

DEATH TOLL IN TENEMENTS UP TO 19 PERSONS

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ment and did not investigate a sewage system which ran under the house and reportedly had become clogged, apparently rotting the foundation.

The collapse came without warning after a heavy thunderstorm had swept Staten Island, making a mire of the streets of New Brighton, where the tenement is located.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (AP)—At least 19 persons were crushed to death in their sleep early today, amid a smothering avalanche of bricks and debris, when three Staten Island tenement buildings collapsed during a violent rainstorm.

Tons of water, roaring down from an over-flowing storm sewer about midnight, struck the ancient brick dwellings and ripped them asunder.

Rescue squads of police and firemen pulled at the tangled wreckage for additional victims.

Three persons were still missing. Four others, who escaped from the shattered structures, were taken to the Staten Island hospital with serious injuries.

Patrolman Joseph McBreen of Emergency Squad No. 16, the first

rescuer on the scene, died a hero. He plunged into one of the buildings after the first structure collapsed. Searching squads found him later, buried in the wreckage. In his arms, with her arms curled tightly around his neck, was the body of 4-year-old Virginia Budnick.

Storm Kills Four others
The disaster struck at the height of a thunder and electrical storm that swept the metropolitan area and Long Island, in which four other persons were killed by lightning or were drowned.

Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine, directing the rescue work, called the tragedy "the worst of its kind in years."

The trapped victims were crushed and then buried beneath wreckage in a 30-foot cellar filled with muddy water. Most of them apparently never knew what struck them, being killed outright.

As If by Tornado
Staten Island, the scene of the disaster, lies five miles from the Battery, the lower tip of Manhattan, in Lower New York harbor. It is 14 miles long and nearly seven miles wide at its widest place, with 160,000 residents, many of them commuters who work in Manhattan. The tragedy occurred directly across the Kill van Kull, a narrow strip of water, from Bayonne, N. J.

The three buildings, erected nearly half a century ago, were hit by a foaming torrent rushing down a steep hillside from a storm sewer. They were leveled as if struck by a tornado or an explosion. Not a board stood intact.

Neighbors said the houses collapsed without warning. One minute there was only the steady din of rain pouring from black skies. Then came a terrific roar as the first structure crashed.

Crowds Create Chaos
Thousands of residents rushed

to the scene, creating such chaos that police fought to hold them back. Two priests stood with the rescue workers—the Rev. Edward Gobin of St. Peter's church, and the Rev. Edward Jordan of Sacred Heart church. They administered last rites to victims brought from the death-trap still breathing.

Two of the victims, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Coral of Staten Island, were visiting friends in one of the buildings, waiting for the rain to let up so they could go home, when the structure went down with a roar.

Rescue squads, comprising 350 police and firemen, worked feverishly with picks and shovels throughout the night. A searchlight, brought from Manhattan, glared on the wreckage.

Four Investigations
Relatives of the dead or dying struggled to get through police lines, as bodies were brought out. Some slipped under the ropes blocking off the disaster scene and clawed at the jumbled tons of smashed brick and rain-soaked timbers.

While the hunt went on, four separate investigations were launched to determine the responsibility for the catastrophe.

Deeply shocked by the tragedy, Police Commissioner Valentine headed one of the investigations, while others were conducted by the fire department, by District Attorney Frank Innes of Richmond county, and by Borough President Joseph Palma. Staten Island comprises the Borough of Richmond, one of the five boroughs that make up New York city.

Neighboring Buildings Vacated
Frightened occupants of two similar buildings, in the same dead-end block where the disaster occurred, vacated their buildings today.

Building experts said that because of the peculiar layout of the little "Death Valley," it was necessary to sink building foundations much deeper than usual. For that reason, cellars in the vicinity are dug 16 feet or more deep.

Deep as they are, the basements began to fill rapidly last evening after hours of intermittent showers and heavy downfalls.

Patrolman McBreen, in his heroic rescue attempt, had mounted a ladder and had taken the child, Virginia Budnick into his arms when there was a terrifying roar. Boards splintered outward, as though smashed by some giant fist. The house buckled and fell in upon itself, engulfing McBreen and the child.

Too Scared to Scream
A vivid eye-witness description of the police officer's rescue attempt came from 16-year-old Gladys Peterson, who lost her mother, May, and her sister, Louise, in the disaster.

"I saw the policeman on the ladder, and then I saw him fall and everything fell on top of him. The little girl was in his arms. I covered my eyes. I couldn't scream. I was too terrified. Then I looked again. The house was gone. There were just bricks and things all piled up on top."

Awakened by the roar of the first structure's collapse, neighbors in the second building rushed out into the darkness.

They found themselves trapped, cut off by a six-foot torrent of water boiling past their heads, and they stood there, screaming for help, until the walls of their own home fell in and stifled their cries.

"Terrible"
"We saw them go—and couldn't do a thing to help them," said Patrolman William McGinn of Squad No. 19, one of the early arrivals at the scene.

BLACK NAMED FOR SUPREME COURT BENCH

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custom of the senate," he said, "that whenever the president honors this body by nominating one of its members, the nomination is confirmed without reference to committee."

The reason for the custom, Ashurst said, was that "obviously" the committee could throw no new light on the nomination which the senate did not already know.

He said Black was a lawyer of "transcendent ability and great industriousness, courteous in debate, young, vigorous and splendid in character and attainments."

"Circumstances Differ"
"I can not conceive of how the president could make a wiser selection than he has made. I hope and believe the senate will appreciate the compliment paid it by permitting consideration of the nomination at this time."

At this point Burke interrupted from his seat in the rear of the chamber.

"Regardless of the custom," he said, "there never has been an occasion at all resembling the circumstances of the present nomination to the supreme court of the United States. It should go to the committee for further study."

"I don't agree with some of the philosophies of the senator from Alabama," Ashurst countered, "or with some of the philosophies of the senator from Nebraska, but only a fool would question the patriotism or integrity of either."

CIO for Him
Johnson added that in view of the situation, which he said was fraught with danger to the country because of efforts to dominate the court, it was of "paramount importance" that the nomination should go to committee.

Commenting on Black's nomination, John L. Lewis, head of the Committee for Industrial Organization, said Black's was "an admirable appointment; one that will be applauded by the nation."

The burly leader added: "The CIO is for him."

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, said the appointment "is both pleasing and satisfactory to labor."

Opposition immediately was expressed in other quarters. Senator Bridges (R-NH) said he

would vote against confirmation. Representative Cox (D-Ga.), a leader in house opposition to the Roosevelt court bill and to Black's wage and hour bill, said: "Worst Insult Yet"

"It is the worst insult that has yet been given the nation," Attorney General Cummings and Solicitor General Stanley Reed hurriedly conferred at the justice department on what officials described as two legal problems:

Was the Alabaman's nomination legal, they asked each other, in view of the fact that Black was a member of the senate when it approved legislation permitting supreme court justices to retire at 70 with full pay?

(The constitution forbids appointment of senators or representatives to posts for which emoluments have been increased during their term of office.)

Would Black as a supreme court justice be required to disqualify himself from considering cases involving constitutionality of legislation which he had supported or opposed while a senator?

"Very Happy"
Senator Black told newsmen he knew about his nomination to the supreme court "only a matter of hours" before it was sent to the senate for confirmation.

"It is a very great honor to sit on the supreme court of the United States," Black said. "It is a wonderful opportunity for service. I am very happy to have been selected by the president."

A White House official said that neither President Roosevelt nor the justice department had given any consideration to a supreme court nomination until after Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas died a month ago.

Some officials interpreted this statement to mean that the late democratic floor leader was the president's choice for the place from which Justice Van Devanter retired.

They contended that had the nomination gone forward while the bill was pending it would have placed Robinson in an embarrassing position in pressing for favorable action on the legislation.

M'COLLOCH DELAY
WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (AP)—Resumption of hearings by the senate judiciary committee on the nomination of Claude M'Colloch for federal judge in Oregon have been postponed until the nomination of Senator Black for a position on the supreme court has been disposed of.

EDITH WHARTON DIES
SAINT BRICE SOUS BOIS, France, Aug. 12 (AP)—Edith Wharton, the noted American novelist, died yesterday at her chateau near here, it was learned today.

LAND SINK MAY PREVENT QUAKE

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Griffin ranches, closing the area to the public.

Huge new cracks opened from time to time, acres of grain-bearing earth settled visibly and with sound effects, and new masses of rock and soil, loosed along the freshly-carved canyon rim, thundered into the youthful basin.

Fishermen complained the course of the nearby Salmon river had been altered as much as 20 feet in places where boulders "large as a house" had rolled into the channel.

The affected river is the Salmon, originating in Nevada. It is a tributary of the Snake which it enters just north of Hagerman, Idaho. The main, larger, Salmon river is in central Idaho.

"At least 17 acres of my land

is doomed," mourned H. A. Robertson, lessee of the ranch in which most of the devastation has taken place.

"I hate to lose my land, but I'd hate even worse to lose my home."

Underground River
Robertson's house, only one in the district, is nearly a mile from the cave-in. Geologists expressed belief the strange earth activity would not progress much beyond the 100 acres of grazing land and grainfield now involved.

"It appears to me that the region is above a great cavern deep in the earth, and that alleviation of pressure is allowing the surface to sink," said Horton H. Abell, Nampa, Ida., geologist.

Other authorities said, however, they believed a subterranean river was undermining the region. Not far away are such southern Idaho earth tremors as the Lost river which disappears into porous soil, the thousand springs at Hagerman—almost countless springs gushing from canyons walling the Salmon river—and mile after mile of rough lava formation pitted with fissures and caverns of un-plumbed depth.

BONNEVILLE BILL SENT TO PRESIDENT BY SENATE VOTE

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ceded when a general authority is created for all federal projects in the Columbia river basin, places a \$10,000-a-year interior department administrator over power distribution and sale and gives the war department supervision of the dam, fishways, shiplocks and power house.

The administrator would have an advisory jurisdiction over the generating facilities, but actual operation would rest with army engineers.

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