

FEARFUL DISASTER IN NEW YORK THEATRE.

Bridge in Street Scene in Performance in German Coliseum and Fell to the Stage—Thirty Injured.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—More than twenty members of the chorus of the Metropolitan Grand Opera Company were seriously injured to-night by the sudden collapse of the bridge in the street scene in the opening act of "Carmen." None of the principals was on the stage at the time of the accident, and the uninjured members of the chorus heroically massed at the front of the stage and sang on in an effort to prevent the public from learning what had happened. The curtain was rung down as soon as possible...

Without the slightest warning the bridge at the center of the arch gave way and the grinding and crunching of timbers being torn asunder, with the shrieks of the women drowned out the glad song of the chorus, and the accompaniment of the orchestra. Women in the audience jumped to their feet, screaming and endeavoring to make their way out of their seats. The members of the chorus not on the bridge at the time of the disaster did not lose their heads and immediately came closer together to screen the scene from the frightened audience.

At its greatest height the bridge was twenty feet from the level of the stage. According to the people in the front of the house, it seemed to give way with a rumble at first and then with a precipitate crash just about the middle. Most of the chorus on the bridge were standing at the ends. When the structure collapsed, they were thrown headlong on top of the people who held the middle of the bridge and were piled up in an indiscriminate heap.

At the close of the performance, Frank H. Palmer, master mechanic of the Metropolitan, was arrested and locked up in the West Thirtieth street station, charged with criminal negligence. Palmer, who refused to make any statement, will be arraigned in court to-morrow.

CURB TRADING PROHIBITED.

New York and New Orleans Cotton Exchange Will Enforce the Rule.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 7.—It is considered probable, as the result of a telegram received here from New York to-day, that the local cotton exchange will put a stop to all "curb trading" in cotton. The order was from President Shaffer of the New York Cotton Exchange, and said:

I understand that orders are frequently sent here from New Orleans parties to buy or sell after the close of our market or as commonly called "on the curb." The authorities of this exchange are firmly resolved to enforce the law which positively prohibits trading after hours. This applies, of course, also to members of your exchange, who are members of the New York Exchange. May I ask your co-operation in stopping the practice?

Secretary Hester said the local exchange would take action in the matter. NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—President Schaffer, of the New York Cotton Exchange, said to-day that the object of his message to the New Orleans exchange was to prevent further trading on the curb here. A rule of the New York exchange prohibiting trading after the closing hour, but this rule has never been enforced. The attention of the members of the local exchange, many of whom are members of the New Orleans Exchange, was to-day directed to this rule and any further violations will be severely dealt with.

Each year shows a further decadence of the phosphate industry in the State. The revenue at one time amounted to over \$800,000, while for the last year it was only \$9,723.01. Only two companies are engaged in the business, and the output has fallen off in about the same proportion as the revenue. The supply is probably being exhausted, but the main cause of the trouble was the discovery of equally as good rock at various places outside of the State which could be mined cheaper.

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought

GEN. STOESEL AND GEN. NOGI.

The Victor and Vanquished Met Yesterday, Shook Hands and Passed Compliments.

NOGI'S TWO SONS KILLED.

Gen. Stoessel Speaks Sympathetically to Nogi, Who Willingly Gave His Sons to His Country—Karopkin Hears Fall of Port Arthur.

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HEADQUARTERS OF THE THIRD JAPANESE ARMY, IN FRONT OF PORT ARTHUR, Jan. 5th, via Tientsin.—The meeting of General Nogi and General Stoessel to-day was an undramatic as to the closing of the siege. It had previously been arranged to take place at noon in the single undamaged house of the village of Shushan. This house was a miserable hovel called Plum Tree Cottage. Through a misunderstanding, General Stoessel rode out of Port Arthur at 10 o'clock accompanied by Colonel Rolo and two staff officers to the Japanese lines and missed the Japanese officer designated to escort him to the meeting place. The general rode there without an escort and was received by a junior officer who happened to be on the spot. The general, who had heard that Nogi had hurried his departure from headquarters and arrived at 11 o'clock accompanied by Major General Ichi, the chief of staff, Colonel Karopkin, Matsuda and Watabe, staff officers, and M. Kawakami, secretary of the foreign office at Tokio.

General Stoessel is a large man of heavy appearance and looks like a good fighter. When Nogi, looking somewhat dejected, entered the compound of the cottage, the Japanese general shook hands and Nogi threw an interlocking arm around his neck, expressing his pleasure at meeting a general who had fought so bravely for his country. General Stoessel thanked General Nogi for the pleasure of meeting the hero of the victorious army.

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"I allow each officer to profit by the reward privilege to return to Russia under the obligation not to take further part in the present war or to share the destinies of their men. I thank you and the brave men of the Russian army for the part they played in the present war or to share the destinies of their men. I thank you and the brave men of the Russian army for the part they played in the present war or to share the destinies of their men.

Both generals then mutually praised each other and their officers for their bravery. The conversation afterwards turned on the subject of the siege at Sungshu mountain fort. General Stoessel said the entire garrison of the fort was killed or made prisoners.

The Russian commander greatly praised the Japanese artillery fire, especially the concentrated fire against the batteries of the Russian guns. The Russian general also expressed his admiration for the skillful work of the engineers had also won his admiration. Continuing, General Stoessel said he had heard that General Nogi had lost both of his sons while fighting for their Emperor and country. General Nogi smilingly replied:

"One of my sons gave his life at Nanshan and the other at 203 Meire Hill. Both of these positions were of the greatest importance to the Japanese army. I am glad that the sacrifice of my sons' lives had been in the capture of such important positions, as I feel the sacrifices were not made in vain. Their lives were nothing compared to the objects sought."

General Stoessel then asked permission to mention his charges to Nogi as a token of his appreciation and admiration. General Nogi expressed his thanks for the Russian general's explanation, but said he could not accept the honor, but he continued he would accept it for the army, since he considered that the Russian general's explanation was in fact a special award and suitable memorial would be erected as a tribute to the bravery of the Japanese former foes.

After luncheon, at which both generals sat together, a group photograph was taken at the cottage and Gen. Stoessel requested his charger to show the horse's good points, said good-bye to Gen. Nogi and rode back to Port Arthur. The quiet and even solemn meeting of the generals ended at about 1 o'clock.

The regular Russian soldiers in Port Arthur marched out to-day. The only troops left in the city are the Japanese. The fire was started in Port Arthur to-day for which General Stoessel apologized. He said that volunteers were unable to control the populace and he desired that the Japanese enter Port Arthur immediately to keep order.

The formal entry of the Japanese army into Port Arthur has been fixed for Saturday, January 8.

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The Culture of the Scuppernong Grape

WILMINGTON, N. C., January 5. So many requests have come to us as to the best methods of cultivating the Scuppernong grape, that we give you the more important details in a circular letter. We wish to state, in the beginning, that we are better posted as to the vine making than grapes of any other kind. We have had many years' experience in raising North Carolina grapes and do not know as much about grape growing as we did. As these does not seem to be full knowledge, however, we give that we know for what it is worth.

The Scuppernong will grow and produce grapes of the same quality as the South of Norfolk, Va. While our air sections are better suited than others, we think we may safely say that any soil which grows cotton or corn mostly will produce Scuppernong grapes. They do not seem to bear well West of Middle North Carolina. The home of this grape is in the Eastern part of the State.

Cuttings may be secured in great quantity by taking any scuppernong vine and cutting it up into a group of five or six feet long, and planting it in June, and throwing a few shovelfuls of dirt on it at from two to three feet from the ends of the vine. These take root quickly in the first year, and can be taken up and cut off any time from November 1st to March 1st, and set in rows in the open field, selecting thirty vines with nice grapes, as the vine reproduces the kind. Seedlings (vines from the seed) are not so good as those you do not know what kind of grapes they will produce.

The land should be laid off nicely, in long narrow strips, and each vine being set out ten feet apart in the rows, and planted true and square. A good post standing out of the ground not less than four feet high, and one on each side of the vine, where practicable, of cedar, oak, or light wood, as the setting of the roots, will reach almost to the top of the post when set out, or grow to the top on their own. The vines should be set out in rows, and each vine being set out ten feet apart in the rows, and planted true and square. A good post standing out of the ground not less than four feet high, and one on each side of the vine, where practicable, of cedar, oak, or light wood, as the setting of the roots, will reach almost to the top of the post when set out, or grow to the top on their own.

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