

A REALITY RECALLED

By Preparation to Repeat a Funeral Service 27 Years Past.

SCORES WHO PERISHED INSTANTLY

And Were Buried in One Great Pit After the Arsenal Explosion.

NOTICEABLE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Between the hours of 9 and 10 A. M. on Decoration Day, Thursday, May 20, a solemn and impressive service will be witnessed at the Arsenal Monument in Allegheny Cemetery, where lie the unidentified remains of 38 girls and two men, the victims of the terrible Arsenal explosion on September 17, 1892.

The services will be under the direction of Garfield Council No. 15, Ladies of the G. A. R. The exercises will consist in reading the burial services of the society, addressing flowers to the monument, an address by Rev. J. L. ...

Many mothers, sisters, friends and a few surviving companions of the victims belong to the society, and will there meet in common sympathy. Garfield Council was the originator of this beautiful custom three years ago, and this year it is expected that the exercises will be larger and more interesting than ever.

A THRILLING COINCIDENCE. Rev. Richard Lea, who will deliver the address on the occasion, will deliver the funeral address when the bodies of the girls are taken to the grave, and the following extracts from what he said in this connection on September 28, 1892, but a few days after the explosion, give the story of the 38 martyred girls in more graphic language than a writer of the present might command:

"The uncertainty of human life was never more strikingly shown than in this community than on the morning of the explosion of the Arsenal, Sept. 17, 1892. The morning was calm and beautiful, and until about 11 o'clock, when the explosion occurred, the Allegheny Arsenal, it was a busy day, and the noble Union girls who had toiled all the month were rejoicing over the reception of the fruit of their labors. The Arsenal had been swept, and among the leavings, some loose powder was scattered over the road winding around the beautiful grounds. A wagon was passing, when either the iron of the wheel or of a horse's shoe struck it, in an instant a terrific explosion was heard, shaking the earth and inflicting injury on the surrounding buildings. Amid a dense column of smoke, a burning mass of flame were seen fragments of the building, mixed with portions of the human frame, rising high in the atmosphere, and then falling in a deadly shower.

"The dreadful magazine. The magazine is on fire! Repeated explosions, and the wild confusion seemed to confirm the awful report."

"But amid all this was dismay and fearful consternation and apprehension of still worse to come. The magazine should explode. There were many who would have fled and sought refuge, but the gates and climbed the walls, determined to aid or die in the attempt. (Rev. Richard Lea himself was the first man to scale the walls from Covington (now Fort Erie) street, and assist in the rescue.)"

"The doors of the large building near the entrance to the park were thrown open, and the girls, supposing themselves confined for certain burning, without hope of escape, pushed their heads over the windows, seeking a means of escape, or sitting down in dumb despair."

"The central tower was burning furiously. Here 156 girls were ready to resume their labors, and were almost without a moment's warning, wrapped in flames, or victims of the explosion. Some of the girls were blown into the yard and escaped; some were rescued by the daring of friends, but the majority of the girls were killed, perhaps hardly knowing the cause of their death. The fire was so fierce, the sulphur so suffocating that it was difficult to distinguish all the victims. Some were dragged from a mass of ruins who had died in each other's arms; some were rescued by their rescuers; a few escaped without assistance, who will die of their injuries. Some could merely mention their names, or state their names, or for prayer; but all upon the ground were naked, blackened with powder, soot, and somewhat bloody, and their faces in contrast to the human form was completely lost; nothing but staves of

FLESH AND CHARRED BONES remaining of what, such a short time before, was life and beauty. In most instances the skulls of these girls were cracked, the victims lay about upon boards and shatters, amid a horror-stricken crowd, the trees above holding fragments of female attire, mournfully waving to and fro over their former owners."

"When the fire was utterly subdued, the noise, the turmoil of the scene was over, then came the terrible moment when the bodies were taken to their place of repose, and about 3 o'clock on the 15th, the mighty mass of human beings were moved. The Mayors of Allegheny, Erie and the County and clergy, and the members of the church, and other countless multitudes of all ages and classes walked in mourning to the place, where the bodies were to be buried."

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NOW A PUBLIC PROBE

Is to Dig at Those Charges Made Against President Campbell

FOR IMPORTING GLASS WORKERS

Arrangement Between Glass Blowers' Union and Trades Council.

PITTSBURGH AND WESTERN'S BIG OUT

At the regular meeting of the Window Glass Workers' Union in Kaufmann's Hall, 1505 Carson street, an agreement was made last night between three representatives of the Trades Council and the members of the Window Glass Workers' Union to have the charges of importing foreign glassworkers under contract publicly investigated.

Messrs. William Smith, President of the Flint Glass Union; Dennis Hays, of the bottle blowers, and Patrick Carr, of the bottle blowers, constituted the committee of the Trades Council. A motion was passed by the window glass men to declare an open session and let the three gentlemen endeavor to state their case. Mr. Smith thereupon stated:

"What had been done by the investigation committee so far, and they asked the window glass blowers to help them in an effort to clear up the charges or else assist them to convict the guilty party, if there was any."

Mr. James Campbell replied for the members of his organization, stating that they were willing to adhere to the details of the investigation made by them some time since. He asked the matter to be investigated publicly, and he also stipulated that those witnesses who had already been examined by the investigating committee should be asked to testify again before the board of investigation. This was agreed to, and it was then decided to select a Committee of Arbitration, consisting of the following named members: Two members from the Trades Council, and two from the Window Glass Workers' Union, two members from the Trades Council, and the fifth member to be selected by the four. That being again agreed to, the meeting was adjourned.

GOING RIGHT AT IT. The Council of the Window Glass Workers will elect their two men to-night, and the Trades Council will do the same. These four after having selected the fifth man, will then be ready to call for the general public investigation meeting, to which the press will be invited.

The meeting was a very large one; but everybody seemed to be well pleased with the decision arrived at. While some of the members of the Trades Council believe that they have evidence of a very damaging character against Mr. Campbell, that gentleman and all the members of his organization feel confident that the result of the investigation will be nothing else but a grand triumph for him.

TALKS WITH BREWERS

Mr. Slaughter Says the Ohio Border Towns Are Booming.

Mr. Slaughter, President of the Slaughter Brewing Company, of Cleveland, came to Pittsburgh last night to see what the city looked like since Judge White slaughtered the saloon keepers. The Cleveland Slaughter thinks the city has become as dead as a door nail, and he was surprised to see such a small number of men on the streets."

He claims that East Liverpool, Wellsville, Youngstown and other Ohio border towns have been booming since the saloons were closed in Pittsburgh. Frank Overbeck, the Cincinnati brewer, was on an Eastern train last night bound for the Carlsbad Springs. He says Judge White shut out his proposed agency for Pittsburgh, and his business was injured in consequence. He thinks the prohibition idea will soon die out. The Ohio brewers have not been asked to fight the amendment in Pennsylvania, but if more money is needed Mr. Overbeck said they would contribute. He said the brewers are anxious to know what the decision on the Sunday question will be in Cincinnati. If the saloons are closed on that day the liquor men will lose considerable money.

CORAPOLIS ON A RAMPAGE

The Prayer Meetings Adjourned to Consider Prohibition. If the Prohibitionists do not carry Corapolis for the amendment, it will certainly not be for want of effort. On Wednesday evening prayer meetings were adjourned in order that the moral effect of the members' presence at a prohibition meeting might be felt. Some of the citizens are talking temperance from early morning until dewy eve, and then they gather to hear professional talk.

Meantime the members of the brass band have become so red in the face from almost continuous blowing on their horns at these meetings, that they present the appearance of a lot of jolly good fellows who have retreated late in the evening. Hereafter there have been known two yard-wide-and-all-wool Prohibitionists in the borough, Squire Ferree and John McCabe, though several others talk that way. The vote of the town, except on election day. There is also another man in the neighborhood, a son of the Squire, who has been acting as a Prohibitionist, whom Mrs. McCabe, a daughter of the Squire, rates as a sort of intermittent temperance man.

The afternoon a meeting of the congregation will be held for the purpose of raising \$3,000 to renovate and repair the Cathedral. In the evening the regular May devotions will be held. Archbishop Ryan, in all probability, will preach the sermon.

CHANGING BASE

Business Houses Displacing Dwellings Near the Point. The produce and commission trade seems to be working toward the Point. C. H. Love sold two lots for \$35,000, the other day, to H. Voltz & Co., and yesterday he sold No. 107, on the same street (Liberty), for \$15,000 to the Pittsburg Produce Commission Company, Myers & Date. The lot is 32 1/2 x 90 feet, and there is a dwelling house on it. It was owned by Miss Anna S. Smith.

All three of these buildings will be torn down to make room for business houses. The trimming store of L. Sphenath, under the Hotel Anderson, was closed by the Sheriff yesterday, on executions obtained by creditors to the amount of nearly \$10,000.

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WE TRAVELED AND REACHED Mount Tabur, where was the scene of the Transfiguration, mentioned in the Bible. From thence we went on to Nazareth, the beautiful city where our Savior lived, and where our Lord was born. It is a remarkably attractive city. Its architecture is quaint and oriental, while every building is of stone. There is a home for girls there, established by three or four American ladies, which is prosperous and instructive. The following day we went to the site of the manger, and the outskirts of the city to research the Bible for interesting points relative to the vicinity we were in.

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