

posed, attempted to go down-stairs for the child in her bed. The boy opened the door from the outside, when the flames burst into his face and burned him severely, though, they think, not fatally. The agony of the parents when they first discovered the fire can hardly be imagined,—not described. They are industrious and worthy people, and much sympathy is felt for them.

FIRES IN NEW YORK.—This day, five fires broke out in New York. The most destructive of them broke out at 258 Lexington Avenue, owned and occupied by Mr. Julian C. Hadrouck, and involves a loss of nearly \$50,000, which is nearly all covered by insurance. The fire spread to the adjoining buildings, (Nos. 250 and 260,) all of which, with their furniture, were totally destroyed.

The house No. 258 was owned by Mr. Ely: its estimated value was \$10,000. It was fully insured. The occupant (Rev. Dr. Hoge, of the Brick Church) suffered damage to his furniture to the amount of \$2000: not insured.

No. 260 was occupied by Moses Wolfe, who loses \$5000 worth of furniture: fully insured. The building was the property of Mrs. Emma Giller; its value about \$10,000: fully insured.

FATAL RENCONTRÉ BETWEEN TWO WELL-KNOWN CITIZENS OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.—On the evening of this day an altercation occurred at Memphis between Mr. James L. Webb, a prominent cotton-factor and merchant of that city, and Mr. Thomas B. Mynatt, late deputy-sheriff of the county, which resulted in the instant death of the former, from a pistol-shot fired by the latter. From the "Bulletin" we take the following particulars of the affray:—

The two gentlemen met at the place mentioned, when an angry conversation ensued, apparently in regard to some business-transaction, when Mr. Webb was heard emphatically to deny the truth of an assertion made by Mr. Mynatt. The assertion was repeated, and denied in even more emphatic terms than before; whereupon Mr. Mynatt struck Mr. Webb a blow in the face with his fist. Mr. Webb then staggered backward a few paces, endeavoring the while to shield himself from any further blows, when Mynatt drew a pistol, and, on being called a "coward" by Webb, fired. The contents of the weapon took effect in the right side of Mr. Webb's face, immediately behind the cheek-bone and near the articulation of the jaws, and, passing through, lodged in the base of the brain, posteriorly. Mr. Webb fell to the pavement without uttering a word, and immediately expired; while Mr. Mynatt gave himself into the hands of the police, and was conveyed to jail.

Mr. Webb, the victim of the lamentable tragedy, was one among the oldest inhabitants of Memphis,—his residence here dating back full twenty years; and, as an orderly citizen and prompt and reliable business-man, none stood higher in the community. He was aged about fifty years, and leaves a large family to mourn his violent and untimely death. Mr. Mynatt has also been a resident of this city for many years, enjoying meanwhile the office of deputy-sheriff and other public trusts, and has always been regarded as a worthy, law-abiding citizen. The occurrence, so tragical in its character, naturally produced intense excitement throughout the city, especially with the order-loving portion of the community, among whom both parties were well known and possessed many friends.

MURDERED.—The night of this day, about three miles from Jackson, Miss., a young man, named Richard Bews, was killed by one Thomas Gaut, who stabbed him in the neck with a pocket-knife. Gaut was arrested and brought before a justice at Jacksonville, and committed to Talladega jail.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION IN A HAT-FACTORY AT BROOKLYN, N.Y.—In Brooklyn, at about half-past seven o'clock on the morning of this day, the new, large three-story hat-factory of Messrs. Ames, Moulton & Co., in Sanford Street, between Myrtle and Park Avenues, extending through to Nostrand Avenue, and which was completed only about two weeks since, was blown up with a tremendous report by the explosion of one of the steam-boilers. Seven men were almost instantly killed, and a number of other persons were wounded.

The buildings extend from Nostrand Avenue, near Myrtle, to Sanford Street. The main structure is two hundred feet long and twenty-five feet wide, with a building adjoining on the east side thirty feet square,—both buildings of brick and three stories high. The boiler was on the ground-floor of the latter building.

The noise of the explosion was heard a mile distant, and such was the force that the houses in the neighborhood shook to their foundations. A portion of the boiler was impelled a distance of two hundred and fifty feet.

A general fire-alarm was rung, and the firemen and police were promptly on the ground, and commenced tearing away the rubbish. They succeeded in extricating all who were supposed to be underneath. The dead were taken into the sizing-department, and were all recognised up to noon except two. The injured were taken to their residences or to the hospital.

The boilers and machinery used in the factory were manufactured by Messrs. Woodruff & Beach, of Hartford, Conn., and were not entirely completed at the time of the ex-