

# The O'Neill Frontier

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O'NEILL, NEBRASKA

David Yellin, a member of the municipality of Jerusalem, says that the authorities in the holy city are considering the provision of an adequate water supply and the installation of a modern system of drainage. People in Jerusalem are beginning to realize that a greater influx of tourists, on whom the inhabitants principally depend for their livelihood, can only be expected if things are made comfortable for them by the provision of proper accommodations, the lighting and paving of the streets, the removal of the city from dust and improvement of travel facilities.

"The Argentine Republic," says the Prague Press, "has found a customer for its beef on this side of the ocean. The Austrian government, which was asked to take 10,000 tons, has ordered a sample lot of 700 tons to be delivered in December. The great American beef companies did not show any activity in the direction of securing an order from Austria, because of the duty difficulties, preferring to employ their beef ships in transporting their products to England, where the customs regulations make it easy to do business."

Farmer Hodge gave a feast to his men at harvest time. Giles was the oldest laborer, and the hostess, with beaming cordiality, motioned him to the seat by her right hand. But Giles remained silent and unresponsive. "Come," said the hostess, "don't be bashful, Mr. Giles; you've a right to the place of honor, you know." Giles deliberated a moment, then spoke: "Thank you kindly, Mrs. Hodge," he said, "but if it's the same to you, I'd rather sit opposite this pudlin'."

Miss Mabel Macher, a graduate nurse until recently in charge of the operating room in the Erie and Ear infirmary of New York city, has gone to China to take the position of head nurse in the University of Pennsylvania medical school at Canton. Miss Margo Leo Lewis, an assistant teacher in Mount Holyoke college last year, has gone to Seoul, Korea, where she expects to teach in the girls' school under an appointment by the Presbyterian board of missions.

It may not be generally known that the term "alma mater" which is universally applied to colleges and universities where men receive their scholastic training, is of purely Catholic origin. It had its source at the University of Bonn, and drew its inspiration from the beautiful bas-relief statue of the mother of Christ—known as the Alma Mater—placed over the principal portal of that celebrated seat of learning.

Chicago commission men object strenuously, according to the Tribune, to a proposal to sell eggs by weight. "From time immemorial," says one of their spokesmen, "eggs have been collected, bought, sold and shipped by the dozen. The farmer has marketed them, the wholesaler has shipped them and the markets of the world have priced and quoted them by the dozen, and there is a natural and inherent reason for this. The egg is a unit of substantial uniformity."

A London writer questions whether Mr. Churchill had so splendid a holiday in the near east as Disraeli did nearly 80 years ago, when he made a cruise on the yacht of his friend, James Clay. "You should see Disraeli," writes the writer from James Clay's yacht, "in the costume of a Greek pirate—a blood-red shirt with silver studs as big as shillings, an immense scarf for giraffe, fuf of pistols and daggers, red cap, red slippers, broad blue-striped jacket and trousers."

With the approach of cold weather the market for mining machinery for the gold and silver mines of northern Ontario shows increasing activity. In camps beyond the reach of the railway it is impossible to get in heavy loads excepting during the winter. Many of the mine owners in Porcupine and Gowanda are now ordering plants. An increasing proportion of the machinery, which was formerly nearly all imported, is now made in Canada.

There will be a crusade in spruce gum digging in the States woods this winter. About 20 men will leave Skowegan within a short time to begin gum digging operations near Jackman. Gum has grown scarce in the last few years and the demand is so great that it has become a business in many Maine men. Last year James Carey, Frank Cronin and Joe Cass dug 1,300 pounds and sold it all in Maine. It is estimated that from 50,000 to 100,000 pounds will be dug this season.

"The Administration of the Police Department in Some City in the United States with a Population of More Than 200,000." Is the subject selected for the National Municipal League's competitive essay for the William H. Baldwin \$100 prize.

Two concessions for supplying Mexican cities with gas plants have recently been secured by an American. Both run for 50 years, and when the time the plants shall be exempt from taxation.

Thoracograph is the name that has been given to a machine which has been invented to draw diagrams of a person's chest movements during respiration.

The State Federation of Women's clubs of Michigan voted 2 to 1 in favor of woman suffrage at its annual meeting recently held in Battle Creek.

The hobble skirt may do for avenue-promenading, but it is a flat failure for wear when ice skating. Not a few young women have found that out.

Professor Tamassia, of the University of Padua, has discovered a new system of identification by photographing the veins on the hands.

Argentina has reached the Louis XV type in furniture and the "arts and crafts" movement for simplicity finds no appreciation there.

According to the London Gazette, Middle Island, South Shetlands, does not exist, and has been expunged from the official charts.

Buenos Aires is also working for the "city beautiful." In nine years it has set out 142,000 trees and has opened 80 parks.

There are cattle ranches in Argentine with so many buildings that they almost form a town in themselves.

The British mint recently turned out its first square coin—5-cent nickel bronze pieces for use in Ceylon.

The Austrian river Polk drops into a big hole and disappears entirely into the interior of the earth.

Portuguese East Africa, province of Mozambique, is developing a rubber industry.

## NORTHEAST NEBRASKA IS BEST CORN AREA

### Labor Commissioner Names Knox, Cedar, Cuming and Platte In \$2,000,000 Class.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 24.—As State Labor Commissioner Maupin figures it, northeastern Nebraska is the finest corn growing section of the state. In his annual report just filed with the governor, Mr. Maupin says that, not counting Custer county, which leads purely because of its great size, the best four corn growing counties in the state are Knox, Cedar, Cuming and Platte, where the yield in dollars runs over \$2,000,000 for each. Cedar county, with nearly 3,000,000 bushels, leads all others in the state in the production of corn, closely followed by Platte, Knox, Saunders and Madison. Holt leads in the production of rye, with Antelope fourth and Brown fifth. Cherry and Holt produced the greatest crop of hay, while Boone is fifth in alfalfa production. Cuming is third, Burt fourth and Saunders fifth in the spring wheat crop, the great winter wheat production being in central Nebraska.

## SIoux CITY WOMAN DIES AT ELGIN, NEB.

Elgin, Neb., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Emma Cooley, aged 23, of Sioux City, Ia., died this morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Waldron, of this place, of diabetes. The burial will take place tomorrow at 1 p. m. at Sergeant Bluff, Ia. There are no children. Mrs. Cooley arrived on a visit to her parents Monday and since that time the disease had taken a radical change, terminating her life suddenly and unexpectedly.

## DUMMY WEST IS RETIRED AT END OF THE EIGHTH

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 24.—Before a large audience last night, Montana Jack Sullivan, of O'Neill, Neb., won from "Dummy" West, in the eighth round of what was to have been a 20-round bout. Sullivan had his man going in this round, and West's second, fearing a knockout, tossed the sponge into the ring. A special train brought in many fight fans from O'Neill. Many sports from Sioux City occupied ringside seats. Sullivan had aspirations for the lightweight championship, and a large following is ready to back him.

## BIBLES GALORE FOR HOTELS OF CHICAGO

### Gideons Will Distribute 6,000 Copies of the Sacred Work to Hostelties.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Six thousand bibles are to be placed in the hotel bedrooms of Chicago.

They will not be chained down. If a guest steals a bible to read it, the book will be replaced and the loss charged to the credit account, because the purpose of the project is to encourage bible reading. The Gideons, an association of Christian traveling men of the United States, are back of the movement. During the year this organization has placed over 50,000 bibles in the hotels of most of the big cities of the country. Reports from every direction endorse the idea. Bible reading is found to have received a tremendous impetus. Religious workers enthusiastically approve the plan.

Heads of important religious organizations in Chicago are lending their support to the move to equip the Chicago hotels with bibles. It is believed transient visitors will be brought in touch with religious influences, whereas men and women of this class generally cannot be reached by the regular routine of church and social work.

Bibles will go into the Chicago hotels in this proportion: La Salle hotel, 1,000; Great Northern, 400; Stratford, 300; Auditorium, 265; Grand Pacific, 200; Lexington, 200; Bismarck, 265; Marjestic, 200; Kaiserhof, 260; Windsor-Creston, 157.

## BRITISH OFFICERS GO TO A GERMAN PRISON

### Two of Them Are Found Guilty of Spying on Kaiser's Military Layout.

Leipzig, Germany, Dec. 24.—Captain Bernard Frederick Trench, of the British Royal Marine infantry, and Lieutenant Vivian H. Brandon, of the Royal navy, were today found guilty of espionage on the German fortifications at Borkum and sentenced each to four years' imprisonment in a fortress.

The British spies were arrested at Borkum on August 22 and 23. Brandon is a brother-in-law of Sir William Bull. Trench is a grandson of Lord Ashton and a descendant of Archbishop Trent.

When arrested both admitted frankly they had come to Germany to collect information which they intended to take to the disposal of the British government. This admission was repeated at the trial yesterday.

## SPRINGFIELD MAN ON SOLDIERS' HOME BOARD

Pierre, S. D., Dec. 24.—J. L. Turner, of Springfield, has been appointed a member of the soldiers' home board to take the place of J. F. Pratt, resigned. The appointment is dated December 20, 1910.

In many county districts in Hungary superstition is still life. One of the latest evidences of this comes from Grosswarden. In the communities of Vaskoh and Baresd severe earthquake shocks were experienced and in the former place the church bells were started ringing. A "witch" living in the neighborhood persuaded the peasants that the devil was hungry and was shaking the earth in his anger. Thereupon they collected a number of calves and goats and drove them into a cave where the devil was supposed to be dwelling. After this they set fire to the forest in two places to drive out the devil living there.

## CANDY KID ROBBER IS GIVEN LIFE SENTENCE

### He Confesses to Two Murders, Including That of a Chicago Physician.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Leigh Rhodus, known as the "candy kid" robber to the police, when arrested in East St. Louis for burglary a month ago, confessed to two murders in Chicago, because he said he preferred a murder trial in Chicago to a burglary trial in East St. Louis. Today he was sentenced to life imprisonment. His victims were Dr. William S. Michaels and Anton Helbig, a contractor, both of whom resisted robbery. In addition to the life sentence, Judge Karsten also sentenced Rhodus to serve three indeterminate terms of imprisonment, each from one year to life imprisonment. This was to forestall possible applications for parole later, it was announced. Rhodus gained his police characterization from his confession that he robbed more than 100 persons in Chicago so that his young bride might have candy and confections.

## RAILROAD STRIKE LOOMS SERIOUSLY

Chicago, Dec. 26.—The wage dispute between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the St. Louis, west, north and northwestern, today became critical, and it was admitted that a sudden break in negotiations would not be unexpected.

None of the parties to the controversy, the board of railway managers, Grand Chief Warren S. Stone, of the Brotherhood, or Mediator Charles P. Neil, would say anything touching on the situation. Elsewhere it was learned however that despite the fact the two parties were only a trifling percentage of the present wage schedule apart, each side saw in the efforts of the other matter of grave import which overshadowed the mere dollars and cents involved.

## RAILWAY WON'T SHIP SNAKES TO NEW YORK

### Asheville Man Brings Suit Against Express Company as Result of Refusal.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 26.—Because the Southern Express company refused to accept shipments of rattlesnakes a promising infant industry has been snuffed. Manuel West, a citizen of Swain county, this state, alleges that he has cause for grievance against the company and has filed suit asking for \$5,000 damages.

Weeks owns much land adjoining the Vanderbilt forest. It is rough and unutilized and especially adapted to rattlesnake culture. A New York naturalist, noticing the fine qualities of snakes that inhabited the cliffs of Weeks' farm, entered into a contract with him to pay \$5 each for the extra large snakes and others accordingly.

Weeks soon had a big catch of the deadly rattlers, which he boxed up and shipped to the New York address. He received a check and shipped a second lot, but while en route to New York the box was smashed. The rattlers escaping made the express crew desert the car. A day or so afterward the agent at Bryson City received an order to accept no more snakes for shipment.

## COUPLE IS MARRIED IN MISSOURI PRISON

### Woman Weds Man of Her Choice and Says She Will Reform Him.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 26.—The first wedding ever solemnized in the Missouri penitentiary took place today, when Governor Hadley, at the request of Mrs. Ruth Ritchie of Kennett, Mo., permitted Charles Beauchamp, that they might wed. They were engaged when Beauchamp was brought to the prison to serve two years for assault with intent to kill.

The woman pleaded with the governor that she would see that Beauchamp lived a proper life in the future. The ceremony was performed in the warden's office.

## PADLOCK BILL NOW THE LAW OF SPAIN

### Premier Wins Victory Over the Clerical Party in Securing Its Passage.

Madrid, Dec. 26.—After a stormy all-night session, the chamber of deputies today passed the government's "padlock bill" by a vote of 198 to 20. This is a notable victory for Premier Canalejas, obtained after a bitter fight involving not only the opposition in Spain, but of the vatican, whose seal of disapproval was set upon the legislation even before it had been submitted to the cortex. As originally drawn the bill prohibited the creation of further religious establishments in the country until the revision of the concordat had been completed or definite laws on the subject passed. In the senate the government accepted the amendment of Baron Radzaz, commander of the Amur-Cossack regiment, who was arrested on December 16 while visiting the Chinese side near Biagovishchensk. Colonel Radzaz was bound, his captives torn off and he was spat upon. Finally he was released by the Cossacks.

ST. PETERSBURG.—The refractory behavior of the Chinese provincial authorities in Manchuria is the subject of an editorial appearing in the Novoe Vremya. The newspaper recalls a series of incidents within the present year, the series culminating with a reference to the maltreatment of Colonel Radzaz, commander of the Amur-Cossack regiment, who was arrested on December 16 while visiting the Chinese side near Biagovishchensk. Colonel Radzaz was bound, his captives torn off and he was spat upon. Finally he was released by the Cossacks.

## CHICAGO WILL PAY MILITARY HONORS TO DEAD FIREMEN

### Twenty-Three Corpses Have Been Taken From Ruins, and Total Death List Is 28.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Firemen early this afternoon announced they were under control. They had the stock yards fire under control. With all city firemen accounted for except Engine Captain Dennis Doyle, he recovered and identified dead in the police list number 22. It is believed certain that Doyle is injured, having been with the crew caught under the wall. The 24th man believed dead and whose body also has not been recovered is a private fireman for Morris & Co.

Business men today planned the creation of a permanent fund of \$350,000 to care for the widows and children of the firemen. Chicago, Dec. 26.—Fire Marshal James Horan, who met death with the 23 others, nearly all of whom were firemen, at the Union Stock yards fire, will be given a public funeral, which will have something of a military character.

The common council, a regiment of cavalry, a squadron of mounted police and platoons of police and firemen on foot, with public bodies and semi-public organizations leading the concourse of citizens who are expected to ask to be permitted to show their affection for "Big Jim" as the marshal was popularly known, will be the features.

City to Pay Expenses. At the special session of the council today a committee of 15 was appointed to look after the funeral and it was agreed the city would pay for all funeral expenses, including medical aid to all injured, and continue for at least six months the pay of firemen killed. Mayor Busse has taken personal charge of arrangements and announced today he thought the funeral would be held on Monday.

Telegrams of sympathy and regret came from many quarters today, the firemaster of London, England, joining the fire chief of Seattle, Wash., those of New York, St. Louis, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Havana and of other places in sympathetic telegrams. Two more bodies were recovered this morning from the ruins of the Morris & Co. stock yards beef house, where Fire Marshal Horan lost his life. This brings the death toll, according to the police count, to 26.

Twenty-three bodies, including that of Chief Horan have been recovered and it is believed there are at least five others still buried in the debris. Through the night fire was shoting high through the roof of two Morris buildings adjoining the one in ruins. Early today, though still burning, the fire was considered under control.

More Walls Collapse. As the members of 10 engine companies were playing water on warehouse No. 6, the night fire was shoting high through the roof of two Morris buildings adjoining the one in ruins. Early today, though still burning, the fire was considered under control.

The falling of the walls and the scattering of burning timbers caused a temporary retreat of the firemen. The men were lined up to throw water on a point in warehouse No. 6. Suddenly the walls toppled, the alarm was given for the men to retire. They reached safety just in time, although many of them received minor burns. Captain Windheim, who was badly burned, was one of the last to get out. Sheridan, the clerk, was knocked off a high platform, falling on the back of a passing fireman.

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LYON COUNTY PEOPLE PRESENT REMONSTRANCE. Rock Rapids, Ia., Dec. 26.—The board of supervisors completed its canvass of the saloon petition last evening and holds the petition good. All names on the remonstrance not accompanied by affidavits were thrown out. An appeal will be taken to the courts.

NEW SUPREME JUDGE. Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 26.—Governor H. S. Hadley today appointed Franklin Ferris, of St. Louis, justice of the supreme court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Gavon D. Burgess.

## BIG BLAZE IN CHICAGO STOCK YARDS DISTRICT COSTS ABOUT 30 LIVES

### Conflagration Starts in Morris Plant as the Result of Bursting of an Ammonia Tank.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—At 1 o'clock this afternoon the fire had been hedged in, and its efforts to save any of the buildings originally attacked by the flames were in vain. The buildings destroyed include two warehouses full of dressed meat, hemp and the like, a tall house and several other structures. The total loss is \$1,250,000.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Fire Marshal James Horan and between 25 and 30 firemen were killed and 40 others injured today in a fire which at an early hour had caused \$1,500,000 damage, and at 10 a. m. still threatened the whole of the stock yards district.

A wall of canvas on the beef house of Nelson, Morris & Company, where the fire started. Beneath the canopy were two companies of firemen and the chief. These men were crushed to death. The debris made a furnace into which firemen were unable to dig for several hours.

Assistant Chief William Burroughs and Lieutenant Fitzgerald were with the marshal under the canopy, receiving orders for directing the fight against the spreading flames in other quarters, and they went down to their death with Horan.

Other firemen, witnesses of the disaster, for a brief time deserted the other parts of the blazing structure, and sought with their bare hands to drag apart the glowing debris to bring out the bodies of their chief and his companions. Finding this a vain effort, they obeyed again the order of the marshal to continue the fight against the flames.

Trying to Check Fire. Assistant Marshal Seyferlich and his men redoubled their efforts to prevent the spread of the fire.

The blaze was discovered at about 4 o'clock by a watchman in the Morris beef house at Forty-third and Loomis streets. An ammonia pipe, bursting, started combustion that spread so quickly the watchman barely had turned in the alarm before the flames began bursting from the building.

Fire Marshal Horan, at his home on west side, heard the second call for apparatus and went to the stock yards in his automobile. By the time of his arrival his assistants had abandoned the effort to save the beef house and were endeavoring to head off the rush of fire towards other buildings. Flames were coming from several structures nearby.

The awning, which later became the destroyer of a score of lives, seemed to offer a shelter from the flames. Under this the crews fled for shelter, led by Horan, Burroughs and Fitzgerald. On top of the canopy another group of firemen played streams of water into the heart of the fire. Suddenly Lieutenant Joseph Mackey, leader of the band above, felt the wall going and shouted a warning to those below. He jumped with his men and escaped death.

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FEARS FOR STEAMER. Hamburg, Dec. 24.—The French steamer Savona, owned by Sloman & Co., of this city, is believed to have been lost with her crew of 21, while bound for this port from Naples. The Savona is a sister ship of the Palermo, which was recently lost.

MILLIONS OF POLES. Washington, Dec. 24.—During the year 1909 there were 3,730,000 telegraph and telephone poles used in this country, according to a report of the census bureau, which was published today. Sixty-five per cent of the poles were cedar and 16 per cent chestnut.

all firemen of the loss of their chief, who was very popular in the department. Weary men sobbed as they continued their fight against the fire. The buildings totally destroyed at 11:30 a. m. include the beef house of Nelson, Morris & Company, with loss to building and stock of \$500,000; warehouse No. 6, loss to building and stock, \$550,000; refrigerator storage shed, \$50,000.

Mayor Busse has called a special meeting of the council for this afternoon to take such action as is necessary.

List of Known Dead. The following are the known dead: JAMES HORAN, fire marshal. WILLIAM J. BURROUGHS, assistant marshal. PATRICK E. COLLINS, engine company captain. DENNIS DOYLE, engine captain. JOSEPH MURAWSKI, pipeman. CHARLES MOORE, truckman. Among the missing are the following:

THOMAS O'CONNOR, pipeman. JAMES FOSTER, pipeman. JOSEPH OSBORNE, driver. J. H. BEHRNS, driver. NICHOLAS CRANE, truckman. FRANK WATKINS, pipeman.

Partial List of Injured. The incomplete list of injured included:

John P. Kassenback, pipeman, possibly fatally. Edward Oehler, pipeman, fatally. John O'Leary, pipeman, fatally. Martin J. Fitzgerald, pipeman, fatally. Antone Heiland, fireman, not fatally. John Carney, pipeman, seriously. A. D. Lannon, captain engine company, slightly. Joseph Mackey, driver, leg broken. James McGrath, captain engine company, leg broken. John Miller, pipeman, seriously. Lieutenant M. Edelman, crushed. Eugene Miller, pipeman, seriously. M. J. Sanders, policeman, overcome by flames. James Hendrichs, policeman, overcome by hump flames.

Two entire fire companies, the names of the members not previously counted in the dead, missing or injured are:

Charles Berkery, lieutenant; Charles Swenie, William J. Dailey, Peter J. Kill, William T. Welder, John F. Dubach, lieutenant; Charles Cooney, John G. Link, Joseph E. Kelly, driver; P. Eagan, John J. McClary, James J. Bannon, John Helfert, William T. Murphy.

Discovered by Watchman. The fire was first discovered in the basement in what is known as the hide room. A watchman making his rounds heard an explosion and immediately turned in an alarm by telephone and then fled from the building.

The long wooden canopy which played its part in forming the death trap for the firemen ran along the entire east side of the building. Railroad tracks climbed over the work of the men and made it necessary for the fire fighters to climb upon the platform beneath the covering.

The canopy itself formed a platform for other firemen who were fighting the flames from above it, sending streams of water into the second story of the building.

Story of a Fireman. A graphic story of the collapse of the east wall, which carried the men down to death beneath the wood covering, is told by Lieutenant Joseph Mackey, who was leading a company of firemen from the top of the canopy. Mackey said as he looked up he saw the walls bulge and he immediately shouted a warning. At the same time he jumped from the platform himself and was followed immediately by 10 or 12 of his men. None of these lost his life, but their escapes were miraculous.

"I knew Marshals Horan and Burroughs were beneath me with at least two companies of men," said Mackey, "and I shouted to them that the walls were coming down. I heard some from below shout a warning and I got my own men and myself out of the way."

Heard Groans of Injured. "Immediately after I jumped I heard the groans of the men who had been beneath me and I knew they must be caught. Although nearly all of my men and myself were more or less hurt, it flashed upon us that Horan was among these trapped and we bent every effort to save them."

"It was beyond human power to do anything for the moment as tons of brick had come down. When the bodies are found they will be beneath this pile of brick and mortar."

Hope of the firemen and the hundreds of admirers of Fire Marshal Horan that the fire fighter and his men had not perished was practically lost when Battalion Chief Lacey, who is in charge of the stock yards division told of seeing the marshal and Burroughs together with 18 or 20 men go down beneath the falling wall.

Saw Horan Go to Death. "Chief Horan was in front of the pipeman," said Lacey, "and Burroughs a short distance behind him directing the work of pipemen when the crash came. I know just where they were and am sure they had no chance of escape. Dozens of the firemen saw the same situation and many of the men ran to the pile almost frantic and began throwing the bricks away with their hands. They were like so many coals of fire and any work of that sort was useless."

"I ordered them back to fighting the flames with their hoses in the hope that the fire might be stopped in time to find a way to rescue the poor fellows we had all heard go down to what seemed certain death."

"I was determined to make every effort within human power to save the men, but the condition of the building made it suicidal for the rest of us to try to enter it."

"I was in charge of the firemen fighting the flames from the railroad tracks. I saw one man fall near where the men who were caught fell and I ran and catching hold of his legs dragged him onto the railroad tracks and saved him. Then my men and I made a rush to save others, but our way had been blocked by the falling ruins and clouds of dust and debris."

The first body was taken from the ruins shortly after 8 o'clock. It was that of George Murawski, pipeman of Engine Company No. 49.

It was estimated that 23 or 20 firemen were dead, after two hours' fighting to recover the buried men.

The entire crews of Engine Company No. 61 and 53 are said to be among the dead. In addition to six members of another company, 29 and a few of No. 48 were killed.

VICTORIA, B. C.—The date set for the removal of the queue from the heads of male Chinese was December 3, and when the steamship Americe left China a few days before that time the edict was being generally observed. The Americe arrived here yesterday. Assuming that nearly 200,000 queues will be cut off, the human hair market will be glutted. The prevailing style of hair dressing in the United States is for much artificial hair, but not nearly so much as is available. Human hair may be woven into cloth, but the fabric is stiff and unyielding.