

Deaconess Hospital Fire Kills Four

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Burned at her post of duty!

**A NURSE IN A CLEVELAND HOSPITAL
WOULD NOT LEAVE HER PATIENT -- THREE
OTHER LIVES LOST.**

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 1 -- Four lives were lost in a fire which almost destroyed the Deaconess's Hospital, at 163 Jennings Avenue, shortly before noon today. The dead are:

ALLMEYER, JOHN, fifty-nine years old; burned.

BAUMER, MINNIE, nurse, twenty-five years old; burned.

KRAUSE, JACOB, sixty-five years old; burned.

WALTER, CLARK, six months old, suffocated.

Several other patients were injured, but not seriously.

ROSE GERBER, one of the laundry girls, discovered flames in the basement of the hospital. There were few people in the neighborhood at the time. The first arrivals heard screams and saw flames coming from every window on the second and third floors. Suddenly a woman's face appeared at one of the windows, and she was seen to smash the heavy glass with her fist. Then she leaped out.

The Fire Department was slow in reaching the hospital, the snow and ice in the streets preventing a quick run, but when once at work the fire was quickly subdued.

There are only two exits from the upper part of the building, one in the front and one in the rear. The nurses got out safely, almost at the start, with the exception of **MINNIE BAUMER**. When her sister nurses called to her that the building was on fire she cried: "No I will not leave my patient, I will die first."

The injured were taken to other hospitals of the city. The Deaconess's Hospital is under the direction of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has done much philanthropic work. It was opened last October, and was nearly filled with patients. The front part of the building is destroyed.

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Train and Streetcar Collision-Sept. 1890

**A RAILWAY TRAIN RUNS RIGHT THROUGH
AN ELECTRIC STREET CAR.**

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 8. -- A car on the Electric Motor line in this city was run down on Wilson Avenue by a train on the New York, Chicago and St. Louis Railway at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and the car smashed. It was full of passengers at the time and the result of the collision was one death and thirteen persons more or less severely hurt. The blame seems to rest on the railway people, as the locomotive was running twenty-five miles an hour and there was no whistle blown or bell rung, and no signalman at the crossing.

The Dead and Wounded.

The victims of the accident are reported as follows:
MINNIE MOCK, aged 24, crushed, died at hospital.

J. A. MOORE, 22 years, right arm crushed and left leg lacerated.

ANNIE NIEMANN, collar-bone broken, face cut.

LOUISA MOCK, cut on head and arms.

EDWARD WATSON, Kent, Ohio, right foot crushed.

CHARLES WOODS, body bruised.

GEORGE SOMERS, leg cut.

GEORGE NEFF, severely bruised.

LIZZIE CABLE, badly bruised.

LIZZIE and ELIZA BRAGG, cut and bruised.

MRS. MOONEY, leg sprained.

FRANK ROSE, Kent, Ohio, bruised about hip, arm, and shoulder.

LEORA HOWELL, Kent, Ohio, cut about legs and head.

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