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THIRTY FIREMEN KILLED IN STOCK YARDS BLAZE

Falling Walls Crush Brave Men as They Battle With Fierce Fire in Packing Company Warehouse.

FIRE CHIEF HORAN AMONG VICTIMS

Firemen Grow Frantic in Efforts to Uncover Bodies of Victims, Who Were Buried Under Masses of Red-Hot Bricks and Debris--Fire Communicates to Adjoining Buildings--Still Burning Fiercely at Late Hour--Two Entire Companies Blotted Out--Loss Will Exceed Million and a Half.

Chicago, Dec. 22--Chief Fire Marshal Horan, Assistant Chief Burroughs, Lieutenant Fitzgerald and nearly forty other firemen were killed, and a property loss of a million and a half resulted from the destruction of the meat warehouse of Morris & Co. at the union stock yards this morning.

It is thought the dead may reach forty. The entire crews of engine companies 51 and 53 are said to be among the dead, in addition to six members of Company 29 and some of No. 48 were killed. The hope of the firemen and hundreds of admirers of Fire Marshal Horan that the fire fighter and his men had not perished was practically lost when Battalion Chief Lacey told of seeing the marshal and Burroughs, together with eighteen or twenty men, go down beneath a falling wall.

Saw Men Buried. "Chief Horan was in front of the pipemen," said Lacey, "and Burroughs a short distance behind him directing the work when the crash came. I know just where they were and am sure they had no chance of escape. Dozens of firemen saw the same situation and many of them ran to the site almost frantic and began throwing bricks away with their hands. They were like so many coals of fire and any work of that sort was useless. I ordered them back to fighting the flames in the hope that the fire might be stopped in time to find a way to rescue the poor fellows we saw go down to what seems certain death. I was determined to make every effort within human power to save the men, but the condition of the building made it suicide for the rest of them to try to enter it."

Caused by Exploding Ammonia. The fire started from the explosion of an ammonia pipe, and spread with such rapidity that the entire building was in flames almost in an instant. A general alarm brought all the available fire fighting apparatus to the scene. Marshal Horan arrived immediately and took up the task of directing his men. With Battalion Chief Burrows he led his men to the east entrance of the building and the battle against the flames was taken up from beneath a heavy wooden canopy with hung menacingly above them.

Caught in Death Trap. Apparently not noticing their danger the firemen crowded beneath this death trap. Suddenly with a roar like an explosion the canopy and tumbling tons of bricks buried the chief of the department, together with more than a score of his aids.

The firemen, learning of the fate of their chief and his men fought frantically to control the fire at the spot where the disaster occurred. It was hoped the victims had been taken out and carried to hospitals, but inquiry brought the information that such was not the case.

Frantic Efforts at Rescue. The men attacked the pile of red hot debris to rescue their comrades and dug with desperation with bare hands until ordered away by officers to stop the spread of the flames, which threatened the entire district.

A graphic story of the collapse of the east wall which carried the men down to death beneath the wood covering is told by Lieutenant Mackey, who was leading a company of firemen from the top of the canopy.

Miraculous Escapes. Mackey said he saw the walls bulge and immediately shouted a warning. At the same time he jumped from the platform himself and was followed immediately by ten or twelve of his men. The escapes of these were miraculous.

I was in charge of the firemen fighting the flames from the railroad tracks. I saw one man fall near where the men were caught. I fell and I ran, and catching hold of his legs dragged him to the railroad tracks and

Relatives Flock to Scene. Newspaper extras carried news of the injury or death that had visited the firemen, and relatives and friends came in throngs to the fire. With the arrival of anxious friends came devices for clearing away the pile of smoldering wreckage. A wrecking engine on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad brought a derrick, toppling obstructing box cars into the ditch as it came. A road scraper attached to one of the derrick's cables scooped up great masses of bricks, and scorched firemen savagely pushed the great scoop into the brick heap.

Sob for Lost Chief. When the firemen learned of the loss of their chief, who was very popular with them, the wearied men sobbed like children as they held the gushing nozzles. Those detailed to recover the bodies wept anew at every evidence of their lost comrades that was brought to light. A crushed helmet brought up in the scoop of the big scraper caused a hush to fall over the throng. Soon the front piece of the helmet came up on another load. It was seen to be that of Assistant Chief Burroughs, and the devoted workers went back to their tasks with tears streaming down their faces anew.

Fire Still Burning at Noon. At 11:25 the fire was still burning fiercely. An explosion occurred on the top floor of warehouse No. 6 and the roof was blown into the air. The flames shot skyward and a half dozen companies of firemen who had stationed themselves on the further end of the roof narrowly escaped being struck by flying debris. They managed to clamber down the fire escapes in time to escape.

Mayor Has Narrow Escape. Mayor Busse, while discussing the fate of Horan with Marshal Seyferlich, had a narrow escape. An explosion of ammonia pipes in a building they were watching threw bricks beams and frozen meat in a shower about them. Seyferlich threw himself in front of the mayor, almost crushing the chief executive to the ground in his effort to shield him from the rain of debris and then, grasping the mayor by the arm, pushed him to safety.

Captain's Second Close Call. Captain H. H. Fuches, of engine Company 29, who had just left Marshal Horan with order for his company, walked out from the fatal canopy just as it crushed out the lives behind him. "I'm immune, chief," he told the assistant marshal when he reported to him a few minutes later, the only man left of his crew. "They didn't get me Thanksgiving, either, they came close to it," he grinned thru parched, blistered lips and with a grimy countenance.

Morris & Co.'s Losses. The buildings totally destroyed at 11:30 a. m. included the beef house of Morris & Co., loss \$500,000; warehouse No. 6, loss \$350,000; refrigerator storage shed, \$50,000.

Burroughs' Body Recovered. The body of Assistant Chief Marshal Burroughs was recovered from the charnel heap at noon.

Twenty-Nine Known Dead. At 1 o'clock the fire is believed to be under control. The death list is now placed at twenty-nine, including Chief Horan; the injured at fifty, some fatally; and the property loss at \$1,250,000.

Seven bodies were recovered at 12:30 p. m., but it was believed the others could not be recovered until tomorrow in spite of the frantic efforts of the firemen and wrecking crews. The buildings destroyed include two warehouses full of dressed meat, hemp, etc., the tallow house and other structures.

Death List May Be Less. Late in the day announcement was made that the dead would number twenty-four, consisting of Fire Marshal Horan, Second Assistant Fire Marshal Burroughs, and nineteen city firemen and two private firemen of Morris & Co., and Stephen Lee, aged 16, yard clerk for the Chicago Junction railroad. Ten bodies have been recovered.

It was erroneously stated earlier that the chief's body had been recovered. The fire is now under control.

BRITISH SPIES CONFESS Two Officers of Army and Navy Admit Charges of Espionage Upon German Fortifications For Use of England and Are Sent to Prison--Caught Taking Flashlight Pictures. Leipzig, Germany, Dec. 22--Captain French, of the British royal marine infantry, and Lieutenant Brandon, of the royal navy, were today found guilty of espionage upon German fortifications

at Borkum and sentenced each to four years' imprisonment. The spies were arrested at Borkum on Aug. 22 and 23 and until the opening of their trial yesterday were held in separate cells at the prison in Leipzig. When arrested both admitted frankly that they had come to Germany to collect information which they intended to place at the disposal of the British government. This admission was repeated at trial yesterday. When apprehended it is alleged that the men were taking flashlight pictures of the fortifications at Borkum, and that they had secured also photographs of the defenses in course of construction on the island of Wangeroog, in the North sea, near the entrance of Jade bay.

MINE DEAD NOW 360

Disaster at Bolton, England, Much Worse Than First Indicated--Rescuers Pass and Count 150 Bodies. Bolton, England, Dec. 22--The disaster at the Little Bolton colliery is greater than was at first thought. It is probable that at least 360 lives were lost. Rescuing parties have passed 150 bodies.

No explanation was given as to the cause of the explosion which wrecked the mine. This is the second mine disaster in England this year, an explosion having occurred in the Wellington colliery at White Haven, Cumberland, May 12, when 126 miners were killed. The explosion yesterday resulted in the temporary disablement of the machinery of the cages and it was considerable time before the first rescue party reached the bottom of the pit. In all they brought out eight men living, but most of these are in a serious condition from noxious gases.

BREAKS JAIL; RECAPTURED.

Youthful Crook Walks Out of Jail at Fairfield. Special to Times-Republican. Ottumwa, Dec. 22--George Shetely, aged 16 years, of Sioux Falls, S. D., made a bold jail delivery at Fairfield yesterday during the absence of Sheriff Nellbert, who was preparing to make room for his successor. Shetely saw the key in the big cell door, and turning it, walked to liberty. He was captured at Lockedge, twelve miles east of Fairfield. Shetely was in jail for chicken stealing and the commitment papers had been issued for him to the state reform school at Eldora.

NAVARRO BOTTLED UP

Rumors That Mexican General is Surrounded by Insurrectos Are Confirmed--Investment So Complete That He is Hard Pressed to Feed His Men. Chihuahua, Mexico, Via El Paso, Tex., Dec. 22--Rumors that General Navarro has been surrounded by insurrectos were confirmed this afternoon by an American, who left Pedernales, the scene of operations, Monday. According to this observer, Navarro personally is unhurt and remains at the head of a detachment of troops numbering 250 at the village of Pedernales. He describes their position there as so precarious that scarcely a soldier could poke his head from the protection of his rifle. Navarro is surrounded by houses without being fired on. He added that the complete investment of Navarro is hard pressed to feed his men.

FAIRFIELD SHORT OF WATER.

Factories May Be Compelled to Close Because of Shortage. Special to Times-Republican. Ottumwa, Dec. 22--Fairfield, twenty-five miles east of here, is facing a water famine. The Burlington and Rock Island railroads have been notified that their water supplies will be cut off. Factories in the city may shut down in order to save the remaining water in the reservoir for fire protection.

ROBBERS ROOST RAIDED.

Authorities at Okaloosa Think They Have Hunted Burglars Corralled. Okaloosa, Dec. 22--Local policemen, aided by railway and bank detectives, today completed a two weeks' search for bank and store robbers. Three men were arrested in an abandoned cabin in the woods. Brown, gave their names as Bob Bradey, Joe Gorman and George H. Martinson.

KISSED ANOTHER'S PICTURE

Then Newton Ellington Felled His Wife With Stick of Wood. Cedar Rapids, Dec. 22--Infuriated by seeing his wife kissing the photograph of another man today, Newton Ellington struck his wife with a stick of wood. She will die. Ellington was arrested.

Aldrich Operation Successful.

New York, Dec. 22--United States Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, of Rhode Island, was successfully operated on at Roosevelt hospital yesterday to relieve a strained tendon in his right hand. He is resting easily and probably will be able to leave the hospital in four or five days.

Killed by Live Wire.

Jacksonville, Ill., Dec. 22--Roy Adams, a telephone lineman, was killed here today. He took hold of a telephone wire which had become crossed with a light wire.

Italian Murdered at Kalamazoo.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 22--Giuseppe Maurello, a grocer, of this city, was murdered today, being stabbed thru the heart by an unknown person. Five men and four women, all Italians, have been arrested.

Manitoba Town Scorched.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 22--The business portion of Bradwardine, Manitoba, burned today. The loss is \$25,000.

CENSUS FIGURES ON SMALLER IOWA CITIES

MASON CITY AND OSKALOOSA FAIL TO SHOW EXPERT GAINS.

FAIL TO OUTSTRIP OTHER CITIES STATE

Keokuk Shows Loss of Several Hundred--Mason City's Total 11,230 and Okaloosa's 9,466--Iowa City Makes Good Gain, as Does Ottumwa--Leading South Dakota Cities.

Table with 2 columns: Place, 1910, 1900. Rows include Burlington, Iowa City, Keokuk, Marshalltown, Muscatine, Ottumwa, South Dakota Cities, etc.

CANT' LINE 'EM UP.

Young's Workers Fail to Get Full Standpat Support. Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, Dec. 22--It is planned that Senator Young will be home this evening and while there has been some gossip of a movement to get up a big demonstration for him it probably will not materialize. A number of his admirers were in the city yesterday and in conference with his steering committee or "elimination committee," as his paper has called the matter, considering "the state of the nation," etc. From hints dropped from these it is plain that they take with a grain of allowance the boast in the senator's organ, when, in attempting to classify members it started off with--

"In the first place you will find all the standpatpers and their candidate is United States Senator Lafayette Young."

This claim on the part of the Young organ is not fully supported by the standpatpers who admit that not all of the standpatpers can be herded in one camp, at least not without some pressure.

From what some of those at the conference yesterday have said it appears that the Young elimination committee has not gone very far in eliminating all candidates under certain circumstances. There is known to be a considerable group of them who feel that if they can not elect a strong factionalist they would like to have a say in who the caucus nominee is to be, for they expect to support him no matter what the outcome, they do not like to be told that they must vote for only one man.

TWO SUITS FOR \$20,000.

Illinois Central Must Defend Claims For Heavy Damages. Waterloo, Dec. 22--Mrs. Hannah Kenyon vs. the Illinois Central railroad action for \$20,000 damages, and Mrs. Sophia K. Bankson vs. the Illinois Central railroad, action for \$20,000 damages, are the titles of two suits filed in the district court yesterday and are the result of the death of Fireman Kenyon and conductor Bankson, both of whom were employed by the defendant.

Fireman Kenyon died at Nashua as the result of injuries received by being thrown from the tender of his engine while attempting to fill the tender with water at one of the company's tanks.

Conductor Bankson was standing on the rear platform of a caboose at the time of the wreck, and was hurled between the cars, meeting instant death. The petition alleges that the platform was defective.

TO PROBE TYPHOID FEVER.

Dr. Lumsden Reaches Des Moines From Washington to Investigate. Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, Dec. 22--Dr. L. L. Lumsden, of Washington, D. C., of the Marine hospital service, arrived in the city today to make an investigation on behalf of the state board of health of the typhoid epidemic here.

Arm Crushed and Amputated.

Cedar Rapids, Dec. 22--J. Dearborn, son of Mr. H. F. Dearborn, of the firm of Dearborn and Son at Stone City, was so unfortunate yesterday as to lose his right arm at the elbow. Mr. Dearborn was assisting in some work with well drilling machinery at Stone City. In some manner he got his arm caught in the cog wheel of the machinery. The arm was so badly crushed that when the injured man arrived at the hospital at Anamosa an immediate operation was advised. The amputation was made just above the elbow.

Two Safes Cracked at Melrose.

Melrose, Ill., Dec. 22--Crackmen last night broke two safes at Orion, Ill., carrying in a buggy with about \$400 in cash. From the postoffice safe \$100 in stamps was secured.

T.-R. BULLETIN Noticeable News of Today

The Weather. Sun rises Dec. 23, at 7:26; sets at 4:32. Iowa--Threatening and colder tonight, with rain or snow in the east; Friday fair, with colder in the extreme east.

Illinois--Unsettled with snow or rain tonight and probably in the east Friday; warmer in the east tonight; colder Friday. South Dakota--Fair tonight and Friday; colder tonight.

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Thirty Firemen Crushed in Chicago. Chief Horan Among the Dead. Many Injured, Property Damage Lost Thirteen Dead in Philadelphia Fire. Iowa Census Figures Announced. Dead in British Mine Disaster, 360. Germans Arrest British Spies. PAGES TWO, THREE AND FIVE.

Bad Man Captured. Lujan Perishes in Far North. Lehmann Found Alive After Four Years. Preferred Death to Freedom. Hydrophobia Kills Boone Girl. Youth Fooled Into Marriage. PAGE FOUR.

Editorial: Judges and Politicians. "The Parable of the Sower." "Splitting the Difference." Concrete Paving at \$1.18. Topics and Iowa Opinion. Farmers' Column. Story: The Skyman. PAGES SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT, NINE.

City News: Marshalltown's Population 13,374. Is Gain of Over 15 Per Cent. City Outranks Both Mason City and Okaloosa. Mayor Ingledue Not Candidate. Christmas at the Churches. Gas Company Wins Point. Poetry: Matinee Jan. 15-17. Plans For Marshalltown Club Primary. Officers Claim Phipps Family Unworthy. Farber Surprises Friends. General and Brief City News. PAGE TEN.

Markets and General: Fresh Wheat Advance. Mixed Factors in Corn. Bad Slump in Cattle. Hog Prices Variable. Clark Smooths Way For Election.

DEEMER IN THE RUNNING

Representatives Dawson and Kennedy Ask Taft to Appoint Judge McClain to U. S. Circuit Court, But Deemer and Smith Will Be Considered. Special to Times-Republican. Washington, Dec. 22--Representatives Dawson and Kennedy, today, asked President Taft to appoint Judge Emil McClain to the circuit court, to succeed Vandewater.

President Taft will consider his name, and also that of Judge Deemer and Representative Smith.

GET SUNDAY TO HELP.

Ottumwa Antis Expect to Show Consent Petition Full of Hoops. Special to Times-Republican. Ottumwa, Dec. 22--Despite the fact the saloon men have over 800 names more than necessary on their consent petition, filed Wednesday night, Chairman Sumner Sibbald, of the citizens' committee, stated this morning that enough withdrawals will be secured to defeat the petition. He scoffs at the claim of the saloon men that they have 800 majority.

Rev. "Billy" Sunday has been secured by the citizens' committee to speak here tomorrow night and, with fifty men scouring the city to secure withdrawals, the anti-saloon people are confident of victory.

"CEDAR RAPIDS SUITS ME."

Such is Slogan Chosen From 2,000 Submitted--Young Boy Winner. Special to Times-Republican. Cedar Rapids, Dec. 22--The business men's committee selected to pick a slogan for the city today announced their choice as "Cedar Rapids Suits Me." Over 2,000 phrases were submitted in the competition. The prize of \$50 was awarded to Charley Young, a 14-year-old school boy.

BARBERS' LICENSE LOW.

New Wapello County Representative Will Work For Its Passage. Special to Times-Republican. Ottumwa, Dec. 22--Representative-elect Frank Shane, from Wapello county, will introduce a measure in the legislature this winter for a barbers' license law and will work for its passage.

FINE FREIGHT DEPOT.

Rock Island Will Erect \$50,000 Building in Ottumwa. Special to Times-Republican. Ottumwa, Dec. 22--The Rock Island Railroad Company will erect a \$50,000 freight depot in Ottumwa next spring. This information was given out this morning by Agent J. C. Finney. Local officials have already arranged for temporary quarters during the construction of the new building.

Curfew Row at Fairfield. Ottumwa, Dec. 22--While other cities are having their saloon fight, Fairfield is in the throes of a curfew war. The W. C. T. U. and citizens to the number of 400 have signed a petition asking that the curfew ordinance be enforced.

TWENTY MEN DIE IN EASTERN FIRE

FALLING WALLS IN PHILADELPHIA BURY FIREMEN AND POLICEMEN.

OFFICERS CRUSHED IN EFFORTS TO RESCUE FIREMEN

Exact Number of Dead Unknown But Will Not Exceed Twenty--Some of Bodies Almost Cremated--Fifty Others Injured, Some of Whom Will Doubtless Die.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22--A dozen firemen were killed, a dozen policemen buried alive for several hours in the ruins, and a score others are in the hospitals as the result of a fire last night in a leather factory. Chief Baxter was injured, and barely escaped being carried down by the falling walls.

While the firemen were fighting the flames from the roofs adjoining the dwelling the south wall of a five-story brick building fell on them. There were thirty-five men on the dwelling and all were carried down. Four men were taken out dead in a few minutes. Twelve were able to extricate themselves from the mass of bricks and twisted girders; but a score of others are entombed in the ruins. Several were killed or died of wounds later, but some were able to talk with their brother firemen while the latter bent every effort to rescue the pinned men.

William E. Miller, buried in the ruins, told the rescuers that he was dying on top of Charles Erdman, who was dead. The fire kept burning fiercely and the north wall moved to and fro, threatening to fall on the buried men and those trying to rescue them. When Glazier was rescued from the debris he was almost frozen. Erdman's body was frozen stiff. Ice was caked on his face, forming a perfect mask.

The north wall of the leather factory later fell, burying fifteen policemen. Three hundred bluecoats were trying to pull down the north wall when it fell on them, hurting many and burying fifteen.

Probably Twenty Dead. At 9 o'clock this morning it was impossible to determine the number of firemen and policemen killed by falling walls in the Friedlander leather works last night. The latest estimate of dead or missing does not exceed twenty.

Some bodies removed from the debris were so badly burned that limbs dropped off. When the body of Assistant Foreman Kaliberer was taken from the ruins it was without a head, the foreman being recognized by his uniform. The identified dead:

PATRICK CARROLL. GEORGE MACKINSKY. WILLIAM HELMIR. JOHN F. CARROLL. FRED KALBERER. THOMAS ENTWISTLE. HARRY BERTOLETT. ROBERT STUART. CHARLES EIDEMAN. WILLIAM MCCONNELL.

The number of firemen and policemen injured is about fifty, of whom several may die.

Thirteen Known Dead. Thirteen are known to be dead--twelve firemen and one policeman--and more than fifty were injured, of whom twenty-five are still in the hospital.

MUST GO TO GALLOWES.

Three Years' Legal Battle Ends in Reaffirmation of Death Sentence. Oakland, Cal., Dec. 22--One of the longest legal fights ever waged in California by a convicted murderer to escape paying the penalty for his crime has ended here with the re-sentencing of Mark A. Wilkins to be hanged in February next. Wilkins' crime was the murder of Vernie Carmin, a woman who lived with him as his wife, in November, 1907. The woman died from poison. The crime was committed in a little cottage in Elmhurst, near here, where the couple lived. After committing the murder Wilkins buried his victim in quick lime in the yard back of the house.

Wilkins was tried in the early part of 1908. He was quickly convicted, and sentenced to be executed in November of that year. Then began a legal battle that has established a record for longevity in the criminal records of this state. The reputed to be a burglar by profession and having a long prison record, Wilkins is well educated and is said to come of a well-to-do family. Every step known to the law was employed in the fight to save him from the gallows. The case was carried to the highest courts, but without avail. The highest tribunal reaffirmed the judgment of the trial court, and after a legal battle lasting three years there now appears no legal means for the condemned murderer to escape the death penalty.

ACCUSED BANK CASHIER DIES.

Charles Smith of Rockland, Mich., Fails to Stand Operation. Calumet, Mich., Dec. 22--Charles F. Smith, former cashier of the First National Bank of Rockland, died while undergoing an operation. He was under bonds to stand trial next month in the federal court for the alleged embezzlement of \$17,000.

French Steamer and Crew Lost.

Hamburg, Dec. 22--The French steamer S. S. ... was believed to have been lost, with her crew of twenty, while bound from this port for ...