

# TWENTY ARE LOST

## Twelve Canal Boats Sunk in Haverstraw Bay.

### TORNADO STRUCK THE FLEET.

#### Sixty Men Were on the Tow and But Forty Have Appeared.

The tug which was towing the boats had to put about and all went down—great damage by the storm in the Cumberland and Wyoming valleys—wires down everywhere.

Haverstraw, N. Y., Dec. 5.—Twelve barges loaded with brick, which were being towed by the Cornell Towing Company's steamboat Towandown down the Hudson, were upset at 9 p. m. when opposite Croton Point by a tornado.

These boats were in the fleet: Ellen C. McGuire, Capt. G. Larkin; Mary G. Burts, Capt. W. Davis; Blackstone, and Yellowstone, from Tompkins Cove. The 20 who were lost were on the barges Irene, Dodson, Louise, Lizzie and Louisa. They include Capt. Kennedy, Cahill, Bradbury, Foley, Brennan, Freeman, Scott and Fox.

When off Croton Point the swash of the river was so great the tug was compelled to come about. This compelled the barges to bunt each other and they upset.

The cause of the accident is attributed to the carelessness of the pilot of a tug—W. Curran, a boat hand on the Louise, says.

"We were playing the concertina in the cabin at the time the accident occurred. I ran on deck to see one scow run on top of the other."

The boats did not sink, but toppled over. Upon each barge were five men making 60 in all, and of these only 40 men came ashore.

CARLEISLE, Pa., Dec. 5.—The storm of wind and rain which swept through the Cumberland Valley did damage to property to the extent of \$200,000. Throughout the afternoon the rain fell in torrents, and the streets were flooded. Roofs were blown from scores of buildings and several places were blown down.

In Mechanicsburg the storm took on the strength of a tornado, and blew down 15 houses, among them being the National Hotel, Methodist church and other buildings. In all 22 buildings were damaged, and the loss is estimated at \$75,000. Several persons were injured by flying timbers. In Waynesboro the Landis Tool Works were particularly wrecked. The Webster school house was completely demolished, and in the country, in the upper end of this valley, valuable barns and crops were destroyed. No lives are reported lost.

Damage in Wyoming Valley.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 5.—Great damage was done throughout the Wyoming Valley by the terrific rain and hail storm which swept through this region. The Susquehanna River rose three feet, and with the exception of the heights, the streets of this city were under water, and from the flooding of the cellars in the business portion of the city thousands of dollars damage resulted.

### STARVING TO DEATH.

#### A Man Who Has Gone Without Food for 29 Days.

SEABRIGHT, N. J., Dec. 5.—James Harley Sandfield, of this place, is a faster who bids fair to become a rival of Dr. Lanner. He has gone 29 days without food of any description. He was taken very sick some time ago, and was in a convalescent state when his stomach refused to perform its functions. It could not contain food for any length of time, and the man's physicians were compelled to administer medicines to keep him alive.

Sandfield's case is a most puzzling one. He is wasting away rapidly, and unless he is able to take nourishment soon death will be inevitable. The case is creating considerable comment, and the faster has scores of visitors daily.

### Unsuccessful Attempt to Wreck a Train.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 5.—There is no clue to the authors of the attempt to wreck the "Fast Flyer" Virginia passenger train for Washington, near this point. The wreckers had wrapped a huge log chain about one of the rails until it formed a great knot of steel with one end of the chain tied to a post that was driven between the rails. The obstruction was placed at a sharp turn, where it was impossible for the engineer to see it. A freight train came along in advance of the passenger train and ran into the obstruction. The engine of the freight was derailed and stopped up the track before coming to a stop. Three of the cars tumbled into the river and the cars were piled about promiscuously on top of one another. Fortunately no one was injured.

### Three Cruisers Ordered South.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—An order has been issued at the Navy Department ordering the cruisers Chicago, Bennington and Atlanta to the South Atlantic station, and placing Rear Admiral John G. Walker in command of this station. This action was taken by the Department, it is understood, so as to have Admiral Walker in the vicinity of Brazil and Chili in case any trouble at these countries should occur. The order also revokes the instruction sent Admiral Benham some time ago ordering him to hold himself in readiness to command the South Atlantic station.

### Architect Wheeler's Suicide.

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—Thomas Wheeler of Chicago, who shot himself at the Hotel Brunswick Saturday morning, had for a year been in the service of Henry Ives Cobb of Chicago. Before going there he was employed in the office of Peabody & Stearns, architects of this city. He was well known to Boston architects, and was considered by them a visionary sort of a fellow with dreams far beyond his powers of realization. Wheeler had a mother at Meadville, Pa. No cause for the young man's suicide has yet been found.

# SEVEN DEAD

## Walls Collapsing in Chicago's Terrible Accident in St. Paul.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 5.—The falling in of the centre wall of the west section of the Shepard building, recently occupied by Farwell, Osmond & Kirk, burying the workmen beneath the ruins, is the most horrible accident that ever occurred here.

The accident occurred shortly after 1 o'clock in the afternoon. The list of the dead and injured is as follows:

DEAD.  
EDWARD WILCOX, contractor.  
HANS HANSEN, Swede laborer.  
CHARLES KARINSKI, Pole laborer.  
GEORGE SHAPINSKI, laborer.  
CHARLES LARSON, laborer.  
JOHN ADAMSKI, laborer.  
FRANK MARCO, laborer.

INJURED.  
Matthew Howe, foreman. Thomas Samatra, Frank Dether, Samuel Peters, William Foster, two unknown men.

It was a scene never to be forgotten, as the men were carried out, some of them crushed almost to a pulp. One of the men, a sub-foreman, was taken out in his fur coat, not that his feet and limbs being visible. His head and body were crushed out of shape. There were men with all their limbs broken, faces bruised, and crushed out of all resemblance to humanity. Others were not so badly mangled, but had evidently been instantly killed by the brick falling on their heads.

There were no groans or cries from the injured as the poor fellows were extricated from the ruins. Not one had retained consciousness. There were groans and exclamations without number from the spectators, however. The most careful handling possible seemed to be torture most horrible, for the rescuers were not well-fitted to their gruesome task at the outset, and did not work together as they did later on. In their disconcerted efforts they seemed to be pulling the men almost to pieces. The faces of the workmen could not have been more ghastly if they had been dead themselves.

The cause of the accident as near as can be learned was that the wall which was so much weakened by the fire, became too heavy from the large amount of debris removed from the bottom and fell over of its own weight. For some time it has been considered dangerous by people who frequented the place, but the contractors who examined it pronounced the wall sound and the men continued to work without fear of accident. The wall had appeared firm and gave no sign of weakening up to the time of the fall, when it came down in a heap without a second's warning. The excavations about the base have been carried on very rapidly, and the greater part of the debris had been removed.

Inspector Johnston says: "I examined the walls after the fire and thought they were solid. My opinion is that the removal of the debris and the excavation from the base, together with the sudden changes of heat and cold precipitated the fall."

### WORST WRECK IN YEARS.

#### Peculiar Accident on the New York & New England Road.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 5.—Three men killed, four or more seriously injured, two of whom may die; four locomotives, two freight trains and the coaches of two passenger trains destroyed—this is the result of the accident on the New York & New England road.

The following is a correct list of the killed and injured:  
KILLED—Harry Tabor, engineer of Long Island express.  
Tabor's fireman, Jerry Fitzgerald.  
An unknown man in the sleeper Midland.

INJURED—Engineer Wild of night freight, east bound; seriously.  
Fireman Boyce, also of the night freight; seriously.  
Engineer Hurley and Fireman Lowden of the boat train.

A man named Chandler of Chestnut Hill, Boston.  
Express Messenger Marshall of the boat express; shoulder injured.  
Baggage Master Chase of the boat train.

The disaster occurred at 6:45 o'clock yesterday morning at the little station of East Thompson, seven miles east of Putnam.

The wrecked trains were a local freight, a through Boston freight, the Long Island and Eastern States express, and the New York train from Norwich. The coaches of the Long Island express suffered most, for the train first ran into the wreck of the two freight trains and was then partly telescoped by the boat train.

There were but 12 passengers on the express, and all but one escaped: His name is unknown. He was burned with the Pullman vestibule car Midland. His watch is intact, but only a few bones scattered among the debris of the car are left of the man.

The Southbridge freight was either standing still or moving very slowly when, without warning, a train shot through the fog around the curve and crashed into it. The engines struck head on, raised up and fell over on their sides, battered masses of iron, from which arose clouds of steam.

Before one could think, there was a screech and the Long Island express dashed into the wreck, killing the engineer and fireman, and then, inside of three minutes the fast boat train came along and piled itself on top of the other wreckage.

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# A DYNAMITE LEAGUE

## Sage's Assailant Only One of a Murderous Gang.

### THE CHIEF NOW UNDER ARREST

#### William Southworth Believed to be the Leader of the Nefarious Crew

The Organization Known as the G. A. L., Whose Object is to Wreat the Railroads From Monopolists—Homb to be Used When Necessary—Southworth Identified by a Museum Lecturer—The Dead Dynamite Miner Still a Mystery.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The man who threw a dynamite bomb at Russell Sage was a member of the Grand Army of Labor, an oath-bound organization, of which a dangerous fanatic, W. D. Southworth, is leader. Inspector Byrnes arrested Southworth yesterday, but unless Capt. Harry Horne's story proves false, at least a dozen more insane men are at large in this city, each capable of duplicating the terrible deed of last Friday.

This secret band had for its principal object the wresting of all the railroads from the hands of corporations and private owners. Southworth was insane on this subject and lectured and wrote about it in San Francisco and other places. People should be carried from New York to San Francisco for \$1 a head, he thought. If a man wanted a better car than ordinary let him pay double price. The extra fares would pay for those who had no money at all.

So far as known the society had 12 or 15 members last Friday, when the man calling himself Wilson entered Mr. Sage's office and sacrificed his own life in carrying out his threat to blow the Arcade building and its 200 occupants into atoms if his demand for \$1,200,000 was refused. Who these men are even Inspector Byrnes does not know, but there are slight clues which may result in their apprehension.

This band of murderous lunatics wore badges suspended from bits of red, white and blue ribbon—only Southworth called the colors backward, blue, white and red—corresponding to the three degrees of the order, red being the highest. The officers' badge was a large silver shield, with the letters "G. A. L." on it. Other badges were of brass.

Southworth is a short, thin man, about 5 feet 2 inches in height, with black hair and beard. His little head-like eyes have a peculiar, vacant stare, which causes those who have seen him to believe that he is not all right mentally. He was shabbily dressed in a faded brown suit and wore a black overcoat.

Southworth has been positively identified by Captain Horne, the lecturer in Worth's Museum, as the man who was the companion of the dead dynamite, who, however, remains as much of a mystery as ever. Horne says both men came to him about two weeks ago and wanted him to go lecturing on socialistic subjects.

Russell Sage and all the injured are doing well. The funeral of young Norton will be held to-day in Ocean Crest.

### ANOTHER CRANK.

#### He Has Been Sending Threatening Letters to Rich Conrad Harris.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—An epidemic of cranks, on murder bent, has struck this city. The first of these made his appearance last Sunday afternoon in the person of John George Roth, who fired three shots at Rev. John Hall, D. D., the eminent divine. Fortunately his aim was poor and the reverend gentleman was spared. The would-be-assassin has since been committed to an insane asylum.

The second crank to appear was "Wilson," who on Friday startled the world by his almost successful attempt to kill Russell Sage, the well-known broker, with dynamite. His own terrible death and that of the clerk Norton, have been vividly described.

Yesterday another dangerous crank came on the scene. He is Oscar Weyrauch, 50 years old, a bookbinder by trade. In a threatening letter sent by him to Conrad Harris, a retired wine merchant, on Saturday, he demands \$500 within two days. In the event of its refusal he gives vent to the following:

"If you don't take notice of this, my request, you will be the next to Russell Sage, and I will blow your brains in the air without I hurt anybody else."

Mr. Harris promptly turned the letter over to the police, and it resulted in the madman being captured in a lodging house at an early in the morning. He submitted quietly to arrest, but said it would go hard with Harris if ever he secured his release.

Harris says he first met Weyrauch 14 years ago in Hesse, Germany, being introduced to him by the burgomaster. Weyrauch was a wealthy bookbinder at that time and a prominent citizen.

He has since squandered his fortune in wild dissipation and lately has depended on his friends and acquaintances for support. Harris said he helped him at various times, but recently he has not allowed him to enter his home.

Weyrauch was committed to the Bellevue insane pavilion where he will be examined as to his mental condition.

### PARRIS, Dec. 5.—The French government has sent an intimation to the Vatican that France will be constrained to withdraw the French Ambassador to the Holy See if the Pope encourages the French Bishops in their demonstrations against the government.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Acting Secretary Spaulding has investigated the charges that convict labor was being used on the public building at Detroit, and he finds the charges unfounded.

# FLORENCE ST. JOHN'S SUIT.

## She Wants a Divorce, Alleging Cruelty and Infidelity.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—London is having a surfeit of separation and divorce cases. The Russell case is no sooner ended than the scene shifts, revealing further marital infidelities.

This time, however, the parties involved do not belong to the peerage, but are well known to the theatre-going public of England and the United States.

The parties to this latest suit are Miss Florence St. John, the actress, and Du-plany Marius, and the charges made against the latter are the only ones upon which an absolute divorce can be obtained in England, namely cruelty and infidelity.

Miss St. John charges that since her marriage to the defendant he has treated her in a most cruel manner. Sir Charles Russell, who so successfully conducted the suit for Earl Russell, is one of the leading counsel in the present case, but this time he represents the fair petitioner. He had just begun the opening of the case when Mr. Gill, for the respondent, interrupted the distinguished counsel, saying that he was instructed to admit that M. Marius had broken this marriage vow a year after his wife, Miss St. John, had left him.

"Then," said Sir Charles Russell, "the story is admitted, and the question remains as to whether the cruelty she has been subjected to entitled her to a decree in her favor."

Counsel then told how and when the actress was married to her first husband St. John, since dead, and detailed her subsequent union to her second husband, a Mr. Smith.

Counsel then showed that Miss St. John had committed adultery with M. Marius, who was married and then engaged at the Strand Theater, and that Mr. Smith had, in consequence, obtained a decree from her. These legal proceedings caused Mme. Marius to bring a suit for divorce against her husband, which petition was granted. M. Marius and Miss St. John were then married. But, said counsel, they soon quarrelled and Miss St. John became ill. M. Marius said, neglected his wife and was most cruel to her. In order to support herself and child, Miss St. John had to accept an engagement at the Strand Theater, for her husband M. Marius, refused to contribute a penny to their maintenance.

Continuing, counsel said that M. Marius frequently roughly pushed his wife, slapped her face, and borrowed her money to redeem jewelry placed in pawn.

Under cross examination Miss St. John said that she was only fourteen and a-half years old when she was first married. She was then traveling with "Pepper's Ghost" company; Mr. Smith, she said, was alive, and in reply to another question remarked that she knew M. Marius for two years before she cohabited with him.

Questioned regarding her relations with Mr. Arthur Cohen, Miss St. John said that she met that gentleman at Brighton, at Monte Carlo, and also at Lady Euston's.

Here the case adjourned.

### LAST DAYS OF LOPPY.

#### The Murderer Will Probably Be Executed to-morrow Morning.

SING SING, N. Y., Dec. 7.—The indications to-day are that Martin D. Lopy who awaits death in Sing Sing prison, will be called upon to meet it to-morrow, at daybreak. There seems to be no doubt that he will bear the ordeal with the same fortitude that has characterized the conduct of five men who have preceded him in the fatal chair. He is cheerful and comparatively happy.

The Rev. Mr. Law, Chaplain of the Tombs and Rev. Mr. Edgerton, Chaplain of Sing Sing prison, have spent most of the day with the condemned man administering to him the spiritual comfort he seems to welcome. He has become a devout Presbyterian, although prior to his confinement he was an infidel. He no longer expects pardon, as he was told by Rev. Mr. Law yesterday morning that Gov. Hill had refused to grant it.

He has repeatedly said that he would not accept a commutation of his sentence to imprisonment for life, and does not desire a respite. He is docile, and has never given the keeper any trouble, and all the prison officials agree that he is mentally far superior to any of the men who have thus far suffered the death penalty in Sing Sing.

Lopy still affirms he is innocent of the crime. The Rev. Mr. Law says that he believes the condemned man is honest in his assertion, and that he has not the faintest recollection of having killed his wife and sister. His reasons for the belief are that Lopy was stupidly drunk at the time, and that he was subject to epileptic fits, the result in losses of memory.

The preparations for the funeral have all been made, and four deputies and four witnesses are here. They are Isaac Fuller and Prison Physician J. R. Brannock of Dannemora Prison; Prof. Landry of Columbia College, one of the State Lunacy Commissioners, and the Rev. Mr. Law. The Dannemora officials are here to get points preparatory to the execution of Cal Wood, who awaits death within the walls of that prison.

Warden Brown has drawn the dead line about the prison, and will use the same precautions to insure secrecy that he employed the other time.

The witnesses will be met at the depot and taken to the prison in his private conveyance, and hauled back after the execution in the same manner, in order to prevent newspaper men from having access to them. He positively refuses to give the names of those who have been invited. The only sign to the outer world that the execution has taken place will be the flag that is hoisted as soon as it is over. It has been determined that two, and possibly three contacts will be had, as was the case with Wood, Jugiuro, Slocum and Smiler.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Two brothers, named George and Peter Weismiller got into a dispute which resulted in George using a knife with serious effect. Peter is dying and George is in jail.

Stuffed by the Weather.  
The body of a man, turned into a mummy, was found in Fresno County, Cal., a few days ago. The weather dried the body as well as it could have been done by an artificial process.

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