

Scores Are Killed at Long Beach Celebrants Are Caught in Crash Floor of Auditorium Collapses

EMPIRE DAY CROWD IN MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM IS HURLED TO ITS DESTRUCTION BY BUILDING'S FALL

(United Press Leased Wire.) Long Beach, Cal., May 24.—A mid scene of indescribable confusion 35 to 40 persons were killed and 100 or more were injured when a section of the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium floor caved in and precipitated from 500 to 700 persons through the floor below, and upon the sands 25 feet below.

The accident occurred while a crowd of British, celebrating Empire day, were marching into the auditorium. In an improvised morgue in the Armory lie the bodies of 13 women, two children and one man.

The undertaking morgues have a number of others and it is believed the total will reach 40. The majority of the killed and injured are old persons, who have been waiting for hours for the auditorium to open, and were crowded in behind the third section of the parade and the floor gave way beneath the jam.

The identified dead up to 1:30 o'clock are:

MRS. FANNIE M. MCGEE, Long Beach.
MRS. D. S. LOMAS, Long Beach.
MRS. ARTHUR HELPS, Long Beach.
MRS. A. J. HILL, Orange, identified by her husband, who collapsed.
SCOTT BLACK, 10 years old, Glendale, son of Walter Black.
MRS. J. S. HOLMES, no address.
MRS. MARTHA J. BURNETT, Long Beach.
MRS. GEORGE DOWLE, aged 49, 279 Grant street, Pasadena.
MRS. SARAH JANE CHRISTIE, 4837 South Grand avenue, Los Angeles.
Unidentified man, initials "F. P." on ring.
Unidentified woman, 85 years old, at undertaking morgue.
MRS. LAWRENCE, address unknown. Fell without warning.

George Dowle of Pasadena, whose wife lies dead, was painfully injured, his left collar bone being broken, and he sustained other injuries.

He said that he and his wife were in the rear of the crowd just as it entered the auditorium when the entire floor gave way without a moment's warning, precipitating 600 persons to the ground beneath. He pulled his wife out from beneath a timber, but she was dead.

Councilman John Topham of Los Angeles was standing in the doorway when the floor collapsed, talking to a policeman who fell into the hole, Topham barely escaping. Topham said:

"The scene was awful—indescribable. Without an instant's warning the whole section of the floor gave way, and amid wild cries of women and shrieks of men, the struggling mass shot downwards to the sand below."

Many Crushed by Bodies.

Many were killed by striking the timbers which support the auditorium. Others were crushed to death under the mass of human bodies above them.

Three Long Beach policemen went in with the crowd and one was seriously injured, the other being crushed.

"We worked for an hour to remove the bodies. I feel that a mistake was made by somebody in keeping the auditorium door locked until after the parade, resulting in a mass of people rushing into the building at once."

Twenty little flower girls barely escaped death in the catastrophe. They had just passed over the section of floor that caved in when the crash came.

The injured are scattered all over Long Beach in private residences, hospitals and temporary hospitals.

A platoon of Los Angeles police is guarding the building. A special train bearing physicians and nurses from Los Angeles, accompanied by Mayor Alexander, has arrived and assistance is being rendered.

Partial List of Injured.

Following is a partial list of the seriously injured:

George W. Reed, Long Beach, hip badly injured.
Frank A. Little, 483 Centennial avenue, Los Angeles, hip injured and badly bruised.
Mrs. Sarah Childs, Long Beach, cut on face and badly bruised.
Mrs. Mary Corwin, Long Beach, badly bruised.
Mrs. G. Coots, 620 Charter Oak avenue, Pasadena, badly bruised and may be injured internally.
Mrs. Sanderson, 21 Molino avenue, Pasadena, ankle broken. Her daughter, who was with her, escaped with a few slight bruises.
Mrs. M. J. Edwards, Long Beach, very badly bruised.
Sarah B. Ingham, Long Beach, internally injured.
Mrs. Wood, Long Beach, extent of injuries unknown.
A. K. Hill, Orange, Cal., cut and bruised.
Dorothy Lurridge, 15 years old, Pasadena, left hip broken.
Miss Deane, Pasadena, arm broken.
H. C. Reed, Long Beach, leg and arm broken, internally injured; will die.

Floors Settled Gradually.

"The scenes that ensued when the floors of the Auditorium collapsed form a picture in mind that will not be erased until my dying day," said Miles Elliott of Long Beach. "I was standing on the top floor. While the crash came without warning, it was not so sudden as I thought. At first the floor seemed gradually to settle, and then a moment later there was a splintering crash of timbers as the humanity laden mass of timbers went down."

"At first, owing to the dense cloud of dust which arose it was impossible to see anything. But all around me resounded the shrieks and groans of the injured and dying. I was only slightly bruised, but my foot was caught between two planks and it was some little time before I could release myself."

"When the dust cleared away, there were bodies lying all about me. It was impossible to tell how many of them were dead, but the shrieks and cries of dozens gave evidence of the frightfulness of the calamity."

Los Angeles, May 24.—Twenty nurses who were "off shift" at the California hospital, were bundled into automobiles and started for Long Beach. Calls were sent to almost every hospital in Los Angeles for nurses and doctors.

Within half an hour after news of the accident had circulated here thousands of automobiles were burning up the boulevard between here and Long Beach. A majority of them carried frantic men and women whose relatives were among the throngs that attended the Long Beach celebration.

"When the police tried to control the thousands of people crushed about ticket offices demanding transportation to the beach. Extra police details were called to preserve order."

Chief Sebastian, at the head of 50 policemen with Mayor Alexander and a score of doctors, started for Long Beach immediately after noon in high power automobiles to aid the authorities there in caring for the situation resulting from the collapse of the municipal auditorium on the Long Beach pier.

Centennial Surplus To Go To John Jacob

Astoria, Or., May 24.—The \$6000 remaining in the treasury from the Astoria Centennial celebration will not be turned over to the county to be used in establishing an experimental station, in accordance with the bill recently passed by the Oregon legislature.

The Centennial committee last night decided that according to the by-laws and constitution under which the centennial was held the money could not be spent for this purpose. It was at last decided that a committee be appointed to investigate the matter of acquiring Coxon Hill or some other suitable location in the vicinity of Astoria, where a bronze tablet or some other mark of respect could be erected to the founder of the city, the tract to be known as Astor Heights, Astor Park or other suitable name.

PUTTING FIREBOAT, DAVID CAMPBELL, THROUGH PAGES

With Firemen's Band Playing, Boat Steams Down River for Trials; Has Collision Before Starting.

With more than 100 representative citizens and business men aboard, and the city represented by Mayor A. G. Ruhligh and his official family, including Fire Chief Dowell, Portland's newest fireboat, the David Campbell, steamed down the Willamette river this morning for official speed tests which were held on the Columbia river between its confluence with the Willamette and St. Helens.

This afternoon the official pumping tests will be held near the O. W. R. & N. bridge. The fire fighting apparatus will be given a thorough tryout and if everything comes up to requirements, the boat will be accepted by the city.

When the vessel left the dock at lower Stark street, shortly after 10 o'clock this forenoon, Captain W. H. Pope, veteran Columbia river pilot was at the wheel, and in the pilot house with him were W. H. Sanford, captain of the fireboat George W. Williams, and Captain Jacob Speier, the harbor master.

The David Campbell was due to depart at 10 o'clock, but was delayed because federal inspectors insisted upon a full complement of life preservers. These were finally borrowed from a river boat, and a few minutes later the craft swung into the current.

As she steamed down stream river boats, led by the George W. Williams at her moorings on the east side, gave the new fireboat a noisy welcome, which did not cease until the craft was passing through the Burnside bridge.

A large crowd was on hand to witness the David Campbell's departure for her official trials, and for an hour prior to her sailing the Firemen's band played selections.

Just before the boat left the docks Alfred F. Smith, president and general manager of the Smith & Watson Iron Works, the firm which built the boat, said he was confident that the Campbell would fulfill all requirements.

These include a maximum speed of at least 14 1/2 miles an hour in still water and a pumping capacity of 9000 gallons of water a minute.

While making a landing at the foot of Stark street earlier in the forenoon the Campbell pinched the gas stern-wheeler La Center into the Washington street dock so severely that the latter had to go to the Supple shipyard for repairs. The Campbell was not damaged. The steamer Medook took the La Center's freight on to La Center.

The Campbell was making the Stark street float to pick up guests when the accident occurred. As she slipped past the Washington street dock she suddenly careened into the La Center, breaking a guard rail in several places, displacing practically all the deck planks, and throwing the engine out of line.

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Large. Has been a powerful factor in the council, and is thoroughly informed as to municipal affairs. Took a very active part in campaign for commission charter, and his efforts contributed largely to its adoption. Baker's record in the council, however, has been the subject of much criticism. He has leaned strongly toward the corporations and the liquor interests. During the earlier period of his service in the council his attitude in this respect was especially pronounced. His friends insist that his policy in public affairs has changed for the better in the last two years. Has considerable personal following.

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JAPANESE EMPEROR HAS FAVORABLE NIGHT

Tokyo, May 24.—Marked improvement was noted today in the condition of Emperor Yoshihito, who is ill at the Aoyama palace here with pneumonia.

Court physicians say they expect his full recovery in two or three days.

A bulletin issued from the palace at noon said the mikado had passed a favorable night and that there is absolutely no cause for anxiety.

Large crowds, however, congregated again today about the palace praying for the emperor's recovery.

Open Season for Bridegrooms
Nat Goodwin and Hopper Repeat

Nat Goodwin and Marjorie Moreland Get Flying Start in Auto Presumably for Marriage License Bureau; De Wolf Hopper Also Takes His Fifth, It Is Said.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Cal., May 24.—Friends of Nat Goodwin declared today that Goodwin, at an informal dinner at his Santa Monica home last evening, announced that he would marry Miss Marjorie Moreland today. Miss Moreland is an actress who has been Goodwin's leading lady for some time.

The prospective marriage would be Goodwin's fifth marital venture and Miss Moreland's second. Miss Moreland is the divorced wife of Charles M. Doughty of San Diego.

Fair Love for Los Angeles.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Santa Monica, Cal., May 24.—Nat Goodwin and Miss Marjorie Moreland, whom it was reported he would wed today, left Santa Monica this morning in Goodwin's automobile, ostensibly for Los Angeles, where they were expected to be married.

De Wolf Hopper Interested.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, May 24.—"I have no time to discuss personal matters, but what did Nat Goodwin say?"

This was the answer given by De Wolf Hopper the comedian, here today when asked concerning a report that he had taken a fifth wife. The Lambs club it was said that Hopper and Miss Elda Curry were secretly married out of town on May 16.

Hopper's first wife was Ella Gardner; then came Ida Mosher; his third was Edna Wallace, and his fourth Nellie Bergen.



SUMMARY OF CANDIDATES' RECORDS COMPLETED TODAY BY THE JOURNAL

Unfitness of Some of Seekers After Commissionerships Indicated by Facts Gleaned From Official Records and Statements From Reliable and Unbiased Persons; Others Apparently Fitted by Business Experience and Character

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MAGUIRE AND MONKS TRY TO SUFFOCATE PLUMBING ORDINANCE

Health and Police Committee Acts With but Two Members Present.

Consideration of the new plumbing ordinance which was unanimously indorsed by the sanitary commission, was yesterday indefinitely postponed by the health and police committee of the city council. The city has been without a plumbing ordinance for years, though quite a number of attempts have been made to establish a permanent code.

Only two members of the committee, Councilman James Maguire and Councilman Tom N. Monks, were present at the meeting and the signature of a third member is necessary before the report on the ordinance can come before the council officially. This fact may save the ordinance from annihilation by suffocation and accord it a hearing before the entire council.

The committee also recommended the indefinite postponement of consideration of a motion picture house ordinance. This latter measure has been before the lawmakers for many months and is indorsed by the department of city building inspection.

An amendment to the building code, permitting the installation of glass partitions in fire proof office buildings, was recommended for passage.

PET ANIMALS TO BE OBJECT OF MILITANTS' FUTURE CAMPAIGNS

Every Valuable Prize Winner, Including Derby Winner and Other Race Horses Marked.

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, May 24.—The militant suffragettes no longer draw the line at taking life.

The first victim already has been sacrificed on the altar of the cause, and more are to follow. But it is only the animal kingdom that thus far is being attacked. Human beings still are safe—barring accidents.

Choo Tal, a blue ribbon pup belonging to Miss Ashton Cross, died from poison the other day, but it was not until the owner received a letter signed "Votes for Women" that she learned anything as to the reason for his taking off or the character of the perpetrators.

"We are very sorry," said the militant, which Miss Cross made public today. "That your pretty dog had to be sacrificed, but our rules are inexorable and we are resolved to stop at nothing now."

"Every valuable prize winner or race horse, such as the Derby winner, shall be marked or destroyed when the chance presents itself, until we get the vote."

"You and other owners of valuable property can only enjoy peace by helping us. The money you offer as a reward would be better applied in assisting the good cause."

HUMAN ROSEBUD PARADE IS ABANDONED; CHILDREN TO HAVE NO PART IN FESTIVAL

School Heads Report That Only 1500 Were Willing, Mainly Because of Objection of Parents, to March, So East Side Feature Is Dropped.

There will be no children's parade on the east side, nor on the west side during the Rose Festival.

This was decided upon this morning at a formal meeting of the principals of the east side schools and the parade committee of the East Side Business Men's club at the Lincoln high school, following a report from the school heads that only approximately 1500 children had volunteered to assist. This number was decided to be too small to make it worth while to attempt the parade.

C. C. Hall, assistant secretary of the East Side Business Men's club and one of the parade committee, denounced the lack of interest that was shown by the parents and citizens of Portland. He stated that while the principals had taken an interest in the feature, the people refuse to allow their children to participate, especially when it comes to a question of costuming the children.

This leaves the east side without a feature during the Rose Festival. This has been the one big feature of the carnival, especially for the east side and has attracted more attention than any other feature. It was recently decided by the committee in charge of the parade that if the parade was to be held at all, that the special features would be omitted.

When this matter came up for discussion this morning it was found that some schools would have many pupils in the parade if the features were retained and others stated that if the features were made a part of the parade, their children would not participate.

While Hall took occasion to score the parents for the refusal to allow children to participate, it is known that in many cases the principals have taken a decided stand against the parade, and have spoken against it at Parent-Teachers' meetings. The failure of the project is due largely to that fact.

Old residents of Douglas county straightened their backs, threw away their canes and renewed their youth yesterday afternoon. The "bunch from Tillier" took them back to the days of the frontier and the vanished west.

Following the merchants' parade in the forenoon, in which the 35 cowboys and cowgirls from Tillier participated, as well as 18 cowboys from other outlying districts, the Broncho Busters put in a strenuous afternoon to the pleasure and satisfaction of 3500 people, who overflowed the grandstand and occupied advantageous positions on the hills of the natural amphitheatre surrounding the race track at the fair grounds.

The Tillier neighborhood is about 60 miles from Roseburg, is off the railroad, and is a stock-raising country.

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L. M'CARTY IS KILLED IN THE FIRST ROUND

Heavyweight Champion of the World Killed by Arthur Pelkey in First Round of Their Bout at Calgary.

KANSAN DIED SHORTLY AFTER HE WAS STRUCK

Pelkey Broke Through McCarty's Guard, Hitting Him Directly Over the Heart; McCarty Dropped Unconscious.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Calgary, May 24.—A terrific blow over the heart dealt by Arthur Pelkey today ended the life of Luther McCarty of Kansas, white heavyweight champion of the world. The tragic ending of what was to have been a 20 round bout for the world's championship came shortly after the first round opened.

McCarty opened the round carefully, apparently intending to feel out his man. After a few seconds of sparring, Pelkey broke through McCarty's guard with a terrific blow over the heart. McCarty's mouth opened, his knees sagged and he dropped unconscious to the floor.

When ordinary methods of reviving McCarty failed, a physician was called, but the Kansan failed to respond to treatment. He lived but a short time.

McCarty was unconscious for 3 minutes. He died without regaining his senses. Physicians who attempted to revive the fighter stated that his condition appeared to be perfect. It is believed Pelkey's blow ruptured one of the heart's main arteries.

More than 7000 persons witnessed the tragedy. The Kansan entered the ring at exactly 12:45 o'clock and was given an ovation. Pelkey clinched almost immediately. The champion was 19 to 7 favorite with little Pelkey money in sight.

The referee sent the men away at 1:05 o'clock. The round opened with McCarty on the offensive, swinging wildly. Pelkey clinched but both broke as the referee's order. Pelkey sent a punishing right to the jaw. McCarty landed a light left to the ear. Then he tried for an uppercut but missed. Pelkey caught McCarty coming in with a hard left. Pelkey followed almost immediately with a right. Pelkey landed the blow to the heart.

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BECAUSE OF FAILURE TO OBTAIN INDORSEMENT, M. C. REED WITHDRAWS

Candidate Says He Has No Fault to Find With Committee of 100.

M. C. Reed candidate for commissioner, formally announced his withdrawal from the race today.

Reed gave as his reason the fact that he had not been included in the list of 12 indorsed by the Committee of One Hundred. He said he considered it his duty to drop from the contest and to assist in every way in his power to concentrate the vote upon good candidates. He is the fourth candidate for commissioner to withdraw so far, leaving 15 still in the contest. His letter of withdrawal follows:

"A few days ago I made the statement that if I were not indorsed by the committee of one hundred, I would withdraw from the race. This I cheerfully do and have decided to select four good men from the list of candidates and not only support them by public speeches and personal effort, but through the organization of which I am president as well. I have not decided yet just who these four will be whom I shall support but will call a meeting of my organization today, and will begin my speaking tour Monday night."

"I have no fault to find with the work of the committee. I think it was fair and just and they did the best they could possibly do. It requires a philosopher to understand that where 12 are to be selected from 90 men, that someone has to be left off. I now feel that it is not only my duty to withdraw but that in so doing, I will best serve the city in helping in whatever way I can to assist in concentrating the vote upon good men."

Walter's Name to Senate.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, May 24.—E. G. Walter probably will be nominated for appraiser of Merchandise at Portland Monday by President Wilson. Secretary McCargo has said recently that he expects to get to the appointment of officials in the revenue department very soon.

Carnegie to Congratulate Kaiser.

Berlin, May 24.—Andrew Carnegie is coming to Berlin to congratulate Emperor William on his twenty-five years' peaceful reign. He has called reserving rooms at a hotel here.

ONE FATALLY HURT, 3 INJURED ON WAY TO CALEDONIAN PICNIC

Helix, Or., Party En Route to Athena Celebration Is Upset on Road by Auto.

(Special to The Journal.) Valla, Wash., May 24.—Leslie Edwards of Helix was fatally injured, and Charles Ingal, mayor of Helix, Guy Smith and A. Sueli, also of Helix, were injured, when the machine in which they were driving at a rate of 55 miles an hour turned turtle about one quarter of a mile east of Athena at 11 o'clock this morning.

Sueli was driving the party to the big Caledonian picnic held in Athena today. While going at a terrific rate of speed, the attempt to pass J. M. Danister of Weston the car went into the ditch, turning completely over. All the men were pinned beneath the wreck. It is expected Edwards will die.