letter from Mr. Parker, then an assistant district attorney. He wanted me to have Edward Bechtold arrested. He told me that Bechtold was the man who was the principal in the green goods cir-calar distribution affair. He made an affidavit accusing Bechtold and told so much about him that I was satisfied that Streep was going to play me false. After several

me. "At the time of Bechtold's examination Streep went on the stand and swore pos fitively he did not know the man. As knew that what he swore to in open court was hose perfury I demanded that the case be dismissed.

"Subsequently I caused Streep to be ar rested on the old charge.
"Streep was convicted and sentenced t 18 months' imprisonment. I subsequently learned that Bechtold had called on Streep the night previous to his own examina tion and offered Streep a sum of money

Captain Stephenson's Case.

about the Streep and Bechtold cases."

BROOKLYN, Dec. 28. - An application was made to Justice Gagner in the aupreme court for a stay for Police Captain John T. Stephenson, who was sentenced by Justice Ingreham to serve three years and nine months and to pay a fine of \$1,000. The justice filed a decision in the matter of the application, in which he says that his attention has been called to a change made by the legislature last May

concerning such requests.

Justice Gaynor at first denied the ap plication, but after reading the law he said that he would allow the affidavits in the case to be filed and would set a day for a hearing on the motion to show cause why the stay should not be granted,

Steel Workers Threaten to Strike. PITTSBURG, Jan. 2.—There is fear of at Braddock involving 1,500 men employed about the Liast furnaces. The trouble was caused by the new scale, which caused a cut in the mien's wages from \$1.40 to Ledochowski, Vancenzo Vannutelli and the corps d'armes in the Prati di

UER ROBLE LITTER.

A Description of the Handsome New Benedictine College of St. Anselm.

which was brimful of startling revela Beath of Cardinal Courses. of Bian

selm upon the Aventine, though not learned of late another item. The ret finished, in fast approaching com- official Gazette har just apropueed plotion. It is destroed, as was the that the sum of 500,000 live has been old institution existing at San Calisto, transferred to the Budget of Eritres, for the training of Jones men of the the new Italian colony in Africa. This Order of St. Benedict, belonging to has rather surprised everybody, for the Cassiness and other Congregations. Urispi told us last May that this new of the order. It was begun about the Italian Colony would, after the capture and of 1887 on a piece of land of 40,000 of Cassala, cost Italy melther a panty square motres. The Rev. P. Hildebrand por a soldier. It has not, it is trued'Hemptione O. S. B., who has been cost Italy many soldiers, but it bids appointed Abbott of St. Anselm, fur- fair to cost her many a penny. Govnished the plans for the new inter- erament, however, knows that new national college, and designed both taxes are bitter pills so the regenerathe exterior and the interior. The ted masses of Italy. It has, therefore, execution of them was by the Holy coated them with a sugary promise of Father entrusied to Count Francisco new economies. The Gazetta Ufficiale palapea.

building, with its walls of brick and them has to do with the management travertine, wears the majestic and of the army and the various services severe aspect of the older Abbeys, The | dependent upon the War Office, The first body of buildings with projecting second treats of the military territorial corners in the form of square towers circumscriptions of the kingdom. The is destined to be the Abbey. Behind third modifies the supends of officers this and joined to it is the college of the army. The remaining two treat which extends towards the east. At of the Central Administration of the side of the Abbey is a vast quadric War. portice at the end of which rises the The news of a coming Consistory to Ohurch, and the last of which gives be held soon is true. It is said that scooms to the Abbey and the College, the Holy Father has decided to raise The church is of Basilical style and is to the sacred purple Mgr. Domenico divided into three naves, upheld by Jacobine, Apostolic Nuncio at Liebon, columns of granite. At the side of the and Mgr. Ferrata, Nuncio at Paris, church rises the campanile square in Other reports are circulated regarding form and of the style of the 13th cen- the Prelates who will be choses to tury. The church is not as far ad take their places, but for obvious vanced as the rest of the building. The reasons I refrain from mentioning them stand and told the story of his financial crypt, however, or subterranean till the time of their confirmachurch is almost completed. It is tion. progress. Starting in the state of the control is almost completed. It is the control in the control of the con crossed arches.

carefully isolated from the autround- Rome; they do not, however,

is worth \$103,175. He strenuously denied care leads to the Abbey, which, in tie the Arens of Verona says on this three stories contains 24 rooms inclu- head. It publishes the following from illrepute, and the lovying of blackmail, ding those of the Abbot. At the its Rome correspondent:- M. Zola hounted, was unknown to him. Everyone entrance of the college is a large rect. in speaking to great personages, mag-

but a few years ago and now almost the anti-cierloslism in Italy at the completed is a proof that Catholic present day, which he considers as a Rome is still a patroness of artistic startling anachronica. I will not tell aplendor and in spite of the bad example not by her new masters still him by the cleanliness of Rome and of

Cardinal Gonzales of Diaz Tunon.

usry 28th, 1681, at Victoria, in the have told you is true." diocese of Ovieto. After finishing his literary and scientific studies, in which he obtained the highest honors, he put Father has ersoled the new Mission of on the babit of St. Dominio, in the the Upper Nile in the English Colony monastery of Oceans, where in 1846, at of Uganda, and has named as Vicar the age of fifteen he made his profes. Apostolic Mgr. Hanion, of St. Joseph's | East Main street, room 18, Palmer block. sion. When he was ordained pricet, Missionary College, Mill Hill, who is weeks, however, Bechtold was arrested by he was sent to the Phillippine Islands, at present in Rome, where he has where he devoted his time exclusively also received Episoopal consecration. to philosophical and theological stud- The ceremony took place on Sunday ies. In 1867 in obedience to the wishes in the Church of San Silvestro in Capor his superiors he resigned the chair, ite, the church of the Catholic English returned to Spain and there was made colony. It was performed by his Emidirector of the college of Ocana. Pius nence Cardinal Vincenzo Vanantelli. IX chose him in January 1975 to occupy assisted by Mgr. Quaroni, Bishop of the Epizcopal Sec of Malaga, and in Cuma. There were present at the June of the following year promoted ceremony many English people. His him to that of Cordova. For the space | Lordship leaves Rome on Monday on not to testify against him. That is all of eight years he gave proofs of his route for the Tyrol. Paris and Holprodence, wisdom and energy as a land.

> Relies and Studies. Father, a Secret Conference was beld Galimberti. The office of secretary Centocelle

was performed by the Very Rev. Mga

The coming Semion and its business atill are clad in deep mystery. No one can guess what is likely to be done. and the officious Tribuna after pre-Loading to draw the veil saids has left us in the same suspense. All we have known so fer, is the that a large deficit has to be met by new acconomics The Benedictine College of St. An- and by extra taxation. We have Vespigniani, architect of the Apostolio has, in fact, just published some new sconomies in the Army. These are The exterior of this monumental contained in five decrees. The first of

consisting in a few hurried carriage Two flights of stairs lead to the drives, would not be looked upon by 700 in a patent switch, which netted him crypt, the one for the public on the the public as a sufficient qualification side of the campanile, the other from to entitle him to make Rome the anbmonks. Since the church is built on Naples, where he was received with an incline the crypt stands on the some liberall. So whom he made a higher ground and is well lighted French discourse upon the beauty of from the optside. Less the lower part their city. So far we have been unaof it which is underground should be ble to discover what are his rest opindamaged by the damp, it has been lous concerning the saste of Itely and ling soil by large galleries which allow be very finitering to those who have gone to the trouble of paying him From the quadriportico alerge stair court, if we may believe what sugular courtyard of 1,700 square nified Rome and Italy, but I saure you metres, surrounded by a portion that when he speaks to ordinary mor-Around this cortile is the college, cap. tals he expresses himself in quite other able of receiving eighty students terms. He says he found the populs. together with a large professorial staff, tion of Rome a population of children, all necessary alterations at a price that will recessary alterations at a price that will receive the price that the property alteration at a price that will receive the price that the pr lighted by the sun. The same must and other cities. He has been searbe said of the spacious corridors, dalized dy the ignorance, not only of from the large windows is to be seen the lower classes, but also of the elesses an extensive and charming panorama, which pass for instructed. What he This truly monumental work becan is partisularly at a loss to explain is you of the impression produced upon other cities he has visited. One day, A dispetch has been received when he was in Trassevers he exannouncing the death of his Emigence claimed --- Are we in Africa or in Europet' You will be able to see The deceased Cardinal was born Jan | from his new book on Rome if what I

By a recent decree of the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda, the Holy

pastor. He distinguished himself so Every now and then we hear some much in the exercise of his exalted items of the wast calebrations which, office, that Lee XIII, upon the 15th of it is said, the Italian Government March, 1883, promoted him to the intends to keep next September, up-Archiepiscopal See of Seville, and in on the 25th anniversary at the taking the Consistory of November 10th, to of Rome. The following particulars that at Toledo, conferring upon him at have just appeared in the officious the same time the Cardinal's hat. In Messagero, - It is the intention of the the consistory of March 17th, 1887, he War Minister to organize great manreceived the Church of S. Maria Sopra couvres next year to the north of Rome. Minerva as his title. He belonged to They will be carried out by the troops the Ecclesisatical Congregations of the of Rome, Florence and Naples. The Index. Rites. Indulgences, Sucred time chosen for or these great manconvres is the end of August and the Recently, in the presence of the Holy | beginning of September, and the last field exercises will consist in t e taking strike at the Edgar Thompson Steel works to treat of affairs relating to the Eas- of Rome and the entry of the troops tern Churches. There were present into Rome by the breach of the Porte their Eminences Cardinale Rampolla, Pia, Then King Humbert will review PATRICK RYAN.

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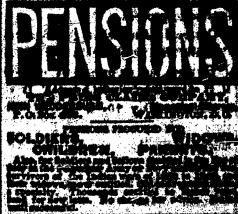


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