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UNCOMPLETED HOTEL SMASH

Thirteen-Story Structure in New York Collapses and Many Are Killed.

REAR OF AN APARTMENT HOUSE WAS BADLY RAKED.

Three Occupants of the Latter Building Were Killed and of Fifty Men at Work in the Hotel Forty Are in the Ruins—Collapse Believed to Be Due to Buckling of Steel Girders—The Workmen Who Escaped Believe All the Remaining Forty Are Dead.

New York, March 2.—The Hotel Darlington, an uncompleted structure of 13 stories, on Forty-third street, near Sixth avenue, collapsed this afternoon. The police report 18 men killed and a dozen injured. The rescues were called out, and a dozen ambulances summoned.

"Raked" Another Building. In falling, the wreckage raked the rear of Patterson's apartment house and damaged it considerably. Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Frank Storrs and a water man were killed at the apartment house.

About Forty Killed. Fifty men were at work at the time and of these only 10 were accounted for up to 3 p. m. The others are in the ruins. Workmen who escaped believe all are dead. The rescue work proceeds rapidly. The cause of the collapse is not definitely known, but it is believed the immense steel girders buckled.

CAPTAIN OF THE QUEEN MAKES FINAL REPORT.

Two Lifeboats Capsize, Drowning Ten Passengers—Three Waiters Burn to Death—If Passengers Had Remained on Board None Would Have Been Drowned.

Port Townsend, March 1.—It is now definitely known that 14 persons lost their lives in the fire which partly consumed the steamer Queen, about 40 miles off the Oregon coast, opposite Tillamook Rock, on Saturday.

A complete list of the passengers and crew has now been given by Captain Cousins, which shows that three members of his crew were burned to death on board, 10 passengers were drowned by the capsizing of two lifeboats, and one passenger, a Mrs. Adams, of San Francisco, died from exposure after having been rescued from the water.

The members of the crew who were burned to death were waiters, named M. Cummer, H. Douglas and A. Raymond. The passengers drowned were as follows: Miss Maude Steiner, D. E. Newberry, H. Buckley, A. Nelson, J. Nelson, B. Frates, W. Herriman, A. D. Donnelly, P. Nuhn and M. Flynn. Fire broke out in the steward's quarters and the fire spread to the galley, where it was burned away. The cargo was saved.

PANAMA CANAL AFFAIRS.

Preliminaries to Building Are Being Adjusted.

Washington, March 2.—Attorney-General Knox gave out the following this afternoon: "The president has authorized the president to pay immediately to the Republic of Panama \$10,000,000, as stipulated by the treaty, ratifications of which have just been exchanged. Also, he is authorized to pay the new canal company \$40,000,000, which under the agreement, we are to pay for the canal. Several reports are current of Japanese reverses, but no confirmation.

ATTACK POSTPONED.

Washington, March 2.—Information is received here from Japanese sources that a Japanese attack on Port Arthur peninsula will not occur for a fortnight.

TAKING BACK TRACK.

Port Said, March 2.—The three Russian torpedo boats which departed this morning in the direction of Candia, have put back. Cause unknown.

AT ODESSA DOCKYARDS.

Odesa, March 2.—There is great activity in the various Russian dockyards, as a result of orders that all warships be placed in the highest state of effectiveness, ready for emergency orders.

CONGRESS AND TRUSTS.

Investigate Railways and the Beef Trust. Washington, March 2.—Coward, democrat of Missouri, introduced a resolution in the house directing the committee on commerce to investigate charges by shippers of livestock that are not fairly treated by the railways of the West.

TRUCK DRIVERS STRIKE.

Kansas City, March 1.—Over three hundred union truck drivers struck this morning for the closed shop, as the principal contention. Seventy policemen, hired by the Employers' Association, are on duty.

REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA FEARED

Provoked by the Sufferings of a Destitute, Desperate Peasantry.

FIFTY-THREE PROVINCES NOW UNDER MARTIAL LAW.

Intervention Proposed by a Member of the French Cabinet, and May Possibly Be Carried Out Japan Not Being Averse—The Turkish Government Will Forcibly Prevent Russian Fleet Passing the Dardanelles—A Japanese Fleet Threatens Vladivostok.

Berlin, March 2.—The Taegliche Bismarck reports that Russia is on the verge of a revolution. Minister of the Interior Plevke regards the peasantry as the most dangerous condition.

The starving rustics, maddened by the excessive use of vodka, are plundering estates and murdering the land owners. The government has proclaimed a minor state of siege and martial law in 53 of the 71 provinces of European Russia.

Move for Intervention. Paris, March 2.—Former minister of Foreign Affairs, Honatour, has started an agitation in favor of intervention by the powers to stop war. French officials count much on the new movement.

Relating to Mediation. London, March 2.—It is learned this evening on the highest diplomatic authority that no overtures have yet been made to either Japan or Russia relative to mediation. If such overtures could be made, it is understood Japan will give them careful attention, and possibly agree to them, if assured her vital interests will be sufficiently protected.

WON'T LET THEM THROUGH.

Constantinople, March 2.—The Turkish government has resolved to forcibly prevent the Russian Black Sea fleet passing the Dardanelles. The defenses of the straits have been strengthened, and the Russian threat to make a demonstration.

RUSSIAN CRUISERS AT PORT SAID.

Port Said, March 2.—The Russian cruiser Aurora sailed today toward Candia. The cruiser Emiri Bonokri is permitted to remain five days for repairs.

THREATENING VLADIVOSTOK.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—A Vladivostok telegram states that the Japanese fleet recently seen off that port is believed to have been reserve vessels, and not powerful enough to blockade the port. Private advices received at Vladivostok, says this telegram, are that 240 Japanese have landed at Chung Chang, north of Gensan, in Korea. The object is believed to be the threatening of Hunchun, a short distance southwest of Vladivostok.

REPORTS OF JAPANESE REVERSES.

London, March 2.—Again is there an absolute dearth of news from Port Arthur or the vicinity of the Yalu. Significance is attached to this as indicating a possible fight in progress at Port Arthur. Several reports are current of Japanese reverses, but no confirmation.

ROUGH HOUSE IN THE CAPITOL.

Washington, March 2.—The "Show Me" state was much in evidence in the house cloak rooms this morning, when Representatives Cochran and Hunt of Missouri, nearly came to blows during a discussion of the gubernatorial candidacy of Circuit Attorney Joe Folk.

HUNT IS ANTI-POLK, AND EXPRESSED CONTENT FOR HIS COLLEAGUE, WHO COMES FROM OUTSIDE THE ST. LOUIS LIMITS.

Cochran hotly stated that only fraud could defeat Polk, whereupon Hunt started to show Cochran, Champ Clark broke in and literally lifted Cochran from his feet and carried him out of the danger zone. Hunt then announced he could lick the whole Missouri delegation, but hostilities gradually ceased.

OLD SOLDIERS MUST WAIT.

Supreme Court Decides That the Secretary of State Must Not Audit Claims After Fund is Exhausted. Salem, March 2.—The supreme court yesterday evening decided that the old soldiers of the Indian wars of Oregon, will not be able to get their pay until another legislative act is passed, and appropriate for the purpose, the present fund being exhausted.

THOSE WHO ARE STILL UNPAID CANNOT GET THEIR PAY BY PRESENTING CLAIMS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE, AS HE CANNOT AUDIT THE ACCOUNT, BECAUSE THEY BELONG TO A SEPARATE FUND, WHICH IS NOT NOW IN EXISTENCE TO MEET THE CLAIMS.

SNOWSTORM IN NEW YORK.

New York, March 1.—The severest snowstorm of the season has stalled all trains between Utica and Oneida, where the fall is three to five feet deep.

ELGIN WOMAN SUICIDES.

Wife of Ex-County School Superintendent of Union County, and a Woman.

La Grande, March 2.—Mrs. W. B. Hindman, wife of an ex-county school superintendent, and one of the most prominent citizens of Union county, committed suicide at her home on Elk Flat, seven miles northwest of Elgin, last evening, by placing a pistol in her mouth and blowing her head completely to fragments. She was temporarily deranged by a long spell of sickness and the deputy coroner found that an inquest was unnecessary. She was married to W. B. Hindman in 1883, and leaves her husband and two children, a daughter aged 16 and a son 14.

TAKES ADVANTAGE OF 3 PER CENT RATE IN BAKER CITY.

Baker City, March 1.—The O. R. & N. Railroad Company was first before Tax Collector Lachner this morning. It paid the first taxes and probably the largest individual tax on the roll.

The amount of tax due by the company was \$20,127.05, but the exact amount paid was \$19,053.24, it having taken advantage of the law allowing three per cent discount to those paying their taxes on or before March 15.

MONTANA PIONEER DEAD.

Helena, Mont., March 1.—While on his way from Helena to his home in Meagher county yesterday morning, Len Lewis, one of the wealthiest stockgrowers in the state, was stricken with heart disease and died within a few minutes.

DIPHTHERIA AT LA GRANDE.

La Grande, March 1.—The 8-year-old son of W. S. Berkeley died yesterday evening with diphtheria, and another child in the same family is dangerously sick with the disease. Several other cases are reported in the suburbs, but all are in a mild form.

HARPER OPERATED ON.

Chicago, March 1.—President Harper of the University of Chicago, was successfully operated upon this morning for appendicitis.

DARLINGTON FATALITIES

THIRTEEN WORKMEN KNOWN TO BE KILLED.

Sixteen Others Are in Hospitals—Foreman Is Under Arrest and the Contractors Cannot Be Found—Heavy Suits for Damages by Relatives, Friends and Property Owners.

New York, March 3.—Three hundred men worked all night in the ruins of the Hotel Darlington. At 10 this morning five bodies had been recovered and the rescuers report eight more in sight. One is cut cleanly in two.

The list of dead will not exceed 13, and 16 wounded are in hospitals. The construction foreman is under arrest, and none of the contractors can be found. Open threats of violence against the contractors are made by surviving workmen and relatives of the killed and injured men. Suits for damages aggregating \$60,000 have already been begun against the owners and contractors.

On account of the death and injuries list, and a suit for \$5,000 by the owners of the Patterson apartment house adjoining.

TWO MORE BOOIES.

Two more bodies have been taken from the ruins at noon. One is Frank Durwater, a plumber. Other identifications are Farrell Frank, Frederick Morrell and Ella Starrs. Several arrests are expected for alleged violation of the building laws.

IRATE "SHOWMEN" PROPOSE TO FIGHT IT OUT.

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KAISER IS GOING SOUTH.

Berlin, March 1.—The kaiser leaves Bremerhaven March 12 for a trip to southern Europe to regain his health.

WALLA WALLA WILL RETAIN THE FORT

Walla Walla, March 3.—A special from Washington to the Union today says: "Senator Ankeny has won his fight for the permanent retention of Fort Walla Walla.

The post, which was recommended abandoned by General Funston, and ordered abandoned by Secretary Root and his general staff of which Lieutenant General Young was the head, is now on the list of posts for

VARIOUS NEWS OF GOVERNMENT

Immediate Measures Taken to Raise the Panama Canal Purchase Money.

PARTLY BY ASSESSMENT UPON BANK CIRCULATION.

Republican Members Senate Postoffice Committee Filibuster Against Further Investigation of Postal Department Frauds—Insane Soldier Shoots Two War Department Clerks—Official Denial That Cleveland Ever Entertained a Colored Man.

Washington, March 3.—The treasury authorities are preparing a call ordering all national banks of the country to pay in 20 per cent by March 25. The sum required is \$20,000,000, which, together with \$20,000,000 from the treasury itself, will be devoted to payment for Panama canal property and concessions.

WARSHIP COULDS.

Admiral Baker cables from Guantanamo to Pensacola the Missouri's steering gear became disabled and she collided with the Illinois, damaging the latter's port propeller, but doing slight injury to herself. The Illinois was ordered to New York. Captain Cowles, the president's brother-in-law, is in command of the Missouri.

INSANE SHOOTER.

William O'Brien, a discharged soldier from St. Elizabeth insane asylum, this morning shot Robert Manning and Arthur Wicker, war department clerks, the latter seriously. The man came to the adjutant-general's office and asked for papers. He was referred to the record and pension office and cut loose with a pistol. He fired a shot into the stomach, while Wicker was shot in the left arm. O'Brien was disarmed by other clerks and arrested.

GROVER DENIES IT.

In the house Webb, democrat of North Carolina, interrupted the reading of the District of Columbia appropriation bill today to present to the house a denial from Grover Cleveland that he had while in office, entertained a negro at luncheon. The letter said the charge is a fabrication out of whole cloth. The charge was made on the floor by Scott, republican from Kansas, several days ago. In defending Roosevelt for his action in entertaining Booker T. Washington.

SMOOT INVESTIGATION.

Washington, March 3.—Because it was probable that the examination of President Smith would touch upon the personal affairs, his polygamous marriages to five wives, and his family of 42 children, interest in the investigation into the Smoot case increased this morning. The case is one of feeding sheep with witnesses, counsel, newspaper men and spectators.

Chairman Burrows announced that the charge that the 12 apostles whom Smith had converted at and team polygamy, the committee decided it would inquire into the teachings and practices of the apostles since September 26, 1890, the date of the Woodruff manifesto.

When Smith took the stand Attorney Taylor asked whether to take a plural wife would be a violation of the rules of the church. He replied it would; that cohabitation with a plural wife is contrary to the rules of the church, as well as the law of the land.

Then, asking permission of the committee to make a statement, Smith said: "In regard to the status of the church, I have no doubt, it was understood that would abstain from association with their families. He thinks the rule was observed, but at the time of the passage of the enabling act for the admission of Utah as a state, the only provision made was that plural marriages should cease, as there was no prohibition against cohabiting with a plural wife who had been married before that time.

Mr. Smith said there is a revelation in the Book of Mormon on plural marriage. Not more than three or four per cent of the members of the Mormon church ever entered into plural marriage. Many thousands never accepted the revelation, never believed in the doctrine, nevertheless, they are members of the church and in good fellowship.

BALTIMORE & OHIO WRECK.

Cumberland, Md., March 3.—A Baltimore & Ohio express was wrecked at Rowlesburg this morning. Fireman McKennis was killed and the engineer probably fatally hurt. No passengers were injured. The engine, two express, the mail and baggage cars were derailed.

WILL BUILD NEW CITY JAIL.

Portland, March 3.—Mayor Williams has recommended the expenditure of \$1,000 by the city in clearing up the old city jail, and has also recommended that the present site of the city jail be sold and the proceeds be applied to the purchase of a new building.

PLAQUE IN CALIFORNIA.

Sacramento, March 3.—The secretary of the state board of health, G. B. Foster, was notified this morning of the death of a white woman from plague on a ranch in Contra Costa county.

LATEST PHASES OF EASTERN WAR

State of Hurried Preparations by Both Combatants for Spring Campaign.

WATER BEING SCARCE.

PORT ARTHUR SUFFERS. Country Population More Anxious Than the Townpeople of Russia, to Enlist—Siberian Railway Being Kept Open by Great Efforts, and Extensive Improvements Being Made Upon It—Japanese Diet Will Be Convened Soon for Ten Days' Session.

St. Petersburg, March 3.—Unusual energy is exerted on the part of the authorities for the prevention of a Siberian railway blockade. Twenty new sidings have been built, and they hope to clear the line and keep 11 trains going in each direction daily.

Reserves from the Siberian rural districts are reported more anxious to go to the front than the townsmen.

JAPANESE DIET SESSION.

Tokio, March 3.—An extraordinary session of the Japanese diet is summoned for the 18th. It is not expected to be in session more than 10 days. The customs will not be touched, but new taxes on salt and silk are likely.

SUFFER FOR WATER.

St. Petersburg, March 3.—A Port Arthur dispatch states that inhabitants are suffering from a serious shortage in the water supply brought overland. The water is scarce and the water is freezing and bursts before its arrival. The condenser in the town is insufficient to supply the needs of the garrison and inhabitants.

FIGHTING RANGE LIMIT LAW.

Idaho Shepherds Will Carry Up Their Contentions to Higher Courts.

Boise, March 3.—John McMillan, president, and Monte B. Gwin, secretary of the Woolgrowers' Association, expressed the surprise felt by the association in general and by themselves in particular at the recent decision of the supreme court of the state against the shepherds in the two-mile limit law case of Enoch C. Walling, respondent, vs. Charles Bown and L. L. Ormsby, appellants.

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That case was one in which trespass on the land of the plaintiff was clearly shown and admitted. This latter case is one of feeding sheep within two miles of the ranch or dwelling of the plaintiff.

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President McMillan said that the contention of the woolgrowers is that the two-mile limit law is in fact case legislation. It provides that sheep shall not graze within two miles of the residence of a settler while, so far as the law is concerned, the sheep graze up to the very doors. The shepherds, he said, were bitterly opposed to being discriminated against in this way.

SMITH IS THE FIRST WITNESS.

Tells the Story of His Accession to the Presidency, and of the Divine Instrumentality and Mission of the Church, and of the Discovery of the Sacred Tablets by His Uncle, the Prophet Joseph Smith—Committee Room Crowded With a Cloud of Witnesses.

Washington, March 2.—Investigation of the right of Reed Smoot of Utah, to retain his seat in the United States senate, being an apostle in the Mormon church, began this morning, before the senate committee on privileges and elections. The room was crowded with witnesses from Utah, and representatives of various organizations, and others interested in the case.

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CORBETT WINS FIGHT.

Dave Sullivan Knocked Out in 11th Round at Frisco.

San Francisco, March 1.—The champion featherweight, "Young Corbett," had no difficulty in retaining his laurels last night, defeating Dave Sullivan, of New York, in the 11th round of a 20-round contest. Corbett left the ring without a mark while, on the other hand, Sullivan received a terrific beating and only the merciful action of Referee Green in stopping the contest saved the New Yorker from having his face beaten into a pulp.

SOLDIERS GO TO PHILIPPINES.

Transport Sherman Set Sail Today Carrying Large Number Troops.

San Francisco, Cal., March 1.—The army transport Sherman, which sailed today for the Philippines, carries an unusually large number of troops. Besides a large number of casual officers, the passengers include the Twelfth Infantry from Fort Douglas, Utah; Whipple barracks, Arizona; Fort Duchesne, Utah, and Fort Bliss, Texas, and 400 cavalry recruits and 100 infantry recruits.

HORSE TRAIL ESCAPES.

Carries Out a Nervy and Unusual Scheme.

Sacramento, March 1.—W. C. Howell, confined in the jail at Gridley, charged with horse stealing, burned his way out through the roof last night with a lighted candle. He stood on a chair and set the roof so it would not burn too fast.

LION KILLS A HORSE.

San Jose, March 1.—The big lion known as Hannibal, got loose in a car this morning and killed a horse, devouring the liver and heart. The lion is now free in a car at the depot and has the railroad men terrified. The car is a trail cattle car and should the beast try, he could break the door open and escape.

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HIGH WATER ON THE SACRAMENTO

Situation More Critical Than Ever in the Districts Along the Lower River Course.

LEEVEES BREAKING RIGHT AND LEFT NEAR STOCKTON.

Vast Tracts of Reclaimed Lands Under Water and Thousands of Head of Livestock Drowned—Up-land Tracts in Great Danger—Upper Sacramento is Falling—Towns Protected by Levees Are Dangerously Situated—Back Water Floods Large Territory.

Stockton, March 1.—The flood from the Sacramento river which yesterday swept south across the wide reclaimed strip of country to Mokelumne river, is now flowing west to the San Joaquin river, breaking "it levees in its path. Today it flooded the Brack tract of 5,000 acres, Staten Island, of 1,000 acres, Sargent tract of 6,000 acres, and now seriously threatens Bouldin Island.

Much stock has been drowned. Surviving cattle are being removed by steamers from the top of levees. Sacramento Falling. Sacramento is falling at this point. Water from the Edwards break is receding steadily. The greatest height was attained during the night.

A message from Courland at noon says Grant and Merritt islands are all right and perfectly safe. The Lehigh district on the Yolo side is safe, and the river is falling there. Backwater in Yolo county is falling slowly.

Water at Rio Vista is reported an inch higher than the flood of 1902 but the town is safe. It could not stand a high wind, however, without great danger. No fear whatever of this city's levees, as there is more than a six-foot margin and all sound. Several levees up the river on the Sutter side have broken. The levee back of Walnut Grove broke at 2 this morning and a large area is flooded. Trains are running slowly across the track in Yolo basin, but the water is receding from the track and all is safe again.

FARMERS ON THE WARPATH.