

CRUSHED IN BEDS

Wall Falls on Crocker Hotel at Minneapolis.

RUINS ARE THEN SET ON FIRE

Twelve Persons Are Believed to Have Been Caught and Burned Alive or Killed by the Wreckage.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 19.—Four or five, and possibly 10 or 11, people lost their lives early today in the Crocker Hotel, on Fifth street, through the falling of the highest wall of the O. H. Peck building, which was damaged by fire last Tuesday night.

The high wind of last night loosened the bricks in the wall, and tons of brick and stones crashed down upon the roof of the three-story hotel next door. The roof was carried through to the basement, carrying death and injury before it.

Several persons are missing, and presumably are dead, as follows: WILLIAM CROCKER, landlord. MRS. MAGGIE ESCLAIRE. JENNIE MORRIS. WILLIAM IBERMAN. WILLIAM BRAY, carpenter and contractor.

CHARLES KENTON. WILLIAM LILLYBLED. Seven men and one woman are unaccounted for. The injured are: Mrs. Jennie Murray, hip badly bruised. Mrs. Evelyn Williams, badly cut. Mrs. William Crocker. Willie Crocker. Hannah Crocker. Frank Boyer. Charles Smith.

The crash came when almost every one in the hotel was asleep. Within one moment the entire hotel building was a wreck, with injured and dying people calling for help.

A number of people, who were asleep at the time of the accident, and who were not immediately in the path of the falling bricks, escaped with their lives, though badly injured. The fire department responded quickly, as did also a large share of the Police Department, who set to work rescuing the injured.

Mrs. Jennie Murray, a cook, was the first to be taken out by the rescuers. She was taken to the City Hospital.

Mr. Crocker, the proprietor, is probably dead. He was in the front of the hotel when the accident occurred, and has not been seen since.

William Iberman was sick in bed, and unable to help himself.

Mrs. Williams, daughter of William Crocker, was asleep on the top floor when the crash came, and was buried beneath the debris, but was rescued.

BURN WITH OIL BARGE.

Captain and Three Men Lose Lives in Fire at Sea.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—By an explosion and the burning of 1,000,000 gallons of petroleum on a Standard Oil Company's barge at sea off Long Branch, N. J., Sunday morning, four men were burned to death. The dead: CAPTAIN G. P. STOKES. A. PALE, engineer. AL BRANDT, stevedore. THOMAS JOHNSON, sailor.

H. Hansen, a sailor, had shipped for the trip, but it was not known whether he was on board.

Four survivors of the crew of the burned barge were brought to this port and are in a hospital suffering from burns.

The steel barge No. 31 and another barge were in tow of a tug bound from Philadelphia. Something interfered with the flow of water from the fresh-water tank, and Engineer Sale and Fireman Brandt went below to investigate. An explosion followed, whether of gas or a boiler is unknown. In a twinkling the barge was ablaze from stem to stern.

The tug which had the barges in tow went alongside the burning barge and took off four seamen, but the blaze had spread so fast that the others could not be rescued.

When the blazing barge was sighted last night it was impossible to learn anything regarding the fate of the crew. Tugs which were near at hand gave all the assistance possible, and no effort was made to reach the barge by the lifesaving crew at that point.

The first news, therefore, came here today when a tugboat put into Long Island City with the four survivors on board.

All of these men were seriously burned and were taken once to the hospital. There it was found that one of them was in a critical condition. It is believed that the other three men will survive their injuries.

The cause of the fire on the barge has not been explained. None of the survivors was in a condition to talk today, but it was learned that there was an explosion and burning oil was thrown over the vessel. The barge had on board 21,000 barrels, or 1,000,000 gallons, of oil.

Death From Wood Alcohol.

ASHLAND, Ky., Dec. 19.—Four more deaths from wood-alcohol poisoning have been reported from the mouth of Beaver River, making a total of ten deaths. Two more are said to be dying.

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SURPRISE WAS COMPLETE.

Russian Garrison Had No Knowledge of Big Mines.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—According to special correspondents with the Japanese army, the capture of the Kokwan fort was a complete surprise to the Russian garrison, there having been no preparatory bombardment. Japanese sappers drove shafts 40 feet under the parapet of the fort from the escarpment and moat. In these two tons of dynamite were exploded simultaneously, completely rocking the interior of the fort, while siege and shrapnel guns shelled Russian troops in the vicinity.

This occurred at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. A detachment of Japanese infantry made a headlong but premature rush and 50 of them became buried under a mass of debris, greatly delaying the attack. Despite this mischance another volunteer force dashed forward and captured the parapet.

In the meantime the Russians had been strongly reinforced and a fierce hand-to-hand struggle with bayonets and grenades was continued till near midnight, when the few Russian survivors retreated to the city and the fort was captured. Its destruction displays the utmost scientific knowledge.

TO CUT OFF RETREAT.

Japanese Troops Being Moved From Pigeon Bay.

TOKIO, Dec. 19.—Advices have been received here of the rapid and successful movement of Japanese troops from the direction of Pigeon Bay. It is the object of General Nogai to separate the Russian headquarters from Liaishan Peninsula, for the purpose of making retreat to its protected ridge impossible. The force advancing from Pigeon Bay is considerable, and though imperial army headquarters have not yet vouchsafed the information, it is generally believed that large bodies of troops are being withdrawn from the harbor and shifted to positions where they will be ready to join in the land attack. Temporary headquarters have been established at Luchistun, and the advance is being directed from that point.

So far as can be learned here, the commencement of another general attack upon the new town is but a matter of days. While no doubt exists as to the anxiety of Japanese commanders to avoid shelling any of the positions where hospitals are located, it is greatly feared the task will be a difficult one. The hospital buildings in clusters over a wide area, standing in clusters in some places, and isolated structures in others.

The report of the capture of a strong protected ridge, three miles distant from 200-Meter Hill is officially confirmed. It commands several points which have proven untenable hitherto, owing to fire from the nearest forts at Etashan. The Japanese are now in the process of fortifying the ridge to the top of 200-Meter Hill.

Samejima Given the Praise.

TOKIO, Dec. 20.—All Japan is today ringing with praises of General Samejima, hero of the assault on Kokwan Mountain fort. It is conceded that his heroic inspired men and turned a threatened disaster into a splendid victory.

General Samejima is an old Samurai veteran of the war of the restoration and the Satsuma rebellion. He is gray-haired and bent, but is wiry and active. He is an engineer and was formerly a garrison commander. He is Japanese specialist in fortifications and was called to Port Arthur to superintend the siege works. He was not assigned to an active command and it is supposed here that General Samejima replaced General Tsuchiya as division commander.

Sickness Among Japanese.

HUASHAN, Dec. 19.—It is reported that a new form of sickness has broken out among the Japanese, resembling the bubonic plague. The intense cold of the last few days has obliged the Japanese to abandon some of their advanced posts and consequently Russian scouts have been able to raid clear to the Japanese main positions.

A Japanese observation balloon was seen today reconnoitering the Russian front.

Husband and Daughter Coming.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick and his daughter Mary have started for London, cables the World's Paris correspondent. It is said they probably will sail on Saturday next on the Cedars for New York. The doctor was intensely nervous and could not be persuaded to talk. Upon leaving his hotel he carried a heavily laden suitcase, which he never once allowed out of his hand after he had come from his room.

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But little information was secured today as to Mrs. Chadwick's jewelry that creditors think she has, or of a missing trunk and valise the receiver desires to find. The examination today of two of the witnesses, Emil Hoover, Freda Swanson, her maid, centered about three articles. From several admissions made, Receiver Loser, however, will continue his inquiry with the hope of locating the property.

At the afternoon session of court, Benjamin G. Malizer, manager of a Cleveland furniture company, told of furs and trunks valued at \$200, which were held for Mrs. Chadwick. The proprietor of the same concern denied, in answer to a question, that Mrs. Chadwick had purchased a \$100 fur-lined coat.

On the Way From Europe.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—A special cable dispatch to the World from Paris says that Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick and his daughter, Mary Chadwick, respectively, Cleveland, sailed from Dover, England, for New York Sunday night as second-class passengers on the steamer Pretoria of the Hamburg-American line.

INQUIRY FOR JEWELS.

Mrs. Chadwick's Son and Maid Put on the Stand.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 19.—Mrs. C. L. Chadwick was too ill to appear today before Referee Remington in the bankruptcy case against her. The announcement that effect was made in the bankruptcy court.

The examination of Freda Swanson, Mrs. Chadwick's maid, was then begun by Attorney Grossman, with a view to getting information as to the whereabouts of valuable jewels and papers belonging to her employer.

Miss Swanson said she had been in Mrs. Chadwick's employ for six months and accompanied her on all of her trips. She was not the confidante of Mrs. Chadwick, she said, and never looked after Mrs. Chadwick's jewels. Mrs. Chadwick took care of them herself. She did not know where they were.

Mrs. Chadwick's son, Emil Hoover, was then called. He could not tell the present whereabouts of a trunk or satchel which were removed from the Holland House.

Young Hoover told of a visit he made to Cleveland before his mother's arrest. She had sent him here to obtain a package deposited with a local trust company, and which she said was very important. He said he thought there was valuable papers in the parcel, and which "mother seemed greatly worried about the matter," he testified. "I did not ask her anything about it and thought she would explain it in time."

In the afternoon a lengthy argument ensued between Attorney Grossman for the creditors and counsel for Mrs. Chadwick, as to her ability to appear in court. It was agreed that two physicians should examine her and report on her condition to the court tomorrow.

Dr. Chadwick Bids Farewell.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—Acquaintances of Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick, of Cleveland, O., who left Paris for London, yesterday, received letters from him, thanking them for courtesies extended to the doctor. The letters are blurred, the signatures resembling "J. R. Ann," whereby it is believed Dr. Chadwick is seeking to avoid further attention. He said that they will help on the American line steamer Philadelphia here, but it is believed that he intends to carry out his statement that he would sail this week.

A Thoughtful Thief.

Following an incident last night reported the robbery of \$7 from the Grotto, a cigar and candy store run by C. F. Franklin, at Sellwood. The front door was pried open and whoever took the money locked the door after completing the job and going out.

Injured in Moscow Riots.

MOSCOW, Dec. 19.—In the course of anti-war demonstrations here today several persons were slightly injured.

Receiver for Copper Company.

SANTA FE, N. M., Dec. 19.—Judge McFall today appointed Ernest Johnston receiver of the American Consolidated Copper Company, on the petition of New York stockholders, who allege mismanagement and fraud. The company owns valuable mining properties in the Lordsburg district, Grant County.

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Advertisement for Optimo Cigars, featuring a circular logo with 'OPTIMO CIGARS' and 'ALL BRANDS'. Lists various cigar brands and prices.

Large advertisement for Artware and Diamond Jewelry. Features 'A LIST OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS' and 'THE PATEK PHILIPPE WATCH'. Includes images of jewelry and lists of gift categories like 'ELECTRIC LAMPS', 'DRESSEN PLATES', and 'DIAMOND JEWELRY'.