

GREAT BUILDING BECOMES TOMB

Department Store Collapses and Buries Hundreds of Employees.

AT LEAST TWENTY DEAD

Workmen Jar Foundation and Bring Whole Structure Down With Crash—Fifty Persons Still Buried in the Ruins.

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 8.—The middle section of the big department store of John Myers Company in North Pearl street collapsed early today, carrying down with it over 100 persons. Caught in a chaos of brick, plaster and wooden beams, between 20 and 30 men, women and children met death. Twelve hours frantic work on the part of an army of rescuers disentangled 50 persons, six of them dead and many of the rest badly injured. Three bodies were in sight at a late hour tonight, but many hours work will be required to get them out.

Workmen Jar Pillar Down. "The workmen were sawing at a wooden floor beam," said he, "which runs under the northern end of the pillars in the middle of the store. Excavation for the cellar was going on about the base of the pillar, and I believe that the jarring of the beam beneath it displaced the foundation of the pillar."

Rescuers Work Till Exhausted. When the fire department arrived it had plenty to do in rescuing those who were pinned under the top wreckage. In a short time the city's entire hospital and ambulance force was on the scene, aided by half a hundred doctors from all parts of the city.

One Hundred Still Missing. Some 100 persons are still unaccounted for, 50 of them are cashiers of whom the firm had no record, and the loss of the payroll makes it difficult to get anything like a complete list of many others. In all, the company has 400 employees, but 50 of these are away on vacations.

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engaged in a long conversation, retiring to one side of the hall. Mr. Witte refused to permit his luncheon to be served until he had assisted in serving all of the ladies in the group about him. The democratic spirit of the Russian plenipotentiary's handling of refreshments to the guests was one of the interesting incidents of the luncheon. Before leaving, the Russian and Japanese again greeted each other cordially. Prescribed honors were rendered the two missions as they left the navy general store by a marine guard.

WITTE'S MESSAGE GLOOMY.

Russian Paper Accuses Standard Oil of Gobbling Sakhalin.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 8.—(Special.)—Mr. Witte's telegram to the government are discouraging. He believes Baron Komura will be unwilling to reduce the price which Japan sets on peace, and which includes cession of territory by Russia.

The Novoe Vremya declares that the Standard Oil Company has bought Sakhalin Island on trust, thus supplying Japan with a large amount of money. It also asserts that a secret treaty between Japan and the United States gives Kamchatka and a part of Northern Siberia to America.

The advocates of peace hope that President Roosevelt and the American press and people will induce Japan to make terms of peace acceptable to Russia, for they say that, if the conference fails to stop hostilities, a war of extermination will follow, as the Czar realizes that loss of territory would cost the Romanoff dynasty the throne of the empire.

MORE RUSSIANS SURRENDER

Detachment Ordered to Yield by Commander in Sakhalin.

TOKIO, Aug. 8.—(Special.)—An official report from the Sakhalin army says that General Lapinow and five staff officers who surrendered at Hamda July 31 were escorted to Ryokof, where they were met by our commander-in-chief in a church building. General Lapinow states that a detachment consisting of two officers and 160 men who had been sent toward Niuro had been ordered by telegram to come at Ryokof and surrender. The number of prisoners is increasing.

NO HOSPITAL FOR NOME

Taylor Says Amount of Work Does Not Justify Expense.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 8.—Because of the excessive cost and small quantity of work to be performed at the Marine Hospital and Quarantine Station at Cape Nome, Alaska, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Taylor, after a visit to Nome, has recommended the discontinuation of this work and asks that local physicians be employed, when necessary, to make inspections of steamers entering that port if sickness is abroad.

GUNS FOR SAMAR REBELS

Attempt to Smuggle Arms to Guerrilla Bands Discovers.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 8.—News was received by the Canadian Maru from Hongkong of a sensational attempt to run guns and ammunition in quantities to revolutionary bands in Samar and other unsettled districts of the Philippines. The syndicate was amply provided with funds. It intended to run the guns and ammunition to unrequited parts of the Philippine coast and turn the munitions over to the guerrillas which continue to harass the Americans. Ten thousand rifles and a million rounds of ammunition were known to have been purchased. Since the discovery of the scheme, those projecting it are in hiding.

WIND DEVASTATES CROPS

It Also Blows Away and Wrecks a Large Building.

PORTAGE, Wis., Aug. 8.—One of the most terrific wind and electric storms of the season struck this section tonight, doing much damage to growing crops and property. Trees were blown down and lightning struck several places. The Wisconsin River Bridge, about a mile west of the business center of the city, was blown completely off its pier and carried down stream a distance of about 300 yards, being completely wrecked. This bridge was the largest wagon bridge in the state, being 500 feet in length.

PITIES THE POOR WIDOW

James Hamilton Lewis Saves Ghetto Woman From Want.

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—(Special.)—Colonel James Hamilton Lewis, touched by the pitiful plight of the ghetto woman, the young widow, who was forced to surrender one of her twin babies because of poverty, today visited the woman in the ghetto district and supplied her with sufficient money to care for her children.

ANOTHER GREAT OIL FIRE IN TEXAS

HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 8.—Lightning struck two tanks of the Guffey Company in the Humble oil field today, setting both on fire. Over 100,000 barrels of oil were stored in the tanks, all of which was destroyed, entailing a loss of between \$200,000 and \$400,000.

LAMONT WAS A MILLIONAIRE

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—An estate valued at \$2,000,000 is left by the late Colonel Daniel S. Lamont, Secretary of War under President Cleveland, according to Mrs. Lamont's will filed for probate today. Mrs. Lamont and her three daughters are the beneficiaries.

VERY LOW RATES EAST

O. R. & N. Announces Cheap Rate to Buffalo

Very low rate, long-time tickets to Buffalo, New York, account Supreme Court Session Foresters of America, Participants of C. W. Stinger, city ticket agent O. R. & N. Co., Third and Washington streets, Portland.

LOW EXCURSION RATES TO THE EAST

On sale August 15, 16, 17 and 18, also September 15 and 16, the Rock Island Railway will round trip tickets to Eastern points at greatly reduced rates. For full particulars call on or address A. H. Mink, general agent, 14 Third street, Portland, Or.

KNOCKERS AT WORK

They Cause Hatred Between Kaiser and Edward.

GERMAN PLOTTERS' WORK

False German Reports of King's Remarks About Kaiser Cause Resentment—Bitter Personal Feeling Results.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—(Special.)—The London Daily News today says it has information from a well-informed Copenhagen source that the personal relations between King Edward and Kaiser Wilhelm have for some months past been strained and that the two rulers are now more bitter in their feelings toward one another than they have ever been, owing to the Kaiser's resentment of alleged utterances of King Edward affecting his personality.

It appears, the paper adds, that a great political intrigue has been engineered in order to cause an estrangement of the two monarchs by various persons high in German court life telling the Kaiser of alleged slanders uttered against him by the King. The slanders, which are the stories are "cock and bull stories."

The publication of the story has created a sensation in government circles. The paper declares that the feeling between the two rulers is so bitter, notwithstanding the fact that the Kaiser has been told untruthful things, that the coming meeting will lead to open conflict if the crisis that has been reported between them is not amicably settled.

It is pointed out by the Daily News that the attitude of the Kaiser toward England has been most aggressive since last Fall. The declaration of the British ultimatum that the Channel fleet be sent for a cruise in the Baltic, which sea Germany seeks to dominate, is declared. The Kaiser has been reported to be more and more of a happy soldier.

King Edward, the paper continues, several weeks ago discovered the intrigue and has made noble efforts to clear away the misunderstanding.

MASSACRE OF PORTUGUESE

African Tribesmen Wipe Out Population of Several Villages.

COLOGNE, Aug. 8.—The Cologne Gazette prints a dispatch that 6000 Cuanhama tribesmen recently made an attack on several Portuguese villages located to the northward of German Southwest Africa on Portuguese territory. Most of these villages were massacred. Three French missionaries were captured and the tribesmen, but succeeded in making their escape. The massacre occurred in the same region where a body of Portuguese troops suffered a serious defeat last year.

The detachment of Portuguese troops in question belonging to a column operating in Portuguese Southwest Africa against the Cuanhama, was ambushed while crossing the Canine River at night. The detachment numbered 69 officers and men, of whom 24 were killed and 30 wounded.

Bomb Factory at Gomet.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 8.—(12:50 A. M.)—Reports received at St. Petersburg that the situation at Gomet and in that neighborhood is serious. A bomb factory has been discovered at Gomet by the police and it is asserted here that the Jews are trying to stir up disorders among the peasantry. Gomet was the scene of the Jewish massacre last year. Work has been resumed at Gomet, where a serious strike has been on for some time past.

Reservists Rioting at Bender.

BENDER, Bessarabia, Aug. 8.—Serious disorders have broken out among the reservists and the rioters are plundering the disorderly houses.

Whole Town Goes on Strike.

BERDICHIEFF, Russian Poland, Aug. 8.—A general strike has broken out here and the residents are leaving town.

German Money for Morocco.

TANGIER, Aug. 8.—Arrangements for German loan of 50,000 for Morocco will be concluded soon, it is said.

No Maneuvers for Reserves.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 8.—The order calling out the reserves for the Autumn maneuvers has been canceled.

HAIL DESTROYS WHEAT

Storm Lays Waste Several Counties in North Dakota.

GRAND FORKS, N. D., Aug. 8.—Reports reached here tonight of a destructive hailstorm which passed over Bottineau, McHenry, Holmes, Pierce and Benson counties Monday night and damage resulting is estimated at Bottineau at \$1,000,000.

SOLDIERS BREAK EMBARGO

(Continued From Page 1.) on Gregson and crushed him. He was removed to the hospital.

Funerals of yellow fever patients and wakes of the dead continue with little obstruction by the health authorities.

Governor Blanchard says he is receiving complaints of suffering from many parts of the state. Medicines, ice and coal and many other necessities are wanted and there is a demand everywhere for mail service.

Chappelle Holding His Own.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 8.—Reports from the bedside of Archbishop Chappelle, who is ill with yellow fever, today were that the venerable prelate was about holding his own, the physicians being still unable to predict the outcome.

Callao Has a Fever Case.

CALLAO, Peru, Aug. 8.—The first case of yellow fever developed in the Bella Vista Hospital today.

AT THE HOTELS.

The Portland—J. L. Dodd and wife, J. L. Dodd, Jr., Louisville, Ky.; A. Hart, wife and child, Kansas City; H. A. Wheeler, Cincinnati; J. Staley, Chicago; R. Holmes, Chicago; H. Carson, Philadelphia; W. H. Hamsey, wife and daughter, Alliance, O.

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After-dinner pill; purely vegetable; prompt and pleasant; easy to take and easy to operate.

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Invites the blood, feeds the nerves and brain, tones the stomach, and gives restful sleep.

Free Soap Offer

Sign this, take to any of following druggists and get one bar of soap for 5c.

E. O. Bartlett, Joplin; W. L. Worth, Denver; J. H. Scott, Tacoma; C. B. Thornberry, Astoria; J. M. Smith, Portland; J. L. ... (List continues with many names and locations)

The Perkins—Fred Godfrey, Mrs. Fred Godfrey, Tacoma; W. C. Nichols, Mrs. Nichols, ... (List continues with many names and locations)

White Silk Gloves. Two-clasp Amsterdam double-tipped finger Milanese Silk Gloves, Fosterine embroidery, in white; special values at 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

New Duck Hats. Women's and Misses' White Duck Outing Hats, all this Summer's latest shapes—Tam-o'-Shanter, Maxine Elliott, French Tailor, etc. Fully trimmed with velvet and ornaments; special values at 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

Tutt's Pills. Cure All Liver Ills. Twenty Years Proof. Tutt's Liver Pills keep the bowels in natural motion and cleanse the system of all impurities.

Hair Health Saved His Position. Kopt Him Looking Young. Thousands of men and women, not a day grows older, but their hair turns gray. A. B. R. friend lost his job because his hair made him look old.

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Principal Portland Agents for Butterick Patterns and Publications

Lipman, Wolfe & Co. \$2, \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1 Women's Mannish Shirts at 85c. IN THE MEN'S STORE today we place on sale women's and misses' mannish shirts; just the shirt needed for the country or seaside; there are about 700 in the lot, all new, desirable. up-to-date goods, made of madras and percale; figures, stripes and polka dots, also plain white madras. Regular price \$2.00, \$1.50, \$1.25 and \$1.00; today your choice at 85c.

Wash Goods at 15c. A great clean-up sale in the Wash Goods Store today; all this season's most popular fabrics. Dot Linen, Persian Grenadine, Mercerized Jacquards, Ribbolines, Fancy Voiles, Mercerized Waists, Flake Suitings and Embroidered Voile, in a large variety of colorings. Regular price \$1.00, 75c, 60c and 50c, at the great bargain price of 15c.

White Silk Gloves. Two-clasp Amsterdam double-tipped finger Milanese Silk Gloves, Fosterine embroidery, in white; special values at 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25. LONG SILK GLOVES. 25 dozen 16-button length Silk Gloves in white, gray and champagne, all sizes; special value at \$1.00.

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10c Curtain Swiss 7c. 2000 yards Curtain Swiss, white and colored stripes, 35 and 40 inches wide; regular 10c, today 7c. 20c CURTAIN SWISS 16c. 3000 yards Curtain Swiss, white only, 36 inches wide; regular price 20c, today 16c. \$1.00 3-LB. PILLOWS 79c. 200 3 1/2-lb. selected Feather Pillows, fine grade, ticking 20x27 inches; regular price \$1.00, today 79c.

THE WOMAN'S SILVERFIELD'S STORE. Specials in Furnishings. NEW NECKWEAR 25c. We have just received a splendid assortment of Ladies' Neckwear in lace and embroidered effects; many handsome and novel designs not shown by any other house—Special at 25c. 65c HOISERY 43c. We have on sale a special line of fancy lisle Hosiery, beautiful effects, in embroidery and lace, all the newest style ideas, all the most desirable colorings. Hosiery such as is always sold at 65c and 75c on sale at 43c. WASH COLLARS 19c. Just received a splendid line of Wash Collars, Embroidered Linen Stocks, lace effects on linen; very stylish neck pieces for wear during the warm months, all desirable colors are included; 25c, 35c and 50c values for 19c. MISSES' VESTS 19c. Misses' Ribbed Cotton Vests, with long sleeves, finished with silk ribbon at neck; vests especially desirable for wear during the warm weather. These vests have always sold for 25c, special 19c. BABIES' SWEATERS. Clothe the baby in one of our sweaters and your troubles as to frocks for her are ended. We have little sweaters of all colors very well made insuring excellent wear. Ask to see them. Summer Corsets. We are showing a complete line of the cool and comfortable Summer Corsets—the only corset for wear during the warm weather.