

FELL INTO DEATH PIT.

Collapse of a Roof Crowded with Football Spectators.

KILLED AND INJURED NUMBER SIXTY

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San Francisco (Special).—During the progress of the California-Stanford University football game between 300 and 500 persons, most of whom were young men and boys, were witnessing the struggle between the universities from the roof of one of the buildings of the San Francisco and Pacific Gas Works at Eleventh and Bryant streets, when it collapsed. A large number were precipitated into the gigantic furnace, fully 70 feet below, and 13 were killed or burned to death, and at least 50 were injured, many of whom will die.

One of the victims, whose identity has not yet been discovered, fell into a tank containing burning oil and was cooked until the flesh fell from his bones.

It is safe to say that some of the victims were roasted to death, while others were killed by falling timbers.

While the furnace attendants were trying to give what assistance they could to the injured and dying the hearing of the spectators on the street contrasted with the cheers of the football enthusiasts which loudly rang the air. These, however, were quickly stifled when it became known that the disaster had occurred.

The crash of the falling roof was heard a great way when the thousands of people hurried to the scene. Messages were sent to the City Receiving Hospital and the morgue, and all available ambulances were hurried to the spot when the extent of the accident was known.

Most of the fatalities were caused by burning. In the glass works the furnaces were at white heat, and the most of the unfortunates who fell upon them were quickly burned to death. The smell of burning flesh and clothing added to the horror of the occurrence.

J. J. Frazier, who was on the roof of the glass works, but who escaped serious injury, said:

"We were watching the game and there were several hundred of us there, and no women. Most of us were young men and boys. The game had not been going long when the roof, which was supported by heavy timbers, fell into an oven of molten glass. All I can remember is a big crash. When I came to I smelled burning flesh and when I looked around I saw two dead men. Then afterward I was told seven had been killed."

Thomas Simmons, employed in the works, saved the lives of 30 persons by hauling them off the furnace, and James Gunper, who also was on the roof at the time of the disaster, said he counted 64 that fell. Gunper says a father and two sons were taken to one of the hospitals.

Thirty-six boys are in the Railroad Hospital wounded and burned.

A LITTLE LAD'S CRIME.

He Chloroforms an Old Woman and Tries to Set Her on Fire.

Philadelphia (Special).—Philip Goodman, a lad in knickerbockers, not yet fifteen years old, visited the home of Mrs. Wilhelm Muller, chloroformist, and the old woman, believing he had killed her, poured kerosene over the woman's clothes, preparatory to burning the body and destroying evidence of his crime. After he had spent some time in the rear of the house, ostensibly to wash his hands, but really to lock the doors, he approached Mrs. Muller in the parlor, seized her by the throat and clapped a chloroform-saturated cloth over her nose. He tried to smother and strangle her at the same time, and when she had dropped to the floor, overcame, he evidently concluded that he had killed her.

After he had soaked the woman's clothes and hair with kerosene she half recovered consciousness and cried out, which attracted a neighbor. The boy confessed that he chloroformed the woman to rob her.

HIS SKULL A WATCH CHARM.

Surgeons Removed Shattered Bone and Patient Made Use of It.

Bowling Green, Ky. (Special).—Geo. Clark of Pemberville has a watch chain made out of pieces of his own skull. The chain is made of portions of bone fastened together by links of gold. A piece as large as a dollar, on which is the date of the accident, in which this chain cuts an important figure, hangs as a pendant. Clark while in an oil derrick was struck on the head by a crown pulley and his skull was crushed. He was taken to his home, where he lay unconscious for two weeks. The surgeons said he could not live. As a last resort they removed the entire upper portion of his skull. To their amazement he recovered, and is now living with an artificial top to his head.

Double Tragedy in Oregon.

Jackenville, Ore. (Special).—G. W. Traynor shot and killed J. Hardbrook and then killed himself. Hardbrook was engaged to be married to Miss Sarah L. Benson, a sister of Mrs. Traynor, but Traynor objected to the match, and it is said that he threatened Hardbrook's life. About 11 o'clock Miss Benson, Hardbrook and Mrs. Traynor were sitting around the fire when Traynor walked out on the porch and a few minutes later a bullet came crashing through the window. It struck Hardbrook in the head and he died in an hour.

Gen. Lee Receives Orders.

Washington (Special).—Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, who recently was relieved from duty as Commander of the Division of Havana and Santa Clara and ordered to take command of the Department of Missouri, relieving General Merriam, was at the War Department receiving final instructions. He will proceed to the headquarters of the department at Omaha within a few days to assume his new duties. General Merriam will retain his position as Commander in Chief of the Department of Colorado, with headquarters at Denver.

Havana's Mayor Wants to Duel.

Havana (Special).—General Rodriguez, Mayor of Havana, is said to have challenged Senator San Miguel, editor of La Lucha, to fight a duel because of an alleged libelous article attacking the integrity of the mayor's office. General Rodriguez named Senator Alencar as his second. La Lucha published a statement that it had no intention of attacking the character of the Mayor.

Both parties deny that the matter will be carried any farther. The friends of both say that the denial is only a ruse to put the police off the scent.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

An injunction was sued out in Pensacola, Fla., to restrain the sale by State Comptroller Reynolds, of the Florida Central and Peninsular Railroad.

Colonel A. L. Booz indignantly denies the story that Oscar L. Booz, a former cadet at West Point, is critically ill as a result of hazing.

F. N. Pike has given up the management of the Hygeia Hotel at Old Point, Va., and former Chief Clerk Holiday will have charge.

The charter revision committee in New York suggested a number of changes in the charter of Greater New York.

Blanche Witz, of Waynesboro, Pa., burned herself severely while cleaning gloves with gasoline.

The striking cigarmakers in Tampa are trying to stop the transportation of cigars from that section.

Colonel H. C. Symonds, a classmate of General Sheridan, died at his home in Los Gatos, Cal.

Joseph Henry Lee, an obdurate colored prisoner, was lashed in Newport News, Va.

Governor Joseph E. Johnson retired from the executive office in Alabama.

A meeting of the different railway owners of the Baltimore and Ohio was held in Newark for the purpose of forming a federation. This was not accomplished, but will probably be done in the near future.

It is reported that Theodore B. Noyes, of Washington, will be offered the position of minister to Austria, soon to be vacated by the resignation of W. C. Harris.

Cornelius Flame, a boy of 14 years, employed on Thomas Cronan's farm, in Connecticut, accidentally poisoning a large number of fowl and cattle for spite.

General Wood will unite the rural guards in Cuba under one head, so as to utilize them wherever needed for the preservation of peace on the island.

Mrs. Hattie Norton Welch, of Indianapolis, was robbed and deserted by her husband within three hours after their marriage. He was arrested.

Miss Georgia Cayvan, the popular New York actress, is a patient at the Sanford Hall Sanitarium, in Long Island, a mental and physical wreck.

Timber Ridge Church, near Lexington, Va., was rededicated with interesting exercises in the presence of a large congregation.

Governor Lind, of Minnesota, offered the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Davis to Judge Loren W. Collins.

The steamer Olbers arrived at New York with the crew of the abandoned ship wrecked bark Bolivia.

In a wreck on the Mexican Central Railroad near Tamanocho 20 men were killed and 60 injured.

In a fight between Mormons and marauding Indians one Indian and two squaws were killed.

Arthur Weir, night editor of an Ottawa paper, committed suicide.

L. Trumbull Kelly, left tackle of the Capital Culture Football Club, of Johnston, Pa., died from an injury received in a game on Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Emma van Liew was sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary for causing Miss Alice Hummel's death by throwing vitriol in her face.

Larence Moharter, while gunning near Wilkesbarre, Pa., accidentally shot and killed his cousin, Clarence Cope.

Lawyer Patrick's counsel filed an alleged will of millionaire Rice, in which Patrick is made residuary legatee.

Edmund J. Bell was arrested in New York for robbing the mails. He confessed.

Jacob Schroll, of Manchester township, Pa., committed suicide.

Thomas Bonner, of York, Pa., died from a mule's kick.

President Hustin, of the Panama Canal Company, called on President McKinley with reference to the company's tender of the property to the government.

Fire that was discovered in the fleet-room, on the third floor of the Treasury Department, Washington, was extinguished before serious damage was done.

Admiral Remy reports great destitution at Guam, caused by the typhoon. The government has ordered supplies sent.

Miss Eugenie Washington, a great-grandniece of George Washington, died in Washington.

A convict burglar in Ohio Penitentiary was lent to crack the safe of a business man who died without revealing the combination.

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CLAIMS ON TWO SULTANS

American Battleship Kentucky to Be Sent to Morocco.

FOR MURDER OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

The Moorish Government Failed to Punish the Murderers—The Consul Will Proceed to the Moorish Coast, and the Battleship Will Back Up His Demands—Relations with Turkey Still Friendly.

Washington (Special).—The State Department has sent instructions to United States Consul Gummere, at Tangiers, Morocco, to proceed to the capital of that country, so far as possible, or United States consuls elsewhere to present fresh claims for indemnity on account of the murder of Marcus Ezaguin, a naturalized American citizen, who was killed in June, 1900. The warship, which probably will be the Kentucky, recalled from Smyrna for that purpose, will accompany Consul Gummere to Tangiers, which is the nearest port to Fez, the capital of Morocco.

The indemnity demanded in behalf of the widow of Ezaguin amounts to \$20,000 and was based on the failure of the Moorish government to punish the murderers. The Moorish government declined the first demand, on the ground that Ezaguin, by long residence in Morocco, had become a Moorish citizen under the terms of the Madrid convention. The State Department, however, on United States consuls naturalized citizen has the right to elect whether he shall become a Moor or leave the country, and Ezaguin was prevented from exercising that choice by his murder.

In view of this fact, and the further fact that the last discussion on this subject between the United States Consul Gummere and the Moorish authorities was without result, the State Department has thought the present to be a fitting occasion to let Gummere pay a visit to the Sultan's court, where no representative of the United States has been for several months, and to present the case of the murdered man and the other claims that have been pending against the government of Morocco.

The disposition of the United States government is entirely friendly, but it feels that it has not been given proper consideration, and the Navy Department wishes to have a Bolivina, a man-of-war to convey the Consul to Mazagan, the port nearest the Moorish capital, and to await his future movements.

POSTMASTERS NAMED DURING YEAR.

Report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow—Recommendations.

Washington (Special).—Fourth Assistant Postmaster General John L. Bristow, in his annual report, recommends an amendment to the interstate commerce law prohibiting telegraph and express companies, or their employees, from aiding or abetting in the green goods or lottery swindles, or any other schemes carried on, in part by mail and partly by common carrier, and in violation of the postal laws.

There were 15,142 appointments of postmasters made during the past fiscal year, 14,435 being of the fourth class and 707 being presidential. There were 20,000 postoffices established during the year, and 1912 offices were discontinued, mostly due to rural free delivery extension and public highway improvements.

A vigorous effort has been made to suppress postoffices conducted throughout the country for the sole benefit of some corporation, nursery company, patent medicine firm or other private institution.

There were 47 resignations and 45 deaths of presidential postmasters, and 919 deaths and 8013 resignations of fourth-class postmasters. On June 30 last the number of postmasters was 76,688, as follows: First class, 194; second, 852; third, 3187; fourth, 72,455.

The total number of arrests during the year for offenses against the postal laws was 1526, including 119 postmaster arrests and 526 were convicted.

Newport, R. I. (Special).—John Nicholas Brown, 9 months old, is believed to be the richest baby in the world. His fortune is estimated at \$7,000,000, and is likely to be augmented before he becomes old enough to know of his wealth. When the wills of John Nicholas Brown, Sr., and Howard Brown, father and uncle of the infant millionaire, were made public last June it was held that the baby should hold the fortune.

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U. S. SENATOR C. K. DAVIS DEAD.

Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs Passes Away—Brave Struggle.

GEN. PAGET IN SHARP ENCOUNTER.

St. Paul, Minn. (Special).—United States Senator Cushman Kellogg Davis, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Senate, died at his home, in this city, after an illness of two months. He had suffered greatly during his sickness, and gradually sank away, being unconscious for several hours before death, and so far as known, suffered no pain.

For more than a week it has been known that the death of Senator Davis was certain to occur within a short time. However, the announcement of death came as a profound shock to the friends and fellow townsmen of the distinguished statesman. The Senator, who had been in constant attendance upon his sick bed, had never lost hope.

The Senator, in his moments of lucidity, expressed a strong determination to recover, and within the past week told United States District Attorney Evans, who had been called upon to see him, that he was positive he would soon be well. Indeed, it is the general belief that the Senator's iron will is all that has kept him alive for the past week.

On Sunday, November 18, a serious change for the worse was noticed. It was reported that the Senator had been delirious on that day these delirious spells became more marked, and since then the lucid intervals have become less and less frequent. The Senator was almost constantly out of his mind.

After his return from the Maine campaign in September Senator Davis was troubled by twinges of pain in one of his feet, to which he paid little attention, thinking it due to some neuralgic condition, which would soon pass. He had an attack of influenza in this State, and his sufferings increased. An operation failed to give him relief. After another operation he began to mend, and was apparently on the way to complete recovery, when, on November 11, kidney trouble became apparent, both diabetes and diabetes complicating the case.

STORMS SWEEP COUNTRY.

Vessels Wrecked and Many Towns Flooded—Lives Reported Lost.

Violent wind and rain storms and floods in West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky and Western New York have caused considerable damage to property, and, it is feared, a number of lives have been lost.

Considerable anxiety was caused in Cincinnati and Wheeling by reports of a terrible disaster on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad near Hinton, W. Va. It was rumored that a passenger train had plunged into the river. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad officials denied that there was any truth in the report.

In Guyandotte Valley, W. Va., thousands of logs sweeping down the river carried away the base works of two new railroad bridges in course of erection south of Barboursville.

The schooner "Lion" of the schooner Advance went ashore on Wallis Sands, N. H. Nothing is known of the fate of the crew of five men who were on board.

The steamer West Branch went down near her dock at Hammondport, N. Y. The steamer M. Sicken and the schooner Spadwick and Malvina were ashore on Marblehead Beach, Lake Erie.

The wind blew 60 miles an hour over Lake Erie. The heavy sleet that was driven by the gale did great damage to the city of Cleveland, Ohio. At Cambridge, O., several buildings were blown down, and at Batavia a young woman was drowned.

A tornado swept through a part of Georgia. Considerable damage was done in the village of Siloam. Snowstorms in Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire delayed railroad travel.

OSCAR WILDE DEAD.

Once the Idol of Aesthetic Cult, He Expires in Obscurity.

London (By Cable).—Oscar Wilde died here at a small hotel in the Latin Quarter of Paris.

For the last three days he had been unconscious in delirium from an abscess in the ear, which the doctors could not locate exactly. Inflammation from this gradually mounted to the brain. He died attended by a few faithful friends, who declined to accept the general verdict of the world against him.

The Paris Journal says it is rumored that Wilde committed suicide.

It is interesting to note that "Mr. and Mrs. Daventry," a play with the authorship of which Wilde was credited, is now a rage here. The majority consider it shocking, and many rush to see whether it is as bad as reported. Wilde, it is declared, was receiving one-fourth of the profits of the piece, in which Mrs. Patrick Campbell appears as the star.

Physician Accidentally Shot.

Moorefield, W. Va. (Special).—Dr. J. S. Goochauer, of this place, was shot, it is feared fatally, by Richard Chipley while hunting deer. Dr. Goochauer was at a crossing watching for a deer the dogs had started. The game came in sight of Mr. Chipley, watching at another crossing, and he fired several shots, one of which accidentally struck Dr. Goochauer. He is a very prominent physician.

Stabbed to Death.

Minneapolis (Special).—Frank H. Hamilton, a Minneapolis newspaper man, is a prisoner at the Central Police Station with the charge of murdering Leonard Day, a young millionaire of this city, at the West Hotel.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

It was reported that General French was pursued by the Boers all the way from Middleburg to Stanterton.

The German Clerical party demands the creation of an imperial supreme court.

The London Times continues to bitterly attack every move made by the United States government in the China matter.

Charles Williams, an English war critic, claims that General Kitchener contemplates a ruthless extermination of the Boers.

The British Cabinet decided to recommend that Lord Kitchener be made a lieutenant general, so that he can take supreme command when Lord Roberts leaves the Transvaal.

Professor Natorp, of Stockholm, is taking steps to fit out an expedition to search the coast of Iceland for wreckage of Andree's balloon.

London newspapers, in commenting upon the recognition of Kruger as still President of the Transvaal by both the French government and the Queen of Holland, say that it is Great Britain's fault in not formally communicating to the powers the annexation of the South African republic.

BRITISH LOSE HEAVILY.

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General Kitchener's First Contact with the New Commander-in-Chief Contains List of Losses—The Boers Attack Bochoip, But Are Promptly Repulsed—Another Big Battle Reported.

London (By Cable).—During the past week there has been more fighting and heavier losses on the British side than occurred during the preceding five or six weeks. Over a score of British soldiers have been killed, more than a hundred wounded, including a number of officers, and 400 taken prisoners.

It is reported that a great battle was fought between the British General Knox and the Boers under General de Wet near Rouxville, in the southeastern extremity of the Orange River colony.

The first dispatch from General Kitchener in his capacity of commander-in-chief of the British forces in South Africa is dated December 1, November 30, and confirms the reports of fighting between General Plicher and General de Wet, and adds the latest reports—that General Knox is in touch with General de Wet's force near Tafelberg, 12 miles north of Bethulie (Orange River colony); that the Boers attacked Bochoip November 28, renewed the attack November 29 and were repulsed without British loss.

General Kitchener also reports that November 28-29 General Paget was fighting with the Viljoen and Erasmus commandos, and that he drove the Boers to a position in the vicinity of Rietfontein.

1,200 BOLOMEN SURRENDER.

Food Supplies Run Short, and They Gave Up Fighting Under General Tino.

Manila (By Cable).—Lieutenant Colonel Goodrell, commanding the Sixth Marine Brigade, with 100 marines, has gone to Subi to relieve the troops there. The rebels in that vicinity have been active of late.

A detachment of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, in the mountains near Iba, found the camp of the guerrilla leader, Joaquin, stricken. Suspended from the trees near the camp were the bodies of three amigoes, and it was found the rebels had tortured other captives.

Twelve hundred bolomen entered Vigan, Alibon, Luzon, and surrendered to Captain Green, of the Thirtieth Infantry. This is the largest number of men who have yet surrendered in Luzon at one time. General Tino has been keeping a swarm of bolomen along the mountains, and they have impoverished the food supply.

Sheriff Freeman Replies.

Denver, Col. (Special).—The Rocky Mountain News prints the reply of Sheriff Freeman of Lincoln county to the letter of District Attorney McAlister of Colorado Springs concerning the prosecution of the persons who lynched Preston Porter at Limon, Col., recently. After alleging that he was influenced into taking Porter from Denver to Limon by the assurance of leading citizens of Lincoln county that he would be allowed to pass through Limon unmolested to Hugo, where he would be permitted to place Porter in the county jail, Sheriff Freeman declares that it would be impossible to get a jury in Lincoln or any adjoining county that would convict any one charged with participation in the burning of Porter.

Reported Seaboard Defalcation.

New York (Special).—Word was received at police headquarters here to the effect that a clerk of the Seaboard Air Line has been arrested at Ferrisburgh, N. Y., for embezzling a very large sum of money from the line. The clerk's name was not given. It is said that the money taken by the clerk was lost through speculation with the firm of Chester B. Lawrence, Jr., & Co., which failed last week. The amount taken is reported to be \$50,000. At the city office of the Seaboard Air Line here it was said that no one had heard of this arrest. They were certain that no one in the New York City department had run away or been caught.

Exploded in His Hands.

Hagerstown (Special).—Wade Anderson, a boy aged 16 years, was probably fatally injured by a gun explosion while taking a rifle to school. The gun exploded in his hands while he was carrying it. The explosion was so violent that the boy was thrown into the air and landed on his head. He is now in a precarious condition.

Trying to Save Mrs. Maybrick.

Norfolk, Va. (Special).—The Norfolk friends of Mrs. Florence Maybrick are again moving in the matter of securing the release of the unfortunate American woman from Woking Prison, England. President McKinley will be asked to interfere in her behalf. There is no doubt in the minds of any of the Norfolk people who know the Maybricks during their residence here that the husband, who was a confirmed arsenic eater, killed himself by an overdose of the drug.

Christmas Box for Soldiers.

New York (Special).—Miss Helen M. Gould bought \$300 worth of tooth brushes, combs and other toilet articles which she will ship to the soldiers in the Philippines for Christmas.

Eaten by a Panther.

Fort Worth, Tex. (Special).—Jesse Luter, former owner of the