

RUINS BURY FIREMEN

Big Brooklyn Blaze Slays Three Flame Fighters When Walls Collapse.

BUILDING BULGES AND FALLS WITH HEAT

Five Men Are Caught in Wreck and Covered with Debris.

DAMAGE NEARS HALF MILLION MARK

Cooperage Plant Burns and Endangers Neighboring Structures.

ENTIRE BRIGADE OF CITY IS SUMMONED

Every Available Engine Pressed Into Service in Desperate Effort to Stay Contingent, Which Spreads Rapidly.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—In a fire which shot through five factories on the river front district of Brooklyn after 10 o'clock this morning three firemen were killed, three were badly injured and more than \$400,000 damage was done.

The list of dead and injured is as follows:

Head: MICHAEL O'TOOLE, fireman of engine company No. 55 on water tower.

THOMAS JEFFRIES, fireman water tower No. 6, crushed out of recognition.

THOMAS COPPINGER, chief of Twenty-third battalion, skull fractured, arm and leg broken.

Injured: Thomas McCarthy, fireman engine company No. 68 on water tower, right leg fractured and right hip crushed.

William McCooly, citizen, skull crushed. Beginning among the inflammable materials in the cooperage plant of Arbutuck Bros., at Plymouth and Bridge streets, within a half hour the flames were shooting from all the buildings and all the available fire engines of Brooklyn, with Chief Furrey in charge, were trying to save the district.

The cooperage plant of Arbutuck Bros. is an old-fashioned five-story building. It was filled from top to bottom with material for making barrels, the refuse from the carpenters' work, old barrels and loose casks and ends.

Fears were entertained that the flames would spread to a number of factories in the immediate vicinity and to the nearby tenements.

Thomas Kenny, a watchman in the Arbutuck plant, was resting down the stairs when he saw a ribbon of flame shoot out of a rubbish on the first floor. Almost before he could gasp the entire first floor was in a blaze.

He jumped from a window and before he had crossed the street the flames were shooting from the windows. Policeman Buckley sent in one, then two alarms. Before the firemen had arrived the third and fourth floors had caught.

When Deputy Chief Murray arrived he found a third and fourth alarm, and when Chief Furrey arrived, a half hour later, he ordered engines and fireboats from the Manhattan side of the river to help.

With the arrival of water tower No. 6 Battalion Chief Coppinger assumed charge of it and ran it till the water was caught under one of the walls.

The wall was seen to bulge at the third story and before the men could move the water tower the wall crashed down on them. The firemen and citizens were buried while the water towers were smashed to kindling.

Ten minutes later the first of the men were taken out. This was the battalion chief, unconscious and fatally hurt. McCooly came next. McCarthy, who will die, it is thought, was found half under a wheel of the tower, also unconscious. The bodies of Jeffries and O'Toole were found near them.

IMPORTANT RAILROAD CHANGE

J. M. Herbert Leaves the Denver & Rio Grand to Go with Colorado Southern.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—Nothing has been given out here regarding the future movements of J. M. Herbert, who has just resigned the position of manager of the Denver & Rio Grande railway, to be succeeded by J. A. Edson, former general manager of the Kansas City Southern railway.

Notices of Mr. Edson's appointment are being sent out today and the change becomes effective January 1. Mr. Herbert is in southwest Missouri en route to Denver, which place he will probably reach in a few days.

General Manager Russell Harding of the Denver & Rio Grand said today:

At his own request Mr. Herbert has severed his connection with the Rio Grande, but he will remain in the office of plans for the future. Mr. Herbert will probably reach Denver within a few days. If he wishes his plans known he will issue a statement there. Mr. Edson of the Kansas City Southern will succeed Mr. Herbert as manager of the Rio Grand railway on January 1.

A well-defined rumor is current here that Mr. Herbert will go with the Colorado & Southern railway, but officials decline to confirm it.

DENVER, Dec. 26.—J. M. Herbert, who has resigned as manager of the Denver & Rio Grande Western and Rio Grande Southern railroads, will become on January 1, vice president and general manager of the Colorado Southern railway and vice president of the Fort Worth & Denver. He will be in charge of the operation of the entire system from Denver to Fort Worth and will make his headquarters in Denver.

This announcement will be authorized today by Frank Trumbull, president of the Colorado & Southern and Fort Worth companies.

The office of vice president has not been filled since the resignation of B. L. Winchell two years ago. The duties which Mr. Herbert will assume have always been transacted in the office of the president and general manager. The change is made to relieve the pressure of business on President Frank Trumbull.

SHOOTS THIEF IN A CELLAR

Four Men Are Caught Stealing Potatoes and One is Instantly Killed.

WESTCHESTER, Pa., Dec. 26.—Lewis Brown, a resident of New Garden, a small village near here, today discovered four colored men in his cellar. He procured a shotgun and fired, killing one of them.

It is supposed that one or more of the others were injured, as traces of blood were found near the house. They had bargained about thirty bushels of potatoes and were about to leave when discovered. The coroner's inquest exonerated Brown.

DANISH STREETS IMPASSIBLE

Gale Blows Houses Down, Scatters Tiles and Chimney Tops and Wrecks Ships.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 26.—The worst gale of many years is blowing and has done enormous damage to property and shipping. The telegraphic and postal services have been interrupted and the streets are unsafe to walk the streets of Copenhagen are closed to traffic to avert this danger.

Hospital reports show that several persons were killed and many sustained injuries in the city. The pillars holding up the overhead trolley lines were blown down and the street car service was stopped.

Many houses have been unroofed and some mills and factories have been partly destroyed.

The water in the sound rose nearly as high as in the great flood of 1872. Several ships dragged their anchors and collided or were sunk in the outer harbor. The terry service between the Danish islands and Sweden has been forced to stop.

The gale was accompanied by thunder and lightning. Telegrams received here from the provinces report enormous damage to property throughout Denmark. Two boats have been wrecked off Elsinore and eight persons were drowned. Eleven were drowned in the wreck of the Norwegian bark G. S. Penry, which went ashore at Scaw.

There was a severe gale in the south of Sweden.

TUTOR WOULD WED PRINCESS

Fleeing Lady's Companion Talks Freely of Past and Future Plans.

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GENEVA, Dec. 26.—(New York World Telegram—Special Telegram.)—Andre Giron, the French tutor, with whom the crown princess of Saxony fled from her husband and future throne, talked freely today about the peculiar position in which he, the princess and the Archduke Leopold find themselves.

"I met the crown princess after she left Salzburg at Zurich," said he. "We originally intended stopping at Geneva only to purchase outfits, as we were without even underclothes. We had intended to go on to Mentone, France, as Geneva is exposed. Italy cold, but we feared that the foreign police might give us up should Saxony request our extradition."

"I hope to marry the crown princess soon, although I fully understand that to obtain a separation under the circumstances will be difficult."

VIENNA, Dec. 26.—It is reported here on good authority that the Archduke Ferdinand and the princess of Saxony propose to flee to the United States, there being little probability of their finding congenial homes in Europe.

LIVE ON RAILWAY CARS

Russian Earthquake Victims Compelled to Eat and Sleep on Rolling Stock.

ASHKABAD, Russia Turkistan, Dec. 26.—The oscillations of the earth at Andjian continue. The people there are using railroad cars to live in, since they cannot leave the town on account of their business interests. Commissioners have been appointed to prepare lists of the dead and estimate the property loss.

The stock exchange guards will be kept on the railroad between Andjian and Fedohenska to watch for fissures along the line. The railroad station at Andjian threatens to collapse. Barracks to be used as dwellings are being rapidly constructed.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 26.—The Red Cross society is sending representatives to Andjian to organize relief for the earthquake sufferers and has contributed \$17,500 to the relief fund.

FAVERSHAM TO WED MISS OPP

Romance Which Begins in American Tour to Culminate in a British Wedding.

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LONDON, Dec. 26.—(New York World Telegram—Special Telegram.)—Miss Julie Opp will shortly be married to William Faversham, the American actor, it is said here. Miss Opp is a tall, Gibboneseque beauty and has for two years been a favorite on the London stage, playing with George Alexander. Previous to that she acted in the United States for several seasons and it was while playing the role of the heroine in the "Royal Rival," in which Faversham starred, that their romance began. After her marriage, it is said, Miss Opp will play in the same company with her husband.

RULES OUT OLD CREDITORS

Mexican Court Holds Satisfied Claimants Have No Right at Meetings.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 26.—Some of the American creditors of the Monterey & Mexican City railroad have protested against the continued participation in the bankruptcy proceedings of creditors whose claims have been fully paid, and who have persisted in taking part as if they were still interested parties.

The first district court has again pronounced on this matter and parties who, without right, have attended the meetings of creditors, are warned that they must withdraw. It is hoped that the remaining outstanding claims will be paid and American creditors satisfied.

INDIAN REBEL SEEKS FREEDOM

Colombian Guerrilla Leader Tries to Escape from Warship Prison.

PANAMA, Dec. 26.—Victoriano Lorenzo, the Indian leader who fought with the revolutionists, made a sensational attempt to escape from confinement on board the Colombian cruiser Bogota yesterday, but was recaptured and returned to the ship.

Lorenzo was a most persistent guerrilla, and when General Herrera surrendered refused to give up his arms or to disband his troops. Force was applied, however, just as they were about to escape to the mountains.

Accused Man Not Dead.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The reported death of Frederic Humbert, husband of Mme. Humbert, in his cell at Madrid has not the slightest foundation in fact. The authorities at Madrid are taking minute precautions against suicide, a doctor being a member of the party which will escort the prisoner here.

NATION NEED NOT FEAR

Seligman Says Civilization Insures Permanence to Modern Powers.

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The governor recommends that a Philippine dollar of fixed value is to be coined under the laws of the United States it might be made legal tender in Guam, in place of the present Mexican dollar.

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COLD WEATHER IS GENERAL

Lowest Temperature for the Winter Registered in Many Places.

WARMER IN WESTERN PART OF STATE

Cold Record for the Season Is Broken in Iowa While in the Northwest the Weather Is Very Severe.

LINCOLN, Dec. 26.—At 8 o'clock this morning the coldest weather for the winter was experienced in Lincoln. The thermometer registered 8 below.

Over the state, and especially in the central western part, it was not so cold by two or three degrees. There is no wind and the cold is moderating.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 26.—With the mercury at 19 below during the night the two cities are experiencing the coldest weather of the present winter.

Similar reports are received from all over the northwest, but slightly warmer weather is promised.

Very Cold in Iowa.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 26.—The coldest weather record for the season was broken this morning when the official report showed 7 below. Yesterday it was 5 below and the day before was hovering near the zero mark.

This is the coldest for slightly over a year. High winds prevailed, which has made it seem colder. Much suffering has been experienced owing to the extreme severity of the cold.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 26.—Snow has been falling for more than forty-eight hours throughout the lower lake region. A high northwest gale has caused the snow to drift badly in places along the railway lines running into this city, with the result that much trouble is experienced in maintaining schedule time. Along the Lake Shore road in the vicinity of La Porte, Ind., a foot of snow is reported to have fallen on the level, while high drifts are constantly piling up on the tracks.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 26.—The coldest weather of the winter is reported from many places south of the Ohio river. The temperatures reported range from 8 degrees above at Evansville, Ind., to 45 at Galveston and 48 at Corpus Christi.

SIoux CITY, Dec. 26.—This section is in the grasp of a very cold wave. It was 15 below this morning, but moderated slightly toward noon.

Coal Is Short in Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 26.—The coldest weather of the winter has prevailed in Kansas for two days past, and it shows no sign of moderating. People in some western counties are being put to great inconvenience on account of the coal famine. Cattle are not suffering to any extent, there being no snow on the ground and feed being plentiful.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 26.—Advises received today indicate severe weather throughout Kansas and Missouri. Concordia, Kan., reports zero weather there and all along the Missouri Pacific road the same conditions prevail.

Fitchington, Kan., reports the coldest weather in years, the thermometer at that point registering below zero. At Atchison 5 degrees below is recorded.

At Mexico, Mo., a coal famine confronts the people of that section. There is no more coal for sale at any of the yards and the thermometer registered zero last night.

Railway Is Abandoned.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 26.—The Great Northern main line track from Everett to the Cascades tunnel has been abandoned since Wednesday owing to a snowfall. The bridge between Madison and the tunnel. The line from Vancouver is open and trains have been operated over it regularly.

Tomorrow morning an effort will be made to run a train from Seattle to Skykiah, to carry mail.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 26.—There is no relief from the cold tonight. The temperature at midnight is 20 degrees above zero. Tomorrow promises to show a lower minimum than today, which was 19 above, the record for the present winter.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 26.—The weather continues cool, and colder tonight. The lowest temperature registered during the day was 18 above zero. Indications favor continued cold tomorrow.

PROSPECTOR IS FOUND DEAD

Former Mayor of Atlanta Perishes in Colorado While Seeking Shelter and Food.

SILVER CLIFF, Colo., Dec. 26.—Joseph Hariton, an old prospector, missing for the last three weeks, has been found dead within 300 yards of his cabin.

The body was frozen stiff and gnawed and eaten by the coyotes and magpies beyond recognition, and was identified only by his clothing.

Hariton was a confederate soldier, and it is said he was at one time mayor of Atlanta. It is supposed that he perished in a storm in an attempt to seek shelter and food.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 26.—Joseph Hariton, who was frozen to death near here, is not known here and the name is not on the list of mayors of this city.

LAWSUITS TO AID MERGER

Colorado Coal Companies Fight for Millions as Preliminary to Big Combine.

DENVER, Dec. 26.—Litigation concerning the ownership of \$2,000,000 worth of coal has been started by the Utah Fuel company against the Colorado Fuel and Iron company.

There are forty suits involving title to 5,000 acres of land on the western slope of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, which the Colorado Fuel and Iron company is holding the land as agricultural land and the patents, or applications so read, and that the Utah company will lose heavily in coal mines already opened unless the title obtained by the Colorado company are set aside.

The suits are filed, it is believed, as a preliminary step to the merging of the two corporations, the action being taken to clear titles.

TWO KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Gasoline Stove Causes the Death of Woman and boy in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Two persons lost their lives today as a result of the explosion of a gasoline stove at 88 Gault court.