

# MANY DIE IN LAKE HORROR OFF CHICAGO

## Seventy Workmen Caught in Blazing Prison on the Temporary Water Crib Structure.

### LEAP FROM FLAMES TO WATER.

#### Hundreds of Persons, Powerless to Give Relief, Witness Struggles of Laborers from Shore.

Over half a hundred unfortunate workmen lost their lives and more than a score were injured Wednesday morning in a fire which destroyed the intermediate crib in Lake Michigan, a mile and a half off 71st street, Chicago, used by George W. Jackson, the contractor, in the construction of a new water tunnel. Estimates of the fatalities ranged from fifty to sixty. Seventy men, who lived at the crib and worked in shifts, were on the structure when the fire broke out. Many of them were burned to death before they could reach the doors. Others, their clothes aflame, leaped into the icy water regardless of the results. A number, unable to swim, sank beneath the surface. Others swam to cakes of ice to support themselves until the arrival of relief.

**Starts from Powder Explosion.**  
The fire originated in the powder magazine on the first landing. Many of the employees were asleep in bunks, and others were just going to work, when a sheet of flame shot through the building. The alarm spread rapidly. Chicagoans who heard of the impending disaster were appalled when they learned that over seventy workmen at the crib were completely isolated from the shore. Smoke could be faintly seen puffing up 8,000 feet away, where a light mist lay over the water. Occasionally a tongue of red flame flared up. An alarm was sent at once to South Chicago, where the fire tug Conway was stationed.

Confined in a fiery prison, with all means of communication with the shore cut off and the icy waters of Lake Michigan all about them, the workmen made a desperate fight for their lives, which was witnessed by crowds on the shore. As soon as the alarm was given prompt measures of relief were taken. The quick spread of the flames in the wooden structure and the distance to be covered made these efforts all but useless.

The crowds on the shore watching the distant blaze with its plume of black smoke, the squad of men on the adjoining crib and those working from the fire tug Conway, which had been hurried through the ice floes from its station in South Chicago to the scene of the conflagration, were greatly alarmed when it was learned that three tons of dynamite were stored in the substructure of the burning crib. The flames spread rapidly, and it was but a few moments when the crib was a mass of flames. Hundreds of persons gathered on the shore to watch the fire, but were powerless to render aid. Ambulances were on hand, but the imprisoned men could not be reached.

### IROQUOIS CLAIMS BEING PAID.

#### Relatives of Dead or Injured in Theater Fire Receiving Damages.

After five years of litigation in different courts, the first settlement was made the other day with the relatives of many of those who lost their lives or were injured in the Iroquois theater fire in Chicago. A settlement was made, through which approximately \$30,000 will be paid by the George A. Fuller Construction Company to heirs of thirty-five persons killed in the fire. A similar settlement of \$750 a case was made by the construction company, which was one of the defendants in the different suits brought. By the action of Attorney Charles C. Spencer in dismissing the cases in the Circuit and Superior Courts the final chapter in the theater tragedy has been begun.

### DUKE WOULD RESIGN FOR LOVE.

#### Abruzzi Refused Permission to Give Up Rank and Wed Miss Elkins.

A special dispatch from Turin to the Petit Parisien says that the Duke of the Abruzzi has decided to resign from the navy and to renounce all rank and honors in order to marry Miss Katherine Elkins, but that the king has refused to accept the duke's resignation. A number of officers conversant with the situation, who form the queen, while she was aboard the battleship Regina Elena at Messina, to intercede with the king for his consent to the marriage, according to the dispatch, were placed under arrest by Admiral Miraballo, the minister of marine. Many high naval officials have decided to resign with the Duke of the Abruzzi in token of their sympathy.

### Penitentiary for Registration Fraud.

Andrew White, who pleaded guilty in St. Louis to a charge of fraudulent registration and was sentenced to a year in the penitentiary, was the thirtieth voter to be convicted of fraud in the last registration.

### Train Kills a Millionaire.

J. D. Wood of Salt Lake, millionaire mine owner and perhaps the largest sheep owner in the West, was killed by a Union Pacific engine. It is thought that Mr. Wood was taking a walk about the yards and failed to hear the approaching train.

### Fifteen Years in Prison.

J. B. F. Rinehart, former cashier and president of the Farmers' and Drivers' National Bank at Waynesburg, Pa., which failed two years ago for \$2,000,000, was found guilty of wrecking the bank. He was immediately sentenced by United States Judge James S. Young to serve fifteen years in the penitentiary.

### Congress Drops Gov. Lilley.

George L. Lilley, who was inaugurated Governor of Connecticut on Jan. 5 while occupying a seat in the national House of Representatives, has been dropped from membership of that body.

### THAW SANITY ISSUE UP.

#### Trial Granted, but Jury Is Refused and Case Goes to New York.

Harry K. Thaw will be given a trial as to his sanity, but the manner in which he is to have it has aroused the indignation of his mother and counsel, as well as of the man himself. An order for a trial was issued Saturday by Justice A. T. Tompkins at Nyack, but the judge did not grant a hearing before a jury, as asked in the petition. Instead he decided that the case be heard before a court or judge in New York City, with or without the assistance of a referee, as the trial judge may decide. It was hoped by Thaw's friends that the inquiry would be held in Dutchess County, where the Matteawan State Asylum, in which Thaw is now confined, is situated.

Mrs. Thaw, after she had heard of the decision, gave out the following signed statement: "I am told that no patient, either through his counsel or his family, is able to remove such a case as my son's from the district in which the hospital is situated and it is an outrage that Mr. Jerome, who has shown such baseless vindictiveness, not only against my son, but against others connected with the case, should be allowed to violate this rule, especially when it is plain that Mr. Jerome's pretense that my son has paranoia is made in bad faith, or his colleague, Mr. Gardner, in his address to the court last Saturday would not have entirely ignored this claim, and instead have feebly argued that he had maniacal depressive insanity, which every alienist ever connected with the case considers preposterous. I am told, and it seems to me probable, that the threat Mr. Jerome made after the first jury disagreed, that he would delay any second trial in the hope that my son might go crazy in the Tombs, is neither forgotten nor abandoned."

### PEOPLE NAME SENATOR.

#### Oregon's Republican Legislature Elects Democrat as Instructed.

Governor George E. Chamberlain, a Democrat, was elected Tuesday by a Republican Legislature as United States Senator from Oregon, thus solving the problem of choosing Senators by popular vote without infringing on the Constitution of the United States. Popular will triumphed, backed by a strong people's lobby determined to see that the members of the Legislature carried out the instructions given at the polls. A suggestion of extreme measures for any violating pledges helped keep all in line. It was also declared that the "recall" would be used on offending lawmakers.

With the Republicans in a majority, many party leaders hoped to secure one of their political faith chosen as successor to Senator Charles W. Fulton, despite the voters' instructions, and a campaign with this object in view had been carried on, but without result. Tuesday's ballot was by the houses separately, and the result was ratified by a vote in joint session Wednesday. In the House Chamberlain was given 34 votes and in the Senate 19, a total of 53, or seven more than was necessary to bring about the election.

Under the Oregon direct primary law political parties nominate a candidate as the choice of the party for United States Senator. For nominee of the Republicans in the last election Senator Fulton was defeated by Henry M. Calk. The Democrats had only one aspirant, Governor Chamberlain. Prior to the June election Calk and Chamberlain campaigned for the popular vote, Chamberlain, Democrat, defeating Calk, Republican, although Oregon is Republican by an overwhelming majority.

### KILLED IN BIG COLLISION.

#### Passenger Train in Colorado Crashes Into Double Head Freight.

Twenty-one persons were killed and thirty injured, many of them seriously, in a head-on collision between west-bound passenger train No. 5 and an east-bound freight train on the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad, between Dotsero and Spruce Creek, twenty-two miles from Glenwood Springs, Colo. While nothing official has been given out as to the cause of the wreck, it is said to have been due to a misunderstanding of orders on the part of Engineer Gustaf Olson of the passenger train. Olson, however, claims he understood his instructions perfectly, but that he misread his watch, thus encountering the train of the freight train, which was being drawn by two engines, the first of which was in charge of his brother, Sig Olson. The two trains met on a steep grade.

### "SOO" LINE IN CHICAGO.

#### Negotiations for the Purchase of Wisconsin Central Completed.

The Canadian Soo Line has finally secured its long-coveted entrance into Chicago. Official announcement was made Friday that negotiations for the purchase of the Wisconsin Central by the Minneapolis, St. Paul and North Star, Marie Railway Company, commonly called the Soo Line, were practically completed. The Soo Line is owned by the Canadian Pacific, which is a government road, with Sir Thomas Shaughnessy as its president. The change of ownership of the Wisconsin Central, the purchase being upon the basis of a guarantee of 4 per cent upon the \$12,500,000 of preferred stock, means that Chicago is to have another through road to the Pacific coast. It is not unlikely that the consolidated system will run through passenger trains between Chicago and Winnipeg and Chicago and Vancouver, if not between Chicago and Duluth.

### Toledo Has a \$500,000 Blaze.

The greatest fire Toledo has had in years started in the Brown, Eager & Hill Box Company building at 400-411 Summit street. Two large business blocks were destroyed and others damaged. The loss is estimated at more than \$500,000, about half insured.

### Father of Mrs. Coey Dead.

Charles L. Gilman, father of Mabelle Gilman, wife of President Corey of the United States Steel Corporation, died in poverty in a hospital in San Francisco. He was a charity patient and it is said was denied aid by his daughter.

# FLAYING OF PRESIDENT SETS CONGRESS AGOG

## House by Vote Stops a Bitter Attack Made by Willett

### GARGOYLE, PYGMY AND TYRANT

#### These Some of Epithets Hurlled by Speaker—Practically Closes Before He Is Snagged.

The House by a vote of 123 to 78 took Representative William Willett, Jr., of New York off his feet the other day on a point of order that he was vilifying the President of the United States. Willett was attacking Roosevelt fiercely. The House refused to allow him to proceed.

His theme was "The Passing of Roosevelt," though he at no time mentioned the President by name. Among his more picturesque designations for the Chief Magistrate were: "Gargoyle," "tyrant," "pigmy," "descendant of Dutch trades people," "hay-tender," "foundation of Billingsgate," "imitation of a king" and "bogus hero." The effort was Mr. Willett's second broadside aimed at the President.

### NEW YORK.

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Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$7.00; hogs, good to choice heavy, \$3.50 to \$5.00; sheep, good to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, \$1.03 to \$1.04; corn, No. 2 white, 50c to 60c; oats, No. 2 white, 40c to 51c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$4.50 to \$7.50; hogs, \$4.00 to \$6.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$3.25; wheat, No. 2, \$1.10 to \$1.13; corn, No. 2, 57c to 59c; oats, No. 2, 40c to 51c; rye, No. 2, 77c to 78c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$6.50; hogs, \$4.00 to \$6.40; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, \$1.09 to \$1.11; corn, No. 2 mixed, 61c to 62c; oats, No. 2, 40c to 51c; rye, No. 2, 77c to 78c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$4.00 to \$6.15; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, \$1.04 to \$1.06; corn, No. 3 yellow, 61c to 62c; oats, No. 3 white, 51c to 53c; rye, No. 2, 76c to 78c.

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Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, \$1.05 to \$1.07; corn, No. 2 mixed, 60c to 61c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 50c to 52c; rye, No. 2, 77c to 78c; clover seed, \$5.62.

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Dividends, interest, disbursements on stock and bonds of the banks, trust companies, railroads, industrial and other corporations of New York City for the month of January, 1908, which exceeded \$400,000, an increase of approximately \$17,000,000 over the disbursements of January last year.

The commissioner of immigration is of the opinion that the tide of immigration to this country has not yet turned in our favor to any extent. The total number of newcomers during 1908 was about 400,000, as against 1,170,285 in 1907. The commissioner does not look for the big lurch until next April.

# COMMERCIAL FINANCIAL

## CHICAGO.

Heavy financial operations incident to the January settlements and the annual elections made busy times at the banks. A lower commercial mortality again appears and credit conditions gather strength, although liquidation is not yet at an end. Severe weather interrupted outdoor construction and crop marketings, but stimulated the demand for winter apparel, food supplies and fuel. The leading industries progress steadily, as expected, new demands for raw materials and finished products yet showing conservatism, but the prospects generally brighten with the restoration of confidence. Distribution of commodities shows a gratifying recovery, absorption being much strengthened by improved purchasing power. Most markets are conspicuously clear of burdensome stocks, and in some lines the carry-over from last year is remarkably small. Clearance sales in the leading retail branches are well advanced, low temperatures helping much in the reduction of seasonal goods. Failures reported in the Chicago district number 23, against 21 last week, in 1908 and 22 in 1907. Those with liabilities of more than \$5,000 number 10, against 5 last week, 19 in 1908 and 6 in 1907.—Dun's Review of Trade.

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# SCENE OF THE TERRIBLE DISASTER IN LAKE MICHIGAN OFF CHICAGO.



Frantic Relatives of the Victims.

### The Crib Fire Trap.

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### UNFINISHED WATER TUNNEL.

T. J. HAINS HELD NOT GUILTY.

Acquitted of Murder in Annis Case—Jury Out Twenty-two Hours.

At Flushing, N. Y., Thornton Jenkins Haines, the writer, was declared not guilty as a principal with his brother, Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr., in the killing of William E. Annis. The jury was out twenty-two hours and took fifteen ballots. Judging from the general opinion at the district attorney's office, Capt. Haines will never be brought to trial.

This is the second time T. Jenkins Hains has been acquitted of the charge of murder. Seventeen years ago he was shot Edward W. Hannigan in an open boat in Hampton Roads and a jury decided he was not guilty. Jurors stated that the first ballot stood 8 to 4 for acquittal.

Officials of the district attorney's office in Queens County are quoted as saying that Capt. Hains probably will be surrendered into the care of his family or the federal government.

"Under the verdict it is perfectly safe for any person who is ingenious enough to frame up a defense to go out and kill. Private vengeance seems to have taken precedence over the open law," was the only comment that Prosecutor Darrin had to make on the jury's return.

### SIX DEATHS IN ONE FAMILY.

#### Bodies of Children of Eastern Woman Examined for Investigation.

The bodies of two persons, who died at the home of Mary Kelleher under conditions believed by the police to be suspicious, were exhumed at Somerville. An official connected with the investigation said that examination of the viscera of Katherine Kelleher, the 12-year-old daughter of Mrs. Kelleher, disclosed a quantity of arsenic sufficient to cause death. Six members of the Kelleher household died within three years. The bodies exhumed were those of William and Mary Kelleher, other children of the woman. At present Mrs. Kelleher is awaiting trial on two charges of arson. The arrest of Mrs. Kelleher shortly after a fire in the home of her employer on Dec. 11 first attracted attention to an earlier blaze in the same dwelling and the deaths in her household.

### CAVE-IN LOWERS HIGHWAY.

#### Old Pennsylvania Shaft Collapses—People Fear Earthquake.

Snyderport, near Latrobe, Pa., and the surrounding vicinity is in a highly nervous state as a result of an earthquake fright accompanied by rumbling noises. Several hundred yards of the Derry township road dropped about three feet, and deep fissures appeared in the adjacent ground. A number of houses and barns were damaged. The people were thrown into a panic, first fleeing from the scene and then cautiously returning to view the damage wrought by the supposed earthquake. An investigation, however, showed the depression to be due to the collapsing of an abandoned coal mine.

### MINE OWNERS ARE EXONERATED.

#### Death of Sixty-Six No Fault of Companies, Says Coroner's Jury.

The coroner's jury arrived at a verdict as a result of their investigation into the death of the sixty-six men who were killed in the Lick Branch mine explosion at Bluefield, W. Va. The jury decided the explosion was caused by an over-charged shot of gunpowder in room 21 of the mine and that sixty-five men came to their death through no fault of the Peachbottom Consolidated Colliery Company or the Lick Branch colliery.

### ARTIST EARLE A PARANOIC?

#### Man Who Put Away Wife for Ability in a Sanitarium.

Broken in health, Ferdinand Pinney Earle, the artist, who put away his wife with his younger son in order that he should be free to marry his "affinity," Miss Julia Kutter, arrived at Dr. Carlos MacDonald's sanitarium in Central Valley, N. Y., last Tuesday night. Earle was immediately placed under supervision, and while no official diagnosis was announced, it was reported that he was suffering from acute paranoia.

### ENDS LIFE TO FEED FAMILY.

#### Idle Watchmaker Leaves Note Telling Wife How to Get Insurance.

That his family might live, H. C. Berger of Pittsburgh gave his own life. He had been out of work for several months and, fearing that his family would suffer through his inability to provide for them, he drank carbolic acid, after leaving instructions to his wife how to get possession of the \$1,000 insurance money payable on his death.

### BONI WILL RENEW HIS FIGHT.

#### To Demand Custody of Children and Ask No Money from Princess.

Count Boni de Castellane intends to renew the fight against his former wife, who was Anna Boni, now Princess de Sagan, with even greater bitterness than he has manifested heretofore. He has lodged an appeal from the judgment of the court granting his former wife custody of their children, and he will use every means in his power to take his three boys away from the princess and his cousin, De Sagan. Boni no longer asks for money.

### OIL TO OWN MANY GROCERIES?

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### JEKYLL-HYDE IN REAL LIFE.

#### Detectives Arrest Doctor and Gain Confession He Is Robber.

Police began efforts the other day in Chicago to solve the mystery in the dual life of Dr. Paul Trotter, physician with a meager practice by day and robber by night. The doctor, occupying a cell at the Desplains street police station, confessed he was a highwayman, but refused to go into details about himself. He said he came to Chicago with his wife to practice medicine. Patients were few. Because of lack of funds, he declared he was driven to become a highwayman. Trotter was arrested in a raid at 42 LaSalle street. Others who operated in a robber band with him, the police say, are Harry Bair, wounded in a battle with a switchman, and Harry J. Carney, arrested near Alliance, Ohio. The men confessed seven robberies.

### OPIUM KILLS 500,000 A YEAR.

#### Representative of International Reform Bureau Makes Statement.

"Opium causes half a million suicides a year," the Rev. A. S. Gregg of the International Reform Bureau declared in Cleveland with reference to the opium conference called by President Roosevelt, which begins its session at Shanghai Feb. 1. The statement is based on letters and reports from Dr. E. W. Thwing, special secretary of the Reform Bureau, who has been sent to China to attend the opium conference. Dr. Thwing states that he has obtained statistics from the provinces of Kweichow, Yunnan, Sz Chuan, and Anhwei, with a total population of 590,000, in which he says the proportion of the population using opium is from 20 to 80 per cent, and the amount of money spent for the drug is \$200,000,000 a year.

### KING MANUEL FEARS DEATH.

#### Portuguese Ruler, Incapacitated, Is in Danger of Assassination.

Young King Manuel is believed to be incurably ill and in the event of his death there will be no one to succeed to the throne of Portugal. His condition is aggravated by fear of assassination. The king has no brothers or sisters, and if he should die before he is married there would be no heir direct. His uncle, the Duke of Oporto, is heir-apparent, but he has declared that nothing could induce him to assume the crown. Under these conditions the death of Manuel would bring the monarchy to an end. It would give the pretenders to the throne an opening and encourage the republicans. In all probability it would result in revolution. That the boy king is seriously affected with lung trouble is unquestioned.

### CASHIER AND \$5,000 MISSING.

#### American Express Company at Boston Shows Disappearance.

The fact that a collector for the American Express Company and \$5,000 in cash are missing was made known in Boston when the police sent out a general alarm for the recovery of Walter L. Gallagher. The collector went to the Court Square office of the American Express Company and has not been seen since he got the money.

### ODDS & ENDS OF SPORT

The American Association baseball season will open about the middle of April. In a furious fight at New Orleans Abe Attell knocked out Bill Mackey of Cleveland in the eighth round.

The Wanderers of Montreal won the first game with the Edmonton team in the challenge series for the Stanley hockey club, 7 to 3.

Stanley and Menominee, Wis., will be added to the Chippewa Valley Baseball League next season, forming an eight-club league, with every town a good one.

At Emeryville track Robert Harrington, a 22-pound boy, took great races on Em, a 39 to 1 shot, and won it. The entire audience rose to its feet and gave the boy a wonderful cheer.

Booger Red, the big chestnut colt from the Brannon string, proved himself better than the rest of the field in the five-furlong race at Oakland, some of his opponents exceeding his own age of 3 years.

"Bitch