



# FALL TO THEIR DEATH.

Crowded Floor Gives Way at a Cornerstone Laying.

## SUPPORTS WERE INSURE.

One Little Girl Instantly Killed, Ten Receive Fatal Injuries and Between Thirty and Forty Seriously Crushed. Many Were Thrown Down by the Rush to the Rescue—Contractor Was Warned.

On the morning of Oct. 7, a large crowd of people was assembled yesterday afternoon to witness the laying of the cornerstone of the new St. Mary's Catholic church, a temporary floor on which many of the people were standing, suddenly gave way, precipitating many men, women and children into the basement. One was killed outright, 10 were fatally injured and between 30 and 40 others were badly hurt.

The services were just about to begin when the accident happened. Fully 3,000 persons were assembled on and around the platform, which had been constructed across the foundation of the edifice. The boards forming the temporary floor had been laid across the joists, which were supported in the middle by upright posts. These supports broke and the floor went down with a crash. Over 300 people were thrown into the pit formed by the sagging in the middle of the floor.

For a moment everybody was paralyzed by the calamity, but soon there was a rush forward by those willing to lend assistance to the crushed and struggling people. This made matters worse, for 50 more persons were crowded forward into the hole upon those who went down with the floor. When the confusion had subsided somewhat, many of those who were able to extricate themselves did so by walking and crawling over their less fortunate companions.

The work of rescue was begun at once and all were finally taken from the pit. Following is a list of the killed and wounded:

MARY WEBER, 3 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mat Weber of Sheffield, crushed to death.

Fatally injured:

Rosa McGee, 3 years old, skull fractured.

Katie Griffin, 8 years old, hurt internally.

Mrs. Mary McGrath, left leg crushed and hurt internally.

Mrs. John Rustin, aged woman, left leg crushed and chest injured.

Mrs. Cornelius Sullivan, spine injured and left leg crushed.

Mrs. Guber, chest crushed and hurt internally.

Mrs. Michael Relling, injured internally.

Mrs. Kate Dietrick, both legs broken and hurt internally.

John Fieldcamp, hurt internally.

Those badly injured, but who will recover, are:

Nellie Dillard, head cut.

Nicholas Wagner, skull fractured.

Leo Theobald, 3 years old, head cut.

Colonel W. K. Brown, leg and arm crushed.

Mrs. John Fox, both legs broken.

Mrs. William DuBurgess, hurt internally.

Mrs. Mary Latimer, right leg crushed.

Mrs. Jacob Kefer, hurt internally and leg will have to be amputated.

John Martin, leg broken.

John Eustis, back hurt.

Mrs. M. Bruce, ankle broken.

William Ryan, leg broken.

Many others were severely bruised. The old Catholic church and parochial school were at once turned into hospitals and a score of doctors were kept busy for hours caring for the injured.

The accident was due to defective timbers. The contractor was told that the platform was insecure, but he said it would hold all the people that could be crowded upon it. There were between 1,500 and 2,000 people on it when it collapsed.

Despite the accident the services were continued and the laying of the cornerstone was completed.

**Monument to William Henry Harrison.** A monument to General William Henry Harrison, who was selected as orator at the unveiling of the Harrison monument in Garfield park next December.

General Carey is the oldest resident of Cincinnati, and probably the only man in the city who voted for General William Henry Harrison twice for president. Besides this the general was a warm personal friend of the hero of Tippecanoe and of stump for him in both of his memorable presidential campaigns. Ex-President Harrison, the grandson of General William Henry Harrison, will be here to witness the affair.

**Illinois Wants the Big Fight.** HENRY, Ills., Oct. 7.—There has been organized in this city a stock company guaranteeing \$50,000 for the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight. The company has selected the Henry islands, located in the Illinois river two miles south of this city, belonging to the United States government. The company claims to be able to guarantee protection and no interference from officials if the fight is secured for this place.

**Ex-Senator Mahone Still Alive.** WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—The condition of ex-Senator William Mahone last night showed no particular change. He is simply clinging to life by a slender thread, which his physicians think may be severed at any time. He remains in a comatose condition from which he is aroused only with an effort, and his digestive organs are also failing, which adds to the hopelessness of the case.

**Captured in Illinois.** SPRINGFIELD, Ills., Oct. 7.—Deputy Sheriff G. B. Taylor of Metcalfe county, Ky., arrived here with a requisition for Burton Gill, who is wanted for the murder of Robert Kane, Governor Altgeld honored the requisition and Gill was captured by Sheriff Baxter, near Chatham, 12 miles from here, after quite a chase.

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Philip Schneider, a Richmond carriage manufacturer, has assigned. The liabilities are supposed to be about \$20,000. The assets are not known.

Marion was the Manhattan Oil company to locate an oil refinery at that point, and the citizens will make the company a very liberal proposition.

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Albert Knapp of Indianapolis, charged with attempted assault upon a 13-year-old girl, was found guilty by a jury and sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary.

George W. Powell, superintendent of the Indianapolis police, has resigned to take effect Oct. 10. He has accepted the secretaryship of a state building association.

**Special Notice.** No medicine was ever given such a severe test of its curative qualities as Otto's Cure. We are distributing sample bottles free of charge to those afflicted with consumption, asthma, coughs, colds, pneumonia, croup, and all diseases of the throat and lungs, giving you the proof that Otto's Cure will cure you. Don't delay, but get a bottle of us to-day and commence the use of this great guaranteed remedy. Sold only by Holthouse & Smith, sole agents. Samples free. Large bottles 50c.

The Indiana Good Citizenship league, in session at Indianapolis yesterday, elected S. E. Nicholson of Kokomo its president, M. P. Shiel and Kenneth Reid of Indianapolis were elected secretary and treasurer, respectively.

**Bucklen's Arnica Salve.** The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever blisters, pimple, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Blackburn & Miller.

The annual state convention of the Women's Christian Temperance union commenced a 10-day session at Vincennes yesterday.

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James Thompson made some remarks about Dr. R. W. Washburn, both residents of Waldron, Shelby county, which the latter resented. Dr. Washburn attacked Thompson with a cane Saturday and received three bullets in return, one lodging in the hip and making a serious wound.

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James Seath, one of the owners of the Terre Haute carworks, died in that city Saturday evening.

James Goddard of Sandusky, Decatur county, was instantly killed yesterday by David Seawright in a row over the little grandchild of the two men.

**FARMERS.** Wanting shingles for Shed Roof will do well to call on Jno. W. Vail at his factory, and see his cull staves. They are very cheap, and make as good a roof as any shingle. Call and see them.

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# MOVEMENTS OF CUBANS

Large Expedition Reported to Have Made a Safe Landing.

## GETTING CLOSE TO HAVANA.

Insurgents Under General Sanchez Enter the City of Santa Clara and Capture Stores, Arms and Ammunition. Disastrous Floods In the Yucatan Abolish District—Letter From a Captain.

TAMPA, Fla., Oct. 7.—Passengers arriving from Cuba last night report the landing on Thursday of an expedition in Bahia Honda, 40 miles west of Havana, composed of 150 well-armed men, supposed to be commanded by Collazo or Carrillo.

Martinez Campos reached Havana Thursday morning from Santa Clara. That night at 8 o'clock the insurgents under General Sanchez entered the city of Santa Clara, penetrating as far as Central park, killing many Spanish soldiers, capturing their arms, ammunition and provisions and returning to the country. It was a most daring attack and caused great excitement. Campos upon hearing of the bold stroke, left Thursday at midnight for Santa Clara without having given audience to anyone. His sudden departure from Havana created consternation there.

Rail communication with Santa Clara is impossible. The insurgents have destroyed the track and the storm on Tuesday seriously damaged all the bridges leading to Havana. Over 15,000 bales of tobacco are stored in Remedios and Santa Clara, but the insurgents prohibit their removal.

General Mello, with a Spanish detachment, left Puerto Principe on Sept. 19 for Santiago province. Nothing has been heard from him since and fears that the whole detachment has been lost are entertained.

The authorities are taxing the merchants of Havana by subscriptions for large amounts to aid in the purchase of new warships. The Spanish soldiers' rations for several days consists of a piece of dried beef and pilotbread.

**FLOODS IN CUBA.** Many People Drowned and Much Damage Done to Property.

HAVANA, Oct. 7.—During the recent cyclone in the province of Pinar del Rio alone 19 persons were drowned and eight are missing.

Word has been received here that 45 more bodies have been recovered from the inundated district in Vuelta Abajo, the damage from the flood and cyclone having now reached the dimensions of a great disaster. Many more persons, in fact, whole families are missing, and as the floods subside and the district is gone over by search parties it is feared that the death list will be greatly increased.

The money loss to the railways at this time is estimated to be approximately \$300,000. A commission of civil engineers has been sent to Artimida to endeavor to devise a plan by which the perils to which those districts are now subject may be avoided in future.

The loss to property in that region is impossible to calculate accurately, but it is believed that it rises into the millions.

General Campos has requested the government to issue extraordinary credit for the purpose of aiding the people of the inundated districts of Vuelta Abajo. He has also personally headed a public subscription intended for a similar purpose.

**Letter From a Captain.** SYDNEY, Neb., Oct. 7.—A letter has been received here by R. S. Oberfelder from Edward Watson, his camp near Santiago de Cuba, formerly a private in the Twenty-first United States infantry, and a very reliable man, in which he says he has a commission as captain in the Cuban army at \$100 per month, which is promptly paid. Daily encounters are had with small bodies of Spanish troops, "annihilating them like you would glass on a frosty morning."

He says at this place they killed a large body of Spanish soldiers, holding a fight with horse racing and bullfighting. Ten of his men were dressed as farmers and went to the festivities. The men mixed with the soldiers until in the evening, when they placed under the hands of the latter 12 pounds of dynamite, at four different localities and exploded it by electricity. Out next morning the explosion killed two of the Spanish officers, 68 men and wounded 113.

FATHER WAGNER MARRIED. He First Signed Oyer, Then Was Married to the Amount of \$5,000.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Oct. 7.—Domestic Wagner and Maud Steidel were married Saturday night. Wagner was taken from the county jail and placed in a closed cab and the sheriff and a deputy drove with him to the Steidel house, where a small wedding party was in waiting. After the ceremony Wagner was taken back to jail.

The girl to whom Father Wagner was married is but 16 years old, while he is 33. She was abducted by the priest some two weeks since and sent to Chicago, where his brother-in-law placed her in a convent and where she was given a row days ago. Wagner signed over notes and mortgages amounting to \$5,000 to an uncle of Miss Steidel before they were married. He has been anxious to marry her since he found that she had confessed their relations, and was only prevented by the objections of Mrs. Steidel.

**An Aged Bride and Groom.** RUSSELLVILLE, Ky., Oct. 7.—Blanton Hayden of Nebraska City, Neb., and Miss Rebecca Mills of Todd county were married Saturday at the home of the bride, near this city. The groom is nearly 70 years of age, while the bride is 70.

**Corporal Killed to Death.** WARREN, O., Oct. 7.—While engaged in removing members of a family buried years ago to another cemetery Saturday relatives found that the remains of J. Parsons, buried 50 years ago, had turned to stone.

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Dr. Evans, the notorious "diamond thief," a prisoner at the Jeffersonville penitentiary, was Saturday discovered in an attempt to escape. He had nearly drilled out a piece of his floor, and was ready to begin tunneling. Evans will wear a ball and chain for the six remaining years of his sentence.

Oxfords and low shoes of all styles and prices at Henry Winnes.

Notice to Teachers. Notice is hereby given that there will be a public examination of teachers at the County Superintendent's office in Decatur Indiana, on the last Saturday of each month. Manuscripts made in other counties will not be received. Applicants must be seventeen years of age before they will be licensed.

Applicants for license must present proper trustee's certificate, or other evidence of good moral character—see regulation 4.407, T. S.—and pass a creditable examination in orthography, reading, English arithmetic, geography, physiology, English grammar, History of the United States, science of education, "Scientific Temperance" and satisfactory answer of questions on a literary production distributed by the State Board of Education.

The literary work will be given an examination in the following order: 1. RUSKIN.

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