350 HURLED INTO NIAGARA; MANY DIE

Wharf Snaps With Excursionists and 15 or 20 Persons Perish in Stream.

EIGHT BODIES RECOVERED

Crowd at Eagle Park, Grand Island, Preparing to Return to Buffalo When Collapse Precipitates Them Into River.

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 23.—Between 15 and 20 persons were drowned, and a number injured tonight when a 50 foot wharf at Eagle Park, Grand Island, Niagara river, collapsed under the weight of 350 persons, precipitating them into 12 feet of water.

Up to midnight eight bodies had been recovered, of whom six were identified.

The excursionists were preparing to return to Buffalo after an outing at the park and were on the wharf to take the steamer when the underpinning gave way. The outing was under the auspices of the Court Amherst Lodge of Odd Fellows, of Black Rock, and was for the benefit of sick brothers.

The party left Buffalo this morning on the steamer Koerber and the barge Lottie Koerber in tow. The first news of the accident reached this city when Mrs. Miller, wife of the proprietor of a hotel at Eagle Park, telephoned. The telephone system failed shortly after, and the place, which is on the Canadian branch of the river, has been out of communication since.

Fix Bros., owners of the excursion steamship line to which the boats belong, said late tonight that at least 350 persons were thrown into the water and that eight bodies had been recovered. The boats had carried one load back to Buffalo and were at the wharf taking on the remainder when the accident occurred.

The wharf is at the foot of a high embankment and its approach is by a long flight of stairs. The current at this point, which is 12 miles above Niagara Falls, is very swift. Those killed were residents of Buffalo.

KING OF SIAM PAYS TAXES

Ruler Wishes to Be on Same Plane as His Subjects in Civic Affairs.

BANGKOK, June 15.—(Special.)—King Maha Vajiravudh has just performed a very graceful act in empowering the Ministers of the Interior and Local Government to collect taxes on his lands and houses throughout the country, similar to those paid by private individuals. In course of a letter addressed to the two Ministers in question His Majesty says:

"The people in general who own landed and house property, when the time arrives for being called upon by the authorities to do so, have to pay taxes on the same in proportion to the extent of each person's possessions. Apart from the official side, I consider myself as being on the same footing as any ordinary person. The property which I possess, comparatively speaking, may be said to be considerable; and if the government would like to have a share of the income therefrom I shall be both willing and glad to part with the same as a contribution toward the maintenance of the state and nation like any other ordinary individual.

"Accordingly, henceforth I request you to levy taxes on all landed and house property which are considered my personal possession in the same manner as they are levied upon those of the public in general."

In explanation of this it may be stated that the possessions of the Siamese Privy Purse are really enormous. The revenues do not all go to the King, the various members of the royal family having each their own ear-marked share, the King's naturally being the greatest. But if all the members of the royal house who can afford it were to follow the King's example, it would give a splendid lift to the state revenue and allow of much additional progress being made. And here it may not be amiss to say that the estimated amount spent on the coronation in December last was roughly $1,675,000. This, of course, does not include the expenses incurred by the various Princes and private officials, which must have almost equaled that sum.

WOMEN WILL LAY BRICKS

Gotham School to Instruct Females in Masculine Arts.

NEW YORK, June 23.—(Special.)—Women bricklayers, plumbers and plasterers are to be graduated in due course of time from the Johnson Female Trade School, ground for which was broken recently near Winfield station, in the Borough of Queens.

Originated by Thomas J. Buckley, president of the Master Builders' Association, the school, which is to be the first of its kind in the country, will be built by the association at a cost of $50,000. It is named in honor of Fire Commissioner Johnson.

Women will be taught all the details of the builder's craft, including the gentle pursuit of steam heating and steel work. It is said that already 60 women have been enrolled, and more recruits are expected when the school opens on October 16, next. A similar school in Berlin has more than 300 students.

Edward L. Middleton, a civil engineer, and six assistants are to have charge of the Johnson school. Frank X. Grady, vice-president of the builders' association, said that women were entering the field and should have tehcnical instruction. He mentioned Miss Alice Durkin, of the firm of Durkin & Lass, which has erected several large buildings and recently received a contract for a $340,000 Bronx public school.

STUDENTS TALK POLITICS

Jerome K. Jerome Champions Cause of Labor in Address.

LONDON, June 23.—(Special.)—The joint dinner of the Eighty Club and the Cambridge University Liberal Club at Cambridge Saturday evening was a great success. There was some capital speech-making. The Lord-Advocate was the guest of the evening, and delivered what he himself described as a plain and practical speech to his "young friends." The speech was in its basis a defense of the party system, and a panegyric of Liberalism, with incidental references to the Insurance Act and Home Rule for Ireland—to both of which Mr. Ure predicted that the country would eventually accord sympathetic appreciation.

Jerome K. Jerome followed with an address which, for novelty and originality, was quite the speech of the evening, and created great enthusiasm. There was abroad at the present time among the lower orders, he said, a reprehensible spirit which was generally alluded to as labor unrest. From Hodge, in his damp and dilapidated, but nevertheless picturesque, cottage, rearing his brood on $5.50 a week, to the miner, the plutocrat of labor, who by eight hours' labor a day under conditions which might have inspired Dante to add an extra circle to his inferno, and at the ever-present risk of his life, earned as much in a month as would pay the annual subscription of a decent golf club, labor was moving in unrest.

Labor, to put it bluntly, was becoming a bit of a nuisance. The comfortable man was being irritated and annoyed, and something had to be done. The community—those persons with incomes of $2500 or $3000 a year—demanded that labor unrest should be put an end to. There he could not help being reminded of the story of King Canute and his courtiers and the Atlantic Ocean. The comfortable man demanded that he should be protected against labor combining for its own ends. It was rather pathetic, this sudden demand of the comfortable classes for an age of rest and security. The world was to be made into a safe place for the comfortable man. The wage-earner must be content to submit to the fluctuations of the labor market, but the comfortable man's consols were to be made a fixed quantity.

He wanted to know what was the meaning of this sudden demand on the part of those who used to talk so bravely about the battle to the strong, the survival of the fittest, God helps those who help themselves, and so on. But, unfortunately, the laboring man was beginning to help himself, and so that law was not so popular as it used to be. They used to hear a good deal about might being right, but the comfortable man of today seemed to have a sudden revulsion of feeling in favor of the principles of the Sermon on the Mount. He was very much afraid those estimable persons who were demanding that labor should cease from troubling and that the world should become a comfortable place where the comfortable man might rest, were in for a bitter disappointment.

Labor has got to be considered as well as capital. He himself regarded labor unrest as the healthiest sign of the times. If the laboring classes showed no signs of discontent with their present conditions it would mean that human vitality was flowing to its end. He was not afraid of labor, at whose moderation he marveled. Social revolution had to come, and it was the duty of every man with brains in his head to help to prepare the way for it, that it might come upon them when it did come, not armed with anger, hatred, envy and unreason, but with promise in its hand.

HEIRESS IS DESTITUTE

AGED MEMBER OF WEALTHY GOTHAM FAMILY HOMELESS.

Woman, Whose Dower Was Home in Stuyvesant Square, Is Object of Stranger's Charity.

NEW YORK, June 23.—(Special.)—Homeless, friendless, hungry and in poverty, Mrs. Rebecca Shaw Weeks, aged 80 or over, member of an old and wealthy New York family, is being cared for by strangers on whose doorstep she succumbed to faintness. Search is being made for her near relatives who are presumably wealthy.

Mrs. Shaw, whose memory in some respects seems perfect, told of her father's marriages and where her brothers and half brothers were living quarter of a century ago, but says she and her husband lived selfishly and lost track of their relatives.

She says her father was Jeremiah Shaw, a wealthy dealer in realty and at her marriage, over 50 years ago, to John Weeks, a successful hardware merchant, the parental present was a house in Stuyvesant Square. This was soon after destroyed by fire, but her father replaced it.

At the death of her husband, 26 years ago, Mrs. Shaw says she had $25,000 in bank and sold her property. The proceeds were added to the bank balance and not invested. The principal, drawn on for living expenses, dwindled gradually until the end of it came a few weeks ago and the poor little gentlewoman is dependent on strangers for the necessities of life.

BERLIN POLICE TYRANNIZE

Petty Rulings Cause Serious Discomfort to Many Citizens.

BERLIN, June 23.—(Special.)—Herr von Jagow, the chief of the Berlin police, is never quite happy unless he is making rules for the citizens. He is at present engaged in worrying nuns and the proprietors of taxicabs. There is a convent of Grey Sisters in the city to which a pension for young women is attached. The nuns provide a comfortable home at an exceedingly moderate price, and receive boarders without distinction of creed.

It came to the knowledge of the police that several Protestant young women employed in the Postoffice were living in the pension, and they informed the prioress that she was to dismiss them. The good lady pointed out that the young women wished to remain. The statement did not impress the police, who hold that Protestants and Catholics should be segregated in different houses, and they obliged the nuns to turn out the Protestant boarders. The young women were greatly annoyed, and some tears were shed when they parted from the Grey Sisters. This form of petty persecution has been applied to the sisters and boarders at two other convents in Berlin.

Having settled the question of the nuns, Herr von Jagow has turned to the attack of the proprietors of taxicabs. The taxicabs of Berlin are far better than those of New York and London. They are roomy and rapid and are painted all the colors of the rainbow. Some time ago a police order was given that taxicabs were to be painted in a uniform manner, and a fresh order has now appeared stating that by October 1 no taxicab will be allowed to ply for hire which has a motor of more than 10-horsepower.

At the present time there are taxicabs of 30 and even 40-horsepower. They go like the wind, and, as the streets of Berlin are wide and the traffic rarely congested, it is a delight to drive in them. Herr von Jagow, however, thinks the citizens may be run over, and only persons who can afford private cars will be able to enjoy the luxury of a 40-horsepower motor car after the end of September.

A Kansas Financier.

Kansas City Star.

A Leavenworth business man found a forgotten coal stove in his basement. He called a junk dealer and asked him. "How much?" The junkman offered $1.50 and the owner straightway wanted $2, chiefly for fun. They haggled a while and the secondhand dealer departed stoveless. "He'll be back," said the merchant.

In a half hour the junk man returned and offered $1.75, which was refused. Then a bright idea struck the junk artist. He brought out $1.50, and jingling the coins temptingly, said:

"Tell you vat I do. I gif you $2 for de stof and charge you feefty cents to haul him avay."

HOTELS BUZZ WITH FEMININE POLITICS

Club Women Gather for Convention Opening in San Francisco Tonight.

MANY QUESTIONS AGITATE

One Thousand Delegates Crowd in Lobbies Arguing Subjects That Will Be Decided—Candidates for Office Are Many.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 23.—Special trains are pouring delegates to the 11th biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs into San Francisco. The convention programme will begin with a complimentary concert tomorrow night, and will continue 11 days, until July 6.

Several important preliminary meetings will be held before the formal opening of the convention at 8:15 o'clock Tuesday night, beginning with a complimentary concert tomorrow night.

Voting Method Cumbersome.

One of the most important questions to be settled before the opening of the convention will be that of remodeling the present organization in such a way as to make possible a less cumbersome method of voting. It is believed that the Pennsylvania plan will be chosen from the many discussed.

The work of the California biennial board and of the auditorium committee will be ready for submission at the opening meeting.

The women's press conference will be held Tuesday afternoon, under the direction of Mrs. C. H. Mahon, of Salt Lake. The conference will be preceded by a luncheon, which the Pacific Coast Women's Press Association has arranged for visiting newspaper women.

After the press conference the local biennial board will receive informally the officers and directors of the General Federation.

Programme Is Varied.

The programme for the convention topics covers a wide variety of subjects pertaining to the home and Nation, among them the following: Personal and sex hygiene in normal schools, moral power in the schoolroom, education, civil service reform, better dress standards, democracy in the home, household economics, the question of efficiency, vocational interests, conservation, art, National programme for public health, pure food, the state and the home, legal and economic status of women, practical civic work, music in child culture, parliamentary law, women as political reporters.

One thousand delegates are expected to attend the convention. The lobbies of the principal hotels were abuzz tonight with convention politics, as the result of the arrival of Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, of Texas, who is one of the candidates for president, and Mrs. Philip Carpenter, of New York, who also is an aspirant to the office.

Proposed Changes Cited.

Mrs. Carpenter headed the New York delegation, which arrived on the "Federation special."

It is asserted that the delegates' body is at present so unwieldy that it is difficult properly to manage the organization. The Pennsylvanians will propose that the General Federation be divided into two bodies, a senate and house of representatives; the senate to be composed of state presidents, state delegates and the federation secretaries, and the house of delegates from the individual clubs. Each body would be presided over by one of the vice-presidents, and the president would direct the general management of the business of the Federation and preside over the night sessions and other joint meetings.

Another proposed change is that the vice-presidents shall be increased from two to five.

A number of other proposed changes of the by-laws will be presented to the convention.

OREGON TO BE REPRESENTED

Delegates Leave to Attend Convention at San Francisco.

Six of Portland's delegation of seven women to the biennial convention of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs, which convenes in San Francisco today, left Portland late Saturday night. En route they were joined by delegates that will attend from other points.

As a vanguard of Portland's delegation, Mrs. Frederick Eggert left Friday night, representing Mrs. Sarah A. Evans as a state delegate. Mrs. Evans is state president but was unable to attend. With Mrs. Eggert went Miss R. M. Avery, a delegate of the Portland Club, and Miss Caroline Barnes, a Portland high school teacher who goes to attend the Summer school at Berkeley, Cal.

The state is allowed five delegates at large, and the Portland Club is allowed four delegates and four alternates. All but one of the Portland delegates' and alternates' places are filled.

Besides Miss Avery, who left Friday, the following Portland delegates left Saturday: Mrs. A. Giebisch, Mrs. W. H. Fear, Mrs. Otto Kleemann, Mrs. George J. Frankel, Mrs. K. H. Poyes and Mrs. John Van Zante.

Others who joined the delegation en route are Mrs. W. E. Kirk, of Salem, state delegate; Mrs. J. B. Conner, of Ashland, state delegate; Mrs. Helen Smick, of Roseburg, state delegate; two delegates from Klamath Falls, and Mrs. Minnie Washburne and Miss Bargess, of Eugene, representing the Fortnightly Club.

The Portland delegation goes with instructions to support Mrs. Philip Carpenter, of New York, for National president. One of the subjects that will be taken up with vigor by the convention, is a resolution asking the President for the removal of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson for his attitude toward Dr. Wiley. The Woman's Club organization has been instrumental in procuring the enforcement of the pure food laws.

WOMAN ADMIRER WHO SOUGHT TO STAMPEDE CONVENTION FOR ROOSEVELT.

MRS. W. A. DAVIS, OF KENTUCKY.

WOMAN TOILER REBELS

DESCENDANT OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR HERO CRUEL.

Mrs. Ethel O. McKean Says Spouse Made Her Do Work of Man 16 Years—Divorce Granted.

RENO, Nev., June 23. — (Special.)—Compelled to scrape hogs, shear sheep, unload hay, carry rocks and engage in work of a nature intended for men, Mrs. Ethel O. McKean secured a divorce yesterday from G. N. Jordan McKean, a direct descendant of Thomas McKean, who signed the Declaration of Independence. This story of cruelty told by Mrs. McKean was almost tragic.

She said that ever since her marriage she was compelled to go into the fields to work like a farm hand. She told of picking 22 barrels of apples a day, then going home and doing the housework until late hours. Her husband took the earnings and refused to buy clothes. When she was ill he refused to buy good beef and she was compelled to cook this.

He wouldn't buy her porter to build up her run-down system, saying that her offspring might become a drunkard. He refused to allow her to play the family organ on Sunday, as it was irreligious. He threatened to kill her with a revolver. He told her to clear out, and finally, after 16 years, she left him. She was married in Berwick, Kings County, Novia Scotia, in 1896.

WAHKIACUS INDIAN MAY DIE

Aged Man Thrown From Horse and Kicked Is in Bad Condition.

WAHKIACUS, Wash., June 23.—(Special.)—"Old" Towamros, the missing Indian rancher whose death was feared when his saddled pony returned to its stable riderless, has been found, but his recovery is doubtful.

The aged redman was thrown from his horse on a trail but little used and it was some days before he was found. In addition to the bruises from his fall he was kicked in the hip and it is feared he has suffered internal injuries.

The bone of an average whale weighs 45 tons.

ADMIRER IS GUEST

Fair T. R. Supporter Is Entertained by Mrs. Longworth.

WOMAN'S ACT ENTHUSES

Mrs. W. A. Davis, of Chicago, Tells of How She Began to Admire Roosevelt When Little Girl in Indianapolis.

CHICAGO, June 23.—A little Kentucky girl in a white frock, staring with admiring eyes over the heads of 20,000 cheering persons, from the vantage of her father's arms, eight years ago in Indianapolis first saw the man who ever since has been her ideal American.

The man was Theodore Roosevelt.

The little girl now is Mrs. W. A. Davis, of this city, and last Wednesday she showed that her girlish admiration, aroused when she first saw Mr. Roosevelt, still existed, when she attempted to stampede the National convention by waving a picture of her idol from the gallery of the Coliseum.

Luncheon Given in Honor.

Mrs. Davis was the guest of Mrs. Nicholas Longworth yesterday at luncheon.

The demonstration which followed Mrs. Davis' waving of the Colonel's picture was dynamite-like in its force and seemed as if it never would end. In their enthusiasm the delegates bore Mrs. Davis to the convention platform, where she led her followers in the cheering.

"I heard them crying, 'We want Teddy,' down below, and some inexplicable force impelled me to get up there and be a part of the demonstration for the man I deem the greatest of his country," explained Mrs. Davis later.

Fear Lost in Enthusiasm.

"I tremble to think of it now. Never before in my life did I get up before a half dozen people without tremors, and there I was up before thousands without a thought of anything. In my enthusiasm for Teddy I forgot all else. I expect I would have fallen off there if someone had not been tugging at my gown.

"I became a Roosevelt admirer when, as a little girl at Indianapolis, I heard him make a speech from the balcony at the English Hotel. That was in 1904 and since that time I have made an idol of the man. I have met him on many different occasions. I never neglect an opportunity to shake hands with him."

Mrs. Davis' home is in Paducah, Ky., a fact of which she is very proud. She was living in Indianapolis at the time of the Roosevelt campaign in 1904 but in recent years has made her home in Chicago.

After her venture into the limelight she was lionized by the Roosevelt supporters who throng the city. Every attention was showered upon her and about the Roosevelt headquarters she was generally introduced as the ablest Roosevelt leader of the day.

BABY IN GIFT FLOWERS

Basket of Blossoms Sent to Russian Woman Has an Infant.

St. Petersburg Cor. New York Sun.

Mme. Vladimir Denisof, wife of a member of the Council of the Empire, was surprised on her return home one day to find in her boudoir an immense and beautiful basket of flowers. There was no card accompanying the present.

Shortly afterward two visitors called, and naturally all were intent on admiring the gift. One noticed a slight movement and then were heard a baby's sobs.

Removing the flowers, a pretty little girl of 4 months, richly clothed, was found. To its little lace bonnet was attached a note bearing the words: "Pray take care of my child and have her baptized."

The servant who received the present declared that it was brought by a woman who came in a motor car, and that was all he could say. The baby is to be cared for, and it was baptized the day following.

Heppner Crop Prospects Immense.

HEPPNER, Or., June 23.—(Special.)—Crop prospects still continue the best ever and grain of all kinds is ripening fast. In the northern part of the county some of the fields are ready for the header, and some wheat will be in the stack this week. The yield will be the greatest ever had in this county.

Lyle Plans Celebration.

LYLE, Wash., June 23.—(Special.)—Lyle is preparing for a big celebration July 4 along safe and sane lines. Several speakers from Portland will be here. Games, races and dances are on the programme.

For the use of dentists and barbers there has been invented a metal holder for tumblers, with which water may be heated by electricity to any desired temperature.

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