

BIG MUNICIPAL PIER COLLAPSES

Thirty-four Persons Killed at Long Beach, Cal.

SIXTY-FIVE SERIOUSLY HURT

Structure Proves Too Weak to Bear Weight of Nearly Ten Thousand Persons.

Long Beach, Cal., May 26.—Too weak to uphold the burden of nearly 10,000 human beings assembled for the festivities of British Empire day the land end of the big double decked municipal pier in front of the city auditorium collapsed.

Thirty-four persons—mostly women—were killed by the shivered timbers, or crushed to death by the falling bodies of companions and friends.

Sixty-five more were seriously injured, while hysteria and paralyzing fright disabled scores of others.

The crowd massed about the auditorium doors was composed mostly of women and children who had gathered there before the Empire day parade ended.

Only a comparatively small number of men were caught in the trap, as most of the male celebrators were taking part in the parade.

Those who fell into the hole last were unable to scramble over the entangled bodies to the broken ends of the floor, so deep was it massed with struggling bodies.

The dead and seriously injured were laid in rows on the beach, while scores who had sustained less serious injuries wandered in a daze seeking missing relatives or friends.

Prospective damage suits aggregating probably \$1,000,000 or more and a grand jury investigation engaged the attention of city officials as the most imminent outcome of the disaster.

Forty Perish with Ship

Shipping is Paralyzed in Waters Near Smyrna.

London, May 26.—A dispatch from Smyrna to Lloyd's says that forty persons were drowned by the sinking of the steamer Nevada, which struck mines in the Gulf of Smyrna.

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Italian Defeat in Tripoli

Ganbratt Force Suffers Reverse in Battle with Arabs.

Benhazi, Tripoli, May 23.—That the Italian troops under General Ganbratt have suffered a reverse became known in dispatches announcing that they were forced to retire after the battle with the Arabs on May 16 at Sidl Garba, near Derna.

Four Dead in Oil Blaze

Explosion Fatal to Mother and Three Small Children.

Starnburg, Mo., May 26.—Mrs. Rolla P. Peck and three small children were burned to death by a coal oil explosion at their home here.

ROYAL WEDDING.

Kaiser's Daughter Married to Prince Ernst August.



Photo by American Press Association.

EUROPE'S BIG RULERS THERE

Daughter of Emperor William Married at Berlin.

Berlin, May 25.—Concentrated power was the keynote that characterized the marriage of Princess Victoria Luise Adelaide Mathilde, only daughter of the emperor of Germany and representative of the house of Hohenzollern, to Prince Ernst August of Cumberland, scion of the house of Guelph, duke of Brunswick and Lüneburg.

The wedding was unique in these parts: It was witnessed by Kaiser Wilhelm II, of Germany, King George V, of England and Czar Nicholas II, of Russia, standing in a group, with the kaiser and queen nearby, perhaps the most notable gathering of royalty that Europe has seen in a generation, the three greatest powers of the old world brought together.

By all accounts it was a love match, the little princess and the youthful prince falling in love with each other before ever the astute kaiser and the calculating duke of Cumberland contemplated such a union.

BULGARIANS AND GREEKS STILL AT IT

Severe Fighting Continues Near Saloniki.

London, May 25.—Severe fighting has been resumed between the Greek and the Bulgarian troops in the vicinity of Saloniki.

The infantry and artillery of both forces are hotly engaged near that city, according to dispatches received here from Athens.

The dispatches refer to the situation as having become "extremely grave."

When the last message was sent King Constantine of Greece, who had just arrived at Saloniki with the general staff of the Greek army, was endeavoring to arrange a neutral zone between the two armies.

ARMY IS ROUTING MALARIA

Reduction in Number of Cases From 60 to 14 Per Cent.

Washington, May 25.—Army surgeons who have succeeded in minimizing typhoid in the military establishment have been equally successful in eliminating malaria as a military disease, according to statistics just published by Surgeon General Torney.

The records for ten years disclose that the number of admissions to hospitals on account of malaria, which in 1903 were 60.83 per cent of the entire enlisted strength, were reduced last year to 14.22 per cent, with the prospect of further reduction this year.

O'HARA GIVEN CLEAN BILL

Illinois Senate Committee Exonerates Lieutenant Governor.

Springfield, Ill., May 23.—Lieutenant Governor O'Hara was exonerated from blame by the committee which investigated charges of immorality against him in a report it made to the Illinois senate.

THE POISONER. A human fiend who would enter our stores and markets by night and, after gorging himself, leave poison in all the remaining food, to spread suffering, disease and death throughout the community, would be executed, pursued and torn to pieces by an outraged populace.

LUTHER M'CARTY KILLED IN FIGHT

Succumbs Following Blow Just Below the Heart.

KNOCKOUT IN FIRST ROUND

Fatality Occurs in Scheduled Ten-Round Battle With Arthur Pelkey at Calgary, Alta.

Calgary, Alta., May 26.—Luther McCarty, white heavyweight champion pugilist of the world, died in the ring here from a chance blow delivered by Arthur Pelkey somewhere in the region of the solar plexus.

Pelkey was arrested by the Northwest mounted police later on a charge of manslaughter. He was soon released on bail.

The fight started tamely. There had been one or two mixups of an inconsequential character. Then came a clinch. Referee Eddie Smith separated the men. Both squared off in pugilistic attitude.

Suddenly McCarty was seen to double up in a crouching attitude. To the spectators it looked as though his crouch was simply a fighting pose.

Arthur Pelkey, winner of the heavyweight championship at such heavy cost, stood at one side of his fallen adversary and scarcely realized what had happened.

By this time the referee had become alarmed. He called for a doctor and several responded.

The Northwest mounted police were called in to clear the ring of the crowd, which had swarmed over the ropes. The physicians worked over the stricken man for eight minutes, when they pronounced him dead.

McCarty was killed by a blow to the jaw, according to the report of a doctor who conducted an autopsy, and not by a blow over the heart, as had been supposed.

MAKE PRELIMINARY PLANS

Republican Leaders Confer on Campaign.

Washington, May 25.—Leaders of the Republican party—members of the executive committee of the national committee from twelve states—gathered here and laid preliminary plans for the congressional campaign of 1914 and the national political battle of two years later, to regain control of congress and possession of the White House.

As a result the Republican national committee will meet sixty days after the adjournment of the extra session of congress and an extraordinary Republican national convention is expected a year hence.

SKULL FRACTURED IN MATCH

Zbyszko, Polish Wrestler, is Seriously Injured.

Montreal, May 25.—Stanislaus Zbyszko, the Polish wrestler, is suffering from a fractured skull and other injuries as a result of a plunge from the ring to the floor and alleged fouling tactics used by his opponent, Constant Le Marin, in a match here.

GOMPERS SECURES A STAY

Supreme Court to Pass on Sentence to Prison for Contempt.

Washington, May 23.—The mandate of the District court of appeals that Samuel Gompers should be imprisoned for thirty days and that John Mitchell and Frank Morrison should be fined \$500 each for their contempt of court in the noted Buck stove and range case has been stayed to permit attorneys for the labor leaders to appeal to the supreme court.

Duluth to Close Resorts.

Duluth's new city commission, following its recent action in eliminating liquor in the "red light" district, has given notice that the new state law, by which it is aimed to abolish the social evil, will be rigidly enforced when it goes into effect on May 31.

LUTHER M'CARTY.

American Heavyweight Killed in Ring Battle.



Photo by American Press Association.

AWAIT NEXT MOVE BY TOKIO

State Department Officials Drop Land Law Temporarily.

Washington, May 21.—Interest in negotiations between the United States and Japan over the California land legislation has shifted from Washington to Tokio.

SUFFRAGIST COLORS ENRAGE SPECTATORS

Serious Rioting Occurs in Victoria Park, London.

London, May 26.—Victoria park, in the West End, was the scene of rioting when trades unionists and Socialists attempted to hold a meeting in spite of more than an hour's delay.

Mounted and foot police, by repeated charges, finally drove the crowd away. Women and men fainted in the crush and children were trampled upon.

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A. K. FINSETH IS STRICKEN

Former State Senator and Food Commissioner Dies at Kenyon.

A. K. Finseth, state senator in 1874, 1876, 1878, 1886 and 1888 and state dairy and food commissioner under Governor Merriam in 1891 and 1892, died at his home in Kenyon of paralysis. He was seventy-seven years of age.

Finseth was one of the pioneers of that section of Minnesota. He was president of the Citizens' State bank of Kenyon from its organization until a few years ago, when he retired from active work.

GUSTAFSON FOUND GUILTY

Convicted of Murder of William Darling in Minneapolis.

Gust Gustafson, on trial at Minneapolis on a charge of having murdered William A. Darling, was found guilty of murder in the first degree. Life imprisonment is the statutory penalty.

CHARGE BLOCK IS BANKRUPT

Creditors of Former State Treasurer File Petition in Duluth.

A petition to have Julius H. Block, former state treasurer and at one time sheriff of Nicollet county, adjudged a bankrupt was filed in the district court at Duluth by C. C. Madison of Independence, Mo.; D. K. Hutchcraft of Iron Mountain, Minn., and W. E. Judson, Duluth. They say that a security they have been given on notes aggregating \$1,000 has been turned over to a St. Paul firm not named in the petition the notes have been made insecure.

ABOUT THE STATE

News of Especial Interest to Minnesota Readers.

GIRL IS SLAIN BY SUITOR

Young Man Then Turns Weapon on Himself Following Rejection of Marriage Proposal.

Frank Kuhlman, a tinner of Minneapolis, shot and instantly killed Miss Edna Jones of Pine City and then fired three shots into his left breast just below the heart.

Kuhlman was employed as a tinner about two months ago by the Smith Hardware company of Pine City and boarded at the Jones boarding house. He became infatuated with his landlord's daughter and wanted to marry her, but she rejected him and he threatened at that time to kill her.

He returned and went to the kitchen door of the Jones boarding house and rapped. He was disguised with a black wig and dark glasses, but the girl knew him and screamed for her mother for help.

Kuhlman then shot her through the left shoulder and heart and she died almost instantly. Kuhlman then ran several blocks and shot himself, but may recover.

PROSECUTION DROPS CASE

Minnesota Minister Freed of Arson Charge.

The charges against Rev. M. H. Frye, the United Brethren minister accused of burning a stock of furniture to obtain \$2,000 insurance, were dismissed in district court at Waseca.

The grand jury indicted Rev. Mr. Frye on evidence that he bought a stock of old furniture, insured it for \$2,000 and bought a can of kerosene a few hours before the fire started.

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GIRL ASKS HEART BALM

Inver Grove (Minn.) Man is Sued for \$15,000.

Marie Welns of Hastings, fifteen years of age, is suing, with her mother as guardian, George J. Glassing of Inver Grove to recover \$15,000 damages for alleged breach of promise to marry.

The complaint alleges that on March 22, 1912, Glassing, who is forty-four years old, promised to marry the girl, but on January last wedded another person.

The defendant faces trial at the present term of court on four indictments concerning his treatment of the girl.

MOORHEAD BANKER IS DEAD

L. A. Huntoon Well Known in Northern Minnesota.

L. A. Huntoon, one of the best known bankers in Northern Minnesota, president of the First National bank of Moorhead, resident director of the Moorhead normal school and appointed about two weeks ago by Governor Eberhart as a member of the new educational board of the state, is dead at Moorhead. He was fifty years of age.

Death was due to complications following an operation. His death was not expected and came as a shock to all who knew him.

JEKYLL AND HYDE

The fly enters your home as a harmless insect. But once inside he becomes transformed into a monster of horrible proportions, carrying disease to the members of your family. One fly carries over 6,000,000 germs about with it.

SLAYS WOMAN AND HIMSELF

Jealousy Given as Motive for Double Tragedy.

Leonard Erickson, twenty-four years old, shot and instantly killed Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers, thirty-eight, at East Grand Forks and then turned the revolver on himself. He died within a few minutes.

Jealousy is the cause given by officials for the murder and suicide, which occurred in the kitchen of the home of Mrs. Rogers, who is divorced and whose husband is supposed to be at International Falls, Minn. She was a half-breed.

MILO WHITE PASSES AWAY

Former Minnesota Congressman Dies at Chatfield.

Milo White, a representative in congress two terms from the First Minnesota district, is dead at his home in Chatfield.

Mr. White was a descendant of the Whites of Plymouth colony fame. He was born in Franklin county, Vermont, in 1830. He reached Chatfield in 1855 and at the time of his death was the oldest merchant in Southern Minnesota.

In 1858 he was married to Miss Hannah A. Ellis of Fairfax, Vt. He was elected to the Minnesota state senate in 1871 and held the office five years. His two terms in the federal congress were served soon after and when defeated for a third he retired from political life and gave all of his time to his business affairs.

PASTOR DIES AT AGE OF 104

Rev. John Greer Passes Away in St. Paul Suburb.

In the death of Rev. John Greer at the home of his daughter at Merriam Park, the state of Minnesota lost another of its pioneer residents.

Rev. John Greer was for many years one of the best known Methodist Episcopal ministers of St. Paul and vicinity and during his early residence at Inver Grove he did a great deal of missionary work among the Sioux and Chippewa Indians.

MAN WAYLAIED AND KILLED

Robbers Shoot Down Victim Near Hibbing.

James Karas of Hibbing was shot and killed on a driveway to a roadhouse near Hibbing.

Karas and Tom Fololondo, a section foreman, were on their way to the roadhouse. Fololondo says that when seventy-five feet distant from the railroad tracks two men appeared in front of them, said "Throw up your hands" and started shooting.

AGED MAN ADMITS SLAYING

Killed Poor Farm Inmate at Duluth With Cuspidor.

"Yes, I've said it, that I killed the man. I'm sixty-four years old. You can do what you like with me. I don't care; I won't live to be more than seventy years anyway."

Perelli, because he had been called "Macaroni," hurled an iron cuspidor at Michael Lenovitch, a fellow inmate at the poor farm, March 26. The blow was fatal.

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OF INTEREST TO SCANDINAVIANS

Recent Happenings in This Country and Abroad.

SWEDISH OPERA IN GERMANY

Celebrated Stockholm Singers Will Take the Leading Roles at Stuttgart "Musik-Fest".

Agnes Hansen, the Norwegian opera singer, has been making a great success recently in German cities as "Brunhilde" in Wagner's "Die Walkyrie." Miss Hansen has also appeared in a number of concerts in Berlin, Stuttgart and Hamburg and at all these places she scored much applause and received many compliments from musical critics.

The May 17th celebrations throughout Norway were well attended this year and especially so in Christiania, where thousands of festive-clad people turned out to enjoy the day and listen to patriotic songs and speeches.

Through the kindness of Axel Bugge the University of Christiania has lately come into a number of collections from Sophus Bugge's library. There are also a number of scientific treatises and manuscripts that may now be found in the Bugge collection at the university.

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Queen Alexandra of Denmark and her sister, Empress Marie, have been added to the ranks of the International Sunshine society and they have adopted a beautiful plan for raising money for the blind babies of Denmark.

Following the custom of several years past an ecclesiastical convention will be held in Vexio, Sweden, from June 29 to July 1. The mission board of the Swedish church, the board of the Swedish Mission society and those of the deaconess and deacon institutes have each appointed one of their members to assist in making the necessary arrangements.

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