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LONG BEACH HOTEL BURNED TO GROUND

At 5 A. M. While Building Was Still Dark 800 Guests Fled for Life.

THE FIRE A VERY RAPID ONE

Senator McCareen and ex-Senator Reynolds Waked Up Guests.

NOBODY HAD TIME TO DRESS.

Women Three Zones Jewelry Out of Windows—No Loss of Life.

(Special to the Eagle.)
Long Beach, N. J., July 28.—Twenty-six guests had to flee for their lives this morning when the Long Beach Hotel was burned to the ground. But for some work in getting out the guests, scores of lives would have been lost. As it was, there was no panic, and only five persons were injured severely.

The fire destroyed the Congressional Theatre, east of the hotel, and burned out Cottage No. 1 and the service, except the other cottages and buildings on the beach were saved by the Brooklyn Fire Department. The fire started in the kitchen of the hotel and burned. The flames had reached the main entrance hall some, and they had to retreat a line of four feet long on the way from the stairs.

A great part of the hotel was consumed, and the rest would have gone up in flames if the flames had not been stopped at the main entrance. The fire broke out when the guests and apparently all the night employees of the hotel were asleep. The fire started every room in the big hotel, and it was not until 10 o'clock when the fire was discovered, and no panic was up at that time. The guests were ordered when awakened to find the stairs in flames that they fled toward the outside.

Narrow Escape for Several Guests.
Several guests were trapped on upper floors and had to jump for their lives. One woman sustained a fracture of the lower leg by jumping from a fourth story window to the beach walk.

The loss so far as the hotel was concerned was complete. All the furniture, including the street car which they had just brought through the corridor of the hotel. The site of the hotel is now as flat as the surrounding neighborhood.

A quick party was not to have been the case of the big fire. It was not until 10 o'clock when the fire was discovered, and no panic was up at that time. The guests were ordered when awakened to find the stairs in flames that they fled toward the outside.

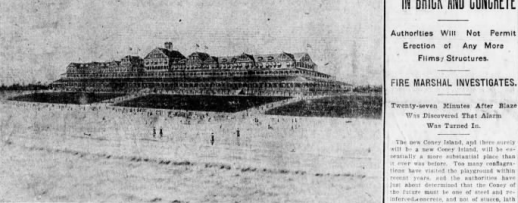
RUINS OF ONE OF THE COTTAGES.

ALL THAT IS LEFT OF THE LONG BEACH HOTEL.

The Chimney That Is Seen in the Picture Below Through the Corner of the Big Frame Building.



THE LONG BEACH HOTEL, AS IT WAS.



MUST REBUILD CONEY IN BRICK AND CONCRETE

Authorities Will Not Permit Erection of Any More Flimsy Structures.

FIRE MARSHAL INVESTIGATES.

Twenty-seven Minutes After Blast Was Topped, It.

The new Coney Island, and there are only a few more to be built, will be constructed of brick and concrete. The fire marshal has issued an order to the effect that no more flimsy structures shall be erected on the beach.

Breakdown of the victims of yesterday's fire will show that in the destruction of the Long Beach Hotel, there were 800 guests and 200 employees. The fire marshal has issued an order to the effect that no more flimsy structures shall be erected on the beach.

PRIZE COURT PROBABLE.
The Mayor's Establishment, with 15 Judges.

The Mayor, July 28.—Several British and American prize courts are being organized in the city. The Mayor has issued an order to the effect that no more flimsy structures shall be erected on the beach.

IDENTIFIED HER ASSAILANT.
Long Delay in Smoking In an Alarm of Fire.

The victim of a recent assault, who was identified as the assailant, was found in a room at the Long Beach Hotel. The fire marshal has issued an order to the effect that no more flimsy structures shall be erected on the beach.

THE FIRE PAID IN WITH A CHECK.

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