

MAKES FATAL DIVE

P. R. Boulbee Leaps Into an Empty Tank.

SKULL IS CRUSHED BY FALL

Employee of Canadian Bank of Commerce Sustains Injuries by Plunge in Multnomah Club Pool That May Result in His Death.

Thinking the large swimming tank at the Multnomah Athletic Club to be filled with water, H. P. Boulbee, an employee of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, last night dived head first into less than a foot of water and crushed his skull against the cement floor. He did not regain consciousness after his leap, and at a late hour last night the doctors said that there was little or no hope of his recovery.

David Campbell, Chief of the Fire Department; Harry Ladd Corbett, of the First National Bank, and Paul J. Vial were witnesses of the accident. The dived man, however, until he had left the springboard and they were powerless to stop him. But for their prompt work in removing his prostrate form from the tank, he would have drowned in the foot of water in which he landed.

It is the custom of the club to refill the tank each Tuesday. The members of the club all knew this, and supposed that Boulbee did. The accident happened shortly after 6 o'clock. The lights had not yet been turned on, and the absence of water could not be noticed. As soon as Boulbee's companions heard the board creak they turned and saw his form in the air. They thought at once of the empty tank, and each of them knew that they were watching a man plunge to his death.

It is the custom of the Canadian Bank to pay the dues of its employees in the Multnomah Club. That they will take the required amount of exercise to make them strong and able for work. During the early part of the evening Boulbee, who is strongly built and very fond of athletic sports, was first to leave it. Without saying a word he braced himself and ran onto the springboard. He had a reputation as a beautiful diver, and sprang high and far out. The tank is fully 15 feet deep, at the point from which he jumped, and witnesses say that he made a jump that would easily be 20 feet. Turning head downward, as he supposed, to strike the water gracefully, he descended with all his weight to the floor. His temple struck the cement bottom and scraped along the floor. The bones of his skull were crushed and ground into the very substance of his brain.

Corbett's voice was the first to break the silence. "Quick! get him out or he will drown in here," he called.

Campbell and Corbett jumped into the tank with a single leap, and quickly raised his head above the level of the water.

"I never witnessed a more ghastly scene in my life," said Mr. Corbett last night. "His head was so disfigured that you could scarcely recognize anything of his features."

Dr. J. D. Denton was called and the injured man removed to the hospital. The ambulance happened to be near, and was called. In less than 20 minutes after the accident he was at the hospital and arrangements made for an operation. The fragments of bone were removed and the bones lifted so that they would not press against the brain. He seemed somewhat relieved after the operation, but did not regain consciousness.

Boulbee has lived in Portland between three and four months, but during the time has made a number of friends here. He has worked in the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and has resided at 706 Flanagan street. R. A. Ward, superintendent of the bank, was at the hospital a short time after the accident, and personally took charge of the young man's affairs. Telegrams were sent to members of his family, and it is thought that some of them will arrive within the next few days. He came to Portland from Toronto, Canada, where a widowed mother, two sisters and four brothers reside.

WIRES SOURCE OF DANGER.

Inspector for Underwriters Reports Changes Needed in Portland.

Before the business portion of the city can be considered safe from fire destruction, much electrical rewiring must be done, according to the annual report for 1903 of W. R. Roberts, local inspector for the Fire Underwriters' Inspection Bureau. Another menace is the great number of wooden ash barrels in use. These are being ordered removed by the inspector as far as possible, 718 being ordered out during the past year.

The annual report made to the headquarters at San Francisco shows the first full year's work of the local inspector. Only during a part of 1903 was an inspector regularly stationed in Portland; before that time it was not considered of sufficient importance to require his services.

Electric wires caused the inspector the most trouble. Changes in wiring to the number of 167 were ordered, including rewiring of 14 premises and a thorough overhauling of 43.

During the holiday season 33 changes in decoration were ordered with a view to better protection.

The inspector also successfully opposed an amendment to the building ordinance permitting tile exterior walls as a substitute for brick. He is also partially responsible for the ordinance requiring the removal of all storage tanks to Portsmouth.

One recommendation of the report is as follows: "An ordinance embodying the National Electrical Code would benefit Portland, especially if it carried control of existing installations. The electrical situation in this city is also such that needed rewiring and thorough overhauling of installations greatly augments the number of electrical changes."

SPOILING FOR A FIGHT.

Japan is All Ready to Make War on Russia.

J. Walter Ransom, chief clerk of the Portland & Astoria Steamship Company, was back at his desk yesterday after an absence of more than a month in the Orient. He spent the greater portion of his time in Japan, visiting China for a while.

Mr. Ransom reports that in Japan everything spoke of war, when he left. Active preparations are going on and the day he sailed the formal declaration of hostilities was expected at any moment. "We expected surely to learn as soon as we reached here on Sunday," said he, "that war was in progress. We were surprised not to learn it. Japan seems to think that it cannot be averted and she is consequently busy getting ready. At Yokohama everything was in a bustle and stir. One of the forts to protect the harbor was in process of erection when I first visited the place. When I returned a short time later it was prac-

tidally completed and several guns were in place. This port is so well protected that it would be almost impossible to take it. Great care is taken everywhere to conceal the fortifications. In many places the guns are hidden under branches of trees so that one could run directly upon a gun without knowing its location at all.

"The troops are kept in fine condition and are being drilled every day. A short time before I left the Emperor held a review of all his troops, but I failed to see the sight.

"In China not much interest seems to be manifested either on my way or the other, that is, among the Chinese. They don't appear to care. The English, though, are patting Japan on the back and are anxious to see a fight. The Germans also seem to be rather anxious to see a scrap."

Mr. Ransom reports that he had a most pleasant trip and saw many curious things. He returned with a quantity of the Indrasamba, which brought a valuable cargo of silk from China and a quantity of exhibits from the Philippines to be used at the St. Louis fair. Thousands of dollars worth of goods were brought over and used in the construction of the Filipino houses.

MUSIC FOR AMERICANS.

Arthur Farwell Believes Indian Themes Offer Material.

Arthur Farwell, who lectured at the Unitarian Church Monday night on "Music and Myth of the American Indians and Its Relation to American Composition," is one of the most interesting of the young composers of America. He is deeply interested in having American compositions thoroughly and purely American. The music of the Indians has appealed to him, and their mythology he is studying and using as a foundation for his work. Folk-lore is generally associated with olden countries, but Mr. Farwell sees material in our own country through which may be perpetuated the legends, legends and customs of the Indians, the cowboys, the negroes and the sailors.

"My principal object in making this Western trip is to see what is happening and doing out in this direction, and I find there is plenty to keep me busy. What people these Westerners are—how wide awake! They seem to catch ideas and to think that Eastern people do—or at least, they grasp them and absorb them in a different manner than I have been accustomed to seeing.

"I think that American ideals are purer in this section of the country. For one does not find so much European alloy in them, and individuals are not afraid to think for themselves and express their opinions. I think that, if you have anything new to tell them, they are eager to hear, and if it is feasible it will be accepted and studied. There is not such a thing as a comparison between a Pacific Coast audience and a Boston audience. One might say of Boston that it is hermetically sealed. This expresses the whole situation here, I think. With New York, well, New York is a whirlpool; but the West is open and free-minded, ready to absorb and learn—but at the same time it is critical."

Mr. Farwell is most enthusiastic over the Coast and seems to lament the fact that so many people who have never been out of their Ennet do not know more about this country.

"I know a composer of some note who talked for several months of making a Western tour. The matter was taken up several times with his managers, but they decided that there were not enough people out here to pay for making the trip. Now, what do you think of that? I could spend several years on the Coast and then consider that I had seen all I wished to."

"I find that all stores carry Beethoven's compositions and plenty of rag-time melodies. I always watch these things carefully. In less than 20 minutes after the accident he was at the hospital and arrangements made for an operation. The fragments of bone were removed and the bones lifted so that they would not press against the brain. He seemed somewhat relieved after the operation, but did not regain consciousness.

ADOPT ADVERTISING SCHEME.

Internal Revenue Clerks Draw Attention to the Fair.

The latest advertising scheme of the Lewis and Clark Centennial is credited to the clerical force in Internal Revenue Collector David M. Dunne's office, which has taken the responsibility of advertising the Fair through their branch of the Government service.

The assessment lists received from Washington every month are wrapped around a wooden stick, the same stick being used to forward to Washington the assessment list used during the month passed. Every stick that leaves the office in an assessment roll is prominently posted on one side a Lewis and Clark poster telling of the Fair and giving some of the principal features of the Centennial. The mailing sticks are sent out from the Washington office and in this way the advertisement of the Fair is carried on with little trouble and no expense. Some of the sticks sent out from the Portland office have come back with other assessment rolls, and all bear the stamps of various other offices throughout the country where they have been sent. A stick was received a few days ago that bore the stamps of more than half the United States. Internal Revenue offices in the country. If half the newspapers in the towns where the various offices are located would make mention of the device it is apparent that advertising by this means would be considerable.

LILLIAN BLAUVELT COMING.

Famous Prima Donna Soprano Will Sing at the Marquam, Feb. 10.

Of Lillian Blauvelt, who is to appear at the Marquam, February 10, under the management of Miss Lois Steers, a New York critic says:

"Her voice is growing more beautiful year by year, deepening and maturing, and adding to its first flawless technique a mellow splendor of tone which marks it as the equal of any. No other singer, excepting possibly Calve, is giving us such an abundantly interesting study in the development of a great voice beyond the point of mere singing ability—the growth of the singing soul."

Mme. Blauvelt is now in her prime. This will be the first opportunity ever granted to Portland music-lovers to hear the famous star who has won such renown in Europe and New York.

LADIES' GYMNASIUM CLASS.

The ladies' gymnasium class at the Young Men's Christian Association is having its most successful year. The management has decided to allow those ladies who would like to join for the remaining half of the season to June to do so by paying \$2.50, one-half the regular fee; thus ladies can have the privilege of the ladies' class, including marches, fancy steps, gymnasium games, as well as the regular calisthenics. The class also has the use of the entire physical department equipment, including baths and the magnificent tiled swimming pool. Many ladies have learned to swim this year. Classes meet Wednesday night and Friday morning.

Gifts of Emperor to Roosevelt.

PCRT SAID, Egypt, Jan. 26.—The United States gumbao, Macchias is expected here January 26 from Jibuti, French Somaliland, with two lions and other gifts which Emperor Menelek is sending to President Roosevelt.

Visitors to Portland

Should not miss the delightful trips up the coast to the Columbia River. Parties are at O. R. & N. city ticket office, Third and Washington.

AID OF CONGRESS

Practically Is Assured for Lewis and Clark Fair.

COMMITTEE IS RETURNING

House Committee Favors Appropriation, but Will Not Provide for Memorial Building—Speaker Cannon is Friendly.

"We can reasonably expect Congress to aid the Lewis and Clark Fair with a generous appropriation," say members of the committee of Portland citizens who have spent the past two months at Washington. "Congress is favorably disposed toward the Fair and an appropriation is quite likely; still, it is well to keep in mind that the Exposition cannot be absolutely sure of National support until the appropriation is actually made."

For the present, the committee has no more work to do at Washington, nor will the members return unless summoned thither by the Oregon delegation. H. W. Scott, chairman of the committee and president of the Exposition corporation, returned to Portland last night. Whitney L. Boise is on his way home, having left New York Sunday night. Jefferson Myers, president of the State Commission, is now probably in New York, whence he will go, in a few days, again to Richmond, Va., to lay before the Legislature of that state the purposes and merits of the Lewis and Clark Fair. Thence he will go to St. Louis.

The committee and the Oregon delegation worked patiently and persistently at the National capital. The prospect of success was not all favorable at first. The results achieved, as the outlook goes, have exceeded the most sanguine expectations. The House committee on industrial arts and expositions will undoubtedly recommend an appropriation. The sum of money is yet to be determined upon by the committee. Speaker Cannon has said that if the bill shall be favorably reported, it will receive a favorable reception in the House. The appropriation is expected within the next 60 or 70 days.

The House was not so readily persuaded as the Senate to entertain the idea of helping the 1904 Fair; in fact, the friends of the Exposition have had to center their influence on the lower chamber. Representative James A. Tawney, chairman of the committee, has indicated that he will not support the bill, though at first he seemed rather inclined the other way. All the other members of the committee have said or intimated that the Lewis and Clark Fair is entitled to recognition and support from the National Government.

Last week Chairman Tawney said the committee will be expedient as practical to consider and discuss the subject. The committee will decide, first, whether to aid the Fair; second, how the National Government should aid; and, third, how much money Congress should appropriate. The House will amend, in several important matters, the bill reported favorably in the Senate. The amendments will not endanger passage in the upper chamber. The House Committee will cut out of the Senate bill the \$250,000 appropriated for a memorial building; also the provision for seven commissioners at salaries of \$4000 a year each. As reported by the House Committee, the measure will provide for a United States departmental exhibit, along industrial and commercial lines, with buildings therefor. In addition, the committee will recommend an appropriation wherewith to erect buildings for exhibits of other countries. The money will be expended as directed by the directors of the Fair corporation, but will be disbursed through an agent of the Government.

It was not possible to induce the House committee to assent to the memorial building. No such building had ever been put up by the Government before, said the members, and if one should be allowed, demands for similar favors would be made upon Congress from all parts of the Nation. The Government has always limited its buildings to such as are needed for its own uses, and so many of them are wanted as to impose a heavy financial burden on the Government already. If Congress should start to put up such structures as memorial buildings, members of the House committee say the Government would get into very deep trouble very soon.

Congress is kindly disposed toward the 1904 Fair. It understands the significance of the Lewis and Clark Centennial. Its members are acquainted with the chain of events by which the Empire of the United States expanded to the Pacific Ocean and to the Orient. They know that Lewis and Clark's expedition established the claim of the United States to its first territory on the Pacific. Whatever the appropriation bill that Congress passes for the Fair, President Roosevelt will undoubtedly approve. The President has aided the Exposition whenever he could.

GRAIN RATES RECHECKED.

Freight Agents Agree on Uniform Charges to the Northwest.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—(Special)—The Western General Freight Agents held a meeting here today, but transacted little business aside from rechecking the grain rates from Nebraska points to Chicago and the Northwest. This was rendered necessary by the recent rate war between the Northwestern and the Chicago Great Western roads, growing out of rivalry for St. Paul and Minneapolis traffic. The rate sheets were gone over and uniform tariffs agreed upon. Delegates of the meeting said there was no other business before the meeting.

Railroad Notes.

A circular has been issued by the O. R. & N. announcing that the names of the stations, Nicolai Spur in Wasco County and Quinna in Gilliam County have been changed to Menominee and Quinton respectively.

C. J. Mills, live stock agent of the O. R. & N., leaves today on a trip through the state to look after stock shipments and other matters of business pertaining to his office. He will be absent several days.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—(Special)—L. Samuel, of Portland, called at the New York office of The Oregonian yesterday, with Mrs. and Miss Samuel. He left this morning for a winter's cruise to Havana. On his return trip he will stop at Palm Beach, Fla., Washington and Philadelphia.

Captain Zephaniah J. Hatch, for years connected with the steamboat business on the Willamette and in other waters of the Northwest, but who for the past ten years has been in charge of the ferry between San Francisco, Vallecjo and Mare Island, is in the city renewing his acquaintance with old friends.

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