

WILKESBARRE COLLAPSED

Without Warning Four Detroit Business Houses Fell.

CAUSE OF ACCIDENT UNKNOWN

Buildings Fell Into Heap Without Apparent Cause, With Noise Like Distant Thunder—There Are Evidences of An Explosion.

Detroit, Jan. 20.—Four buildings, each four stories high, located in the heart of the wholesale district of this city, collapsed at 8.30 o'clock last night, without any apparent cause, and all that now remains is a smouldering heap of ruins. The buildings were a part of the block bounded by Jefferson avenue and Shelby and Griswold streets, and were occupied by five concerns, and their stocks are a total loss, which is estimated at \$152,500, exclusive of the loss on the buildings, which amounts to \$50,500. The buildings were occupied by the following firms: Maddock Glove company, Imperial Hat company, F. B. Neuffel & Co., stock brokers; Michigan Produce company and Cruse Brothers, groceries.

No one seemed to know what caused the collapse of the buildings. On Sunday night that district is practically deserted, and the few who were in the vicinity say that the buildings seemed to fall into a heap without apparent cause, making a noise like the rumbling of distant thunder. There are evidences of an explosion about the ruins, but no one heard a sound of such an explosion. The walls of the rear part of the Maddocks Glove company's building are still standing to the height of two stories, but the roof of this part of the building lies turned bottom side upward in the middle of Shelby street, and a large iron smokestack lies on the sidewalk on the opposite side of the street, mashed against the buildings there as if driven by force.

Experts from the Detroit Gas company's office made an examination of the ruins, but said they were unable to find evidences of a gas explosion. It was fortunate that the wreck occurred on Sunday night. Had it happened during business hours, the loss of life would have been appalling, as there were approximately 200 persons employed by the various firms. They would have been caught in a veritable death trap and crushed and burned before they could have been rescued. The buildings collapsed into a heap, and in a short space of time the inflammable material caught fire from the furnaces used for heating the buildings. There were no watchmen about the premises, consequently there was no loss of life. No one was injured, nor is there any one who can give a definite reason for the catastrophe.

EXTENSIVE PRAIRIE FIRES

Many Miles of Territory Have Been Swept By Flames.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 20.—A special from Great Falls says that extensive prairie fires are reported on the other side of the international boundary, extending for a distance of from ten miles to twenty miles west of Sweet Grass hills. Practically the entire distance has been swept by the flames. Many hundred tons of hay have already been destroyed. The fire extended to the valuable sheep ranches in the Sweet Grass hills, and owners of flocks in that vicinity are confronted by the serious necessity of securing new winter ranges.

Big Diamond Robbery.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 20.—A special from Glendive, Mont., says: Robbers secured between \$10,000 and \$20,000 worth of unset and set diamonds yesterday by stealing two trunks from the baggage room of the Northern Pacific station and breaking them open. Nothing is missing from the trunks except a bag of unset diamonds and three or four hundred rings mounted in gold settings. A tray containing 24 set diamonds was overlooked by the robbers. The trunks were the property of C. B. Clausen, traveling representative of S. H. Clausen & Co., of Minneapolis.

Wilkesbarre Forgers Busy.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 20.—Five forged checks, drawn in the name of Davis Brothers, a well-known business firm of this city, have just come to light. Four of the checks, drawn in favor of A. Lee, and each for \$200, were sent to C. B. Rouse, a New York merchant. The other check, for \$100, was drawn in favor of M. H. Wilson, and was sent to John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, to pay for an order of goods. The goods were sent to this city, but no trace of them can now be found.

Only Five Words in His Will.

Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 20.—The shortest will on record in this county was filed Saturday. It was that of John A. Kunz, of Mt. Joy, and the entire wording is: "Leave all to my wife." It was written on a blank leaf of a copy of the constitution and by-laws of the Odd Fellows.

Check For a Million.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 20.—A check amounting to \$1,000,000, has been received here for payment of the policy on the life of Frank H. Peavey, the late Minneapolis millionaire. It is said to be the largest check ever drawn in payment of a life insurance risk.

Boer Commander Will Be Shot.

Graaf-Reinet, Cape Colony, Jan. 20.—Lord Kitchener has confirmed the death sentence passed upon the Boer commander, Scheepers, who was captured last October. He will be shot next Saturday.

THREE DROWNED SKATING

Two Ladies and a Boy Found Death in Icy Waters.

York, Pa., Jan. 20.—Three persons were drowned while skating Saturday afternoon. At Louck's dam, a mile or two north of York, Wilson Thomas, about 14 years old, met his death, while the other accident occurred at the Grantley street bridge, at the southwest part of the city. Here two young women, Miss Anna Klaiber, daughter of Phillip Klaiber, and Mrs. Phillip Heim, a three months' bride, found death in the icy waters.

The ladies, in company with Howard Haas, were enjoying skating hand-in-hand, when they reached ice that had been worn thin. It suddenly broke and all three fell into the water. Haas made a heroic effort to save the ladies, and for a while struggled against fearful odds, but was obliged to let go of them one after another, when they sank out of sight. Others were attracted to the spot, and they did all they could. The latter was Arthur Klaiber, brother of one of the drowned women. He secured a pole and thrust it toward Haas, telling him to take hold, but he refused, saying: "No, no; save the girls." The ice also broke under some of the would-be rescuers, and three of them had narrow escapes.

Young Thomas had attempted to skate across the creek at Louck's dam, when he suddenly broke through and went to the bottom. Charles Custer, another boy, attempted to save him, but broke in also. The sight of the two boys struggling in the water unnerved the spectators for a while, and in the meanwhile Thomas sank for the last time.

SMALL-POX CAUSES RIOT

Italians Attack Police While Attempting to Bury a Victim.

Easton, Pa., Jan. 20.—A serious riot, following an attempt upon the part of the board of health to bury the body of an Italian woman who died of malignant small-pox, occurred at Bangor yesterday afternoon. Four hundred Italians attacked the police and probably fatally injured Peter Ross and prevented the interment. The woman's corpse is now in the Catholic church, closely guarded. The sheriff will send a posse to Bangor to disperse the mob. Two men who were in the house where the death occurred escaped before they could be quarantined, and one of them started for Bethlehem on a trolley car. The other was arrested. A child of the woman who died is also ill with the disease.

TESTED NEW GUN SHIELDS

Were Fired On By Three-Inch Guns Without Effect.

Bethlehem, Pa., Jan. 18.—The Bethlehem Steel company's new gun shields were tested yesterday at the proving grounds, near here, in the presence of General Miles and officers of the bureau of ordnance and fortifications of the war department. The shields were subjected to severe tests and scored a splendid success. There were two shields of Krupp armor, three inches thick, and they were fired on by three-inch guns half a dozen times without effect. A five-inch gun, however, sent a 50-pound projectile clear through one. General Miles expressed the hope that the government will adopt the new shields.

Athletic Association Will Issue Bonds

Philadelphia, Jan. 18.—At the regular meeting of the Athletic Association of the University of Pennsylvania last night it was announced that the association would lease Franklin Field for a term of 40 years from the trustees of the university, and in order to cover the lease and partially pay for the improvements to be made on the field, the association will issue bonds to the extent of \$275,000. They will run for 30 years and bear 5 per cent. interest. The bond issue has already been over-subscribed by \$125,000 by friends of the university.

King Alexander Willing to Abdicate.

Vienna, Jan. 20.—The Belgrade correspondent of the Neue Freie Presse declares the question of succession to the throne of Serbia to be ripe for solution, as King Alexander, if guaranteed a sufficient pension, is willing to abdicate in favor of Prince Karageorgevitch, a descendant from Kara George, the Black George of the Servians, and claimant to the throne of Serbia. In any case Prince Alexis Karageorgevitch is likely to be proclaimed heir to the throne, as neither Russia nor Austria object to this course.

Contracted Small-pox Handling Mail.

Binghamton, N. Y., Jan. 18.—Richard Barber, postmaster at Hallstead, Pa., is dead, as a result of handling mail. Barber was a prominent Republican politician in Northern Pennsylvania, having come to this section from Philadelphia. He had been in poor health for some time, and a few days ago was stricken with small-pox. It is supposed that he contracted the contagion by handling mail which came through an infected town and had escaped fumigation.

Louisville Citizen Knighted.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 18.—King Christian IX., of Denmark, has created Charles Earl Currie, of Louisville, a knight of Donneberg, in token of appreciation of Mr. Currie's efforts to promote trade relations between Denmark and the United States. Mr. Currie was sent in 1896 by the Louisville board of trade on a tour of Northern Europe in the interest of closer trade relations.

Dog Rescues a Woman.

Laurel, Del., Jan. 18.—Miss Lillie Malone, while skating, broke through the ice. Her pet dog seized her by the hair when she came to the surface and held her until she was lifted from the water by other skaters.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Tuesday, January 14.

Fire destroyed several buildings at Brinkley, Ark., causing a loss of \$75,000. Benjamin C. Keig, of Madison, Wis., killed his wife and then cut his own throat.

Don and Alex Nelson were shot and killed by Policeman Cruse at Knoxville, Tenn., the officer claiming they attempted to assassinate him.

President Roosevelt re-appointed David G. Baldwin postmaster at New Orleans.

The town of Pequam, Mich., with 500 population, has been quarantined and business suspended because of scarlet fever and diphtheria.

Governor Crane, of Massachusetts, who visited President Roosevelt yesterday, denied that his call was to discuss a cabinet position.

Wednesday, January 15.

The annual poultry, pigeon and pet stock show opened in Madison Square Garden, New York, yesterday.

Admiral Schley yesterday visited the Georgia State Agricultural and Mechanical College (colored), at Savannah, Ga.

Christian Weiner was killed, and his son, George fatally injured by a train at a railroad crossing near Waukeshaw, Wis.

Conrad Ward, a brakeman on the Central Railroad of New Jersey, was knocked from a freight car at Hazleton, Pa., and killed.

Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel Corporation, denies the statements of sensational gambling at Monte Carlo.

Thursday, January 16.

The entire business portion of Arapahoe, Okla., was wiped out by fire.

The Brotherhood of Railway Employees will hold its next convention in May, 1904, at Chicago.

Two men were killed and three injured in a dynamite explosion near Machay, Idaho, yesterday.

John E. Kollcamp and Harry Ream, of York, Pa., were acquitted on the charge of highway robbery with assault to kill Elmer Fry.

David McConaughy, aged 78, the oldest member of the Adams county, Pa., bar, is dead. He was the originator of the Gettysburg Memorial Battlefield Association.

Friday, January 17.

Clem A. Pruitt was shot to death by William Pittser at Pittser's home, at Frankfort, Ind., during a dance.

Thomas Mills and Henry Grenfeldt were killed by a premature explosion in the Wabash mines, near Custer, S. D.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt gave a state dinner last night to the justices of the United States supreme court.

The American Protective Tariff League met in annual session in New York yesterday and elected officers for the ensuing term.

Record Sale of Timber Land.

The largest sale of timber land ever made in the state in a single deal was consummated Saturday at Keltetville, Pa., when one-half the holdings of T. D. Collins were sold to G. F. Watson, of Gollinza, and Buzzard & Son, of Brockwayville. The purchases comprise 13,000 acres of hemlock, pine and hard wood, estimated at 500,000,000 feet, and worth approximately \$4,500,000.

Widow Dies of Starvation.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 20.—Mrs. Edward Price, a widow, was found dead at her home in Plymouth Saturday night. She had been ill, and it is thought that, being unable to help herself or make an outcry, she died for the want of food. Two small children were in the house, and they were suffering from hunger. An examination showed that the house was destitute of food.

Convict Dies of Small-pox.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 18.—John King, the Hudson county prisoner, who was taken with small-pox a few days after his arrival at the state prison, died at that institution yesterday afternoon. King was buried last night. No other case of small-pox has broken out at the state prison.

Chinese Smugglers Unearthed.

Fort Benton, Mont., Jan. 20.—By a discovery made here yesterday a systematic scheme of smuggling Chinese across the border into the United States has been unearthed. Marshal Snead found a tunnel beneath the sidewalk of an old restaurant in Front street a wreath of smoke, and on making an investigation he found some Chinamen hiding. In the cellar were found quantities of all kinds of food which the Chinamen had for their

Steamer Burned.

Fredericksburg, Va., Nov. 15.—The steamer Richmond, of the Weems line, plying between this city and Baltimore, was burned to the water's edge at her wharf last evening. The boat was heavily loaded with freight shipped by Fredericksburg merchants to the wharves on the Rappahannock. The fire originated in the forward cabin, but no explanation of the cause can be ascertained.

Neuralgia.

The Prayer of a Nerve for More Blood.

Neuralgia may attack any part of the body but most frequently occurs where the nerves are most abundant.

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