

SHATTERING

Life and Property, Four Great Boilers Exploded.

Pittsburg Again Shaken by a Horrible Accident—Two Mills Destroyed.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 20.—Four boilers in the ten-inch bar mill No. 3, of Park Bros., Black Diamond steel plant, Thirtieth street, exploded at 4:15 this morning, causing a great loss of life and injuring many. The exact number of dead is not known, but it is thought that there are five at least. Twelve of the injured are at West Penn hospital, three of the dead are at the morgue.

The mill is a complete wreck and the debris is piled from fifty to seventy-five feet high.

The boiler works of McNeil company, adjoining the Park plant were also destroyed. It is feared that many dead and injured are yet buried under the wreckage.

At 4:15 o'clock this morning the night crew was just about to turn over the mill to the day force, when four of the battery of eight boilers, let go with a terrific report. There is not a straight piece of iron or steel left in the entire building. The mill had sixty men on each turn and it is thought that almost 120 men, both crews, were in the plant at the time of the explosion. When the boilers exploded a panic ensued and the men fought their way to the street.

The injured and dead were found under wreckage and in the mill yard, where they had fallen in their race for life.

The number three ten-inch mill faces on Thirtieth street and was a big iron clad structure built on a steel frame. In the rear of the plant on the Twenty-ninth street is the big boiler works

of James McNeil. One of the boilers went through the Park brother's mill and crashed into the McNeil plant almost completely demolishing it. The only man in the McNeil plant was Rudolph Korff, the night watchman. He was knocked down and badly bruised.

Another of the boilers went through the roof of the bar mill and through the air across Thirtieth street and crashed into the residence of Robert Price, at No. 8, Thirtieth street. It went through the front wall and fell into the cellar completely wrecking the house. Price and his family were asleep at the time, but escaped injury.

The other two boilers were blown to pieces and it was these that caused the complete destruction of the mill.

The police, firemen and hospital ambulances were quick to arrive, and the work of rescue began. It was a gruesome task and the biting cold wind made progress slow and painful. It seemed as though the place was carpeted with human bodies. One by one, they were carried out into the open. A large number quickly revived from the effects of the shock and were able to go to their homes. Twelve were found to be in more serious condition. These were removed to the West Penn hospital.

Three dead have been taken to the morgue. They have not yet been identified. It is known that others of the workmen are yet missing. The clerks in the mill office say two are yet unaccounted for. Others place this list as high as 30.

"Lest We Forget."



(From the New York Journal of Sept. 24, 1899.)

WHAT DEWEY SAID.

Admiral Dewey's summing up of the facts brought out by the Court of Inquiry is as follows:

The passage to Cienfuegos was made with all dispatch. In view of Schley's coal supply the blockade of Cienfuegos was effective. He allowed the Adula to enter Cienfuegos to get information. His passage to Santiago was with as much dispatch as possible, keeping the squadron together. The blockade at Santiago was effective. He was the senior officer off Santiago, in absolute command, and entitled to the credit due for the glorious victory which resulted in the total destruction of the Spanish ships.

LONG TALKED THINGS OVER WITH THE PRESIDENT.

Carried Sampson's Protest and Schley's Demand For Further Inquiry to the Commander-in-Chief.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Admiral Sampson's attorneys this morning presented to the Secretary of the Navy their formal protest against Admiral Dewey's minority report.

Immediately after receiving the Sampson protest Secretary Long, placing the document in his pocket, went over to the White House where he had a long consultation with the President before the regular session of the Cabinet. It is understood that he laid before the President both the Schley bill of exceptions to the majority report of the Court of Inquiry and the Sampson protest against the Dewey minority report in which Schley was given credit for the victory at Santiago.

The Sampson protest is quite brief, containing less than 1,000 words. The main contention in it is that the question of who was in supreme command during the battle of Santiago was not raised in the precept convening the court; that Admiral Sampson was not allowed to present any testimony in his behalf on this point, and that therefore it could not properly be made the subject of a finding by either a majority or a minority of the court. Accordingly Secretary Long is asked to rule out the minority report made by Admiral Dewey.

HEBREW CLASSES.

"Sons of Peace" Have Instructor For Their Children.

The orthodox Jewish congregation of this city, known as the "Sons of Peace," has about 50 regular members, supplemented by almost an equal number who are not yet permanent.

Up to the present time, and until the new church on Bowers st., is finished, the meetings of the congregation are held in Kaiser's hall, on South Main st.

In addition to the meetings for religious exercises, there are classes in Hebrew, which are taught by Mr. E. W. Lantz, of 115 Dixon Place, who is also the butcher for the congregation.

There are about 25 children in the classes which receive instruction in Hebrew at the present time.

WON'T SAY.

Gage Will Not Confirm Reported Intention to Resign.

New York, Dec. 20.—Secretary of the Treasury Lyman J. Gage was interviewed here last night regarding the report circulated yesterday that he had decided to resign from his office and accept a flattering offer to take charge of a large western financial institution. The secretary said:

"This is all very absurd."

"Do you intend to resign?"

"I will not say a word about it one way or the other. It may or may not be true. You may say for me that all stories concerning my future actions are pure speculation."

There are decided differences between Secretary Gage and President Roosevelt.

CHRISTMAS TREE.

Annual Program Conducted at Mary Day Nursery.

The annual Christmas tree program of the Mary Day Nursery was conducted, at the Nursery, Friday afternoon, from 2 to 4:30. The affair was well attended and very successful. Children were delighted with the brilliantly trimmed and bounteous tree, and, besides, there were special exercises for entertainment of the little ones.

Depew-Palmer Wedding.

Paris, Dec. 20.—Miss May Palmer, Senator Chauncey Depew's fiancée, will leave for Nice tonight. Their wedding has been definitely set for Dec. 28, and will take place at Nice.

SCREAMED

For Aid, Then Fell Unconscious at Her Door.

A Mother and Four Children Narrowly Escaped Asphyxiation.

At 6 o'clock Friday morning, Mrs. Taylor Christ, 136 Sherman st., was awakened by a feeling of nausea, from the smell of gas, and found that she was nearly overcome. Stupefied and sickened though she was, her first thought was for her four children who lay in an adjoining room, and she struggled to where they lay to find that all were lying as though in death. Half crazed by her own suffering and the awful shock, Mrs. Christ opened the front door, staggered out on the porch, screamed for help and then gave way to her suffering and fell unconscious.

Neighbors awakened by the woman's cry, hurried to the house, grasped the situation, opened doors and windows, and bore the woman to a place where she could be attended. Then telephone messages summoned a physician and the husband and father, Taylor Christ, who was working all night as a miller for the American Cereal Co.

Dr. C. E. Norris arrived in a few minutes, and after much hard work succeeded in restoring all the children to consciousness and placing them out of danger. Mrs. Christ was found to be in a condition not so serious as was at first supposed.

The children the oldest of whom is nine years, and the youngest little more than a year, were the severest sufferers.

Their escape is considered almost miraculous, and had their discovery been delayed but a few minutes more, death must have resulted.

The chimney from which the gas and smoke from the furnace should have escaped, had become obstructed by smoke and soot, and failed to do its work. The gas soon filled the house with the result that the entire family was nearly wiped out.

PRIVATE BRIDGE.

N. O. T. Co. Forced to Abandon Project Suggested to County Commissioners.

It is said that the County Commissioners and the N. O. T. Co. have failed to agree in the matter of building a joint bridge across the Cuyahoga river, at the Gorge, and that the N. O. T. Co. has decided on another plan. This plan is for a private bridge, large enough for double tracks, to be built by the N. O. T. Co., at a point about 125 feet east of the present bridge. When this is completed the company will abandon the county bridge, now crossed by its tracks. The original plan, as suggested by the N. O. T. Co. to the County Commissioners, was for the building of a large bridge, the expense to be borne equally by the county and the corporation. The Commissioners, however, decided not to enter into such a deal, as the project would entail considerable expense, and it was not believed the taxpayers would endorse the plan.

"A. CARNEGIE,

For Dues, Deficient 60 Cents"—He Paid.

New York, Dec. 20.—An entry on the bulletin board of the St. Andrews Golf club up in Westchester caused the golfers of that organization a lot of merriment. When Andrew Carnegie, the great steel master came home from his Scotch castle early in the fall he saw the curt little announcement. It read: "A. Carnegie, for dues, deficient 60c."

He promptly put a stop to further laughter by sending in his check for sixty cents.

ACTRESS

Infatuated Charles P. Chipp.

Stole \$30,000 to Buy Her Presents.

Another Defaulter's Crime Brought to Light.

New York, Dec. 20.—Chas. P. Chipp, a fine looking man of 50, is in jail today charged with the theft of \$30,000 from the comptroller's office where he has been employed in a responsible position for 20 years. So cleverly has Chipp manipulated his books that they have stood the scrutiny of experts for years. But for an erasure noticed last February it is doubtful if the thefts would ever have been discovered. This caused suspicion and Chipp resigned, after admitting a shortage of \$250, which the erasure indicated.

Since that time experts have been going over the books and Chipp has been under surveillance. The examiners had to go over 2,000,000 items, covering seven years and have just announced the amount of Chipp's shortage. His stealings extended over the terms of three comptrollers.

Mrs. Chipp wife of the prisoner, states that her husband's dishonor has been caused by a Mount Vernon woman, the wife of an actor. Chipp, she alleges, has squandered his stealings in presents for this woman.

B. & O. WRECK.

Engineer Fatally Injured and Passengers Hurt.

McKeesport, Pa., Dec. 20.—B. & O. passenger train No. 14, crashed into the caboose of a freight at Scott Haven this morning. No passengers were killed, but many slightly hurt. Engineer Frank Hughes, of Glenwood, was probably fatally injured.

The Weather:
FAIR AND COLD TONIGHT; SATURDAY, FAIR, WITH RISING TEMPERATURE.

IOWA

Is There In Case of War.

Chili and Argentina Getting Together.

Settlement of Their Dispute Is Likely.

Lima, Peru, Dec. 20.—The American battleship Iowa arrived here. The Iowa is believed to be bound for Chili in view of the strained relations of that country with Argentina.

Buenos Ayres, Argentina, Dec. 20.—A friendly settlement of the boundary disputes with Chili is expected in official circles. It is semi-officially announced that Chili has not rejected the Argentine reply, but has returned a note suggesting some modifications. The note is said to be cordial in tone. Negotiations are still pending.

DIED OF STARVATION,

Though the Possessor of a Comfortable Fortune.

Croton Falls, N. Y., Dec. 20.—John Fitzpatrick of this place, was worth more than \$18,000, yet he died of starvation and neglect. After he was buried in Massachusetts, yesterday, his fortune was found in an old leather bag, which was bound with chains in a hole in the floor under his bed.

Both Fitzpatrick and his wife pretended that they were penniless. Mrs. Fitzpatrick died four months ago. Bank books showing a credit of \$4,000 were found in an old stocking in the wall of the bedroom. She was

came sick while going along the road and crawled into an old barn where he lay during zero weather, without food until Thursday, when he crawled on his hands and knees to the home of Mrs. Johnson, a mile and a half distant. Saturday night the boy be-

65 years old and picked up coal along the Harlem railroad tracks. Fitzpatrick was 72 years of age and for years was a laborer on the Harlem railroad at \$1.25 a day. Two sisters will share Fitzpatrick's money.

ROSY VIEW

Of Roosevelt's Prospects in the Southern States.

Springfield, O., Dec. 20.—John Temple Graves, one of the editors of the Atlanta, Ga., Journal, in an address at the Y. M. C. A. here last night, said that if President Roosevelt continued his present policy toward the south, there would be no need of a convention there three years hence, because the vote would be unanimous for his re-nomination and re-election.

AT ROPE'S END

A Negro Died For Killing a Policeman.

Danville, Ky., Dec. 20.—Reuben Quinn, a negro who killed John T. Crum, a policeman, in a "blind tiger" saloon, paid the penalty for his crime this morning. The execution occurred about 8 o'clock in the presence of a number of witnesses. A drop of 7 feet, 10 inches were given Quinn, who did not move after reaching the rope's limit.

ROBBED.

Hudson Man Lost Clothing in Columbus.

Mr. R. C. Ellsworth, of Hudson, was robbed of a suit case containing clothing and an interchangeable mileage book on the Pennsylvania railroad, in Columbus, Thursday. The articles had been left in a physician's office and when the owner went for them he found them missing.

Saloon Burglarized.

Burglars, Thursday night, entered the saloon of L. S. Stoyer, Bowers st., and stole a gallon of whiskey, a small quantity of cigars and some chewing tobacco.