

ELEVATOR EXPLOSION

Caused by Spontaneous Combustion of Grain in Toledo.

EIGHT DEAD, SIXTEEN INJURED.

The Force of the Explosion Shook Houses As In an Earthquake, and Windows Were Shattered For Blocks Around—Many of the Injured Will Die

Toledo, O., Sept. 21.—Eight men were cremated, eight fatally burned and eight more seriously burned last night in the most disastrous fire that ever occurred in Toledo. The spontaneous combustion of dust in the grain elevator owned by Paddock, Hodge & Co. caused this terrible destruction of life, and none of those who were taken out after the fire started were far enough from death's door to tell any of the details.

The dead are: Samuel Alexander, Bert Wainwright, Fred Garrett, Harold Parks, John Smith, Grace Parks, Frank Van Housen and John Carr.

The injured: David Kemp, Barney Welch, Charles Keifer, Fred Pargillis, George Elliot, Charles Brocker, Everett Smith, Hamilton Parks, William J. Parks, W. C. Jordan, Peter Haas, Al Balde and four others, names unknown.

William J. Parks, the superintendent, was blown through the window of the lower story. He said that about 8:30 a terrible explosion occurred on the south side of the elevator, and that he knew there were about 20 men at work on the seven floors of the enormous building. None of the injured will survive their burns and bruises. Besides those regularly employed at the elevator the three children of Superintendent Parks were visiting him at the time. One of them may recover from his burns, but Grace, a 17-year-old girl, is burned almost beyond recognition, and Harold, the third child, has not been found.

At 8:30 o'clock the people of East Toledo were startled by a terrific explosion, which caused a panic all over the neighborhood. Houses were shaken as in an earthquake, and windows were shattered for blocks around. Those in the vicinity of the Union elevator soon noticed flames bursting from the building. It was but a few minutes till the fire department of the city began the work of rescue, which was rendered difficult by the terrific heat. The river cut off escape on one side, and there the flames seemed to be less fierce. The families of a dozen men who were known to be at work within rushed to the scene, and women calling for their imprisoned husbands, brothers and fathers made a scene indescribable.

It was learned that a force of 20 men expected to load 20,000 bushels of grain during the night. Not one of the entire number could be seen in any part of the building, and it was impossible to reach them in any way. William Perkins was found 20 feet from the building, frightfully burned, and his clothing almost entirely torn off. He had been hurled from his place in the main room through a window, and his agonizing cries were most pitiful. Another employe, John Carr, was hurled from the fifth floor of the building, and was found bleeding and burned, with many bones broken. He did not long survive. The bodies of Fireman David Kemp and Charles Keifer, the engineer, were found at their places in the engine rooms. They were wounded by falling timbers and their faces were charred to a crisp.

The little daughter of William Parks was sitting near the desk in the office at the time of the explosion, and she was hurled out of the door. She walked down the elevation on which the building stands and then fell unconscious, suffering from wounds from which she cannot recover.

John Smith was fatally burned. The missing men are doubtless all dead. No trace can be found of any of them, and, as they were employed at the top of the elevator, their chances for escape were but slight.

The heat became so great that 20 cars on a siding near the burning building were added to the loss. The fire department had a hard struggle to save other elevators and property. The bridge across the Maumee river was on fire several times, but outside of the loss of the elevator the damage is slight.

Mr. Paddock, a member of the firm owning the plant, said that there was between 500,000 and 600,000 bushels of grain in storage at the time, most of it being winter wheat. The property and grain is an entire loss, and will reach \$450,000.

Winnie Davis' Funeral.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 21.—When the remains of Miss Winnie Davis arrive here Friday morning they will be escorted to St. Paul's church, where her father worshiped and was confirmed. They will be placed in the lecture room and remain there under a guard of honor until 3:30 p. m., when the funeral will take place, the interment being in Hollywood, in the Davis section. The Jefferson Davis Monument association and the members of R. E. Lee camp, Confederate Veterans, of which Miss Winnie was a member, will have charge of the funeral. The active pallbearers will be members of the camp.

Failed to Agree on Wage Scale.

Pittsburg, Sept. 21.—The wage scale committee of the window glass cutters and manufacturers met yesterday, but adjourned without having reached a decision. The cutters asked an advance of 3 1/2 per cent, or 2 1/2 cents per 100 feet for single strength, and 2 per cent, or 39 cents, for double. The manufacturers refused the advance, but agreed to pay 2 1/4 cents for single strength and proportionately for double. No time was set for another conference.

Pingree's Renomination Assured.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 21.—Governor Pingree's unanimous renomination today by the Republican state convention is conceded to be a certainty by the crowd of delegates, party leaders and candidates gathered in the hotels. It is freely admitted by the conservatives of the party that the governor's strength with the people compels the support of Republicans, including those who do not approve of all the governor's acts.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED

Thursday, Sept. 15.

The Spanish cortes has been progressed to put an end to the violent discussions in the senate.

W. D. Bynum has resigned the chairmanship of the national committee of the gold Democratic party.

Fully 15,000 Philippines insurgents evacuated the suburbs of Manila, in obedience to American demands.

Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, declines the post of ambassador to Great Britain, tendered him by the president.

Senator James H. Kyle, of South Dakota, was stricken with paralysis at a Cleveland hotel and rendered unconscious. His condition is favorable.

Luigni, the Italian anarchist who murdered Empress Elizabeth of Austria at Geneva last Saturday, asks to be tried at Luzerne, where capital punishment is in force.

Friday, Sept. 16.

General officers of the volunteer army are soon to be mustered out.

Nevada's Republican ticket is headed by William McMullan for governor.

General Gomez, the Cuban leader, strongly opposes annexation to the United States.

The body of the murdered Empress Elizabeth was placed in the Hofburg at Vienna, with solemn ceremony.

The recent hurricane in the islands of Barbados and St. Vincent killed over 500 and rendered 50,000 homeless.

Connecticut Republicans nominated G. E. Lonsbury, a brother of the ex-governor, to head the state ticket, defeating John Addison Porter, the president's secretary.

Saturday, Sept. 17.

Our peace commissioners left New York for Paris today.

The North Atlantic squadron has been reorganized, being reduced from 100 vessels to 32.

Inadequate mail facilities causes anxiety, suspense and sickness amongst our soldiers at Santiago.

Steamship Gloucester ran down the fishing schooner Alice Jordan off Martha's Vineyard, Mass. Nine sailors were drowned.

In an interview Aguinaldo, the Philippine leader, declared that he knew nothing of autonomy, and understands only "absolute independence."

Rev. Dr. John Hall, the veteran pulpit orator of New York, died at the home of his sister, at Bannock, Ireland, where he was visiting. He was 69 years old.

Brigadier General Haskell died suddenly at Columbus, O., after greeting his old regiment, just returned from Cuba. Haskell led the regiment at the battle of El Caney, and was wounded.

Monday, Sept. 19.

London Life asserts that M. Zola, the novelist, is to become a Catholic priest.

Attorney General Griggs is now "mentioned" as ambassador to Great Britain.

All of the Spanish prisoners except eight, too ill for removal, have left Santiago.

Our Porto Rico evacuation commissioners expect to complete their work in three weeks.

Miss Winnie Davis, "the child of the Confederacy," died at Narragansett Pier, R. I., aged 35.

There is gloom in Naples over the eruption of Vesuvius, which daily becomes more menacing.

Captain Allyn Capron died at his home near Fort Myer, Va., yesterday, a victim of typhoid fever contracted during the siege of Santiago.

Spain's peace commissioners are Senor Montero de Rios, president of the senate, Senor Garnica, General Cerero and Senor Villaurrutia.

Turkey has yielded to the British ultimatum, the disarmament of Turkish troops in Candia, Crete, and surrender of participants in the recent massacres.

Tuesday, Sept. 20.

The Duke of Orleans issues a manifesto to Frenchmen saying the ministers are trying to destroy the French army.

And now Congressman Hitt is "mentioned" as ambassador to Great Britain.

The emperor of China has issued a series of edicts in which many reforms are proposed.

The London Times' Havana correspondent asserts that our government is suppressing news of the anarchy existing in parts of Cuba.

Senator Faulkner, of West Virginia, has accepted the position on the Canadian commission made vacant by Senator Gray's acceptance of a peace commissionership.

THE PRODUCE MARKETS

As Reflected by Dealings in Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Philadelphia, Sept. 21.—Flour steady; winter superfine, \$2.15@2.40; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$2.25; city mills, extra, \$2.50@2.75. Rye four quiet at \$1.70@2.75 per barrel. Wheat firm; No. 2 red, spot and September, 95¢@97¢; corn firm; No. 2 mixed, spot and September, 34¢@35¢; Oats quiet and steady; No. 2 white, new, 28¢; No. 2 white, clipped, new, 28¢@29¢. Hay steadily maintained; choice timothy, \$19.50@21 for large bales; Beef steady; fancy Pennsylvania prints jobbing at 23¢@25¢; do, wholesale, 22¢. Cheese very firm; large, white, 7 1/2¢; small, do., 8¢; large, colored, 7 1/2¢; small, do., 8¢; light skims, 6 1/2¢; part skims, 6 1/2¢; full skims, 2 1/2¢. Eggs firm; New York and Pennsylvania, 17¢@18¢; western, fresh, 17¢.

Baltimore, Sept. 20.—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat firm; spot and month, 79¢@79 1/2¢; October, 6 1/2¢@70¢; December, 6 1/2¢@69¢; steamer No. 2 red, 64¢@64 1/2¢; southern, by sample, 64¢@71¢. do, on grade, 62 1/2¢@70¢. Corn easy; spot and month, 33¢@34¢; October, 33¢@33 1/2¢; new or old November or December, 32¢; November, 32 1/2¢; steamer mixed, 32¢; do, southern white corn, 34¢@35¢; do, yellow, 36¢@37¢. Oats firm; No. 2 white, western, 29¢@29 1/2¢; No. 2 mixed, do., 28¢@28 1/2¢. Rye firm; No. 2 nearby, 49¢; No. 2 western, 51¢. Hay firm; No. 1 timothy, \$10.

East Liberty, Pa., Sept. 20.—Cattle steady; extra, \$5.50@5.75; prime, \$5.25@5.50; common, \$3.75@4. Hogs about steady; prime mediums, \$4.15@4.25; best Yorkers, \$4.10@4.15; common to fair Yorkers, \$4.05; heavy, \$4.00; pigs, as to quality, \$3.75@4; roughs, \$2.50@3.75. Sheep steady; choice, \$4.50@4.65; common, \$3.25@3.75; common to good, \$2.75@3.50; veal calves, \$2.75.

A ONE-NUGGET CAMP.

STRANGE HISTORY OF BRIDGEWATER, A DESERTED CANADIAN TOWN.

A Valuable Specimen of Gold Was Found There and the Great Rush of Prospectors Was Something Astonishing—Not Another Speck of Gold Discovered.

"One salmon multiplies its species a million fold; the giants of the Western forest spring from a seed no larger than a pea; but for gold—the magic metal—humanity has levelled mountains and bridged seas and oceans," said a well-known Oregon civil engineer.

"I was assistant engineer on the Ontario and Quebec Railroad, a branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and in running our preliminary lines one of them touched Bridgewater, Ontario, a deserted town, that was the personification of Oliver Goldsmith's 'Deserted Village.' Bridgewater was brought into existence by one of the strangest gold finds and crazes in the history of this continent, and it goes to show what great results sometimes follow small and unimportant occurrences. I will tell you the story of how a stray cow caused millions of money to be spent in search of gold.

"Nearly twenty-five years ago a farmer's wife was searching the woods surrounding their farm for a cow that had strayed, and, becoming thirsty, stopped to get a drink from a spring. Slipping, she fell against a small, loose rock, which rolled to her feet and which proved to be a twenty-pound nugget of almost pure gold. Bridgewater at that time was almost forty miles from the nearest railroad, and the present site of the town was nothing but a wilderness, but the effect of that accidental find of the farmer's wife was such that inside of six months what had been a burned-over, barren wilderness was converted into a substantial city of nearly 5,000 people.

"In digging a shaft about a mile south of the townsite, on the claim of the Hon. Billia Flint, a life Senator of Canada, an immense quarry of the purest white marble ever found on this continent was discovered, and, at the suggestion of the Senator, the town of Bridgewater was practically built of marble, for it has to-day the only hotel, church, school, courthouse and private dwellings constructed entirely of white marble in the world, and a mile north of the town are an abandoned axe factory and grist mill, whose foundations are built of the same beautiful material.

"During the building of the town thousands of men prospected the entire country, and shafts and tunnels were driven—many of them nearly 100 feet deep; but, strange as it may seem, there was never enough gold found to pay the cost of a single shaft or tunnel sunk or run in the entire district. So excited did the farmers around Bridgewater become that some of them actually hired guards to keep men from going on their land to pick up gold.

"Pat Kehoe, an old Irishman, who owned 100 acres of rock-strewn, barren land, was offered \$125,000 for his holding, but held out for \$150,000. To-day you could buy the property for probably \$150.

"One rancher, whose farm adjoined 'Aladdin's Cave,' the place where the original nugget was found, sold five acres to an English syndicate for \$100,000, and it is an established fact that the syndicate spent as much more developing their claim, as everything was very costly, all material having to be hauled nearly fifty miles, over rough roads, and they did not get a single ounce of free gold out of their purchase; but they mined some quartz—about 100 tons—shipped it to the states, and in return got a bill from the smelting company for \$360 smelting charges over and above the gold in the quartz. This was the first, and I believe the last, shipment of quartz ever made, as the cost of hauling, shipping and smelting was \$150 a ton more than the rock produced.

"For some reason the marble quarries of Bridgewater were never worked other than for local building purposes, just why I do not know, for, though I have seen many so-called marble palaces in different parts of Europe, I have never seen anything like those to be found in Bridgewater, probably the only entire town built of white marble in the world."

A Church Nursery.

The Broadway Chapel of the First Baptist Church, Fall River, Mass., has a church nursery. The infant class rooms are arranged so that by opening sliding doors they can be used as a gallery, and here the nursery is established. In one room the sliding doors are open, so that the mothers who wish to stay with their babies can nurse them without being seen, and at the same time see and hear all the service. In the adjoining room the babies whose mothers are willing to leave them are kept and cared for by the attendants. In this room are small tables and chairs and playthings, such as used in the kindergartens.

The chapel is situated among the cotton mills, and many of the mothers would be unable to come at all were it not for this provision.

The idea is becoming quite popular in various localities, and when its utility is once understood it will no doubt be widely adopted. The expense is nominal, the machinery is simple and the results are obvious.—Church Economist (New York City).

Copper in Nevada.

That there is a possibility of Battle Mountain, Nev., developing into a great copper producing locality was again demonstrated last week, at which time there was put on exhibition copper ore of a quality that is unsurpassed, even by that of the famous Calumet and Hecla, which has afforded dividends amounting to over \$49,000,000.

THE BLUFF FAILED.

BUT IT BROUGHT ABOUT THE DESIRED RESULT AT LAST.

The College Society Chapter That Was In Bad Repute—A Medal That Contained an Inscription—Poker and Bottled Refreshments.

"It frequently happens," said a college graduate, "that different chapters of the same Greek letter fraternity, situated at different colleges, develop different characteristics. All of these societies, I think, are organized to encourage literary pursuits. I mean that's what the constitutions say. As a matter of fact, the literary element is rather lost sight of in most cases in the stress of having a jolly good time. When convention time comes round, however, the chapters that have maintained their literary quality come to the fore, and the others have to put up a bluff by sending as delegates men who have high standing as scholars or else take a very back seat.

"The chapter to which I belonged was located at a country college, and in some way or other it had acquired a reputation in the fraternity of being essentially nonliterary, and, in fact, rather sporty in character. This was so much the case that in my junior year there was a movement on foot to expel or suspend our chapter from the fraternity. We weren't very strong in high stand men and couldn't even scare up two to go as delegates to the convention. Another man and myself were finally selected for this function as the most unsophisticated looking members of the chapter.

"As usual in such cases, a special train was made up to start from the westernmost chapter and to pick up as many of the other delegations as could be arranged on its way to the convention city. We were among the more remote chapters, and when we boarded the train there was only one other delegation on board, composed of three members. We sighed when we saw big boxes of bottled beer in the freight car and reflected on the elaborate instructions we had received from our constituents. We were primed for the occasion. My companion, Forbes, had a classical volume in each side pocket of his coat and there were ink stains on his fingers. I had borrowed from a classmate a medal given for scholarship, and this I had rather ostentatiously hung on my watch chain.

"We soon made the acquaintance of the other three delegates and joined them in their stateroom. Before long they proposed a game of poker, and one of them produced a pack of cards. Forbes said he didn't play, retired to a corner, pulled out a copy of Gladstone's 'Landmarks of Homeric Study,' and after gazing thoughtfully out of the window for a moment or two apparently became absorbed in it. I admired his conception of the part, but I couldn't bring myself to break up the game, and that's what it meant, for everybody knows there's no fun in three handed poker. Besides, there were only three delegates on the train to witness my fall. I said I didn't play, but had seen the game and thought it looked interesting. I was willing to learn.

"When we got started, there was a demand for a buck, and I unhitched the scholarship medal and dropped it into the pot as a good means of calling attention to it. Everything went on swimmingly for awhile. I had outrageous luck and won pot after pot, so they were confirmed in the idea that I was a beginner. After awhile one of the other delegates got away with a jack pot, and while he was waiting for the cards to be dealt he picked up the medal and glanced carelessly at the obverse side. I hadn't examined it particularly, but I found out afterward that it bore this neat inscription: 'Garrett J. Gardner, Weymouth University, Class of '87.'"

"The delegate started and looked at me with a glance that was first mystified and then suspicious.

"I beg your pardon, Brotha Gardner," he said, with a touch of sarcasm. "I thought you said your name was Hawkins, and we've all been calling you that right along."

"There was a smothered guffaw from behind the 'Landmarks of Homeric Study,' and I saw the jig was up. We made a clean breast of it, and Forbes sat into the game, making it five handed, which, of course, is the ideal game. We didn't lose any time sending forward for a consignment of that bottled beer, and the floor was strewn with dead Indians when the train filled up with other delegates, and they crowded around to watch the game.

"Our elaborate bluff hadn't worked, and the convention opened with our chapter in just as bad odor as before, but we had made staunch supporters of the three delegates and some other kindly spirits who had joined us on the train. They all went to work like beavers, and when our case was taken up in the convention we had a good working majority which sustained our charter with a whoop."—New York Sun.

Must Have Been Very Bad.

In this day of slang and slipshod English it is quite refreshing to find one home in which our mother tongue is as pure as the fountains.

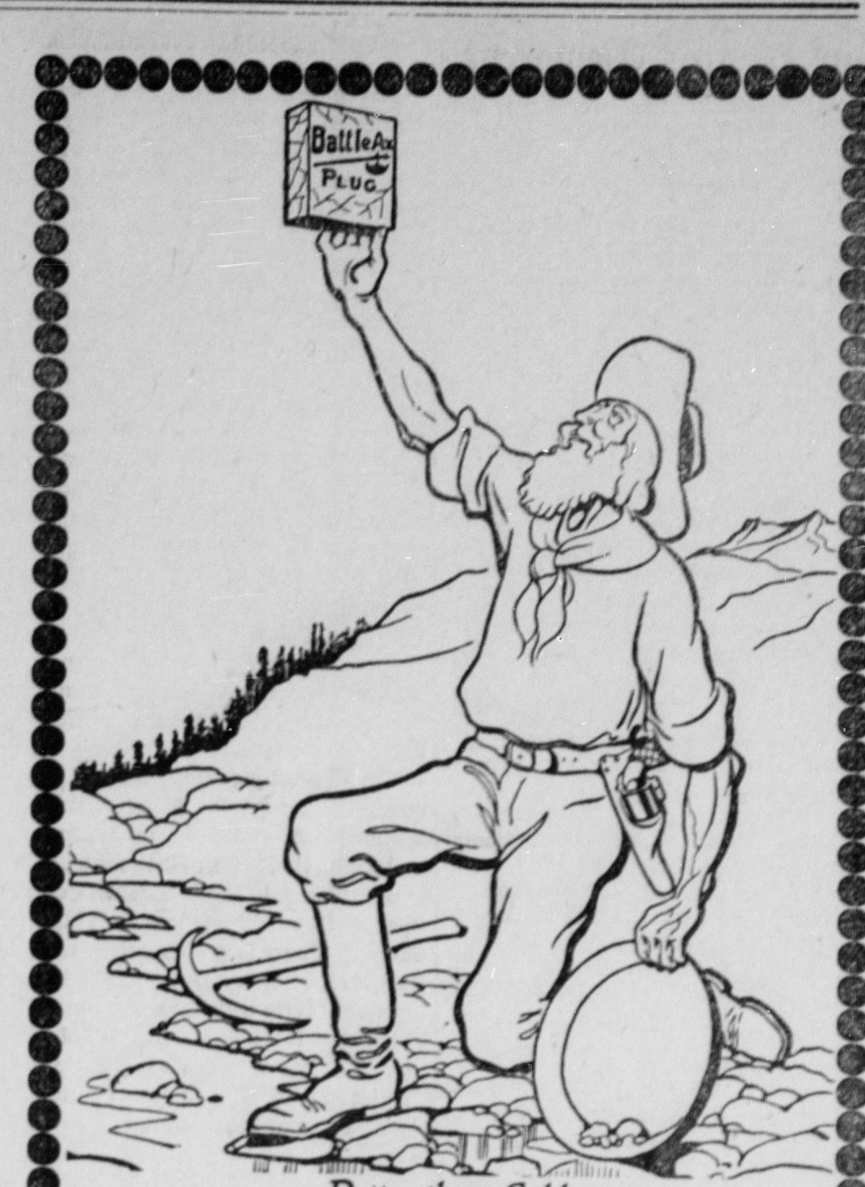
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