

EIGHT ARE KILLED BENEATH FALLING BRICK AND MORTAR

Wall of the Peck Building Which Was Burned Last Tuesday, Fell Early This Morning, Crushing Eight to Death and Injuring Several Others.

The Dead Were All Guests of the Croker Hotel, Which is an Adjoining Building to the One Burned. Guests in Another Hotel Injured.

By Associated Press. Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 20.—The side wall of the H. Peck building on Fifth Street, South, which was left standing by the fire of last Tuesday night, toppled over in a high gale early today on the Croker Hotel, a three-story structure adjoining.

Tons of brick and mortar crashed completely down through the flimsily constructed building.

There was no warning and fourteen persons sleeping in the various apartments were caught in the crushed structure. Eight were killed.

Some of the injured were in the Belmont Hotel, adjoining the Croker, and were hurt by the debris forced through the wall.

The loss is \$16,000 and is fully insured.

BISHOP PHELAN DEAD.

Well Known Catholic Bishop Passes Away. Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 20.—Right Rev. Phelan, Bishop of the Catholic diocese of Pittsburgh, died today at noon.

Postmasters Named.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The following fourth class postmasters were appointed today.

E-Governor Eagle Dead.

Little Rock, Dec. 20.—Former Governor James R. Eagle died today after an illness of three weeks. He was governor from 1889 to 1893.

Bryan to Drink Democracy.

Lincoln, Dec. 20.—A giant punch-bowl, hewn out of solid black and white Virginia marble, that once adorned the festal board of Thomas Jefferson, now rests in state upon an oak table in the reception hall of Col. William Jennings Bryan's home.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 20.—Angered because his wife accused him of spending his money improperly Joseph Cooper knocked her down today and jumped repeatedly on her stomach, afterward following her into the yard and striking her on her head repeatedly with a spade.

Chicago's Quarterback Weds.

Jacksonville, Ills., Dec. 20.—Miss Agnes Chambers, Jacksonville, and Mr. Walter E. Kennedy, Chicago, were married here tonight.

THE SMOOT CASE. The Evidence is All In Hand.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Attorneys for the protestants in the Smoot case investigation today intend to conclude the examination of all witnesses they have been able to reach with subpoenas and in all probability, will rest this case.

Apostle John Henry Smith, testified that he did not know whether Senator Smoot had taken the endowment, but he believed he had.

THE BIG DAMAGE SUIT.

A Sister of Marcum Was on the Stand Today. Winchester, Ky., Dec. 20.—In the trial of the \$100,000 damage suit of Mrs. J. B. Marcum for the killing of her husband, Miss Sarah Patrick, sister of Marcum and the aunt of Mrs. T. H. Hargis, testified that the Hargis family and the Marcum's were not friendly.

Will Contest Concluded.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—The Bertha Dolbeer will contest will be concluded in the Superior Court tomorrow.

Woman 64 Years Old Hanged Herself.

Baltimore, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Sarah Sauble, sixty-four years old, wife of Elias Sauble, of Woodensbury, Baltimore county, arose before the rest of the family this morning, dressed herself carefully, and then hanged herself.

Mrs. Chadwick to go on Stand.

Cleveland, Dec. 20.—Attorney Dawley announced that he would offer no further objection to the testimony of Mrs. Chadwick as the witness stand in the bankruptcy hearing this afternoon.

YARN SPINNERS ARE TO MEET HERE JAN. 5

A Call Has Been Issued to All the Hard Yarn Spinners of the South, to Meet in Charlotte, Thursday, January 5th, Important Questions to be Discussed.

Jumps on Wife's Body.

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Frequently Y. M. C. A. in Paris.

Paris, Dec. 20.—Doctor Leroy S. Chadwick, of Cleveland, Ohio, is still here. He resorts further inquiries concerning the case of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick or his connection with it.

NAN PATTERSON IS UNDER THE FIRE OF PROSECUTOR RAND

A Complete Exposure of the Double Life of Caesar Young, the Dead Bookmaker. The Woman Tells Her Story in a Most Dramatic Manner.

Says Young Gave Her \$2,800, While They Were Out West, in Order to Induce Her to Leave Him and Come to New York to Remain.

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 20.—Facing a public prosecutor for cross-examination, the most trying ordeal of her life, confronted Nan Patterson, when the trial for the murder of Caesar Young was resumed today.

"Do you remember going from San Francisco with Young last year to Los Angeles?"

"Yes," she replied. "I am," replied the defendant.

"Did Mr. Young give you money when you came back East?"

"Yes," she replied. "How much did he give you?"

"I think, \$2,800." "Just for two weeks?"

"He gave you \$2,800 to come East for two weeks?"

"Yes," she replied. "Mr. Rand then led up to the time when she came to New York last May. Two days later she went to live with her sister, Mrs. J. Morgan Smith, and Young continued to call upon her and frequently talked plans for the future."

"You didn't care how long he was to be gone did you?" "Asked Mr. Rand. "Why, of course I cared," witness flashed back at him.

"You must be in terrible straits," said Mr. Levy.

"That is not answering my question." "That is my only answer."

This completed the cross-examination and after the hospital clerk had testified regarding the ambulance call to East Thirty-fourth street, Ferry, at 6:30 o'clock, June 3rd, the defense rested its case.

"Miss Patterson, in fixing the time of her return to the city on June 3rd from the race track, told of seeing an ambulance while coming out the Ferry house."

"She said that on June 3rd Young told her his folks had bought tickets for him; that he was trapped and would have to go to Europe."

"He said he was afraid Mrs. Young would kill him or kill me." "This was the day before he died?" "Yes, he said he was armed."

"Did he say she would slay him, put him out of the way?" "Yes," she replied.

TWO STEAMERS ARE SEIZED BY THE JAPS BOTH ARE BRITISH

The Steamer Nigretia Was Seized Off the Coast of Korea, Yesterday. A Large Quantity of Contraband of War, Was on Board the Vessel.

The Steamer King Arthur, Was Captured While Attempting to Leave Port Arthur. The Vessel, it is Said, Took Supplies to Pt. Arthur.

By Associated Press. Tokio, Dec. 20.—The British steamer Nigretia, bound for Vladivostok, was seized off Unsan, Korea, yesterday.

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The Japanese fired an immense mine under portions of the town yesterday (Sunday) afternoon.

The following report of the capture was telegraphed from General Nogai's headquarters today:

At 2:15 o'clock on the afternoon of December 18 part of our army blew up the parapets of the north fort of East Kekwan mountain and then charged. A fierce battle with hand grenades then ensued.

Subsequently, at 7 o'clock in the evening Gen. Semiamin, commanding the supports, advanced into the casements and encouraging his men threw his supporters into the fighting line in a last brave charge.

"We captured five nine-centimeter field guns and two machine guns, as well as plenty of ammunition."

"The enemy left forty or fifty dead. Our casualties have not been investigated, but they are not heavy."

It is reported that the Japanese have seized a strong position about 1,000 yards southeast of Two Hundred and Three Metro Hill, preparatory to assaulting the new town and pushing between Liaoli mountain and the Russian headquarters at Port Arthur.

TEXAS RAILWAY RESTAURANT.

Is Burned With a Total Loss of Nearly \$250,000. Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 20.—Originally, according to the current report, in the kitchen of the restaurant in the magnificent Texas and Pacific passenger station, a fire broke out this afternoon about 2:30, and before it was under control the roof of the building, the offices of the train dispatchers, the joint Texas and Pacific and Katy offices, and the Western Union telegraph office, and the kitchen and all of the rooms on the third floor were destroyed, entailing a loss of about \$250,000.

Oom Paul's Curious Will.

London, Dec. 20.—The Daily Express among the articles included in the movable property left for former President Kruger in Europe are the following: enumerated: or purposes of the will: One bottle of snuff, one tall silk hat, one black ear tube, various Psalm books, a large Bible, six smaller Bibles, eight button decorations, a purse containing one Transvaal sovereign, one Transvaal half sovereign and one Transvaal shilling, one straw hat, the great Cross of the Netherlands, the German Red Eagle, the French Cross of the Legion of Honor, the Great Cross of Monaco and two envelopes containing hair and beard of deceased.

Surgeons Endow Boy With Rabbit's Eye.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—Authorities at the Hahnemann Hospital said tonight that there was every indication that the operation of grafting skin on the eye of a boy performed at the hospital would prove successful.

RANG FALSE ALARMS.

Boys to Be Tried For Numerous Offenses Since October 14. There was a good deal of a sensation sprung among the members of the fire department last evening and today when after working on the case for some days, they secured the names of a number of small boys who are charged with turning in false fire alarms from three different boxes, the first alarm being rung in on October 14 and the last on December 11.

Before the Recorder this afternoon the cases will be heard and the following boys have been summoned to appear and testify in the matter: Jim Morris, Mark McQuarry, Nub Pridden and Frank Hargett.

An investigation on the part of the chief of the fire department and the police authorities has been going on for some time and the final investigation will take place this afternoon, when it is believed that the guilty party will be found.

The dates on which the alarms were turned in and which proved to be false were December 11, box 26, November 26, box 43 and October 14, box 25.

This is perhaps the most flagrant violation of the city ordinance upon the offense of turning in false alarms that has ever been brought to the attention of the authorities and the investigation this afternoon will be somewhat of a sensational affair if the guilty party, or parties are discovered.

Friend Will: Accept this little token as a Christmas present. Hoping you will enjoy it. With greetings, As he was about to use the plug, Lutz happened to notice a carefully concealed slit in the side.

Clinton, Ia., Dec. 20.—Alderman J. M. Adams, of Tampa, presents the queer spectacle of having himself arrested, on his own complaint, and fined for a violation of the town ordinance.

A few days ago, while moving an old building with the aid of a tobacco engine, he passed over a number of street crossings without first planking them.

"Before retiring the enemy exploded four mines in the neighborhood of the neck of the fort."

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THE MOSCOW RIOTS.

The Official Account of the Trouble Now Published. By Associated Press. Moscow, Dec. 20.—The official account of the riots says the agitation among the Moscow students commenced after the St. Petersburg riots of December 11th.

Townville Oil Mill Burned.

Anderson, Dec. 20.—The oil mill and gin at Townville, in the northwestern part of the county, was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning. The total loss is about \$20,000.

Spend \$5,000 a Week.

New York, Dec. 20.—One week ago J. M. Williams arrived in Denver from Rawlins, Wyo., with \$5,000. Last night Williams slipped out with a gang of laborers and, after paying the labor agent a fee for securing him a job, he had not a cent in the world.

CHARTER GRANTED BELMONT COMPANY IN RALEIGH TO-DAY

The Eastside Mercantile Company With an Authorized Capital of \$25,000, Was Chartered by the Secretary of State This Morning.

The Supreme Court Adjoined for the Term, This Afternoon. Several Important Opinions Were Handed Down Before the Adjournment.

Special The News. Raleigh, Dec. 20.—The Eastside Mercantile Company, of Belmont Springs, near Charlotte, was chartered today, with a capital of \$25,000.

Another charter was granted, to the Bank of Marshallville, in Union county, with a capital of \$10,000.

There were five opinions by the Supreme Court this afternoon, and another was dismissed per curiam.

Whitson vs. railroad, from Burke, error; Jones vs. Warehouse Co., Forsyth; East vs. Smith, Bladen; new trial; Holland vs. railroad, Moore, new trial; Rollins vs. Ebbs, Haywood, new trial; Porter vs. Armstrong, Pender, per curiam, petition dismissed, questions at issue decided in another proceeding.

Governor-Elect Glenn is in conference with Governor Aycock today. He will make no appointment, yet regarding his appointments. He leaves for home tonight.

Last night on one of the principal streets of the city a negro youth attacked two ladies, Mrs. Mitchell and her sister, Miss Kattie Ferrell, snatching a number of bundles from one and a purse from the other.

A voluntary petition for bankruptcy was filed in the Federal Court today for W. W. Mills, this step being made necessary by the recent failure of the W. W. Mills Lumber Co.

The State Department of Agriculture has arranged for a series of Farmers Institutes to be held in eastern counties beginning at Warrenton January 3 and closing January 28 at Windsor.

The Charlotte Ducking Co. of Charlotte is chartered with \$50,000 capital authorized and \$11,500 subscribed by J. Hirsinger, Belk Bros, D. A. Tompkins and others.

Another charter is to the Highlands Hotel Co., of Charlotte, capital \$200,000 authorized and \$15,000 subscribed by R. A. Dunn, P. M. Brown, W. S. Alexander, J. S. Myers, J. H. Wear, and J. R. Pharr.

The Supreme Court handed down six opinions this evening, the most notable being in Monk vs. City of Wilmington. A new trial is ordered, the court holding that the necessary twenty years of uninterrupted possession by the plaintiff was not established.

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The matter having reached this point the News was informed today that the 4 C's will resist any attempt on the part of the Catawba Power Company to place their poles on wires on the streets of Dilworth with the exception of the Boulevard.

The situation is a most interesting one and promises a hard fought battle, as both sides will call in the aid of the best attorneys to help in the settlement of the misunderstanding between them.

BIG LEGAL BATTLE MAY BE THE RESULT

Catawba Power Company Stopped From Erecting Electric Light Poles in Dilworth. An Interesting Situation Which Will be Watched With Interest.

Because a well known resident of Dilworth, who has been using power from the 4 C's Company, asked for a change, giving orders to the Catawba Power Company to furnish power hereafter, a most interesting legal battle promises to be the result.

The 4 C's, it is understood makes the claim that the streets of Dilworth, excepting the Boulevard, are private property and that the Catawba Power Company has no right to put up their poles on any other streets or avenues in Dilworth, the 4 C's claiming that such action would be an invasion of private rights.

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