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DEATH IN THE STORM'S WAKE

The Terrible Calamity That Has Be-fallen Pennsylvania Cities.

A HUNDRED KILLED AT READING.

Latest Particulars From the Scene Reveal More Horrors and Add Many Names to the Long List of Killed.

Death and Desolation. READING, Pa., Jan. 10.—The cyclone of yesterday left the entire city in darkness, which was only relieved by the electric lights and huge bonfires, which shed their lurid glare on the scene of death.

For the purpose of offering needed aid, Mayor Kennedy, at 3 o'clock this morning, issued a proclamation appealing to professional, business and other citizens who may be able to favorably report, to meet at the court house this afternoon 1:30 to devise ways and means to aid the injured and assist the families of those who perished last night in the fall of the silk mill, and at the Philadelphia & Reading paint shop.

The work of rescue was greatly retarded by the singular manner in which the mill collapsed. It did not fall, but was bodily crushed down, falling in upon itself. Not a vestige of the walls are remaining standing above the stone foundation, the rafters and members of the flooring projecting in all directions. As the building was steam heated, the ruins did not take fire, otherwise not one of the unfortunates could possibly have escaped death in its most appalling form.

The only eye-witness to the disaster, so far as is known, was Mrs. Gennill, residing on Mulberry street, "about twenty minutes six o'clock," said she to a reporter, "I heard an awful crash, and thinking it was the new ho use which is being put up along side of us, I ran to the front door. A great cloud of dust hung over the silk mill and I could hear the crashing of the timbers and the roar of the falling walls. The next moment a mill came in a great big mass, coming from the midst of which came such awful groaning and moaning and terrible cries as I never want to hear again. Not a soul did I see come out of the mill, and it seemed many minutes to me before anybody came to the spot. I stood there in the door, like one struck dumb until my husband came running from his work."

Teams of every description, omnibuses, funeral coaches, fire wagons, hospital vans, and private vehicles were pressed into service, and were running rapidly to and from the scene of disaster all night long, bearing the bodies of the wounded, dying and dead to their homes or the various hospitals.

From the statement of some of those who escaped from the building it appears that a loud groan in an instant. There was a loud crash of breaking timbers, and the persons in the mill all rushed toward the main doors. A good many of them succeeded in getting out, while four girls saved themselves by jumping from the third story windows. The crumbling noise was followed instantly by the falling of the building, the upper stories going first with their loads of human beings. Had it not been for the fact that but few of the hands were on the third and fourth floors at the time, scarcely a life would have been saved.

George Grimsaw, one of the proprietors of the mill who was in the office at the time and barely escaped with his life, having received several severe wounds on his head, stated there, to the best of his knowledge, about two hundred and seventy-five persons, principally girls and boys, in the establishment at the time of the disaster. Up to 8 o'clock this morning a large majority of the victims were in the ruins. George Grimsaw, just before daylight gave the following report of the disaster:

The list of deaths as sent to the Associated Press to-night is believed to be the first thorough correct one that has yet been published. It shows that there were 100 killed, but still there are over thirty dead and a number are still missing, and there is but one belief, and that is that probably a dozen more of the missing are still in the debris. The coroner has summoned a jury, and to-morrow will begin an inquest into the cause of the disaster.

Five men were roasted to death in the Reading railroad carpenter shop. They will hold no inquest on the silk mill until they are satisfied that all are taken care of.

Mr. Grimsaw, the lessee of the mill, estimates the number dead at from thirty-five to forty. A number are so seriously injured that they will die.

AT THE PAINT SHOP. The following is a correct list of those killed at the Philadelphia & Reading paint shop:

A. LANSBERGER, JOHN FOREMAN, GEORGE W. WILSON, JOHN KATZBERG, G. A. SCHAEFER.

The loss to the railroad company by the burning of the paint shops and passenger cars is probably over \$100,000. The silk mill and machinery is about \$100,000.

An Associated Press reporter was at the mill mill all night, and witnessed some of the heart-rending scenes. Relatives and friends were running about in their frenzy and grief seeking for lost ones as though deranged.

The incoming trains this morning continued pouring into this city their crowds of strangers, and as noon it was estimated that 10,000 persons surrounded the scene of the silk mill disaster. These greatly interfered with the work of removing the debris and taking out the dead and finally the Reading artillery, the city's only military organization, were called out to clear the way for the ambulances and crows.

This morning eight more bodies were taken from the ruins. The confusion is great, and a full list of the dead and injured is not yet made. The confusion has been contributed for the relief of the sufferers and benefits have also been arranged for the relief of the sufferers.

The latest estimate of the killed has been reduced to fifty, but this is uncertain, as no one knows how many human beings still lie beneath the mountain of brick, mortar and timber.

THE SITUATION AT PITTSBURGH. PITTSBURGH, Jan. 10.—Search for victims in the ruins wrought by yesterday's awful storm was prosecuted all night. The exact number of victims will not be known for several days yet until the debris is all cleared away.

Remains of two men were found under a portion of the wall of the Weiden building. They were identified as John L. Rogerson and Thomas Jones, two men employed as bricklayers on the Willey building. Joseph Gehring, a sixteen-year-old lad rescued last night, died this morning.

The search for victims is still going on. A number of the wounded are in a critical condition and their deaths are imminently expected. None of the men reported missing have been heard from and it is believed that at least thirty of them are still in the ruins.

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Another Fatal Accident. SUNDAY, Pa., Jan. 10.—A terrible accident occurred in this city about 6 o'clock last evening. A rain and wind storm came up suddenly and blew over two of the stacks of the Sunbury mill mill. They crashed through the roof, completely demolishing the upper portion of the mill. About five men were employed in the department and half of them were buried in the debris. The fire alarm was sounded and soon hundreds surrounded the mill.

Several houses were destroyed, and several hundred feet, pieces of scantling being driven through the weather-boarding of houses, and in some cases through the roofs. When the storm struck the school there were over four hundred children engaged in their studies. The children were all safely rescued.

It Struck West Virginia. WHEELING, W. Va., Jan. 10.—The storm did a great amount of damage in this city and neighboring towns. All through the surrounding country many buildings were injured and otherwise damaged and telegraph communication was seriously interfered with. Reports continue to come in of great damage from the storm throughout West Virginia counties touching on the Ohio, and in eastern Ohio. No loss of life is reported, but buildings have been unroofed or otherwise seriously damaged.

THE STORM WAS GENERAL. CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—Despatches from many points in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin, all show that yesterday's storm was general throughout the northwest, although most severe in northern Wisconsin and Michigan. In Wisconsin there was a fall of snow of from four inches to a foot. In Wisconsin there was a fall of snow of from four inches to a foot. In Wisconsin there was a fall of snow of from four inches to a foot.

THE BLIZZARD IN IOWA. MARENGO, Ia., Jan. 10.—(Special to THE BEE).—A terrible blizzard and snow storm has been raging here for the past twenty-four hours. The thermometer has already fallen to zero, and the cold wave is still in progress. Trains on the Rock Island are all delayed.

Northern Ohio Suffers. CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 10.—Reports from many points in northern Ohio say the wind storm of yesterday did considerable damage to property. No lives are reported lost.

THE CHARTER WAS REFERRED

It Goes to Berlin's Committee by a Solid Republican Vote.

LIVELY WRANGLE IN THE HOUSE.

The Matter of the Appointment and Pay of Committee Clerks Disposed of—New Senate Bills.

House. LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special to THE BEE).—The house met at the usual hour. The sergeant-at-arms endeavored to enforce rule 11, and some parties who thought they had the freedom of the hall had difficulty in getting in.

Mr. Yancy introduced a resolution authorizing the clerk to report all members as present when engaged in committee work, which passed. Also, a resolution by Mr. Hampton directing the speaker to appoint a special committee of seven from the committee on county and township organization, to draft a substitute for the present law governing township organizations.

Bills on second reading were read and referred. When house roll 65—the amended Omaha charter—was read, it was drafted, it is reported that it referred back to the Douglas delegation for inspection and correction before being referred to a committee and printed.

Mr. Berlin objected and a lively discussion followed. Mr. Berlin said he handed it in just as it came from the committee, that he drafted it, and preferred that it should be referred.

Mr. Morrissy replied that he had never read the bill and knew that the delegation had not read it. He said that he would not support it unless it was amended to make some corrections.

Mr. Hall asked if that was the bill creating cities of the metropolitan class. [Laughter.] Mr. Berlin replied that it was the bill creating cities of the metropolitan class, and every other large city is interested in it as much as we are.

It does not suit me in every particular, but I waive my personal preferences and insist upon the bill being referred. Mr. Berlin also favored the views expressed by Mr. Berlin.

Mr. Fermo said that the legislature had this same bill two years ago, and it could not be referred to again. He said that he would not support it unless it was amended to make some corrections.

A committee was appointed to act with the committee on the printing of the constitution. The committee on the printing of the constitution was appointed.

Mr. Christy of Clay sent in an amendment to include the counties of Lincoln and township organization, but this was withdrawn on a point of order by Mr. Caldwell. It was not in order to amend the report of a standing committee.

Mr. Gilbert of York opposed the motion. He said: "The committee on privileges and elections do not yet know what they want, and this is a bad precedent. We have already increased the number of clerks by six, and this will make seven. I think we should endeavor to cut down rather than to increase the number of useless clerks."

Mr. Caldwell replied that the committee on rules had overlooked the matter, and that the committee could not possibly proceed to business without a clerk.

Mr. Delaney declared a roll call, but it was withdrawn. The motion carried and the clerk was allowed.

On motion of Mr. Satchell, a recess was taken until 2 p. m.

Mr. Satchell introduced a resolution that any clerk should be appointed a clerk, and not for any recess unless their duties are such as to require their services at such times.

Mr. Johnson of Phelps presented a resolution declaring that it is the sense of the house that no more clerks should be appointed, and instructing the committee on rules to assign some of the clerks already appointed to such committees as may need clerical help.

Mr. Seed thought the object a good one, but that such instruction would confuse matters and cause delay.

Mr. St. Kayser was of the same opinion. Messrs. Johnson and White demanded the roll call, which resulted in a tie.

Ayes—Abrahamson, Baker, Bailey, Beckman, Berry, Berlin, Bisbee, Bohacek, Brauch, Cramer, Christy, Dodge, Coleman of Anderson, Coleman of Polk, Collins, Corbin, Craun, Cushing, Delaney, Denn, Dempster, Dickinson, Diller, Dunn, Ely, Everett, Farnham, Farnham, Gardner, Gates, Gilbert, Gilchrist, Green, Hahn, Hall, Hampton, Hauna, Hawthorn, Hay's, Hill, of Butler, Hooper, Horne, Hunter, Hunsicker, Leavitt, Lash, Ley, Majors, Mattes, Jr., McMillan, Morrissy, Neve, Olmstead, O'Sullivan, Potter, Rhodes, Tobb, Sargent, Satchell, Scoville, Severin, Shepard, Snyder, Stark, Swarts, White, Trussell, Weber, Webster, Wells, White, Whitehead, Willford, Wilcox, Woodman, Wutzey, 73.

Nays—Ballard, Bortis, Brink, Burnham, Caldwell, Christy of Clay, Fiedrowicz, Palmer, Hill of Gage, Hunsicker, Leavitt, Leavitt, McKelvie, Seed, St. Kayser, Watson, Westover, Whyman, 15.

The following list of appointments were made which probably completes the list for the session:

Increasing Clerks—Miss Cora Lee, Mrs. Jennie Ramsey, Miss Ballard, Miss Denia Carter, Miss Lena Rydal, Miss Mary Dixon, Miss Maggie Mullen, Miss Florence Shields, Miss Lillian Swearingen, Mrs. Charles C. Clark.

Enrolling Clerks—Miss Grace Yutzis, Miss Edith Outwater, Miss Grace Corbin, L. A. Chaney, Mrs. S. S. Brock, Mrs. Helen Sinter, Miss Ada Albright, Miss Ida Smith, W. F. Thomas, Miss Fannie Marlay.

Printing Clerks—L. M. Scytholm, time keeper; Guy Eaton, book-keeper.

There being no further business the house adjourned until 10 a. m. to-morrow and the committees met to complete their organization.

Senate. LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special to THE BEE).—The following bills were introduced this morning in the senate:

Senate File No. 23—A bill for an act to amend sections 46 and 49, Chapter 19, compiled statutes. It provides that supreme and district court reports shall be printed at \$2,000 a year, and shall furnish either party to a suit with a long-hand copy of the report of proceedings within thirty days from the time at which judgment is rendered.

Senate File No. 24, by Pope—A bill for an act relating to highways and real estate, and providing for the payment of salaries of county assessors as damages for not keeping same in repair. The district court shall appoint annually three road commissioners, a report of a majority of whom shall be binding as to necessary repairs. This act shall not relieve counties from liability for injury to persons or property, through defective highways.

Senate File No. 25, by Funch—An act to amend chapter 3 of the code of civil procedure of the compiled statutes of Nebraska, entitled "attachment," and to provide for the intervention of third parties in attachment proceedings.

Senate File No. 26, by Norval—A bill for an act to repeal chapter 45 of the compiled statutes of Nebraska for 1887, entitled "interior improvements," which act was repealed is the one providing for the donation of land to railroads, and for works of interior improvement by counties, cities, townships, precincts and villages.

Senate File No. 27, by Sutherland—An act

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ELLIOTT FEARS FOR HIS SEAT. Elliott, the sitting member from the Seventh South Carolina district, seems to fear that a horse will eat his seat. He is using every means in his power to dislodge the colored man, and his latest dodge is a resolution to make the words of Swain's vote to the polls together and that Small voted for him (Elliott). It is asserted that Elliott's vote was secured by the aid of Elliott's claim to the seat. It is of course, as false as the returns on which Elliott's certificate was issued.

It is not likely that President Cleveland will pardon him (Elliott) from the list, and appoint General Black, of Illinois, commissioner of pensions. The friends of the commissioner of pensions have been making diligent inquiry among the republican members of the senate for the purpose of ascertaining whether the nomination, if sent in during the next month, would be confirmed, and they found that it would not. It would take very lively work, even though everything moved off all right before the 1st of March, to have Swain's sentence rescinded, his name removed from the list, and General Black nominated and confirmed. Under the circumstances, the senate will not confirm the nomination of any man. The democrats are complaining bitterly because the republicans refuse to rescind the sentence of Swain, and are claiming that President Arthur's nominations after Cleveland's election, and before the republican president took office, it is asserted that President Arthur made no nominations on political grounds after his defeat in 1880. The friends of the republican party in President Cleveland there were not a dozen officers of any kind nominated at the second session of the Forty-eighth congress.

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And Tells Fishy Stories About His Rival—Swain's Case Not Very Helpful—The Absentee Malady.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 10.—It has been agreed by the southern republicans here that ex-Senator Mahone, of Virginia, shall receive their united support for a place in President Harrison's cabinet. Judge D. L. Russell, ex-congressman from New York, N. C., leaves here to-night for New York with a memorial from the republican members of the legislatures of his own state and Virginia, in favor of General Mahone, and a committee of thirty-five Virginians are to leave at the same hour for Indianapolis, in the interest of the Old Dominion's representative republican. They are dreadfully in earnest and say that if it is possible for the south to get a cabinet portfolio, they believe General Mahone will be the man selected. Judge Russell will continue his work for Mahone in New York.

ELLIOTT FEARS FOR HIS SEAT. Elliott, the sitting member from the Seventh South Carolina district, seems to fear that a horse will eat his seat. He is using every means in his power to dislodge the colored man, and his latest dodge is a resolution to make the words of Swain's vote to the polls together and that Small voted for him (Elliott). It is asserted that Elliott's vote was secured by the aid of Elliott's claim to the seat. It is of course, as false as the returns on which Elliott's certificate was issued.

It is not likely that President Cleveland will pardon him (Elliott) from the list, and appoint General Black, of Illinois, commissioner of pensions. The friends of the commissioner of pensions have been making diligent inquiry among the republican members of the senate for the purpose of ascertaining whether the nomination, if sent in during the next month, would be confirmed, and they found that it would not. It would take very lively work, even though everything moved off all right before the 1st of March, to have Swain's sentence rescinded, his name removed from the list, and General Black nominated and confirmed. Under the circumstances, the senate will not confirm the nomination of any man. The democrats are complaining bitterly because the republicans refuse to rescind the sentence of Swain, and are claiming that President Arthur's nominations after Cleveland's election, and before the republican president took office, it is asserted that President Arthur made no nominations on political grounds after his defeat in 1880. The friends of the republican party in President Cleveland there were not a dozen officers of any kind nominated at the second session of the Forty-eighth congress.

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