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Cars Pull Down Building when it Refuses to Fall

Wild Flight of Workers From Sagging Front of Structure Standing Near Spot of Park Place Disaster—Huge Cracks in Walls, but There's no Collapse—Many Hours of Work by Building Department Men to Raze Threatening Place.

New York, June 17.—Forty men had what seemed amazing escapes from death yesterday morning when the five-story brick building on the south west corner of West Broadway and Park place partly collapsed. But they had fled from the structure, it absolutely refused to fall, and pay-as-you-enter trolley cars had to drag it down.

The spectacle of streets cars pulling a building to pieces was one even Coney Island had overlooked, and the neighboring streets became so congested with expectant crowds waiting for the crash that the reserves of many downtown precincts had to be called.

What caused the first crumbling of the walls the building inspectors failed to decide. Though sixty-four years old, the structure had been thought to be secure. Two heavy printing presses were installed last Friday on the third floor of the building which had only a 25-foot frontage on West Broadway and extended back 50 feet on Park place. The walls at the ground floor had been skeletoned to install a fancy glass front for a saloon.

NEAR PLACE OF GREAT DISASTER.

Near this building there occurred on Aug. 23, 1891, what became known as "the Park place disaster," when sixty-one persons were killed by the collapse of a building.

Shortly after 10.30 yesterday morning several men were at the bar in the saloon on the West Broadway corner at the block, conducted by Stecker & Gugelman. Adam A. Stecker had just placed six glasses of beer before the men when he heard a noise like the blowing out of an electric fuse, but louder. The glasses on the shelves rattled and the ceiling fell. Then the glass front of the place bulged out from the top. Stecker and the other bartenders hurried the bar and the customers forgot their drinks. All dashed out to the street.

At the same time there was a rush from the printing establishment of Thomas Lynch & Son on the third floor. Men came down the sinking stairs pell-mell followed by employees of Griffin and Company, manufacturers of shoe polish on the fifth floor. The fourth floor was vacant.

In his barber shop in the cellar, Adolph Rasenberger was shaving G. G. Berger of No. 65 Barclay street. Berger sprang out of the chair with his face covered with lather and ran to the street. Rasenberger was on the

sidewalk right after him. Anthony Maratta, a bootblack, fell from his stand into the street when the saloon front bulged out on him. A count showed that all those in the building were safe.

GREAT CRACKS IN THE WALLS

The shouts of the fleeing men alarmed the neighborhood. The whole corner of the building sagged nearly a foot. Great cracks showed in the walls, some of the bricks of which had fallen to the pavement. At the third floor the building bulged out several inches. It seemed it must topple into Park place.

An alarm of fire was turned in and a call was sent to Police Headquarters. Reserves came on the run, and the crowd that had collected was driven back a block in each direction. The tenants of Nos. 28 and 30 West Broadway and No. 66 Park place were ordered out. Then the firemen had nothing to do but wait. Cars on the Sixth and Eighth avenue surface lines were stopped.

The watchers were at high tension every one expecting the building to come down at any instant. Streets, roofs, fire escapes and windows were thronged. In their haste to get out the printers had left presses running and they made a weird sound. No one dared go back to the building to stop them. Finally some one cut the electric wires that supplied power.

TIRED OF WAITING FOR FALL

When a wrecking crew from the Department of Buildings arrived it was thought better to wait a while and see if the building would not fall. The men stood at a safe distance until two o'clock. Then Inspector Reville decided that the structure must come down. No attempt was made to save anything.

Two wreckers climbed to a second story window and placed three ropes around iron window supports. Tackle was rigged and twenty men pulled on it. They could not start a thing and finally the ropes broke. More were rigged with no better success.

Then a wire cable was hoisted and run in at one window and out of another. It was tied to a trolley car, there was another pull and the cable broke. The men worked until six o'clock, when another car was obtained and the cable was reinforced with ropes.

The two cars started together there was a creak, a rumbling, a roar and the building fell in, except for the side wall. That was razed soon.

The building was owned by the H. N. Kussel Estate of Brooklyn.

BORDEN IS STILL DELUDING HIMSELF

With the Idea that His Party will Win in the Next Election, But Says Harmony Must First Be Restored.

Aylmer, Ont., June 17.—Aylmer's welcome to R. L. Borden today was the largest numerically of the Ontario tour. The meeting was held in the town park, where a temporary platform was erected under a grove of maples.

The tour is telling on the Conservative leader. The task of talking day after day in the open has played havoc with his voice, and he spoke with some difficulty and tendered his apologies to the gathering.

Ex-Judge Doherty spoke briefly, but was recalled to Montreal and left on the afternoon train. He expects to join his leader at Niagara Monday.

Mr. Borden reiterated his views concerning increased public expenditure, his naval propaganda for Canada, and criticism of the spending departments of the government. He charged the government with responsibility for the Quebec bridge disaster.

He devoted himself particularly to the National Transcontinental railway project, the working out of which he severely criticized, and concluded by an appeal for a thorough organization of the party.

"I am awaiting the next election with absolute confidence," said he. "Organize, work together, and work honestly, and we will win. Be prepared to trust to the wisdom of old and ready to bring in the enthusiasm of the young."

C. P. R. IS AGAIN CONFRONTED WITH CATERPILLAR PEST

Experience of Previous Years Repeated with the Same Interruption to the Train Service—Steam to be Tried as a Remedy.

(St. John Telegraph)

The C. P. R. trainmen who run between here and McAdam are again facing a period of extreme discomfort owing to the caterpillar pest. This seems now to be established as an annual affair. Insignificant as these worms appear when viewed singly or in small numbers, they have, for the last three years, cost the C. P. R. a large amount of money. Up to the last few days of their stay last summer they were almost invulnerable, and delayed every train, freight and passenger alike, which passed through the district upon which they annually descend. A successful method of combatting them was at last hit upon however, and it is expected that this will be effective this season and that they will not be nearly the nuisance which they have been heretofore.

Trainmen who arrived here last night say that for a distance of several miles in the vicinity of Routh the caterpillars cover the tracks so completely that not a glimpse of steel can be seen. When the wheels of the locomotives strike the worm belt they turn uselessly, as if the rails were soaped.

In previous years no amount of steam or of manoeuvring was at first effective in removing the worms, or in allowing the trains to proceed at any kind of speed. It was simply a case of the crew climbing down and getting to work with brooms, and this was not only very slow, but also very exasperating for the caterpillars were there in billions, and crawled on almost as fast as they were brushed off. As an improvement upon the hand method the scheme was tried of fixing brooms to the front of the cow-catcher, but this was a failure.

When the trainmen were almost at their wits' end, not only through loss of time and extra labor but also through the sickening effects of a trip

Philadelphia Artist Sues for Divorce.



MRS. KATHERINE EMERSON and JANCZY RIGO

Mrs. Casper Emerson, Jr., wife of a Philadelphia artist, has been sued by her husband in New York City. The latter names as respondent Janczy Rigo, the gypsy violinist, who is best remembered on account of his elopement with the Princess Chimay several years ago.

DREDGING CONTRACT FOR MIRAMICHI BAY

A. and R. Loggie the Lowest Tenderers for Contract for One Million Yards of Dredging—Their Price is Eleven Cents a Yard.

Ottawa, June 17.—Returns show that during the past ten years 1,445,288 immigrants have come to Canada.

Dredging contractors from many parts of the Dominion are in the city today in connection with bids for a contract in Miramichi Bay, New Brunswick. It is understood that A. & R. Loggie are the lowest bidders, and the figure is eleven cents per yard. Over 1,000,000 yards are to be removed.

through the infected zone, the happy thought was at last hit upon of utilizing the very power which the worms were rendering useless to put them out of the way. Steam pipes were affixed to the engines where the escaping steam would strike the worms before the front wheels of the engine ground into them. This nearly did away with the trouble. Instead of burning the worms up with an accompanying odor which often left the men almost ill, the engine calmly boosted the invaders out of the way.

The first signs of this year's army were seen yesterday and on Thursday. The ravages upon the trees have commenced, and the men on the trains yesterday caught the first whiff of the odor of the crushed worms. The army reaches the rails each year en route to its feeding grounds. Every tree on either side of the track, as far as the eye can reach is stripped bare of leaves, and the district is desolated. The success of the steam system this year will be interesting to watch.

BRITISH CASE LAID BEFORE HAGUE TRIBUNAL

Sir Robert Finlay in Masterly Address Shows up the Fallacy of the American Claim to Fishery Rights off Newfoundland Shores.

The Hague, June 17.—Sir Robert Finlay concluded this afternoon his detailed arguments on the seven questions submitted to the tribunal. Presumably in anticipation of the peroration to his speech, the public audience was unusually large, but Sir Robert having already summed up his argument on each question, as it was dealt with, contented himself with thanking the court for its patience, confidently leaving the case in its hands.

In view of the enormous multiplicity of detail involved, the speech was undoubtedly a very remarkable achievement. In respect to the question as to whether the United States fishermen had the same rights in the bays of Newfoundland as the bays of Labrador. Sir Robert, owing to the lateness of the hour, merely referred the court to the words of the treaty for an answer. The question will be more fully dealt with by subsequent speakers. He also protested against the United States argument, that United States fishing vessels were not debarred by the treaty from exercising commercial privileges, when the actual question is whether they were entitled by it to exercise them.

AUSTRALIA DEFEATS AMERICANS

Sydney, N. S. W., June 17.—The all American Rugby football team, composed of students from the universities of California and Nevada and of Leland Stanford University, were defeated today by the Sydney University team 17 to 6.

LOOKS LIKE TROUBLE AT 'FRISCO THIS AFTERNOON

Troops are Ready to be Called Out in Case the Local Authorities Refuse to Interfere in Fight Between Langford and Kaufman—Promoter Says it Will Come Off Despite the Governor and His Threats.

San Francisco June 18.—Four companies of state militia within quick call of adjutant general Lauck, who will be at the Louis Blot arena this afternoon ready to take drastic action if the local authorities refuse by reason of injunction or otherwise to interfere with the fight between Langford and Kaufman. In the hands of governor Gillett at Sacramento is a proclamation of martial law which he will sign and wire immediately to the adjutant general at the arena just as soon as he is advised that Blot intends to go on with the contest and the local authorities will not carry out the governor's will. However, chief of police Martin has issued a definite statement that the Langford-Kaufman and the Jeffries-Johnson fights will be prevented by the police.

Promoter Louis Blot, is due for a promised final statement as to his position at 11 o'clock this morning, when he issued his statement last night that the fight would be held despite the governor and his threats to call out the state troops. Blot was in a decidedly beligerent mood. He had been in close consultation with his legal adviser and those of the promoters of the Jeffries-Johnson fight. The statement has come from Sam Langford's training quarters that the negro will refuse to enter the ring in the face of the attitude taken by governor Gillett. It was common gossip in the all night resorts, throughout the sporting section that Blot was ready to throw up the sponge. From all appearances this morning the fighting game has received its quietus in California and a big

exodus is about to begin for Nevada. Jeffries will probably break camp at Ben Lomond this morning and start for Reno or Goldfield without delay. Johnson is ready to leave for Nevada so far as the Jeffries-Johnson fight is concerned it is practically settled that it will be either held at Reno or at Goldfield, neither Rickard or Gleason has any idea of making a fight against the state authorities.

Rickard's attorneys are urging him to take the matter to the courts, assuring him that the Governor is in the wrong and that he will win out and be able to pull off the fight here. But Rickard declares that he has no intention of opposing the state authorities and that the fight will surely go to Nevada. Early this morning it looks like Reno is slated for the big fight. Goldfield is still urging its offer of \$120,000 and Ely is still under consideration, but both Rickard and Gleason lean strongly towards Reno, it is significant also that both Jeffries and Johnson are looking for training quarters in that city. The fight promoters here are taking a little comfort in the fact that Governor Gillett took no steps to prevent the Barry-Ferguson fight, which was pulled off in Los Angeles last night. The governor declares, however, that he was misled as to the date of the contest, supposing it was to take place a week later. At both training camps a programme of work more strenuous than usual is mapping out for today. Jeffries, who was in high good humor for his course, declared he would do a lot of boxing today with both Armstrong and Joe Choynski.

LYNCHING WAS QUITE A SOCIETY FUNCTION

Memphis, Tenn., June 17.—"I wish that you would please state that the lynching of Elmo Curl at Mastadon, (Miss.), was a most orderly affair, conducted by the bankers, lawyers, farmers and merchants of that county. The best people of the county, as good as there are anywhere simply met there and hanged Curl without a sign of rowdiness. There was no drinking, no shooting, no yelling and not even any loud talking."

This was the statement which a well dressed, nice looking man who entered the Commercial Appeal office yesterday afternoon asked to be published. He proved to be J. D. Miller, tax assessor of Concordia Parish (La.), and the brother of W. P. Miller, who was shot by Curl at Mastadon several weeks ago when Mr. Miller went at the head of a posse to arrest him or writing an insulting note to a white woman.

Mr. Miller went on to state that when the assembled yeomanry of Panola county had transferred Curl from the main line of the Illinois Central Railroad to Mastadon they halted under a well limbed tree within forty feet of the cabin from which Curl shot young Miller.

"When the party arrived there," continued Mr. Miller, "they asked me what were my wishes in the matter. Their courtesy to me could not have surpassed. I told them that I did not believe in brutality nor did I approve of mutilation of bodies by the torture of slow burning, but that I would like to have the privilege accorded to my wishes in the matter."

"But I believe that the negro was dead from fright before he was hauled up from the ground. The knot was tied at the back of his neck and he was pulled up slowly from the ground. There was no jerk or fall, yet he never kicked, and so far as we could see no muscle ever moved after he was hoisted into the air. In fact we had to lift him to his feet, as he seemed unable to stand. All of the best people of that section took part and I have never seen a more orderly assemblage anywhere."

PERSONAL

Mr. T. W. Lehele of Montreal is in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. DeLancy Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Y. Dibblee are enjoying a few days fishing at Skiff Lake.

EARLY REPORT ON "BACK FROM ELBA"

Washington, June 17.—Senator Lodge and Representative Longworth have been invited by wireless to take breakfast with Colonel Roosevelt at Oyster Bay next Sunday morning. Both are prominent members of the "Back from Elba Club." As the former President's son-in-law Mr. Longworth has been quite forward in boosting the movement to give Colonel Roosevelt another term. Senator Lodge, although less demonstrative, stands high in the club. He does not care especially for Mr. Taft but is not proclaiming the fact from a housetop.

For a long time it has been suspected that Colonel Roosevelt would sympathize with the Progressive Republicans. It has been a matter of comment for the last few weeks that Senator Lodge was hobnobbing with the insurgents. He has been on friendly footing with Senators Dolliver, Cummins, Beveridge, Bristow and others of the little band. Yesterday when Mr. Dolliver whacked President Taft over the head with an oratorical club Mr. Lodge drank in every word with evident satisfaction. Afterward he went down in his committee room and laughed for a solid hour. And Mr. Lodge never laughs foolishly.

The congratulations pouring in on Mr. Dolliver continued today.

Tonight presses at the Government Printing Office were busy turning out thousands of Senator Dolliver's speech in pamphlet form and large type ready for distribution wherever Progressive Republicanism has obtained a foothold.

LADY ARCBALD DEAD AT NEW GLASGOW

Halifax, N.S., June 18.—(Special)—Lady Archibald, widow of Sir Adams G. Archibald, a former lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, died at New Glasgow yesterday. Two daughters survive, Mrs. F. D. Laurie and Mrs. Rev. Reginald Heygate, Vicar of Boston, England.

Miss McCallum, formerly matron at the Victoria Hospital returned home yesterday after a weeks stay in the city.

LONDON TO CHINA AND JAPAN BY RAIL

New York, N. Y., June 18.—According to reports just received here, another hitch has been taken in the tightening girdle of the earth and the effect is to bring China and Japan one day nearer for those who journey thither by way of London, Paris and the Siberian railroad. The 24 hours have been clipped from the railroad schedule between Moscow and Vladivostok in Russia by doing away with tedious waits and several principal junction points. Under the new schedule a tourist who leaves London on Monday reaches Yokohama on the second Monday following, or at Shanghai on the second Wednesday, fourteen and sixteen days respectively.

STOCK MARKET STRONGER

(Quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Son, Bankers, St. John, N. B. Members Montreal Stock Exchange)

Amalgamated...	64½
Atchison...	104½
Smelters...	76½
Brooklyn...	78½
Northern Pacific...	125
Penn...	132
Reading...	154½
Southern Pacific...	121½
Union Pacific...	172½
U. S. Steel Com...	78
LaRose...	44b
Nipissing...	11½b
Iron Common...	63½
Iron Pfd...	104