

THROGS GAZE AS BRICK WALLS FALL

Collapse of Northeast Corner of Marquam Building Injures None.

REPAIRS WILL BE MADE

First Three Floors Collapse at 4 A. M., and Upper Ones at 11 A. M. Cause Is Mystery—Rest of Structure Thought Safe.

While dealing destruction in unexpected form to the northeast corner of the Marquam building, at Sixth and Morrison streets, yesterday morning, fate was paradoxically kind in that it struck its blow at an hour when the rooms in the portion of the structure that collapsed and fell to the ground were unoccupied.

The first crash came at 4 o'clock in the morning. The three lower floors fell. On the floor above was Miss Eva Aldrich, telephone operator for the Equitable Hospital Association, the only person in the northeast corner of the building. She had time to call officers of the association on the telephone, notifying them of the accident, before she put on her hat and wraps to depart.

Thousands Watch Fall.
She left and, with thousands of others, awaited the collapse of the upper floors, which took place at 11 o'clock. A morning picture operator and a score of cameras recorded the crumbling of the walls, while immense crowds that filled the Postoffice lawn and the streets all around, looked on in excitement.

The Marquam building, which is one of the pioneer office buildings of the city, for the last three months has been undergoing repairs. Its present owner, the Northwestern Fidelity Company, has contracted with the Sound Construction Company, of Seattle, for replacing the solid stone walls of the first story with modern steel supports. It was to have been occupied after January 1 by the Portland Trust Company and the newly organized Northwestern National Bank. This work has been completed on all sides of the east half of the structure, excepting the extreme northeast corner. It was this corner that collapsed. What caused it to fall remains a mystery. Whether it was due to faulty construction at the time the building was put up or whether it was because of some miscalculation of the men in charge of the reconstruction is something that may never be determined.

Building to Be Inspected.
A committee of expert engineers will make a careful technical examination of the remaining portions of the building today to determine whether they will be affected. If possible, they will learn, also, what caused yesterday's disaster.

Opinions by architects and engineers who examined the building hastily yesterday after the upper floors had fallen declared that there is not the least danger to the remaining wings of the structure.

The building originally was constructed with eight solid fireproof walls, running its full width from north to south, exclusive of the exterior walls, thus forming nine separate compartments, with the exception of the apertures cut through these walls necessary to form the halls on each of the eight floors.

It was the north half of the extreme east compartment that collapsed. The south half of this compartment, upon which rests the tower of the southeast corner, already has its underpinning of steel and concrete, placed there by the contractors now at work. There is little possibility that this will fall.

Rest of Structure Safe.
McNaughton & Raymond, architects for the Northwestern Fidelity Company, the owners, already have filed plans for the reconstruction of the damaged portion with the Building Inspector's office. E. E. Kraemer, a deputy in the Building Inspector's office, in the absence yesterday of Building Inspector Plummer, made a thorough examination of the structure and pronounced an opinion, declaring that the rest of the structure was safe from possible collapse.

Had the reconstruction work been allowed to proceed a few more days, to allow the contractors to place the steel supports under the portion that fell, it is improbable that an accident would have occurred. Following the second crash yesterday, engineers' instruments were applied to the other parts of the building. Not the least deviation from the required lines was discovered.

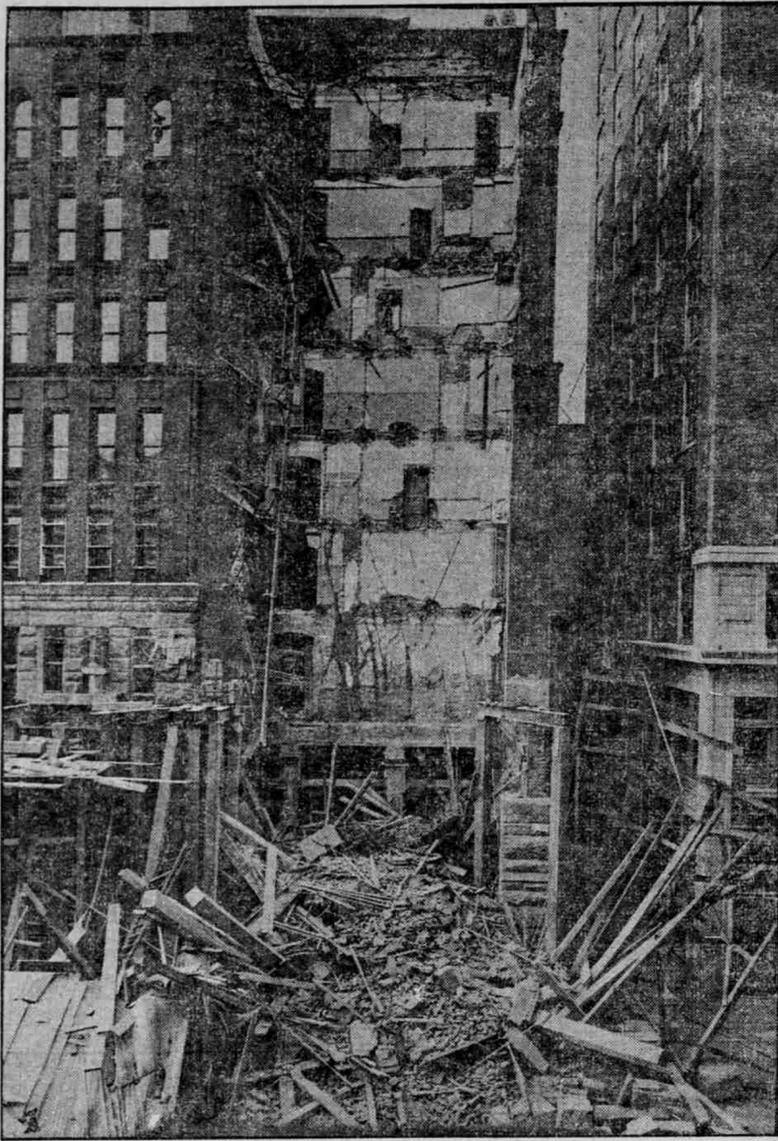
The Orpheum Theater is closed temporarily as a result of the accident. While the theater proper is not contained in the Marquam building, its entrance is through the middle compartment on Morrison street. Pending the investigation into the safety of the other parts of the structure, business at the Orpheum is suspended.

No Rent Paid for Entrance.
Investigations following the events of yesterday disclosed that the owners of the Orpheum property pay no rent to the owners of the Marquam building for the use of their entrance. Judge Marquam, the original owner of both the theater and the building bearing his name, constructed the two buildings at the same time, but his successors sold them separately. An easement in the deeds requires the owners of the Marquam building proper to allow an alley 15 feet in width to remain open from both Sixth street and Seventh street to the walls of the theater building. Should the present owners of the Marquam building deny the theater owners use of the entrance at any time they could gain access to their property through these alleys.

Immediately following the accident officers of the Equitable Hospital Association opened the building and a thorough examination of all their records and books were recovered. Dr. G. A. Sablin, another occupant, lost a valuable X-ray machine.

Second Fall Foreseen.
E. B. MacNaughton, of MacNaughton & Raymond, superintending architect, yesterday made the following statement: "It is apparent that the accident occurred from the crushing of the brick in the second pier from the selling building, on the Sixth-street side. None of the supporting timbers or steel was damaged or distorted in any way. It was obvious that the balance of this pier, together with the one adjacent on the south, would have to fall some time during the day. This occurred at 11 o'clock A. M., seven hours after the first part of the section gave way. A committee of competent structural engineers will make a thorough examination of the building and will make a report on its stability. Chief Deputy Building Inspector Kraemer, acting for Building Inspector Plummer, who was out of the city, made a survey of the building and said that

MARQUAM BUILDING, SHOWING EFFECT OF COLLAPSE.



PHOTOGRAPH OF NORTHEAST CORNER OF STRUCTURE AFTER ITS FALL.

no harm had been done to the remainder of the building.

Wall to Be Replaced.
"We have made careful soundings and are convinced that the remainder of the building is absolutely safe. It will take about five days to remove the debris and about three weeks to replace the wall. The drawings for the new wall already have been filed at the office of the Building Inspector. "Since operations were started in remodeling the structure, daily readings have been taken on all the work by Surveyor Greenleaf, in order to detect any signs of movement or settlement that might occur. From the observations taken there was nothing to indicate any movement up to 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon."

The People's Amusement Company operator had been standing with his instrument focused upon the sagging floors, with his hand on the crank, his eye on the rotating structure. When the crash came he started his machine and kept it running until the dust had settled after the crash.

Orpheum Indefinitely Closed.
By order of Fire Chief Dowell and Deputy Fire Marshal Boardman, yesterday afternoon the Orpheum closed its doors with the understanding that the theater would remain dark until city officials had investigated the remaining walls of the Marquam building to ascertain if they endangered the theater. The auditorium of the Orpheum is regarded as safe, but Fire Chief Dowell fears a panic might ensue if the north wall of the Marquam building fell while a show was in progress. It is the intention of the contractors to raise the north wall and preparations were made for that step yesterday. The Orpheum is a distinct separate structure from the Marquam building, but entrance to the theater is had through the Marquam building.

ARREST ANGERS MITCHELL
Humiliation Suffered Estimated at \$25,000 in Damage Suit.
James G. Mitchell, who was arrested by mistake a few days ago in connection with the crusade against immoral practices being waged by the Juvenile Court, has filed suit in Circuit Court for \$25,000 damages. The defendants are Benjamin Brick and W. J. Jeffrey, the former a special and the latter a regular deputy of the Juvenile Court, and W. D. Tierney, who is alleged to have made charges which led to Mitchell's arrest.

Brick and Jeffrey maintain that they simply told Mitchell that Chief Probation Officer White, who was placed under arrest on a most humiliating charge and that it was chronicled in the newspapers.

He declares that he feels, although he was exonerated, a deep sense of humiliation, as he walks along the streets of the city, many people not knowing that his arrest was an error.

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Glass poles for telephone and telegraph work are to be installed in tropical climates, where the insects and animals are very destructive to wood.

FAITH NOT SHAKEN

Chamber of Commerce Reassures Y. M. C. A. Men.

ATTACKS HELD LIBELOUS

Men's Methodist Social Union Passes Strong Indorsement of Organization and Urges Steps to Obtain Retraction.

At almost every gathering of public men and women, of private citizens and of church people some speaker or other has made an appeal to the people to do their best to counteract the reports spread regarding the Young Men's Christian Association by the Portland Daily News.

Chamber of Commerce trustees drew up a resolution yesterday in which it expressed regret "that the Portland Y. M. C. A. had been maligned grossly by an attempt to connect it with the recent charges of depraved practices, and the resolution goes on to say: "We take this occasion to express our unshaken confidence in the Y. M. C. A. as an institution standing high among those working for the moral and physical benefit of the community."

Methodist Men Act.
At a representative gathering yesterday of the Methodists of Portland, the occasion being a luncheon under the auspices of the Men's Methodist Social Union, a strong indorsement of the Y. M. C. A. and a condemnation of

the methods of the Daily News was given in the form of a resolution.

After declaring that "a bitter and unwarranted attack has been made by the Daily News of this city upon the local Y. M. C. A. and upon its leadership," the resolution goes on to say that the Y. M. C. A. "stands, as everybody knows everywhere, for the best and the highest moral and spiritual life in a community; its leaders always are willing to co-operate with every organization standing for human betterment and it has for 45 years been working incessantly in our midst for a finer citizenship and a nobler manhood."

"Secretary Stone and his able corps of assistants have already proven themselves to be wise in leadership, careful in administration, rational and helpful in counsel and willing to do their utmost for men and boys, for homes in Portland and for the good of all," and therefore "we condemn this method of attack in the aforesaid paper as being cruel, base and reprehensible and utterly devoid of the principles which should actuate reputable journalism."

Redress Is Advocated.
"We are glad to take this opportunity to express our sympathy with the officers and leaders of the Y. M. C. A. under this hostile criticism and express to them, to Secretary Stone and his associates, our utmost confidence in them and in the institution, which has demonstrated itself to be one of the finest assets of Portland."

"We urge the representatives of the Y. M. C. A. to take prompt steps to obtain a full retraction and to secure adequate redress or punishment for the perpetrators of this gross libel."

The resolution is signed by J. L. Hewitt and E. Lee Paget, who composed the committee appointed for the purpose.

The North East Side Improvement Club, which meets tonight at 8 o'clock in the Albina Library, also will pass resolutions of confidence in the Y. M. C. A.

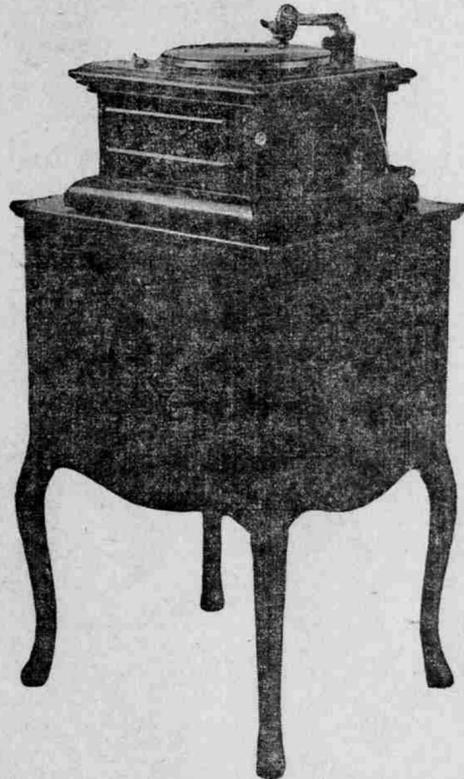
East Side Men Take Action.
At a meeting of the East Side Business Men's Club last night at the Hotel Clifford, East Morrison street it was declared to be the sense of the members present that the recent attack on the Portland Y. M. C. A. is an out-

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rage that should be resented by every civic organization. The following statement was issued:

"We, the members of the East Side Business Men's Club, desire to express our sincere regret that the good name of the Portland Y. M. C. A. has been associated with the recent expose of vice through an evening paper. We regard the Y. M. C. A. as one of the great educational institutions and moral forces of Portland and the Northwest, which has been instrumental in assisting thousands of young men of this city by opening opportunities for them, and deeply deplore any attempt to besmirch the good name and reputation of the Portland Y. M. C. A. and thereby impair its ability to aid young men. We believe that every patriotic citizen of Portland should rally to the support of this institution and express our confidence in the management of the Portland Y. M. C. A., believing that it is doing a great work for young men."

Benninghoven Is Exonerated.
Fuller exoneration was given by a Coroner's jury yesterday to Paul Benninghoven, who, in his automobile, struck Sherman Sobry, 5 years old, at East Fifth street and Hawthorne avenue Wednesday and knocked the child to the pavement so that he died. The jury found that the accident was unavoidable and that Mr. Benninghoven had used every possible effort to avert the disaster. Witnesses testi-

fied that the child darted into the street directly behind a street car and in front of the automobile, and that the driver averted, wrecking his car against the street car and hitting the child only with the corner of the rear fender.

Dump Car Kills Man.
The swinging steel door of an automatic dump car striking Thomas Killcullen, an employee of the O-W-R. & N. Co., killed him instantly, at East First and Davis streets, yesterday, and J. Bentley, another workman, sustained injuries. The two men were working on an excavation when the



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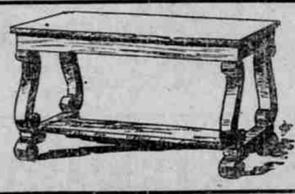
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