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AN APPALLING DISASTER AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Twenty-One Federal Clerks Killed by the Sinking of the Floors of the Ford Theater Building.

Scores of other Unfortunates Bruised and Mangled in the Wreck—List of the Dead and Injured Recovered.

The Accident Caused by the Removal of Supports in the Process of Remodeling the Faded Structure.

Four Hundred and Seventy-Five Clerks Housed in a Building Known for Years to be Unsafe.

The Papers of the Pension Division of the Surgeon General's Office Buried in a Mass of Plaster and Brick.

The Economists of Congress Bitterly Denounced by the Press and Public of the District for Herding Men in Death Traps—The Printing Office and the Printer.

Building Also Said to be Unsafe—Scores at the Hospital—Notes.

WASHINGTON, June 9.—Hundreds of men carried down by the falling walls of a building which was notoriously insecure; human lives crushed out by tons of brick and iron, and sent unnumbered to the scene of their Maker; men by the score mangled in the annual of life, and happy families hurled into the depths of despair; women calling for their husbands; children calling for their fathers; mothers calling for their sons; not an answer to the cry—this is but a shadow of the awful calamity that befell this city this morning.

Words cannot picture the awfulness of the accident; imagination stands back and fails to give any idea of the scene. Its horrors will never be fully told. Its suddenness was almost its chief horror. In a moment—in the twinkling of an eye—there was a change, and men who came to the scene of their Maker, and happy families hurled into the depths of despair; women calling for their husbands; children calling for their fathers; mothers calling for their sons; not an answer to the cry—this is but a shadow of the awful calamity that befell this city this morning.

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The news that the building had fallen spread with lightning-like rapidity, and the adjacent thoroughfares were soon choked with the wreckage. The general fire alarm was rung in a few minutes after the crash, and then all the ambulances in the city were summoned. As quickly as possible a fire engine, a rescue brigade, and ready hands were soon assisting them to take out the killed and wounded. In less than an hour about twenty-five men were taken out of the building, and every few minutes thereafter some still form would be borne on a stretcher from the building. Police and army ambulances, carrying the injured, were on every description, were pressed into service for carrying away the dead and injured. All the hospitals in the city were utilized for the care of the injured, and scores of physicians volunteered their services for this work. Owing to the excellent police regulations, the rescue work was not hindered in the work by the ambulances, and it was not long before the debris had been cleared away to such an extent that the military and naval authorities took prompt action. General Schaeffer ordered two troops of cavalry from Fort Myer, just across the river, and two companies of infantry from the arsenal to the scene of the disaster.

The secretary of the navy ordered out all the medical officers, and the general also ordered the naval hospital to receive the injured, while the commandant at the navy yard was ordered to render all the assistance in his power.

Those who were early on the scene found the body of a colored man in the alley in the rear of the building. The man, John Wilkes Booth had his horse tethered to a post in the alley, and he was the first to be killed. This was George B. Arnold, a well-known colored clerk. He was killed by a three-story window. He was warned not to jump, but he climbed out, and, lowering himself from the sill, let go. He fell upon the roof of the building, and was killed by a three-story window. He was warned not to jump, but he climbed out, and, lowering himself from the sill, let go. He fell upon the roof of the building, and was killed by a three-story window.

None of those who escaped injury could tell what the floors first gave way. To the occupants of each floor there was but one crash heard, and instantly the whole building was filled with blinding dust. Rumors were heard, but no one knew the stories and in the middle of the building was a light wall ten feet or more long and nearly as wide. The fatal area was in front of the building, being about seven feet in width on either side. The entire back part of the building, containing more than half of the floor space, remained intact. There were many escapes from death. A number of clerks, whose desks rested directly upon the line where the floors first gave way, were precipitated down the awful chasm. Others who were walking across the floor heard an ominous sound, and stopped just at the very threshold of death. When the crash came those who survived had a hardy of anguish from their comrades as they sunk out of sight and then, groping in the darkness, they found their way to safety, trembling in every joint.

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lated a petition against the remodeling being continued, as they considered that it imperiled their lives.

S. M. Stocklager of Indiana, who was chairman of the committee on public buildings and grounds in the Forty-eighth congress, during the session of 1885, reported to congress the miserable condition of the building. Congress acted to the extent of removing the inanimate contents of the museum, safe building, but congress and the war department thought proper to expose the government clerks to a risk, from which they shielded skeletons and medical stores.

As soon as Secretary Lamont returns to Washington steps will probably be taken to investigate the cause of the disaster and fix the responsibility. If the coroner's jury does not anticipate the department in that direction.

The general sentiment of those acquainted with the work of remodeling says the disaster to the family manner in which the work of under-pinning was conducted. It is thought that when the debris is cleared away all papers of value will be recovered.

But one body, that of Dr. Nelson, was found in the rubble. The search, and those in charge of the work think it probable that more remains in the ruins. Work, therefore, at 7 o'clock today was stopped, the digging reaching the bottom of the excavation.

Various plans for the relief of the sufferers are on foot. At a meeting of citizens tonight \$500 was subscribed for a list including subscriptions of \$100 from the president and \$50 from Private Secretary Thurston. The clerks of the department subscribed largely.

The Star says, editorially, of the disaster: "There is innocent blood on the floor of the Ford Theater building, and the government of the United States. Miserly congressional fingers are red with the blood which but a few hours since coursed through the veins of active manhood. Official garments are smeared with accusing crimson, and official feet stand paralyzed in pools of condemnatory gore. Widows and orphans are weeping, and fathers, sacrificed at the altar of legislative economy and administrative disregard."

HISTORICAL The building wrecked today was formerly the army museum. For a long time it was originally that of the old Tenth street Baptist church