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SUMMARY OF THE NEWS.

Government Weather Report. Washington, Feb. 7.—The Government Weather Bureau issued the following forecast for Monday and Tuesday...

\$20,000 IN MONEY SAVED

Officers of Federal Savings Bank Find Vault Empty.

Early in the afternoon \$20,000 in coin and bills was taken out of the vaults of the Federal Savings Bank...

RINGS IN BANK SAFE

Treasurer Rabbe Has To Be Identified To Get Them.

While the fire was blazing a red furnace half a square away and the building of the Federal Savings Bank...

PHONE SERVICE CRIPPLED

Trolley Cars Switched Over Different Routes.

The underground conduits proved the salvation of the telephone and telegraph systems in the heart of the city...

STEAMERS READY TO MOVE

Vessels At Light Street Wharf On The Alert.

Along Light street wharves all the steamers had steam up and crews standing by ready to leave at any moment...

ENGINE AND TRUCK LOST

Walls Of Hurst Building Fall On And Wreck Them.

The city Fire Department lost two fine pieces of apparatus. They were No. 15 engine and No. 2 truck...

CHIEF HORTON HURT

Stunned By Stepping On A Live Wire And Rendered Unconscious. Chief Horton was badly shocked by stepping on a live wire early in the afternoon...

TWENTY-FOUR BLOCKS BURNED IN HEART OF BALTIMORE

CITY'S MOST VALUABLE BUILDINGS IN RUINS LOSS VARIOUSLY ESTIMATED AT FROM \$50,000,000 TO \$80,000,000

BLAZE STILL SPREADING EASTWARD AND SOUTHWARD AT 3.30 A. M.

Starting In John E. Hurst Building The Fire Sweeps South To Lombard, East To Holliday And North To Lexington, Destroying Wholesale Business Houses, Banks, Continental, Equitable, Calvert, B. And O. Central, The Sun And Other Large Buildings.

Fire, which started at 10.50 o'clock yesterday morning, devastated practically the entire central business district of Baltimore and at midnight the flames were still raging with as much fury as at the beginning...

What the loss will be in dollars no man can even estimate, but the sum will be so gigantic that it is hard for the average mind to grasp its magnitude. In addition to the pecuniary loss, will be the immense amount of business lost by the necessary interruption to business...

All day and all night through crowded streets, blocking every avenue to the fire district and moving back out of danger only when forced to do so by the police on duty...

At 10.50 o'clock in the morning the automatic fire-alarm box, No. 84, in the basement of the wholesale dry goods house of John E. Hurst & Co., German street and Hopkins place, sounded an alarm...

By this time the first of the fire apparatus had reached the scene and was quickly put to work, but the fire had already gone beyond control and swept with irresistible force and incalculable swiftness on its devastating way...

of firemen when a live trolley wire fell on him at the corner of Liberty and Baltimore streets, knocking him senseless, and he had to be carried to his home and placed in bed...

Four general alarms were speedily sent in and within half an hour after the first alarm every piece of fire apparatus in Baltimore was on the ground and at work...

It was an awe-inspiring sight, to witness the progress of the flames. A building eight or ten stories in height would suddenly break into flames from top to bottom almost in an instant...

Every minute almost the lives of the firemen were in imminent danger from falling walls or leaping flames, and more than 60 of them were carried from the ground more or less severely burned...

The section devastated contains the largest and most modern buildings in the city and this renders the calamity the more appalling. Immense office build-

ings, 10 and 12 stories high, large modern wholesale houses made of brick and steel, all disappeared as if built of the flimsiest material.

The exact origin of the fire is not known, but the explosion which started the spread of the flames to other buildings is said to have been caused by a gasoline engine in the Hurst Building...

From German street the fire spread rapidly to Lombard street, leaping from building to building, and, sometimes, skipping two or three buildings, and in this way a block would become ignited...

Meantime the flames had swept through the block to the east and quickly began the destruction of the buildings on the west side of Sharp street...

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dynamiting the material was on the ground and Mr. Roy C. Lafferty, the Government expert, who had come from Washington especially to take charge of the work of dynamiting the buildings...

The flames by this time were raging fiercely all along German street to Charles and it was then that Mr. Lafferty set off six charges of dynamite, each charge containing 100 pounds...

The fire had meantime been communicated to the row of buildings on South Charles street, between German and Lombard streets, and all those places, occupied principally by wholesale produce and grain dealers, were in flames...

For a time it was hoped the fire could be kept from crossing to the north side of Baltimore street and the firemen made a desperate effort to prevent it. The effort was useless, however, and soon the tall, narrow building of Mullin's Hotel began to dart out tongues of flame from several stories...

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They were hemmed in on both sides by fire and directed the streams at the buildings, from which smoke and flame were pouring, at a distance of only two or three yards.

It was utterly, heartbreakingly useless. The flames darted rapidly from place to place, and soon the entire south side of Fayette street was in the grasp of the flames. Down Fayette to Charles they swept, and in a space of time that seemed incredibly short the building occupied by Mr. W. Putts & Co., was evidently doomed...

In a desperate, but futile, effort to prevent the fire going further to the east, building after building was dynamited in this block, but it was all of no avail and the fire proceeded steadily onward...

MILLIONS IN A FEW BLOCKS

A Detailed Estimate of Loss in The Wholesale District.

A careful and conservative estimate of the loss in the wholesale business district, in which the fire originated, places it at something over \$15,000,000. This district is bounded by Baltimore, Liberty, Charles and Lombard streets and contained many of the largest dry goods, clothing and shoe houses in the city...

The estimate is for each building in this section, the loss given representing the building with its contents. According to this the heaviest losers were John E. Hurst & Co., R. M. Sutton & Co., and the Daniel Miller Company...

THE CARROLLTON GOES

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WEST BALTIMORE STREET.

At 3.30 o'clock this morning the fire had not crossed Jones falls on the east, although a number of lumber yards on the west side of the falls were ablaze...

SIGNS OF ABATING

Major McLane and Doctor Green have just returned from a circuit of the fire. They say: "I feel the conflagration shows some signs of abating. I have received a telegram from New York stating that the Fire Department of that city has sent over six engines, six hose-carriages, six trucks and horses..."

HOPKINS PLACE.

- 21-S. Lowman & Co., clothing, \$125,000. 23-John E. Hurst & Co., storage, \$150,000. 25-Findlay, Roberts & Co., hardware, \$75,000. 27-Lawrence & Gould Shoe Company and Barfoot Hardware, \$125,000. 29-S. Giesberg & Co., clothing, \$125,000. 31-Winkelmann & Brown Drug Co., \$125,000. 33 and 35-R. M. Sutton & Co. dry goods, \$100,000. 37-Chesapeake Shoe Company, \$100,000. 39-S. F. and A. F. Miller, clothing manufacturers \$100,000. 41-S. Halle Sons, boots and shoes, \$100,000. 43 and 45-Strauss Bros., dry goods, \$250,000. Rear of 37 and 39-A. C. Meyer & Co. patent medicines, \$150,000.

WEST LOMBARD STREET.

- 108 and 110-Matthews Bros., paper-box manufacturers, \$75,000. 112 and 114-Strauss, Elsenman & Co., shirt manufacturers, \$150,000. 116 and 118-North Bros. & Strauss, have been moving to new building formerly occupied by Haywood Bros., Wakefield Company, northeast corner Pratt and Greene streets; building \$75,000; stock may be about \$75,000.

WEST GERMAN STREET.

- 103-Standard Suspender Company and Daniel A. Boone & Co., liquors, \$63,000. 105-Bradley, Kirkman, Reese Company, paper, \$75,000. 107-George A. Eitel, neckwear manufacturer; Charles L. Linville and J. J. Murphy, sewing silks, \$75,000. 109-McDonald & Fisher, wholesale paper, \$100,000. 111-Wiley, Bruster & Co., dry goods, and P. W. & E. Damann, cloth, \$125,000. 113-Henry Oppenheimer & Co., clothing, and Vansant, Jacobs & Co., shirts, \$175,000. 16-Joseph R. Stonebraker & Co., liquors, \$75,000. 15-Lewis Lauer & Co., shirts, \$100,000. 20-Champion Shoe Manufacturing Company and Diggs, Currin & Co., shoes, \$100,000. 22-Mendels Bros., ladies' wrappers, \$125,000. 24-Blankenberg, Gehrman & Co., notions, \$125,000. 26-Leo Keene & Co., ladies' cloaks, and Henry Pretzel & Co., boots and shoes, \$125,000. 28-Peter Rose & Son harness manufacturers, \$125,000. 30-James Robertson Manufacturing Company, plumbers' supplies, \$100,000. 32-R. J. Jandorf & Co., boots and shoes, and James Robertson Manufacturing Company, storage, \$100,000. 34-Rasch & Gaynor, window shades, \$75,000. 36-Fusselbaugh-Balke Company, wall paper, \$55,000.

BALTIMORE STREET.

- 101-Ades Bros., umbrellas manufacturers, and Ferdinand Hahn & Sons, cloth, \$75,000. 103-Ades Bros. and A. Hoff, clothing, \$75,000. 105-Douglas, Henry & Co., hosiery and underwear, \$75,000. 106-L. Grett & Bros., clothing, \$150,000. 109-Moas & Kemper, embroidery and lace, \$125,000. 111-Florence W. MacCarthy Company, notions and lace, \$150,000. 113-Thalheimer Bros., clothing, \$150,000. 115-Fisher Bros., liquors, wholesale, and Silberstein and Todes, notions, dry goods, etc., \$150,000. 117-Silberman & Todes, \$150,000. 119 and 121-New building, not occupied; \$75,000. 123-M. Mosses & Son, merchant tailors; \$75,000. 125-J. Goldsmith & Son, clothing, and Sugar & Shear, clothing; \$100,000.

HOPKINS PLACE.

- 7 and 11-Hopkins Place Savings Bank, \$75,000. 13-Cohen & Samuels, hats and caps; \$75,000. 15-F. Arnold & Sons, surgical instruments; \$50,000. 17 and 19-Michael Ambach & Sons, clothing; \$250,000.

HANOVER STREET.

- 6-United Shirt and Collar Company, \$50,000. 8-Mack Bros. & Mack, clothing, and John A. Griffith & Co., tailors' trimmings; \$50,000. 10-Standard Cap Manufacturing Company and Elias Coplan, neckwear manufacturer; \$50,000. 12-Reliable Pants Manufacturing Company, clothing, and L. M. Levering, druggists' supplies, \$75,000. 14-Simon Neuberger & Bro., dry goods, \$100,000.

HANOVER STREET.

- 1-S. M. Fleischer, ladies' and gents' furnishings, \$75,000. 3-D. S. Wallerstein, millinery, \$50,000. 5-The Brunner-Armstrong Company, silks, and Carter, Webster & Co., storage of notions, \$75,000. 7-Vogts, Quast & Co., tailors' trimmings, \$75,000. 9 and 11-Woodward, Baldwin & Co., dry goods, \$150,000. 13 and 15-Bouldin Bros., notions, \$150,000. 17 and 19-Carter, Webster & Co., white goods, \$150,000.

WEST BALTIMORE STREET.

- 127-M. Friedman & Sons, clothing, and F. Schiunes, cloth; \$150,000. 128-Schwarzkoepf Toy Company, \$100,000. 131-A. Federlecht & Sons, cloth, \$75,000. SOUTH LIBERTY STREET. 5-Whitaker's saloon, \$15,000. 7-C. J. Stewart & Sons, hardware, \$25,000. 9-O'Connell & Hanan, saloon, \$25,000. 11 and 13-National Exchange Bank; building, \$75,000; contents, \$50,000.

AT 3.30 THIS MORNING.

At 3.30 o'clock this morning the fire had not crossed Jones falls on the east, although a number of lumber yards on the west side of the falls were ablaze. The wind was still blowing from the north, and toward the fire had practically burned out. East of Charles and south of Lombard the flames are still spreading. It was expected to reach Pratt street before daylight. The fire probably will reach Baltimore from west of Jones falls.

SIGNS OF ABATING.

Major McLane and Doctor Green have just returned from a circuit of the fire. They say: "I feel the conflagration shows some signs of abating. I have received a telegram from New York stating that the Fire Department of that city has sent over six engines, six hose-carriages, six trucks and horses." These will probably reach Baltimore between 9 and 10 o'clock A. M. Police Marshal Farnan said: "I think the fire is practically under control."