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WASHINGTON FIRE.

One of the capital's biggest stores caught fire at the height of the end-of-year business rush --- a general alarm brought out every fire brigade in the city. Street decorations and stock in nearby stores added to the danger, and scores of firemen had narrow escapes. After many hours the fire was got under control but not before the total damage had reached a figure of half a million dollars.

TIBER OVERFLOWS.

Heavy rains round Rome have caused a flooding of the River Tiber --- not for forty years have the waters reached such a high level. Suburbs of Rome were inundated, and in many places first floor levels have been reached. In the days of ancient Rome they used to say -- Oh Tiber, Father Tiber. Now they say -- no farther. In spite of the widespread damage there have luckily been no casualties. And of course, if a lady wants to cross a flooded street she can always find a gallant gentleman to carry her over safe and dry.

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