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Six Smaller Buildings Are Crushed Into Ruins by the Falling Walls.

Three Persons Known to Have Been Killed—Others Missing—Loss Is Heavy.

Chicago, Nov. 2.—The big six-story brick building at 139 and 141 West Lake street split in halves yesterday afternoon and crashed down upon six frame structures to the east and west of it.

What caused the accident no one can prove. The big brick structure, which was owned by C. T. Boal, of 1732 Michigan boulevard and occupied by the S. F. Leonard Seed Company, was thought by some to have been broken under the weight of the seeds stored in it or through faults in its construction.

All of the buildings were occupied at the time of the collapse, which happened shortly before 5 o'clock in the afternoon. It was a most thrilling incident in the rush for safety. That dozens of people were not killed was the wonder. As it was three men were buried in the ruins and three persons were reported missing last evening by the police.

The first indication that the occupants of brick building had that they were in danger was a rumbling noise and a slight shaking of one of the walls. Mr. Leonard was sitting at his desk on the first floor attending to his correspondence. He jumped to his feet and gave an alarm. Already the forty men, women and children who were above had been frightened and were seeking to escape. They rushed in all directions, and most of them left the building at the rear.

In the feed store in front of the brick mill of the New England Milling Company, where several lives were lost, a warning that came was according to reports, very similar in nature, but in the low frame building it did not seem serious and was not heeded.

Mr. Hanson, with his book-keeper, H. Hilton, and other employees were at work on the upper floor. A stranger, A. C. Taylor, was with them to make some purchase, and he ran out the back way. The others did not heed his call and remained to their destruction.

The seed company's building is between Union and Desplaines streets. To the east of it were two low frame buildings occupied by Kelson Brothers, dealers in paper stock, and the other by J. C. Meyers, who had a pickle factory. To the west was first a two-story frame building, with a blacksmith and carriage repair shop, owned by Nicholas Beck, on the upper floor, and a tin shop run by J. Zimmerman on the second floor. Next came the flour and feed store of the New England Milling Company, with a frontage covering two street numbers. It was of frame, two stories high. Back of it was the four-story brick mill building.

According to the story of Adam Kasper, who was standing at the corner first and windows of the Durand & Kasper building across the street to the west of the wrecked district, the first sign of the catastrophe was a cloud of dust that blew out into the street from the store of the milling company. It was followed at once by a sudden flame, just one flash, which did away and left a smoky void. Then came two or three sharp explosions one after another.

Almost before time was given to appreciate what was happening the west wall of the brick building toppled over upon the frame structures, the alarm of flames given and the real nature of the tragedy was apparent.

The other witnesses of the collapse, some of them in buildings directly across the street, saw nothing of these preliminary explosions, and the first they knew was when the wall fell. Flames appeared at two or three places in the ruins. The east wall of the tall building began to sway and a little later it fell, crushing the buildings toward Desplaines street. Another section of the walls fell outward into Lake street.

If an explosion in the feed store was the cause of the other accidents it was due to an accumulation of flour dust in the lower part of the building. The ignition of this by spontaneous combustion or by the accident in contact with sparks would easily explain an explosion forcible enough to wreck a small wooden structure.

The peculiar part of the affair from this theory, and the one that is difficult to understand, is why the explosion should wreck a six-story brick building separated by an intervening wooden structure and leave standing a smaller brick building, the mill itself, presumably also full of flour dust, in immediate contact in the rear.

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The service of many of the troops after their enlistments had expired caused Gen. Corbin to recommend that each officer of the reserve volunteer organizations and each enlisted man who continued in service in the Philippines after the second of March, 1899, until honorably discharged, be awarded a suitably inscribed medal.

As to the newly organized regiments the 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

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