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CAUSED DEATH OF FIFTEEN PEOPLE

Gas Explosion in Chicago Results Fatally and Does Much Damage.

CAUSE OF DISASTER UNKNOWN

Main Filled with Illuminating Gas Explodes in the Streets Many Receive Slight Injuries.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—Fifteen lives were lost, many persons slightly injured, two buildings at 372 and 374 Twenty-second street were wrecked and \$50,000 damage done by an explosion of gas tonight at the intersection of Twenty-second street and Archer avenue.

The dead are: OTTO THROSTLE, MRS. OTTO THROSTLE, OTTO THROSTLE, Jr., 2 years old, LENA THROSTLE, 7 years old, ANNA THROSTLE, 9 years old, MAMIE THROSTLE, 11 years old, FRED THROSTLE, butcher, nephew of Otto Throstle.

SEPHIA KNIGHT, domestic in the Throstle family, MARY ROSENTHAL, MRS. M. KAUFERT, EDWARD KAUFERT, MAMIE KAUFERT, ANDREW KOHL.

Among the injured are J. P. Collins, a street car conductor, who was blown through the car from end to end, cut and slightly injured internally. Barnes, street car conductor, blown from the car into the street; badly bruised.

The list of injured might be extended to 75 or 100, as there were many people in the neighborhood who were slightly injured from flying glass or slight bruises caused by rails, but whose names have not been reported. Only one of the bodies of the dead—that of little Lena Throstle, have been recovered. All that is known of the fate of the other 12 reported dead is that they are thought to have been—most of them are known to have been—in the demolished houses, and since the explosion no trace of them has been found.

The cause of the explosion is unknown, and it has not yet been determined whether it was sewer gas or illuminating gas. Mains filled with the latter were instantly ablaze after the explosion and a succession of explosions followed, the flames shooting up through the man holes in the street.

Many people living in the vicinity believe that the first explosion was in the main at Twenty-second street and Archer avenue. Then a man hole half a block south on Archer avenue was thrown into the air by a loud explosion. Flames leaped and roared from the hole. The fire spread rapidly and three other man holes were blown into the air. The flames from the first gas main shot high into the air and reached, with the aid of the wind, to the Throstle butcher shop. The building was a three-story frame structure and it had been weakened and nearly wrecked by the shock. It is supposed that the occupants of the building were knocked unconscious or were too panic stricken to rush from the place. The dry and rotting wood was food for the fire, and in an instant the flames had enveloped the structure. With a roar the building collapsed and the occupants, with one exception, were carried with it to the basement.

GRAND DAUGHTER OF DICKENS, Miss Enid Dickens Married to Ernest Boucher Hawley.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—A grand daughter of Charles Dickens has just married Ernest Boucher Hawley, son of the well-known solicitor for Cecil Rhodes and the chartered company, says a London dispatch to the Tribune.

The bride was Miss Enid Dickens, daughter of Henry Fielding Dickens. She is a favorite in literary and art circles and the wedding was attended by many actors and artists.

PIONEER BANKER DEAD.

Thomas D. Robertson Passes Away at Rockford, Ill.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—Thomas D. Robertson, a pioneer banker and lawyer, of Northern Illinois is dead at Rockford, aged 84 years. He was a native of Edinburgh, Scotland. In his younger days was interested in the publication of the Mechanic's Magazine with an elder brother. In 1828 he came to American and

HARD ON FOOTPADS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.—Another footpad received the limit in Judge Cook's court today. John Murphy, an old offender, who was convicted yesterday of having held up and brutally beaten Henry Lawrey, December 24, was sentenced to San Quentin for life.

PENNYLTON, ORE., FEB. 5.—Dr. William McLaren, Oregon state veterinarian, today officially pronounced the disease affecting hogs here as swine plague, less virulent than hog cholera. He believes the malady will soon be stamped out.

PAST GOING TO PIECES.

PORTLAND, Feb. 5.—President Mohler, of the O. R. & N. Co., today received a brief cable stating that the steamship Knight Companion was fast going to pieces.

PRICE OF SILVER.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Silver, 55 1/2.

WENT THROUGH WITHOUT CHANGE

Urgent Deficiency Appropriation Bill Passed by the Senate.

THE NOYES CASE UP AGAIN

McCumber Criticizes San Francisco Court of Appeals—Tillman Defends the Judiciary.

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EXPLAINS HER POSITION

GERMANY'S COURSE DURING LATE WAR. Refused Spain's Request to Take Action for Monarchial Protection.

BERLIN, Feb. 5.—The German foreign office confirms the substantial accuracy of the statement which the Kreuz Zeitung prints today relative to Germany's course toward the United States during the war with Spain. It says:

"Almost exactly four years ago the Spanish ambassador here asked Germany whether Germany would lead in action against the United States for the protection of monarchial principle, and the answer was definite refusal. The same answer was given a month later when an invitation reached Germany to participate in the intervention undertaken upon in the initiative of Austria. This was in the week following the sad catastrophe of the Maine, when it was believed intervention would facilitate an understanding between the United States and Spain. Nevertheless our government commissioner Herr von Radowicz, German ambassador to Spain, to inform the Madrid government that Germany was not in a position to prevent a Spanish-American war."

"After that, several attempts were made to win the German rebuff for intervention in which the pope was especially active. The final result was that Dr. Von Holleben (German ambassador to the United States) was induced to join in the step proposed by Austria only in case all other five great powers participated."

CANCELS ALL ENGAGEMENTS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.—Madame Lillian Nordica, acting on the advice of her physician, will cancel all local dates, rest at least 10 days longer and then probably fill her engagement in Portland, Ore. After that it is possible she may return to this city and be heard. This, however, is uncertain. Her condition is not serious, it is stated, but she has not recovered from the shock to her system sustained in a railroad accident, and requires rest.

INVITES CUBAN REPUBLIC.

Representative Newlands Introduces Resolution in House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Representative Newlands, of Nevada, of the ways and means committee today introduced a joint resolution inviting the republic of Cuba to become a part of the United States, first as a territory and then as a state of the Union, to be called the state of Cuba; and also authorizing 25 per cent reduction of duty on the present crop of Cuban sugar, in consideration of Cuba's granting preferential rates to the United States.

PAYS A PREMIUM.

To His Customers for Walking Over Bridge.

Herman Wise, the live clothier, don't let a little thing like a torn up street interfere with his trade; he has built a bridge leading from the sidewalk in front of the Page block right up to his store, and in order to induce people to walk over the bridge, he continues his Price Slashing Clothing Sale. It pays to walk over that bridge for Wise's bargains.

CHARGES AGAINST GUDEN.

Alleged That New York Sheriff Entered Into Bargain With Dady.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 5.—Governor Odell has begun a hearing of the charge upon which the removal from office of Sheriff Gudén of King county is asked. The allegation is that Gudén entered into a bargain with Michael I. Dady, a leader in the Republican organization in Brooklyn and a member of the board of election commissioners of the City of New York, to the effect that if nominated for sheriff and elected he would have his subordinates only such persons as Dady named and that official's expenses of the office in excess of \$12,000 per annum should be paid to Dady. The allegations were first given publicity in a speech made last month by Bert Reiss, who was the Republican nominee for congress in the Sixth district at the election in 1890 and who attributed his defeat to the alleged hospitality of Dady.

TEN PRISONERS ESCAPE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.—Ten military prisoners confined in the stockade at the Presidio escaped last night. Their escape was made by a tunnel through the ground.

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The economic advantage to be derived from the gold fields, says Count Sternberg, was merely a contributory cause of the South African war. The real cause, making action imperative, was the English principle of the essence of which is free trade and straightforward competition. On the continent this feeling is not understood, because the continent does not enjoy the blessings of a civilization and a government based on the word "straight."

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