

ESTABLISHED JUNE 19, 1871.

THEIR FUNERAL PYRE

Chicago Firemen Lose Their Lives in the Destruction of a Big Warehouse.

IMPRISONED UPON A BURNING TOWER

Many Seek Certain Death by Jumping from Their Frail Perch.

OTHERS PERISH IN THE SEETHING FLAMES

Thirty Thousand People Helpless Spectators of the Awful Tragedy.

MANY DEEDS OF BRAVERY AND DARING

Awful Scenes of Horror and Death at the World's Fair Grounds—How the Fire Started, and Where—The Death Roll.

CHICAGO, July 10.—The fear that has existed for months in the mind of nearly every citizen of Chicago—a fear that none dared utter to his fellows, but that all felt—found realization today in a frightful holocaust at the World's fair that claimed nearly two score of victims and for a time threatened the destruction of the entire White City. Today's disaster was all the more dreadful because of its sudden transformation from an innocent flame into a death-dealing catastrophe. Like an animate monster it enticed its victims to the topmost stage of a high pinnacle and then, encircling the whole shaft in a sheet of flame, held them in a trap until one by one they fell as a sacrifice on the fiery altar that raged beneath them while 30,000 people stood helplessly by.

The structure that burned today was, by comparison, one of the smallest buildings of the fair. It was the cold storage warehouse and skating rink and was not the property of the exposition. It was a concession and exhibit of the Hercules Iron works and ice and refrigerating machine manufacturers. In addition to the skating rink there were three twenty-ton ice machines and thirty or forty barrels of linseed oil. This oil no doubt greatly hastened the conflagration, and that the fire was not communicated to the other World's fair buildings was due to the favorable winds.

The scene of horror was witnessed by many thousands of people, and strong men wept and women fainted, as one life after another was snuffed out within full view of the multitude—but beyond the reach of human aid. The fire was not generally observed until about 1:15 o'clock p. m., and within thirty minutes afterwards the great loss of life occurred. At the first signal the firemen rushed up the huge shaft surrounding the smoke stack and when at the summit began preparations to fight the flames which had at first appeared at this point. Before the hose could be coupled a cry of horror from the crowd below caused the firemen to look down and the whole shaft below was found to be encircled in flame. Instantly every man realized his danger, but there were few to find an avenue for escape. One man suddenly grasped a rope, and half sliding, half falling, reached the roof ninety feet below, in a bruised and burned condition, but still alive.

By this time the crowd below became wild with excitement, and weeping women and frenzied men rushed higher and thither, wringing their hands in anguish over their inability to render aid. Suddenly one of the firemen was seen preparing to jump, and every eye was turned upward. He gave a quick, spasmodic leap, and turned over half a dozen times before he struck the roof, ninety feet below. To the spectators he seemed a minute falling this distance, and then the body struck the roof with a frightful crash and bounced four feet in the air, and a groan of horror went up from the crowd. From this time the bodies rained from the steeple, but in nearly every instance breath and life had fled when the victim was picked up on the roof below.

After the first wild leap one man after another jumped in quick succession as the flames closed in below and the heat became more intense. In nearly every instance the victim turned over and over again before he touched the roof, and in nearly every instance the result of the desperate leap for life was the same—death.

Terrible Spectacle of Death. The very horror of death riveted every eye to the scene, and while men and women shouted hysterically and wept below the guards were almost powerless to keep the crowd away from danger. The spectacle of death became more terrible as the minutes passed and for the last man on the cupola remained the most dreadful fate of all. After all his companions had leaped to apparent death and the last man was hesitating the whole shaft began to tremble and vibrate. The lone fireman understood aright the ominous warning and gave a quick, wild leap. He was too late. At the very instant he sprang the whole structure gave way, and this human being, quivering with life and wildly grasping for support in the frenzy of despair, was seen to drop into the labyrinth of flame and fire and finally disappear entirely into the roaring furnace below. His was a literal death by fire, for the flames caught him while his mind was still active and all his senses alive to the terrible fate he was doomed.

It was a Veritable Death Trap. As a fire trap the cold storage warehouse could not have been more perfectly constructed. The structure was 250 feet long by 150 feet wide, and was entirely of wood, covered over with staves. The main body of the building was five stories high. In the center of this rose the smokestack in the shape of a cupola, to the top of which was about 300 feet. The base of this cupola was about thirty feet square. About eighty feet from the base of this cupola there was a balcony from which a square tower rose, culminating in the mouth of the smokestack. It was at the top of this cupola that the fire started. The present day's disaster was a complete and accurate list of the dead will be difficult to obtain, as many of the bodies were entirely destroyed and not even the officers of the fire department will know who of their men have gone until after roll call.

List of the Killed. The following is a list of the injured and dead as far as known at 10 o'clock. The work at the burned building is being carried on in utter darkness, owing to the complete destruction of the electric light wires. Sixty destruction of the electric light wires. Sixty bodies, all of them burned beyond recognition, have been taken from the debris since 8 o'clock. WILLIAM DAVIS, killed by leaping from the cupola. WILLIAM H. DEMING, terribly burned and credited to jumping from the cupola. PHILIP BRENN, was on cupola when roof fell. JAMES GREEN, fell through roof into flames. BARTON E. PAGE, captain World's fair engine company No. 3, killed by jumping. JAMES E. GARVEY, captain World's fair engine company No. 1, burned to death. JOHN MURPHY, leg broken, body horribly burned, died in the hospital. CAPTAIN JAMES FITZPATRICK, assistant chief, arm broken, body burned and crushed in falling, died in hospital. JOHN CARROLL, burned in the ruins. PAUL SCHROEDER, burned in the ruins. UNIDENTIFIED LINEMAN, working on electric light wires, burned in the ruins. LIEUTENANT JOHN H. FREEMAN, burned in the ruins. The following firemen are missing and are undoubtedly dead: G. H. BLAISDELL, M. DIXON, W. A. HUFF, A. L. OTTO, M. S. BONFIELD, W. G. STRUM.

Those Injured. W. P. MALONEY, both legs broken, badly burned. E. J. FRANK, leg broken and body burned; male. FRANK BERLINGER, badly burned and internally injured; will die. S. NORDBERG, burned and bruised. CAPTAIN THOMAS BARRY, of World's fair fire boat, badly burned, arm crushed, amputated; may die. JOHN DAVIS, hands and face burned. WILLIAM LEACH, face and head burned and leg mangled. MARTIN KIMBALL, of St. Paul, Columbian guard, hands and arms burned. H. BRUCKENBORG of Fair Castle, Va., Columbian guard, face and hands burned. MARSHALL JAMES L. KENTON, chief battalion, 10, 9, leg badly cut and mangled. F. H. DONAHUE, Columbian guard, slightly burned. M. MURRAY, burned and nearly suffocated. W. C. FISHER, eyes and face burned. W. LUNCH, scalp wound. G. S. HANAN, hand scalded. G. F. FRENCH, right hip crushed. FRED GHOERTZ, right hip broken. Known to Be Dangerous. That the building was known to be a dangerous fire trap by the company controlling it there can be no doubt. The fireman who reported the insurance companies who had taken the building were told that there was no insurance on it at all. Some one said the council of administration had ordered the construction of the lower closing of the smoke stack was hazardous. President Higginbotham said he had not heard of such notice. The Commissioner of the council of administration confirmed Mr. Higginbotham's declaration that the council had no intimation of danger from the cold storage plant.

When the fire broke out there was a large number of World's fair visitors in the warehouse looking at the large ice machines and other exhibits in the building. The first intimation they had of a fire was when the firemen rushed in and made for the roof. They were told to get up, but the panic-like rush made for the stairways. In their excitement some of the men thrust women and children aside and a number of them were thrown down the stairs. One man, whose name is not known, was seriously injured. G. H. Barnes, Jr., the 10-year-old son of a Toledo oil merchant, was knocked down and but for the aid of his father, who was a drug store outside the gates and his injuries were dressed. Women Reported Killed. It is reported by some of the Columbian guards that a number of women who were in the building lost their lives. One woman who escaped, however, discredited this story. Late tonight a ladies' ward was found with a body so badly burned that it could not be said whether it was that of a man or a woman. John Campbell, a painter, employed by Contractor Anderson, said: "I was in the tower when the fire broke out. I was with others. I was attaching ladders to the cornice. I saw the fire playing around the top of the smoke stack and I was in a panic. I did not seem to think there was any danger and kept at work, but I ran down stairs. I believe my companions were caught by the fall of the tower and were killed."

Missing from Roll Call. At midnight the following men are also missing and are supposed to have been killed: M. C. O'NEILL, driver engine No. 3. RALPH DIUMOND, electrical engineer of storage building. JOHN A. KANE, a lieutenant of engine company No. 3. Mayor Harrison was almost overcome when he heard of the disaster today, but he finally said: "Well, this settles one thing—the city of Chicago is going to assume control over those buildings where there is a possibility of fire. I am concerned and will do so at once. Tomorrow morning I will see that all these buildings are inspected and that whatever changes are necessary to the safety of the people must be made. Every day 15,000 people stop at the top of the cupola and look down at the event of a fire or panic hardly 200 of them would escape alive. These things must be looked to, and will be if it takes every man's life in the city. That cold storage building would have never been built if the city authorities had possessed a voice in the matter, and now she is left to speak and to act as she pleases. The world will know that the blood of these men is not on us and that it will have no avenging of these awful calamities if we can avoid it."

TWO MONTHS TIME DESIRED

American National Bank Can Then Secure a Firm Basis.

CREDITORS APPEAL TO THE COMPTROLLER

They Are Anxious that the Institution Be Given Every Opportunity to Arrange Its Affairs to Resume Business.

WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE BEAVER, WASHINGTON, July 10.—Comptroller Ecker approved today a number of telegrams from Omaha requesting that the American National bank be given until September 1 to get its affairs into such shape as to enable it to resume business on that date. Quite a number of these telegrams came from creditors of the bank. The comptroller is not disposed to look favorably upon such a proposition and is not inclined to be moved by sentiment when dealing with embarrassed banks. He is desirous of giving the American National every reasonable encouragement and today wired the bank officials that he would not consent to an extension of time unless he received positive assurances that the American National could comply in every particular with the terms of a reorganization plan which could be placed on a perfectly sound basis. A delegation representing the shareholders of the bank will meet at Omaha on September 1 and they would come on at once to have a conference with him regarding the status of the affairs of the bank and they hope to be able to present a satisfactory reorganization plan to the interest of all concerned to grant the desired extension.

Western Pensions. The following pensions granted are reported: Nebraska: Original—William T. Conner, Iowa: Original—Jonathan McLain, Samuel S. Smith, Mary Bresnahan, nurse. Original—Mrs. Charlotte September, Florence Dunn, minors of Newton, Harwood, Bridget Lamery. South Dakota: Original Widows, etc.—Isabella Johnson.

Retrieved His Conscience. Someone in Fort Robinson, Neb., is probably able to hold his head very high and look his neighbors squarely in the eye as an honest man. United States Treasurer Morgan today received from an "unknown" residing in Fort Robinson \$6 which the writer said he desired to contribute to the government in order to relieve his conscience. The enclosure was duly forwarded to the "conscience fund" and the Fort Robinsonite is doubtless happy now that he has made a just restitution to Uncle Samuel.

Arrived at Rio Janeiro.

WASHINGTON, July 10.—A cablegram was received at the Navy department today announcing the arrival of the cruiser Phila delphia at Rio de Janeiro. She will remain at Rio Janeiro long enough to coal up and then proceed to Valparaiso, Chile, where she will stop for further instructions, which, it is believed, will be to proceed to Santos until the state of affairs in Peru and Chile require her presence there. She has been eighteen days in going from New York to Rio Janeiro.

One Thousand Deaf Mutes Citizens Visit the Stricken Territory.

DES MOINES, June 10.—(Special Telegram to THE BEAVER.)—About 1,000 persons went on an excursion from Des Moines to the stricken territory of Pomeroy yesterday and did not return until 2 o'clock this morning. They report that about 8,000 strangers were in the locality of the storm's path from all points of the compass. All were prepared to see misery, grief and devastation, but none expected to witness the wonderful scenes that met their sight upon the arrival there. The list of dead now numbers fifty-five, two more are believed to have died yesterday. The number of living is about 100. The physicians say ten of them cannot live.

Swelling the Relief Fund.

BOONE, Ia., July 10.—(Special Telegram to THE BEAVER.)—Boone has about \$500 in cash to send to the cyclone sufferers. Of this \$100 was raised by the proceeds of a ball game between the doctors and lawyers of the town. The other \$400 came from collections in the churches Sunday, and subscriptions secured by a committee appointed at the citizen's meeting Saturday evening. Six nurses were sent from here today, their passage being donated by the Northwestern and Rock Island Roads.

Contributing Liberally.

DAVENPORT, Ia., July 10.—A car load of lumber and building hardware started today to the scene of the Iowa cyclone. Eleven hundred and fifty dollars has been sent. Another remittance will be made tomorrow. Sixteen hundred dollars has been subscribed up to this evening.

Movements of Ocean Steamers July 10.

At Philadelphia—Arrived—British Prince, from Liverpool. At Boston—Arrived—Columbian, from Liverpool. At Bremen—Arrived—Ema, from New York. At Antwerp—Arrived—Herman, from New York. At New York—Arrived—Arizona, from Liverpool; Saale, from Bremen; Weimar from Bremen.

Newcastle Bank Closed.

NEWCASTLE, Wyo., July 10.—(Special Telegram to THE BEAVER.)—The Bank of Newcastle did not open its doors this morning. The reason given is inability to obtain additional loans on securities, general financial depression and the unusual withdrawal of deposits. A committee of depositors examined the affairs and state that the institution is perfectly solvent. The depositors and stock-

ENSURING THE SALOONS.

How the Towns Propose to Fight the Eviling Bootleggers.

CECILIA, Ia., July 10.—(Special Telegram to THE BEAVER.)—The city council of Rock Rapids has followed the example of a number of other Iowa cities and decided to accept the fines collected by the mayor from the saloons each month and to use them for the city. The city has been infested by a gang of bootleggers ever since the prohibitory law went into effect and the council hopes to drive them out by licensing saloons.

Union County's Sentence Day.

CECILIA, Ia., July 10.—(Special Telegram to THE BEAVER.)—This was sentence day in the Union county district court at Marion. Thirteen violators of the prohibitory law were fined \$500 or ninety days in jail and costs. Eight others found guilty on two counts were fined \$400 and costs or 120 days in jail. Burglars Fry and Howard were each sentenced to eighteen months in the penitentiary. William Bens, for larceny, was given six months in the penitentiary.

Wants Pure Water.

CECILIA, Ia., July 10.—(Special Telegram to THE BEAVER.)—The board of health of this city is collecting evidence as to the quality of water supplied the city by the water works company preparatory to bringing suit to compel the company to furnish pure water. Samples of water have been sent to the state board of health for chemical analysis, and the result of this analysis and other evidence available on hand will show a bad condition of affairs.

To Mark a Poet's Grave.

CECILIA, Ia., July 10.—(Special Telegram to THE BEAVER.)—An monument is soon to be erected over Percival, the poet, which has so long lain in an unmarked grave at Hazel Green, just before the river beyond Dubuque. Some time ago the faculty of Yale college and a few others, admirers of the poet, took hold of the matter and raised \$1,000 which a fine monument was purchased.

Waterloo in Iowa.

WATERLOO, Ia., July 10.—Henry Watterson delivered an address on "Money and Morals" before the Waterloo Chautauqua this afternoon. While Mr. Watterson was a guest at Governor Hoar's, who introduced him to the audience. The collection at Chautauqua last night yielded \$145 for the relief of the Pomeroy cyclone sufferers.

Suing the Northwestern.

CECILIA, Ia., July 10.—(Special Telegram to THE BEAVER.)—E. S. Carpenter, administrator of the estate of Lemmon McCarthy, has brought suit in the federal court of this city against the Chicago & Northwestern for \$20,000 damages for the death of Mr. McCarthy, who was killed while in the employ of the company.

Death of a Notable Character.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., July 10.—A notable character has just died here in the person of Charles Brenneck, aged 79. He was a native of Germany. He built the first beet sugar factory in Europe, the first railroad out of Berlin and the long bridge at Harpers Ferry. He had been a resident of this country since 1864.

Death of Captain Kennedy.

DES MOINES, July 10.—(Special Telegram to THE BEAVER.)—Captain Thomas J. Kennedy, well known throughout Iowa and the north-west, died at his home here last night of paralysis, aged 68. He was a veteran of the Mexican and late war and figured somewhat prominently in politics a few years ago.

Charged with Stealing a Bicycle.

MALVERN, Ia., July 10.—(Special Telegram to THE BEAVER.)—Al Rice was arrested today for breaking into H. Richmond's harness shop last Wednesday night and stealing a bicycle valued at \$15. He was suspected of having stolen a bicycle from a farm near the poor farm, where it had been left.

Charitable Women to Meet.

CECILIA, Ia., July 10.—(Special Telegram to THE BEAVER.)—The third annual convention of the Fifth district, Iowa Christian Women's board of missions will be held at Corgan July 12 and 13. Miss Clara C. Davenport, state organizer, will be in attendance. A good program has been prepared.

Was a Double Murder.

OTTUMWA, Ia., July 10.—(Special Telegram to THE BEAVER.)—The coroner's jury in the case of the mysterious death of Lufe Stevens and Josie Bennett at Belknap, where they were found lying dead in the woods, returned a verdict that they had come to their death by foul means. Arrests will follow.

Killed by a Falling Tree.

OTTUMWA, Ia., July 10.—(Special Telegram to THE BEAVER.)—Sanford Edmonds was killed and John Lewis, Schuyler Sheets, William Beck and the long bridge at Harpers Ferry, were injured by the falling of a dead tree at Hodrick.

IN A CITY OF DEATH.

Awful Condition of Santos—Hundreds Dying Daily from Yellow Fever. PHILADELPHIA, July 10.—The brig Odorilla has arrived here from Santos. Captain Holland is the only survivor of the original crew, eight men having succumbed to the ravages of yellow fever. Captain Holland and his crew were taken to a hospital and suffering from yellow fever in Santos are heartrending. Thousands have been stricken and numbers have died. Anchored near the Odorilla were fully twenty vessels, every one of which had lost her captain. The London and Brazil bank closed its doors yesterday for the Odorilla, and the vessel could not get any consular certificate upon her departure from that port. Captain Holland believes the entire population of Santos to be completely depopulated. While the Odorilla lay at Santos the death rate daily averaged 300. Hundreds of corpses were piled up in the streets in all stages of decay. The patients die more rapidly than their bodies can be disposed of.

FIGHTING FOR A LICENSE.

Hastings Saloon Men and Gamblers Engage in a War of Extermination. HASTINGS, July 10.—(Special Telegram to THE BEAVER.)—The attorney for Ellis & Schuitz, the saloon men who were convicted in the police court of selling liquor to minors, today filed a petition for a temporary injunction in the county court asking that the city council be restrained from revoking the license. The writ was denied. This evening the council met in regular session and when the postponed resolution revoking the license was called the attorney for the saloons men gave notice that on Thursday morning an application for a restraining order would be made for a restraining order. Action on the resolution was therefore postponed until that time.

Leon Kopold Stricken.

Leon Kopold, proprietor of the European hotel at Fourth and Harney streets, had an attack of apoplexy early yesterday afternoon, and at a late hour last night was in a critical condition.

Visible Supply of Grain.

NEW YORK, July 10.—The visible supply of grain is as follows: Wheat, 61,829,000 bu.; corn, 858,400,000 bu.; oats, 306,000,000 bu.; rye, 362,000,000 bu.; barley, 390,000,000 bu.

MAY LYNCH ANOTHER MAN

Kentucky Authorities Think They Have Located Miller's Accomplice.

HIS CONNECTION WITH THE MURDERS

After Fighting the Officers Desperately He Admits that He Killed the Ray Sisters in the Presence of His Partner.

CAROL, Ill., July 10.—(Special Telegram to THE BEAVER.)—News was received here tonight that a negro had been arrested at Milan, Tenn., who is found to have been an accomplice of Miller and a partner in the crime, and who is the one that actually committed the murder of the Ray sisters. The sheriff at Bardwell, Ky., has been notified and if he proves to be the man as claimed, another lynching is in prospect.

A passenger conductor on the Illinois Central, who brings the news of the arrest, says the man fought desperately, but when finally overpowered admitted that he had murdered the girls, and that Miller knew it and refused to divulge it. Miller, who is in jail at Bardwell, is claimed to have said that while he did not commit the crime he knew who did it. He afterwards denied having said so. Chief of Police Mahoney received a letter this evening from Ben F. Cable, sheriff at Dallas, Tex., enclosing a photograph of a negro known in that locality as "Commodore" Miller, a notorious highwayman and murderer, who escaped from the Dallas county mill five months ago, and for whom a reward was offered. Miller, who was lynched at Bardwell, Ky., has seen the Texas photograph and has no hesitation in saying they are alike. The man who was arrested at Dallas, Tex., and who has been arrested at Sikeston, Mo., charged with the murder of the Ray sisters, is claimed to be the same man as the man lynched in Kentucky.

THEIR TAKE-OFF TOO HEAVY.

Concessionaires Club Will Refuse to Pay the Fair Management Per Contract.

CHICAGO, July 10.—(Special Telegram to THE BEAVER.)—Affairs on the Midway Plaisance have reached a stage where the concessionaires threaten to withdraw from the fair, unless the clause requiring 35 per cent of the gross receipts to be paid into the World's fair treasury be modified. Every member of the Concessionaires club votes in the statement that to pay one quarter of all moneys received for the privilege of doing business in Midway Plaisance will cause every one to close his place.

Today's meeting of the Concessionaires club was a lively one. The statement was made which is under contract to give 25 per cent of its gross receipts to the exposition, had not been made. The concessionaires are so angry that through a pull with the exposition directors the company would not be compelled to pay any portion of its receipts for the privilege of doing business in Midway Plaisance. The concessionaires are in a complaint to the council of administration asking that they should be treated as well as the Wellington Catering company was not compelled to close their places unless the exposition agreed to accept a smaller percentage of the receipts. The concessionaires are so angry that through a pull with the exposition directors the company would not be compelled to pay any portion of its receipts for the privilege of doing business in Midway Plaisance. 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