

AFTERMATH OF THE BRIDGE ACCIDENT

Stories of Those Who Were Rescued from Death in the Waters of the Willamette-- Full List of the Injured.

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A result of her watery experience. Charles Baker, employe at the Golden Eagle, 274 B. side, was one of those who fell into the river with the broken sidewalk of the bridge. He says: "It was just about 3 o'clock and I was crossing the bridge. Three men had overturned a boat below the bridge and were making for the shore. The crowd on the bridge, which was very large, rushed over to the south side of the structure in order to see the sight, and then, without warning, the sidewalk gave way, and a solid mass of humanity was plunged into the icy waters.

"It was but the work of a few minutes before the rescue began and a number of members of the rowing club swam out and took people ashore. I myself, was not injured and feel no ill effects, except for the cold bath."

Lucky Escape.
F. J. Evans had a very narrow escape from instant death, or at least from serious injury. He was sitting in a rowboat dangerously near the scene of the accident watching the swimmer when he heard the timbers of the bridge giving way.

"I looked up," he said, "and saw the mass of humanity falling. Men, women and children came tumbling down through the roof of the little old water craft underneath them, many splashing into the river. Moans and groans rent the air, and with others I rushed to the rescue. It seemed that almost superhuman strength was given me, for I lifted men and women of much greater weight than myself with little difficulty. About 20 other boatmen worked with might and main, and I should judge that we took out at least 100 people.

"The cries of the injured were most piteous, and I know that I will bear them in my dreams for the next month. Some had broken legs and arms, while others were horribly hurt about the face and head. A number of them must have been hurt internally, for the least touch would put them in the greatest pain.

"I remember assisting a lady out of the water who was badly injured, and looked as though she had but a very few hours to live.

"Don't mind me," she said. "Save my child! My God, save my child!" "I will never forget the ordeal I went through and the piteous appeals from the sufferers, many of whom were evidently dying. It was the most trying and saddest experience I ever had, and I only hope that I will never see its repetition."

Nearly Struck by Timbers.
G. I. Gheen, J. W. Crampton and James W. Doyle were sitting in the gasoline launch "Up-to-Date," which they had moored to the floating pontoon to the boathouse, and saw the section of the bridge fall, being in such proximity that some of the flying timbers struck the end of their craft.

"It was a close call for us," said Mr. Gheen, owner of the launch, "but fortunately we were in a position to give much valuable assistance to the sufferers. As the people were falling scarcely any screams escaped them. It seemed as though they were too frightened for that. But when they fell I noticed that other people on the bridge acted as though they had lost their senses. Instead of getting off the bridge they kept crowding up to the opening left by the fallen section, and for a time I thought some of them would push one another into the river.

"We began taking out the injured at once, and with others engaged at the same task, worked like demons. It has been said that policemen and firemen assisted in this work. I want to say right here that no policeman or fireman was in sight, and that those in the small boats are the ones who did it all. Fortunately there was a large number of us there at the time of the accident, and no time was lost in taking out and caring for the injured.

under a lucky star, as he was standing on the portion of the bridge which went down with his load of people a few minutes before the accident happened.

"I was standing on the south side of the bridge nearly in front of the boathouse watching the man swim across the river," said the lad, "when I noticed the sidewalk begin to bend. I told a boy who was with me that it looked as if the bridge was going to break down and fall into the river, and we both concluded to move on to some other place.

"We then walked for about 10 feet to the west, and after standing in that place for about three minutes the sidewalk where we were located a few minutes before gave way, and over 100 people went tumbling into the water. Most of them were women and children, and the screaming was awful."

WOMAN WAS WITH THE GIRL WHO DROWNED
Mrs. Ben Higgs of 124 North Tenth street, whose leg was broken and wrist sprained, accompanied by Lottie Cameron, the 16-year-old girl who was drowned, had just arrived on the bridge when the walk gave way. Mrs. Higgs had in her arms a little child about 7 months old. In the awful moment of the fall the older woman became separated from Miss Cameron and never saw her again in life.

Mrs. Higgs was quickly rescued and taken to her residence. The body of Lottie Cameron was not found until 6 o'clock last night.

Accident Foretold by 9-Year-Old Boy
Little 9-year-old Edward Sawyer of 431 Main street was among the thousands who watched the swimming feats in the river yesterday, during which the terrible Morrison-street bridge accident occurred. More than 100 people were in the water, but he had received a warning of the impending accident and was not within the danger zone.

On Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Sawyer, parents of the little fellow, were seated at the dinner table when he announced in his boyish fashion "that something was going to happen." The conversation had turned to the swimming feats which were to be performed by the armless wonder the next day.

"Papa, suddenly came from the boy, 'I am going to see the man without arms swim tomorrow, but I am not going to stand on the Morrison-street bridge.' The father asked why and in the same serious tone the boy said: 'Because I feel that something is going to happen.'"

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to the railing and looked down. I saw hundreds in the water and upon the roofs of the scow-houses beneath. It was just like those nightmare pictures of the Johnstown flood.

"I called to the men in the launches and boats and directed them as best I could, and believe that in this way I was able to accomplish much good. I was in a better position to see where help was needed than were those in the boats.

The Dead Boy.
Eddie Shank, the little 14-year-old boy who died shortly after the accident yesterday afternoon as a result of the fall, was a student of the South Portland Industrial School. This institution is conducted by the Council of Jewish Women, many members of which are this morning in sorrow at a recent death of the little lad.

Credit Due Physicians.
Much credit is due to the physicians and surgeons of Portland for the valuable assistance rendered the victims of the disaster and many lives were saved as a result of their prompt work of the medical men. This morning at least a dozen physicians' carriages were standing in front of the Good Samaritan Hospital while their owners attended the wounded. Almost as many more were at St. Vincent's.

Two Active Helpers.
Great credit is due Ben Holliday and Will Cody for the saving of many lives. Both these men were quickly on the scene and commenced at once to save all within their reach. Both ran out on the small boats, working hard until every eye was taken from the water.

Was Not a Spectator.
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Was Hunting Good Place.
Mrs. I. Schroeder was viewing the swim from the West Side, but owing to the large crowds could not see. She started for the East Side, walking in the street and just stepped on the sidewalk when it went down. Mrs. Schroeder was accompanied by a little girl. The little girl was just going to step upon the sidewalk, but drew back in time to save herself.

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The car was beside the strip of sidewalk when the beam gave way and let the people down.

Watch Saved His Life.
Among the young people injured in yesterday afternoon's bridge accident was Lorin King, the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. King, who reside at 564 Hoyt street. The lad was one of the first to drop into the water, and he received many bad bruises from falling timbers; his whole body is covered with black-and-blue spots, but it is reported that none of the injuries will prove serious.

Heroic and Despair.
"The scene down there was horrible. Men forgot that they were men and thought only of their own lives which were in danger; women dropped their helpless infants; children were separated from their parents."

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herself. Mrs. Schroeder has a badly hurt back, which may prove fatal. She is at the Good Samaritan Hospital.

Were by Accident.
G. H. Becker of Elgin, Or., was in the city visiting and happened to stroll down to the river front. The crowd attracted his attention and just as he stepped on the sidewalk the bridge gave way. He struck his back and head on the edge of one of the small boathouses, which rendered him unconscious. The first he remembers of the accident was when he regained consciousness in the boathouse. Mr. Elgin was taken to the St. Vincent's Hospital, where his back was found to be badly wrenched.

No More Bodies Found.
Hugh Brady, who has been dragging the river near the scene of yesterday's horror, stated at noon today that he had not discovered any trace of more bodies under the bridge. But he found numerous small articles that belonged to the victims. The lad does not remember just when he was struck by the board, but thinks that it was just as he was sinking into the river.

Chief Campbell and his men to the scene and enabled them to do such efficient work in rescuing and caring for the injured.
"There was not a police officer in sight when the bridge gave way," he said. "Had there been officers on the bridge to keep the crowd moving the accident would never have occurred."

Those Who Fell With the Railing
Anderson, Albert.
Anderson, Mrs. W., 315 East Third street; face badly cut.
Bersan, A. H., 147 Grand avenue.

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