



FATAL STEAM

Grim End of Men on the Massachusetts.

A HEROIC LIEUTENANT

Receives Terrible Injuries While Rescuing His Men in Fire Room.

STEAM FILLS MEN'S LUNGS

Safety Ladder Hidden by Deadly Vapor and Fire Room Doors Were Closed Until Lieutenant Cole Came to the Rescue.

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—Caught in a trap and helpless to save themselves, three men lost their lives today and four others, including Lieutenant Wm. C. Cole, were terribly scalded by a rush of steam and boiling water in the fire room of the battleship Massachusetts, lying at anchor at the League Island navy yard. With the single exception of Lieutenant Cole all of the injured are from Philadelphia.

Particulars of the catastrophe are difficult to obtain on account of the reticence of the officials at the station, but it has been stated that Lieutenant Cole received terrible injuries in an heroic attempt to save the men who were in jeopardy and who were under him on the warship.

The accident occurred without warning. The gasket in the front of the boilerhead gave way, and with a terrific roar the steam and hot water began to fill the fire room. The doors of the fire room were closed, and the only avenue of escape was that afforded by the safety ladder, but the place was so filled with the dense vapor, and it was so scalding hot that the men who were trying to make their escape were blinded and bewildered, and so crazed by the pains of their scalds that they were practically helpless until Lieutenant Cole, aroused by the noise, rushed to the scene and opened the doors for the men's escape.

The blinding rush of live steam scalded him badly, but he saved four of the men, and received his worst injuries while trying to get out of the bodies of those who died from the inhalation of the deadly vapor. The lieutenant thought there might be a spark of life in the men on the fire room floor and tried to get them out of the way of the scalding blast.

TO CARRY OIL.

Seven Masted Petroleum Carrier Is Being Built.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Plans for a seven masted schooner have been prepared by the Union Oil company and the contract will be given for the construction of this ship to one of the local shipbuilding yards. It is to cost something like \$350,000 and will be used in the oil trade along this coast and between San Francisco and the Hawaiian Islands.

Its capacity will be about 36,000 barrels of oil or 5800 long tons.

EASY GRAFT.

Certified Checks Becoming a Fad All Around the Country.

New York, Dec. 15.—Detectives are searching Canada for a man who, under many aliases, had swindled two big New York and Boston bond dealing business houses out of securities running into thousands of dollars. Both firms have Boston offices. A year ago last September a man opened an office for the sale of real estate at Lynn, Mass. He carried on an insurance business and appeared to be prosperous. Soon afterward he called on the bond brokers and purchased gilt edged bonds costing more than \$30,000. Certificated checks were tendered in payment and after the buyer disappeared, it was found

that the certification of the checks was a forgery.

The offices in Lynn were closed meanwhile and no trace of the pseudo bond dealer was found. So the swindle perpetrated about the police in the larger cities were notified. A month passed and then the suspect appeared in Birmingham, Ala. There he was looking over sites to start a cotton seed oil mill and soon became a member of the Commercial club of that city.

He obtained about \$9000 on some of the stolen bonds from a Birmingham bank and then was next heard of in New York City. He rented an office and tried to sell the bonds almost within a stone's throw of the firms he had robbed. Detectives were close upon the trail but he fled just before they arrived and is now reported to be in Canada. Some of the bonds placed with brokers here for sale are understood to have been recovered.

Jimmy Gardiner Wins.

Butte, Dec. 15.—Jimmy Gardiner of Lowell, Mass., defeated Jack O'Keefe of Chicago tonight in the 11th round of what was to have been a 20-round fight. The fight was a hard, gruelling one, and was nearly even until O'Keefe received a short-arm jolt to the stomach that left him practically helpless. He staggered to his corner, and when the gong rang for the 12th, O'Keefe's seconds, who had been unable to revive their man, tossed the sponge to the center of the ring.

Wireless Scores.

Kansas City, Dec. 15.—Wireless telegraph messages were sent today from this city to Cleveland, O., a distance of 725 miles, without a relay. This is the record for overland transmission.

No More Fights.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Mayor Harrison today issued an order that prohibits all fighting in this city in future, and even

Monte Attel Wins.

St. Louis, Dec. 15.—Monte Attel of San Francisco won tonight over John Reagan of New York.

CHILDREN RESCUED

Suspension Bridge Collapsed and Fell on Ice.

ESCAPE OF LITTLE GIRLS

Uncondemned Bridge Which Was Known to Be Unsafe, Falls and the Escape of a Score of People Is Considered Miraculous.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 15.—The suspension bridge connecting East and West Charleston collapsed today, precipitating six teams and a number of school children, estimated variously at from a dozen to 30, into the ice-covered waters, 50 feet below.

The following were rescued within an hour: Zella Smith, 9 years old, arm broken and internal injuries; Louise McWhorter, Helen, Cavendar, Ira Wood, a driver, badly bruised; William Holmes, a driver, badly bruised; Geo. Woodall, a driver, perhaps fatally injured.

The dead body of Mamie Higginbotham, aged 8, was recovered. Of 13 horses, but one escaped. Hay Humphrey is missing.

The bridge turned turtle as it went down and only one strand of the cable remains.

Men in boats are fishing in 20 feet of water for bodies. The bridge had been in a dangerous condition for a long time.

The body of Ray Humphreys, aged 15 years, was recovered. Gordon Long and Tom Minch, drivers, went down with the bridge, but caught the edge of the ice and managed to reach shore in safety. The bridge floor was covered with several inches of ice and snow. It had been considered unsafe for heavy loads for several months, and on last Labor day officers would not allow floats in the parade to cross the bridge, on account of its supposed unsafe condition.

Arrangements have been made for a government diver to search the bed of the river for bodies. The span of the bridge which fell is about 800 feet long. The bridge was built in 1852.

DIED IN COURT

Carroll's Life Ebbs Away in Front of Judge.

WIFE'S CHARGE FATAL

Used a Razor in a Sensational Suicide Before a Court Audience.

SURGEON WAS OF NO AVAIL

Most Dramatic Suicide of Years Occurs When Demented Husband Kills Himself After Wife Left Witness Stand.

Salt Lake, Dec. 15.—A shocking tragedy occurred today in the police court before an audience that had assembled rather for comedy than tragedy, and the writhing body of a suicide on the floor was a scene that developed so quickly that the spectators were unable to realize what had occurred until the spirit had flown and the clay of the self-murderer lay inert on the court room floor.

He died before a surgeon summoned from a few doors distant could reach him.

W. J. Carroll was arraigned, charged with assault and battery upon his divorced wife, and it was well understood that the charge of the woman was mainly in revenge, and that the assault and battery case was strictly upon technical lines. However, the couple was well known, and the court room was crowded by the morbidly curious who gathered as those do who have in view a theatrical treat. The courtroom was filled.

In response to the request of her attorney, Mrs. Carroll went upon the stand and testified to the assault. She lost her temper, and her testimony was somewhat vehement in utterance.

After the conclusion of Mrs. Carroll's testimony, her husband was called to the stand for the defense. He responded, but slowly, and seemed to be suffering from intense mental emotion. Arising from his chair he stood and looked at the court, turned and gazed for a second at the audience in the court room, and then, addressing the bench, he said: "If that woman wants to make those charges against me, she can do it." Then his right hand was slipped into a vest pocket, and, before anyone, even the court bailiff, realized what was being done, he drew the edge of a razor three times across his throat and sank to the floor.

The jugular veins were both severed, as well as all the muscles of the neck to the spinal column, and Carroll died in less than two minutes.

Estate of Parks.

New York, Dec. 15.—Through the granting of letters of administration on the estate of Sam Parks, formerly of Chicago, the walking delegate, who died at Sing Sing last May while serving a sentence for extortion, it has developed that Mrs. Parks, the widow, of the labor leader, died from a cancer, recently in Copenhagen, Denmark, where she went for treatment. The size of Parks' estate is not known.

Afloat in Dory.

New York, Dec. 15.—In a crushed dory, resting on a great cake of ice, Albert Nordstrom, a barge captain, has floated five miles with the tide on the Hudson river. A field of broken ice surrounded the marooned captain, but a lantern, which he was fortunate enough to have on hand, enabled him to finally secure aid and escape certain death in the icy waters of New York bay.

Warships Get Away.

Jibuti, French Somaliland, Dec. 15.—The vessels of the Russian second Pacific squadron, which were coaling here, sailed last night.

limited round glove contests will not be allowed. This reduces the fighters to Philadelphia and San Francisco.

SCHOONER AGROUND.

Captain Peterson Mistakes a Change in the Umpqua Bar.

Marshfield, Ore., Dec. 15.—The schooner Lucy from San Pedro attempted to sail in over the bar today, as there is no tug at Umpqua to afford a tow, and as a result the vessel is stuck hard on the sand with a heavy sea rolling over her. The appearance of the channel has changed since last Captain Peterson made the port, and he made the discovery too late to turn, though the attempt was made, and the schooner stuck hard and fast on the sand split before he was able to bring her about.

Unless the sea abates the vessel will probably be a total loss. Her crew is safe.

Gift to Monks.

New York, Dec. 15.—King Edward has, according to a Herald dispatch from Milan, just presented the monks of the Great St. Bernard monastery a magnificent new piano, to replace the one given them by Queen Victoria half a century ago.

Generous Kaiser.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—Emperor William will offer additional prizes to be competed for in the transatlantic yacht races according to the number of yachts competing. One third of the starters will receive trophies.

Old Ship Commissioned.

New York, Dec. 15.—The frigate Constellation, the oldest ship in the American navy, has been thoroughly overhauled, and was recommissioned today in the navy yard at Brooklyn. She will be used as a receiving ship.

Mathews Beats Walker.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 15.—Matty Mathews of Brooklyn, got a decision tonight over Foster Walker of Detroit in a six-round go.

WILL UNSEAT ADAMS

Sufficient Frauds Discovered to Elect Peabody.

THE COURT IS REPUBLICAN

Over Thirty Indictments Have Already Been Returned Against Democrats of Colorado for Election Frauds.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 15.—Several more indictments were returned today against democratic election judges, and several more precincts in Denver were thrown out. There has already been enough precincts thrown out to give Peabody a majority. While the sentiment at first was in favor of Adams, the glaring election frauds perpetrated by the democrats, the arrest and conviction of several of the return of at least thirty more indictments, has resulted in changing the sentiment of the people, and even democrats of standing now admit that there is no doubt of the election of Peabody for governor. The election frauds perpetrated by the democrats are so glaring and the proof is positive, that even leading democrats have abandoned all hope of ever seeing Adams installed as governor of the state. Never in the history of Colorado has there been so much illegal registration and illegal voting as this year, and nearly all the leaders of the democratic machine are liable to the indicted and punished, whatever may have been the attitude of Governor Peabody in the labor troubles the republicans claims that he was legally elected and their contention is now shared in by many leading democrats throughout the state. It is doubtful, in the light of recent experience, if the democrats will ever be able to control the politics of the state and Colorado is now set down in the republican column of sure states.

German Growth.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—Berlin has passed the 2,000,000 mark in population. The police register shows 2,001,500 inhabitants.

LOST HIS ALL

Mrs. Chadwick Faces Her Aged Dupe.

BECKWITH HAS HOPES

Not Yet Convinced That Oberlin Bank Was Closed by a Swindle.

WOMAN NOT CONCILIATORY

Shook Hands at Parting and Seemed to Believe Result of Investigation Will Disclose a Better State of the Tangled Affairs.

Cleveland, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Chadwick's first day in the county jail was a busy one for her. She received several visits from her attorneys, and held long conferences with them; conversed with newspaper men, and for 15 minutes stood face to face with President Beckwith, of the Oberlin bank, who came to so much trouble through financial transactions with her.

The meeting was dramatic. The aged banker, who had for hours been before the county grand jury, went to the office of Sheriff Barry this afternoon and asked if he might see Mrs. Chadwick. The sheriff readily consented and Mrs. Chadwick seemed eager to meet him. Accompanied by Mrs. Beckwith, who, owing to her husband's ill health, is always by his side, the aged banker made his way slowly and feebly up the long flights of stairs leading to Mrs. Chadwick's cell. She met him at the entrance of the corridor and shook hands with him cordially. After some general conversation, Mr. Beckwith referred to their business relations, saying:

"Mrs. Chadwick, you have ruined me, but I'm not so sure yet you are a fraud. I have stood by you to my last dollar, and I do think now that the time has come for you to make known everything in relation to this thing."

Beckwith's voice betrayed deep emotion as he spoke and he leaned heavily on the arm of his wife, who was almost compelled to support him, so great was his physical weakness.

Mrs. Chadwick did not reply directly to the words of Beckwith, but her manner and the look on her face was not conciliatory.

Mr. and Mrs. Beckwith said they hoped the matters connected with the Chadwick affair would be eventually straightened out. The interview then closed.

Mrs. Chadwick thanked them for calling, and shook hands with Mr. and Mrs. Beckwith, and said she would be pleased to have them call again.

There is a possibility the hearing of the Chadwick case may be resumed tomorrow morning in the bankruptcy court and she may be summoned as a witness although the probabilities are the hearing will go over to Saturday and possibly Monday.

The present program of the federal authorities is to have Mrs. Chadwick arraigned in the United States district court Monday.

She will be asked to plead to the charges and will be given a chance to furnish bail if she is able to do so.

Beckwith and Spear may be arraigned at the same time, but this is not yet definitely decided upon.

HE IS NOT INVOLVED.

Dr. Chadwick Does Not Expect to Be Implicated With Wife.

Paris, Dec. 15.—Dr. Chadwick is still here. During a conversation last night he was asked if Iri Reynolds' prolonged stay in Europe. Dr. Chadwick replied that it was still his intention to return to America.

"Do you expect to be included in the charges?" the doctor was asked.

"Most certainly not," he replied. He said he came to Europe in 1901, remaining 18 months, and that during

most of the time he was in bad health, and not expected to live, owing to an attack of Roman fever, during his sojourn in Italy. After returning to Cleveland, Dr. Chadwick visited a number of cities in the United States, and then came back to Europe for another eight months. He made another trip to America, but as he was still ailing, returned to Europe, where he has since remained.

He was still at his hotel at noon today and had not made arrangements for his departure.

Doctor Is Brusque.

New York, Dec. 15.—Dr. L. S. Chadwick of Cleveland is still in Paris with Miss Chadwick, according to a Herald dispatch from that city. When seen at his hotel he refused brusquely to discuss Mrs. Chadwick's case or any of its details.

The doctor appeared indignant when told his lawyer in Brussels had said that a statement would be forthcoming. "No one has any right to speak for me," he said. "There is nothing to make a statement about."

Dr. Chadwick refused to disclose his plans, but would not deny the published report that he will sail for America within 10 days.

NOT ENOUGH JOHNSON.

Eleven Hundred and Sixty Seven of Him Is Not Enough.

The justice court was in session yesterday morning to listen to the case of Jacob Hendrickson, charged with assault and threatening to kill Anna Learford and Charles Johnson. As to which one of the 1167 Johnsons he threatened to kill is not stated. The district attorney was present, as was the sheriff and constable, and a few spectators. If the defendant had been present he would have been informed of his rights and given an opportunity to secure counsel, but evidently he had important business in some other part of the country, as when his name was called District Attorney Allen decided that he was non-est-comatus. The corpus delicti was present, but the candidate for the county jail was conspicuous for his absence, and the case was continued.

END WAS TRAGIC

Syveton Deliberately Kills Himself in His Home.

NATIONALIST LEADER'S LOVES

Death the Penalty for Discovery of Amours Which Estranged the Politicians Family and Left Him Ostracized

New York, Dec. 15.—The sensational death of M. Syveton, the nationalist leader was a case of suicide not due either to accident or assassination. It is now admitted by the family of the dead man, cables the Paris correspondent of the Times. The tragic end of the brilliant politician, according to the correspondent grew out of a love affair which threatened to end in his arrest and it is asserted that, with the full knowledge and approval of one or more of those concerned, Syveton shot himself; not in his study but in a bath room.

In the room there was a charcoal heater which he lighted, allowing the carbolic acid fumes to escape and then awaited asphyxiation. In a hour's time a member in the household visited the room and found the body which was carried to the study where report afterwards said the death occurred.

MARKETS

New York—U. P. 108; preferred 95, Silver 60 5-8. Chicago—Wheat opened at \$1.09 5-8; 1.09 7-8 closed at \$1.10 5-8; barley 41@48; flax \$1.16; northwest 11.24. San Francisco—Cash wheat \$1.50. Portland—Wheat export Walla Walla 81; bluestem 85; milling Walla Walla 80; bluestem 88@90; eastern markets Walla Walla 83@85; bluestem 90.