

CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS

Lodge Ladies Caught in a Fire Trap.

Two Dead, Many Badly Injured.

A Boiler Explosion in Seattle Claim a Number of Victims—An Awful Affair.

OMAHA, March 21.—Comparatively insignificant in material destruction, but appalling in its harvest of death and suffering, was a fire that partially destroyed the Patterson block at Seventeenth and Douglas streets this afternoon. Two of its victims have died, one more is not expected to live, and about twenty others are suffering from broken limbs and burned and lacerated flesh. The victims are:

Killed—Mrs. Thomas Taylor, Mrs. Anna Schamel.

Injured—Mrs. C. E. Brosius, Mrs. A. King, Mrs. A. L. Samuelson, May Samuelson, Mrs. C. D. Wilson, Mrs. J. C. Holt, Marguerite Holt, may die; Mrs. Mary Hopkins, Mrs. Mary Sullivan, Mrs. W. A. Reed, Mrs. Ed. Shiner, will probably die; Mrs. French, Mrs. A. A. Smith, injuries probably fatal; Mrs. C. E. Allen, Mrs. Thomas Thornton, Walter Scott, an unknown man, Steve Williams, Fireman Williams Guider, suffocated and fell from ladder, internal injuries, will probably die, Lieut. James Adams.

A group of happy women, busy with the affairs of secret orders, with which they were affiliated, were in a moment brought face to face with death. Sixty seconds later seven of them lay burned and bleeding on the pavement to which they had dropped, thirty feet below, and others were rescued after they had been more or less severely injured in their desperate dash down a single pair of stairs that led to safety.

The blaze started just after 3 o'clock from a gasoline stove explosion in a room in the rear of the third floor of the building and next to the elevator shaft. It was not discovered until it had spread to the adjoining apartments, and the entire floor was filled with smoke and flames. About twenty members of the women's lodge of Maccabees were attending a committee

meeting in a waiting room in front of the middle of the building, on the same floor.

They were unconscious of danger until the janitor threw open the door and told them to get out before the flames cut them off. The warning came too late. The fire swept through the door and down the single stairway. Those nearest the door fled through the blinding smoke and reached the street with hands and faces burned and blistered. The rest faced the solid wall of flame. There was a fire escape at the south front of the building, but not one of them seems to have thought of it. They rushed panic-stricken to the windows. In another instant the spectators, attracted by the clouds of smoke, were horrified to see one after another spring from the open window and fall heavily to the pavement. Most of them were bleeding from severe cuts and bruises, and all were burned until their torn and blackened skins hung in shreds. In a few minutes all, except Miss Taylor, recovered consciousness, and the physicians and nurses, hastily summoned, did all that was possible to relieve their sufferings.

A CARELESS ENGINEER.

Seattle, Wash., March 21.—A boiler exploded in the basement of a combination lodging house and saloon on the corner of Washington and South Second streets tonight, injuring six men. Three are fatally injured. At 11 o'clock five of the injured had been identified. They were:

D. W. Jacobs, of Chicago.

Alfred Saltelle, of New York.

E. W. Beal, of St. Louis.

Albert Swanson, of Seattle.

H. Moss, of Lancaster, Pa.

Jacobs and Saltelle are not expected to survive through the night. Beal and Swanson were not seriously injured. The unidentified man is in a very precarious condition. Jacobs, Saltelle and Beal are all traveling men, representing Chicago and New York houses.

Water should never be allowed to stand around evergreens and fruit trees.

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SHERMAN'S CONDITION

The Aged Statesman is Improving.

Report of His Death is a Canard.

The Steamer Paris Arrived in Santiago, Cuba, Last Evening, Bearing the Venerable Ex-Senator.

SANTIAGO, Cuba, March 21.—7 p. m.—There is no truth in the statements published in the United States, and cabled back here, representing that John Sherman is dead. It is incomprehensible how these reports originated. The American line steamer Paris, Captain Frederick Watkins, arrived here this evening before dark, and it was immediately reported that Mr. Sherman was not only alive, but better, resting easily and was expected to recover. He will be transferred, if all goes favorably to the United States cruiser Chicago on Thursday. The cruiser is now coaling at Kingston, Jamaica.

JOY FOLLOWS GRIEF.

Washington, March 21.—Seldom has official Washington been more completely stirred by conflicting emotions, than it was today by the announcement, first of the death of Hon. John Sherman, and then by a contradiction of the report, which came a few hours later—the one giving relief which was as marked as was the sorrow produced by the other.

The first report, which came from New York, was received at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and was circulated in the departments just before they closed for the day. The announcement seemed to follow naturally, the other cablegrams of the day, stating that the venerable statesman's condition had grown worse since yesterday, and there was a universal expression of regret. The contradiction of the first report did not arrive until 8:30 o'clock. It came to the Associated Press in the shape of a positive statement from Santiago, made in the knowledge that the report of the senator's death had been circulated. This dispatch was immediately given as wide circulation in the city as it was possible for it to receive at that hour.

Mrs. Sherman is the one person of the senator's household who suffered neither from the first announcement, or rejoiced over the second. She was not informed of either. Mrs. Sherman has been quite ill from paralytic attack for several months, and had never been informed even of the senator's serious illness, for fear of its effect upon her. It was felt, when the news of his death came today, that it would have to be broken to her, but all hesitated to make the announcement. It was ultimately decided to postpone the sad duty until tomorrow. She was thus saved the shock.

Already many telegrams of condolence and personal calls of sympathy had been received at the house.

A TIMELY RESOLUTION.

Demand for Protection of People Living in New York Hotels.

New York, March 21.—The following preamble and resolution relating to the Windsor hotel fire, was passed by the board of aldermen:

"Whereas, a terrible catastrophe in the shape of the Windsor hotel fire, with accompanying loss of life and millions of property, has vividly called attention to the public necessity for greater protection of hotel living people, therefore be it

"Resolved, that the legislature is hereby respectfully requested to pass, and the governor to sign, a bill, which will give the commissioners of buildings in the city of New York full power and authority to investigate and, of necessity, demolish all hotel buildings in said city not absolutely fire proof."

SHERMAN'S CONDITION.

Washington, March 21.—Mrs. McCallum, daughter of Sherman received a telegram from Mr. Wiberg, who is accompanying the former secretary of state on his tour of the West Indies, announcing Sherman's continued improvement. The Chicago will probably arrive at Santiago tonight, and if Sherman and his friends are still of the same mind they will take him on board and bring him home.

ADDRESS MADE PUBLIC.

New York, March 21.—The Journal's Manila correspondent cables today that the address to the natives of the Philippine islands, drafted by the American commission, in behalf of the United States government and embodying the views of the president, has been made public. After being translated into all the native dialects, it is to be disseminated throughout the archipelago.

CAN NOT BE SPARED.

GENERAL OTIS WILL NOT SEND VOLUNTEERS HOME.

Hopes to Be in a Position to Return Them Soon—More Troops Sent to Negros Island.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The war department has received the following:

Manila, P. I., March 21.—The transports Ohio and Senator left on March 20th. The Grant starts March 25th. She carries all the sick and wounded it is necessary to send home. The Sherman is expected tonight.

Cannot commence the shipment home of volunteers at present. Hope to do so soon. Will ship additional battalion of Californians to Negros this afternoon.

OTIS.

ILO ILO TELEGRAPH.

New York, March 21.—The Commercial Cable Company has issued the following:

"We are advised that direct telegraphic communication has been re-established with Ilo Ilo (Panay) and Bacolod (Negros)."

A REPUBLICAN PARTY ORGANIZING IN PORTO RICO BY THE RADICALS.

McKinley's Administration Endorsed, and Free Suffrage and the Gold Standard Favored.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, March 22.—The leaders of the radical party have decided to organize the republican party in Porto Rico, with a thoroughly American platform. They will endeavor to unite all factions. The platform will endorse the policy of President McKinley; will pledge fidelity to the American flag, and fair prospects of annexation to United States. The platform will also favor free suffrage, free trade with the United States and the establishment of a gold basis for the currency.

WILL USE RECRUITS.

Columbus, O., March 22.—The order for the organization of a new company at the United States barracks here, is believed to mean that all posts in the United States will be garrisoned by recruits, while the regular infantry will be sent to the Philippine islands. The cavalry only is expected to be retained for duty in the west.

NO MAIL LOST.

San Francisco, March 22.—The report brought from Skagway that tons of mail are being lost or destroyed at that place, and that Canadian mail-carriers refuse to handle letters unless they bear Canadian postage, is emphatically denied by Assistant Superintendent Harry Lewis, of the railway mail service. He admits that a large amount of mail accumulated at Skagway during the winter months, which it was impossible to get over the summit until February. Three carriers are already on their way to Tanana on the Yukon, by the way of Skagway, Dawson, Circle City, Forty-Mile and other camps. Mr. Lewis says the Canadian postal authorities have never refused to afford every facility for the dispatch of letters going through their territory.

EXPLOSION OF POWDER

Claims Three Victims in New Jersey.

Confessed Murdering His Children.

Statement of a Human Fiend—A Woman in an Indiana Prison Refuses a Pardon.

PENNS GROVE, N. J., March 22.—Over 3,000 pounds of smokeless powder exploded today at the E. I. Dupont Powder Works, instantly killing three workmen and injuring a number of others slightly. The dead are:

Isaac Taylor, aged 50 years, married.

William Ford, aged 40, married.

John Magrill, aged 30, single.

CAUSED BY ILL HEALTH.

Moscow, Idaho, March 22.—Mrs. Ada Bosley, sister-in-law of Attorney J. G. Orland, of this city, committed suicide today by shooting herself with a revolver. She fired two shots. She was despondent from ill health. She came here from Seattle a few days ago, and leaves a husband and daughter.

REFUSED HER LIBERTY.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 22.—Mrs. Augusta Schmidt, who is serving a ten years' sentence in the Indiana Women's prison has been pardoned by Governor Mount and declines to accept her freedom. She is in prison for the alleged murder of Oscar Walton, a Cass county farmer in 1894, and says she will not leave the institution until the judge and jury, which tried her, acknowledge to Governor Mount that she is innocent, and that they were in error when they passed judgment on her. The state officers say that it is one of the very few instances in the criminal history of state, where liberty has been offered and refused.

PORTER NONCOMMITTAL.

Paris, March 22.—General Porter, United States ambassador, answering an inquiry of a correspondent, said he was unable to discuss rumors to the effect that he may succeed Alger as secretary of war, as all information on the subject ought to come from Washington.

CORRUPTION CHARGES.

Followed by a Searching Investigation in the Pennsylvania Legislature.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 22.—The house today adopted a resolution, directing a committee to investigate the charges of corrupt solicitation in connection with the balloting for United States senator and the consideration of the McCarrall jury bill, and to summon before it every member of the house.

AMERICANS ACTIVE

MANY CHANGES MADE IN THE PHILIPPINE ARMY.

The Oregon Troops on the Water Front Ready to Be Transported to Other Points.

MANILA, March 22, 5 p. m.—While apparently inactive since Sunday really the opposite has been the case with the American forces. Reorganization entailing many changes has been in progress since the abandonment of the flying column. General Wheaton's and General Hale's legions have not been assigned, but the Oregon regiment, the Minnesota regiment and the Twenty-second regiment have been concentrated at the camp on the Lunette, at the water front, in readiness for immediate transportation when the plans of the military leaders have been formulated. Our troops are entrenched, and the situation is practically unchanged.

The insurgents have refrained from making any attack recently, and it appears that the rebels are saving their ammunition for a decisive moment. According to a prisoner captured by our troops, Aguinaldo has announced that he will personally mass the reserves and march on Manila within twenty days, unless the Americans withdraw in the meantime. The concentration of the rebel forces in the vicinity of Malabon gives color to the statement of the prisoner.

Advices received from Cebu by a coasting steamer say everything is quiet there.

The United States transport Sherman, from New York February 26, has arrived here. Two sailors and two privates died on the voyage, and one man was drowned in the Mediterranean.

A SETTLEMENT DEMANDED.

Peking, March 22.—The British, German and American ministers at Peking have addressed notes to the Tsung-li-Yamen, demanding a settlement of the Shanghai foreign settlement extensions question, the French minister, M. Pichon, agreeing to withdraw the protest of the French consul against the extensions on condition that the proposed extensions do not include that portion of the land forming the immediate hinterland of the present French concessions.

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