

SIXTEEN BLOCKS BURNED.

OVER 250 FAMILIES MADE HOMELESS BY A
FIRE IN SHENANDOAH, PENN.

SHENANDOAH, Penn., Nov. 12.—A fire broke out at noon to-day in the United States Hotel, a large three-story frame structure, at Main and Centre streets. The wind was blowing a hurricane at the time and continued during the afternoon. The building was soon enveloped in flames, which communicated to the adjoining buildings north of Centre-street. The flames then spread to the block on the opposite side of the street, and at 3 o'clock 16 street fronts were destroyed, including the United States Hotel, Odd-fellows' Hall, Academy of Music, the *Herald* office row and opera-house, *Mining Herald* and *Saturday Evening* news offices. Assistance was received from Pottsville, Ashland, Girardville, Tamaqua, Mahanoy City, and other places. Over 250 families are homeless, having lost everything. The loss is variously estimated at from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. It is impossible to give the amount of insurance, but it is supposed to be large. Few serious accidents happened. One young man, named George Heuton, on his way home, attempted to jump on a passing engine and had both legs taken off. He will die.

A special meeting of the Council and citizens was held this evening when the following appeal to the public was drawn up:

A terrible holocaust has swept the town. 250 families are homeless to-night, and most of them have lost their all, and are without provisions or change of clothing. The weather is bitter cold, and a strong north-west gale is still blowing. Everything possible for their immediate relief is being done, but we must have help. Who will aid us, and give at once? A relief committee, with John Cathers as Treasurer, has been appointed, and will receive all contributions of supplies, clothing, or money a generous public may be charitable enough to send.

D. J. WILLIAMS, Chief Burgess.

J. J. POWELL, President Council.

JOHN CARDIN, Secretary, and others.

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