

FALLING WALLS TRAP GIRLS AND FIREMEN

23 DIE, BELIEF NEATH WALLS OF CHARNEL HOUSE

New Tragedy Enacted Missouri Athletic Club Ruins, St. Louis, When Brick Mountain Topples on Rescue Firemen.

Fresh Search for New Victims—Weakened Seven-Story Side Collapses Without Warning.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Mar. 17.—Estimates at 4:30 p. m. placed the number of those still buried under the Missouri Athletic club's fallen west wall at twenty-three.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 17.—The west wall of the burned Missouri Athletic club building, in collapsing this afternoon upon a force of men who were searching the ruins for more victims of the recent fire, also crashed upon the St. Louis Seed company's building adjoining and partly crushed it, burying a number of employees.

Those it seemed certain were under the wreckage were:

Misses Hazel and Mabel Conderman, salesgirls for the seed company; Herman Cobb, a seed company salesman; Miss Mae Mullrine, a stenographer for the company; H. Strathmore, the company's book-keeper.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Mar. 17.—Collapsing today upon a force of firemen who were still looking for corpses in the ruins of the burned Missouri Athletic club building, the structure's west wall was believed to have crushed 19.

Four badly injured men were removed within a few minutes after the wall fell and fifteen were missing.

According to spectators in Washington street, the men were massed about the swimming pool on the first floor level trying to clear the wreckage, with the west wall, 17 inches thick and badly weakened, towering seven stories above them.

From the first this wall had been regarded with apprehension and Building Inspector McKelvey had planned to dynamite it as soon as the swimming pool had been searched.

As the workers tugged at the mass of charred timber, twisted steel work and crumbling masonry, just at 2 p. m., the wall suddenly collapsed. It was so unexpected that but a few of the men were able to jump from under the mountain of brick and mortar.

A stifling cloud of dust arose, and as the spectators rushed forward, groans and cries could be heard from under the wreckage. A fire alarm was turned in and messages were sent to the city dispensary for physicians, hospital supplies and ambulances.

A fresh search for the latest victims was begun at once.

PARIS EXCITED FIGARO KILLING SHIFT CABINET

PARIS, March 17.—The cabinet was reorganized this evening. The members decided not to resign in a body, despite widespread demands for their retirement.

Rene Reaume became minister of finance, succeeding Joseph Caillaux. Louis Malvy succeeded Reaume as minister of the interior. Raoul Peret became minister of commerce.

Paris was wildly excited tonight. Montmartre was packed with crowds shouting: "Caillaux to the scaffold! Death to the murderers!" The people persisted in the view that Caillaux induced his wife to assassinate Editor Calmette of the Figaro.

A report was current that Mme. Caillaux had attempted suicide, but it was denied on good authority.

FIND SHORTAGE IN BOOKS OF ARMY OFFICER

Deficit \$8000 Discovered and Captain Griffiths Ordered Detained for Court Martial in Puget Sound Military Scandal.

Inspector General Files Definite Charges Against Accused Officer—Exact Loss Not Known.

PORTLAND, Mar. 17.—Shortly after his arrival here today on a tour of inspection, Major General Arthur Murray, U. S. A., commander of the western department, received a report from army officials at Seattle that a shortage had been discovered in the quartermaster's department there.

The general admitted that Captain Griffiths, who had charge of the funds had been placed in detinue pending a full investigation. It is said the alleged shortage amounts to approximately \$8000 and was discovered by Lieutenant Colonel Gallagher.

SEATTLE, Wash., Mar. 17.—"Captain Griffiths, disbursing officer in the Seattle U. S. A. quartermaster's office, in whose accounts has been discovered an \$8000 shortage was placed under arrest in his quarters today, and was suspended from duty," said Major Hugh Gallagher, in charge of the quartermaster's office.

"Definite charges have been placed against him by Colonel John L. Chamberlain, inspector general, on which he is being held for trial by court martial.

"The exact amount of the shortage will not be known until further investigation is made.

"Other officers in the quartermaster's office here were entirely solved from any part of the alleged shortage. Captain Griffiths had full charge of all payments by the local office, reporting directly to Washington."

RESCUE VICTIM BURIED ALIVE NEATH RUINS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 17.—Firemen digging in the debris of the Missouri Athletic club building's west wall came about 4 o'clock upon Herman Cobb, salesman for the St. Louis Seed company. He was alive and twenty men worked to save him. His head and arms were quickly freed, but his body was pinioned by debris. He said he thought his feet rested on a corpse.

When the wall fell William Roehling, a workman, was left hanging by his fingers from a third story window sill. He hung on until a ladder truck arrived and he was rescued.

ROBBERS STEAL WOMAN IN AUTO

CHICAGO, March 17.—At the point of revolvers, six armed men today knocked down the proprietor of a north side hotel and forced Miss Margaret Miller, aged 24 years, to accompany them. The girl was dragged through a rear exit into a waiting automobile. D. Eyanoff, proprietor of the hotel, said one of the kidnapers recently visited the girl.

Marlan on Committee
WASHINGTON, Mar. 17.—Commissioner John Marlan succeeded E. E. Clark today as chairman of the inter-state commerce commission. He will serve one year. Clark remains a member of the commission.

WOMEN RUN HOSPITAL TO AID PET AND OUTCAST ANIMALS



PATIENTS AWAITING TREATMENT AT THE NEW ANIMAL HOSPITAL.

In walking along Lafayette street, near Biecker street, New York, you will notice a large, red brick building with trimmings of white stone. In its setting of dingy lofts and severely plain, if practical, architecture it cannot fail to catch the eye of the casual passerby.

"New York Women's League for Animals" is the legend in the stone above the entrance. Walk up the broad stone steps and enter the scrupulously neat office on the right.

Outside the office rail, ranged along the wall in varied garments, poses and degrees of anxiety, are a number of caters, each with a dog or a cat or a bird placed where it will cause the least interference.

You are in the waiting room of the new hospital for animals, the gift of those who regard animals as something more than mere creatures of chance. Down the stairs to the right you see a large room with cement floor and doors opening into the street. A big box stall with fresh straw invites the weary or the suffering horse to rest a while. Down a short incline and there are rows of stalls to accommodate twenty horses in need of medical attention.

Take the elevator, which carries many a helpless horse to the third floor, and you will find more stalls—six in all. At one side is a large, sunny room, furnished with what looks



like a revolving plane. This is the and enthusiastic champion of animals, operating table, on which the patients is in charge of the medical and surgical are strapped and returned to health departments of the hospital. He is through the aid of advanced veterinary surgery.

On the second floor is another operating room for small animals. Looks quite of the day or night to bring relief to like the regulation hospital surgery, all white enamel and ultra-sanitation. Dr. Bruce Blair, expert veterinary patients.

TAKE MORNING TO ASK MRS. DROWN A QUERY

OAKLAND, Cal., Mar. 17.—A hypothetical question that has so far taken five hours to ask and probably will take two minutes to answer took up the entire morning session of the trial of Mrs. Mildred Drown, accused of the murder of her husband, Archer C. Drown, Judge Frick, for the defense, was the interrogator and Dr. H. C. McClenahan, San Francisco alienist, the witness.

"If a certain woman under given circumstances acted as Mrs. Drown had, would that woman be insane?" was the nature of Frick's query, which embraces all evidence in the trial.

GIANT OUTFIELDER GOES TO FEDERAL LEAGUE SEEK JACK JOHNSON SAM LANGFORD BOUT

FORT WORTH, Tex., March 17.—That he had signed a three-year contract with the Brooklyn club of the Federal league was the announcement here today of Outfielder Claude Cooper of the New York National league club. Cooper said his salary was to be \$5000 per year and that he had received one year's pay in advance.

M'REYNOLDS TO WED MISS CLARK, REPORT
WASHINGTON, March 17.—Reports that Miss Genevieve Clark, the daughter of Speaker Clark, is engaged to Attorney General McReynolds were freely circulated here today. They could not be verified.

MURDERER ERRS; SHOOTS FRIEND, WAITED FOR FOE

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., March 17.—Mistaken for another, George A. Mattern, 31, assistant cashier of the German-American Trust & Savings bank of Los Angeles, was shot and instantly killed by a friend at Amboy, a desert town near here.

According to a message to Sheriff Ralphs, William Heath, from whom Mattern recently purchased an interest in a mine, did the shooting. The message said that Mattern returned late last night to the quarters he occupied with Heath and was mistaken for a miner who, Heath said, had threatened to kill him. Heath opened fire.

Sheriff Ralphs started at once for Amboy, where, it was stated, Heath was awaiting him.

GRANDMA JANNEY MAY BE FREED OF KIDNAPPING

CHICAGO, March 17.—A Philadelphia detective bearing a warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Harriet Janney on a charge of kidnaping her granddaughter, Virginia Ford, arrived here today. He was accompanied by William Ford, Virginia's father.

In Judge Walker's court the child refused an invitation to "come play with daddy," and went to her grandmother.

"My wife went to Los Angeles because of ill health and not because we had been divorced," said Ford. "Mrs. Janney cared for Virginia because my business kept me in New York nearly all the time. If she will surrender the child I will drop the kidnaping charge."

MERCURY REGISTERS 100 LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 17.—With the thermometer registering 74 degrees at 8 o'clock, St. Patrick's day promised to be the hottest March day southern California has known in several decades. Yesterday broke the record for the last thirty-five years, when the government weather bureau reported the maximum temperature to be 91.4. Many thermometers in the streets registered close to 100.

Alaska Banker Held
VALDEZ, Alaska, March 17.—Charles H. Ebb, former cashier of the S. Blum & Co. bank of Cordova, after a preliminary hearing here before Commissioner Adams, was bound over yesterday to the grand jury and his bond was fixed at \$5000 on a charge of having embezzled \$7500 of the funds of the bank. The warrant was sworn out by the American Surety company.

MINIMUM WAGE LAW UPHELD BY SUPREME COURT

Validity Measure Attacked by Portland Manufacturer Sustained—Ten-Hour Law for Men Also Approved in Opinion.

Bench Holds Act Within Police Powers of State—Justice Eakin Outlines "Moral Dangers" Employees.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 17.—The attack made by Frank C. Stettler, a paper box manufacturer of Portland, upon the constitutionality of the minimum wage law for women and children, failed today when the supreme court, in an opinion written by Justice Eakin, upheld the validity of the law.

The court, in an opinion written by Justice Bean, also upheld the constitutionality of the ten hour law for men employed in mills, factories or manufacturing plants.

Based Police Principles

Both opinions were based on the same underlying principle that these laws properly come within the police powers of the state and do not violate the fourteenth amendment to the federal constitution, which provides that "no state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of the citizens of the United States, nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law, or deny to any person within its jurisdiction an equal protection of the law."

Justice Eakin points out that all the arguments and decisions in favor of a law fixing maximum hours of labor for men in any employment apply with equal force to Oregon's minimum wage law for women as bringing it within the police power of the state.

Safeguard Morals

"The state should be as zealous of the morals of its citizens as of their health," Justice Eakin says. "Common belief, and common knowledge are sufficient to make it palpable and beyond doubt that the employment of female labor as it has been conducted is highly detrimental to public morals and has a strong tendency to corrupt them."

Frank Stettler attacked the constitutionality of the law after the industrial welfare commission entered an order fixing the hours of women employed in Portland manufacturing establishments at nine hours a day, or 54 hours a week, and a minimum wage of \$8.64 a week. The circuit court sustained a demurrer to the suit and dismissed the case and Stettler appealed. The decision of the lower court is affirmed.

MERGER ASHLAND BANKS APPROVED BY DIRECTORS

ASHLAND, Or., March 17.—Papers providing for the consolidation of the United States National and the First National banks of this city are on the way to the comptroller of the currency at Washington today for formal indorsement, the stockholders having ratified the merger late yesterday. The new institution will be known as the First National bank. Its capital and surplus will be \$120,000 and deposits will aggregate \$600,000. E. V. Carter will be president and J. W. McCoy cashier.

Divorced Woman Kills Self
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 17.—Mrs. Nina Lindrot, wife of a Los Angeles business man, committed suicide here today by swallowing cyanide of potassium. The police say she had separated from her husband, Mrs. Lindrot unsuccessfully attempted suicide in Sacramento several weeks ago.

5000 MEXICAN SOLDIERS FREE COURT ORDERS

Federal Judge Grants Habeas Corpus Writ to Huerta Fighters Held at Fort Bliss Under Refugee Clause—Firing at Torreon.

Constitutionalist Force Ordered to Hermosillo to Help Unseat Governor Charged With \$500,000 Theft.

FORT WORTH, Texas, Mar. 17.—United States Judge E. R. Meek today granted an application for a hearing in a habeas corpus proceeding to release the five thousand Mexican federal soldiers held prisoners at Fort Bliss. The case will be argued at Pecos March 23.

Heavy Firing at Torreon
EL PASO, Texas, Mar. 17.—Heavy fighting between Chihuahua City and Torreon was reported today. Few details reached here, the censorship was so strict.

Rebel Army to Front
DOUGLAS, Ariz., Mar. 17.—Two hundred troops of the constitutionalist garrison at Agua Prieta, opposite Douglas, started today to Hermosillo upon orders from the capital. They will be joined en route by a portion of the Cananea garrison.

According to apparently authentic information, he soldiers are wanted at Hermosillo to aid a movement to unseat Governor Jose Maytorena, who is in prison there, charged with appropriating \$500,000 of the rebel funds. It is expected that Mayorena will be tried by a court martial, and that General Alvaro Obregon will be made military governor.

Huerta Blames Robbers MEXICO CITY, Mar. 17.—That ordinary robbers were responsible for Frank Johnston's murder and the damage done by Mexicans who attacked the United States post office and custom house at Teacote Sunday night, President Huerta told Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy, he felt sure.

KELLY'S ARMY OF UNEMPLOYED GIVES UP SIEGE

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Mar. 17.—Giving up their "siege" upon Sacramento and contiguous counties as a vain task, the unemployed army reached its first agreement with local authorities at noon today and this afternoon is moving toward San Francisco.

The marching army consists of 300 men and declined to come through Sacramento city or county, saying they would prefer to take their chances in some other community rather than meet the police, sheriffs and officers in this section.

SUFFS FUSS AT ROYAL MATINEE

LONDON, March 17.—King George and Queen Mary attended a matinee at the Palladium this afternoon. During its progress several militant suffragettes arose and attempted to address the gathering. They were ejected. Later another suffragette arose near the royal box and tried to speak. King George was roundly applauded when his bodyguards and attendants ejected the woman. A dozen others who tried to speak also were carried screaming from the building.