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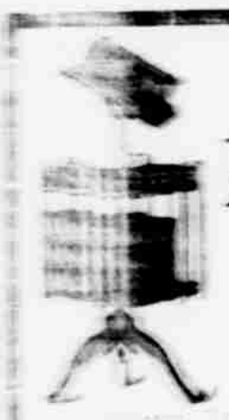

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Falling Balcony at Philadelphia Park Kills Nine and Injures 300.

AN AVALANCHE OF HUMANITY

Sudden Crash Let Fall Hundreds of Shrieking Persons into the Street, a Distance of 20 Feet — Disaster Caused by Rotten Timbers.

Philadelphia, Aug. 10.—Nine people were killed and 300 more or less seriously injured, a score perhaps fatally, by the collapse of a portion balcony at the Philadelphia National League Base Ball Park. The balcony overhung the high wall on the Fifteenth street side of the park, and sudden pressure at a weak point caused a sharp break, which precipitated an avalanche of struggling, shrieking humanity into the street, fully 20 feet below. Among the scores of bleeding men and boys quickly taken to hospitals it is feared that fully a dozen will not be able to survive their terrible injuries. That more were not killed outright is little short of a miracle. The near-by hospitals were unable to care for the many patients rushed into their wards, and some, seriously injured, had to be taken to other institutions before their bleeding wounds could be treated.

Rotten timbers were responsible for the accident, which occurred during the second game between Boston and the Phillies. A drunken man's attack on a little girl started a fight in Fifteenth street, and the crowd in the ball park rushed to the overhanging balcony, all yelling excitedly. With a loud report one of the joists gave way in about the centre of the structure. Instantly the joists started breaking toward Huntingdon street and also toward Lehigh avenue simultaneously, and at least 1000 persons were hurled to the ground, a distance of about 25 feet. The yells and screams of the injured and the falling were appalling. The first line of spectators against the railing quickly plunged to the ground, and those behind came tumbling after, shoved forward from those behind.

The scene after the accident was fairly indescribable. It was a literal fact that blood fairly flowed in the gutter. Many of the injured fell from the top of the wall face downward, and it is thought that there were scores of fractured skulls.

Scores of homes are prostrated. Three hospitals are crowded with patients, about the bedsides of whom are witnessed a countless number of pathetic scenes. It is said 35 of the patients are dying.

Joseph McDonough, who is at St. Luke's hospital with a fractured skull, became delirious, and springing from his bed threw a glass at Dr. C. W. Thomas. The patient then kicked a screen out of a window and attempted to jump to the street, but was held back by attendants.

Frederick Baumann has never regained consciousness since he was hurt. Attended by the young woman to whom he is engaged, he lies at the point of death in the Samaritan hospital.

Another man, similarly attended is James Dooniss McCauley, who was the first patient received at St. Luke's after the accident. He has a fractured skull, and is in a very critical condition. He is engaged to be married.

Edward Bedley, a member of the Vernon crew that captured the world's championship at Paris, may never pull an oar again. One shoulder was dislocated and one wrist was fractured during the accident, and he is now at St. Joseph's hospital. He also suffered severe bruises of the knees and head.

WORKMEN BURIED ALIVE

One Dead and Three Fatally Injured by Cavein at York, Pa.

York, Pa., Aug. 11.—By the caving in of an excavation of clay at the York brick works, one man was killed and three persons fatally injured. The dead man is Michael Gallagher, injured internally and right leg broken. Died a few minutes after being extricated.

The injured are William Powell, fire chamber at brick; Curtis Bowler, left arm and leg broken, and Max Bellmeyer, internal injuries and many cuts.

The men were undermining the excavation when it gave without the slightest warning. Tons of clay rolled over them in an instantaneous manner before they could even cry for help. The men did love, and it seems almost as if they were buried in an instant. Their names are the only means of identification, as the bodies were taken from the earth on the opposite side of the pit.

Three Per Cent. Interest For Misers.

Scranton, Pa., Aug. 11.—Dr. Rolla Chamberlain, of the well known Chamberlain family, appeared in court this morning to answer the charge of cruelty to animals, in connection with the mining plant of which he is owner. Assistant District Attorney Jones, who has been investigating the case, has had the animals under surveillance for some time, and last night had them taken from the mine and placed in the custody of the humane agent.

Dr. Chamberlain is a miser of the most pronounced type. The mine property, which is valued at $500,000, is operated by two large mules, which are worked day and night. The animals are never taken out of the mine, and have not been for years. They are fed on hay and oats, which are lowered to them in the mine. The mules are blind, and have the appearance of being old. The mine will be closed until the case is settled.

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Mistress—How are you getting along in the cooking school, Maria?

Maria—Fine, ma'am. In the beginning the food would burn right after I'd put it on the fire, but now it only burns after it is almost done.—Brooklyn Life.

His Hope.

She—You're so bashful, Mr. Callow! I really believe that if you ever marry the lady you will have to propose.

He—W-Well, but I might have—er—nerve enough to decline!—Puck.

Times Are Out of Joint.

"Things are wrong," remarked the Observer of Events and Things, "when a reputable physician has to pay money for a certificate to practice, and a 14-year-old girl with a new piano doesn't."—Yonkers Statesman.

The Voice of Experience.

She—Why does the bridegroom always seem to enjoy his wedding breakfast so much?

He—I suppose because it is too early for his wife to begin throwing plates.—Yonkers Statesman.

Chewing the End of Remorse.

Chicago Girl—The mistakes of my life have been many.

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