

SEVEN WERE KILLED.

A Falling Wall Crushes Two Adjoining Buildings in Chicago at Dead of Night—The Sleeping Occupants, Ten in Number, Buried in the Ruins—Seven Lose Their Lives, the Others Being Badly Hurt.

CHICAGO, March 1.—Criminal negligence caused the death of seven people and the injury of several others at 1:15 a. m. Tuesday. The five-story north wall of the fire-gutted York building at 785 and 781 South Halsted street, permitted to stand, although it had repeatedly been declared unsafe, fell, burying two other buildings and their unconscious occupants in the ruins.

The tottering wall had stood without adequate support since January 11, when the John York dry goods establishment was destroyed by fire. Immediately to the north of the wall, facing on Halsted street, were the saloon of John Schmidt, at 761, and the jewelry store of William Kunze at 763. Both had families, and all were asleep when the crash came. The wind was blowing a gale. It swept along the street, leaving destruction on all sides. It caught the high wall. For a moment the obstruction tottered. Then, with a noise like thunder, it fell, crushing the two adjoining buildings like cardboard. Not one of those who were in the building escaped death or injury. Ten persons were buried in the ruins. Of these seven were killed, as follows:

William Kunze, aged 67 years; Mrs. Mary Kunze, aged 65 years; John Schmidt, aged 40 years; Lizzie Schmidt, aged 11 years; Hattie Schmidt, aged 8 years; Paulina Schmidt, aged 21 years; George Mesterle, aged 28 years.

Mrs. Carrie Schmidt, skull fractured and internally injured, taken to the county hospital; Annie Schmidt, 8 years of age, shoulder-blade broken, taken to P. Pfeiffer's house, will recover; Fred Kunze, aged 26 years, head, limbs and body bruised, taken to the county hospital, will recover.

Young Fred Kunze, who was with his father in the jewelry store immediately next to the John York ruin, was the first to be taken out and the least injured. His escape, however, was the purest accident. He had gone to bed and was asleep when the crash of bricks and broken roof threw him out upon the floor and over against the wall. A door that was broken from its hinges slid down over him and caught one end on something just above him, while the other end rested on the floor. Though he was closely imprisoned under the door he was saved from the piles of brick and mortar that crashed through the house from the broken wall. Young Kunze was taken out a short time after the accident and sent to the county hospital.

Mrs. Schmidt was far less fortunate. She was found still alive under a pile of broken timbers in the basement of the building, on the first floor of which her husband kept a saloon and on the second floor of which the family lived. The saloon had been closed for the night an hour before the disaster and Mr. Schmidt had retired. Mrs. Schmidt had been in bed, too, but she must have been in the kitchen at the time of the accident, as she slept in the middle of the house. When taken to the county hospital her right arm was found to be broken in three places and her head terribly bruised. Her body and limbs were also bruised and it is doubtful if she can recover.

Little Annie Schmidt, the third one to be rescued, was found in the central part of the basement floor, where, with the others, she had been plunged. The floors, roof and everything gave way under the great weight that struck them and landed everything in the basements. One of the little girl's shoulder blades was broken and her left arm was bruised, but otherwise she was uninjured.

The first body removed was that of the bartender, George Mesterle. It was found under a mass of loose debris near the front of the Schmidt house. A pile of brick had struck him on the head and had killed him instantly. After two hours' more work the firemen came upon the body of Lizzie Schmidt, which was carried to Charles Pfeiffer's place across the street. Another hour passed before the firemen had pushed their way far enough into the wreckage to uncover any more bodies. The first sight was that of a white arm and hand raised above a huge mass of wood and brick. When at last the body was uncovered it was found to be that of the servant girl, Paulina Schmidt, in the Schmidt household. A wide gash over the forehead indicated how death had come.

About noon the bodies of John Schmidt and his little child Hattie were found close to the south wall of the building. By some mysterious action of the wreckage the bodies had been forced directly against the wall. The child was cuddled close to her father, as if she had been frightened in her sleep and had turned for protection. Both bodies were covered with ruins and the flesh was somewhat burned. It was impossible to tell whether death had come instantaneously or they had lived long enough to realize what their fate was to be.

John Kunze's body and that of his wife were the last to be removed from the tangled pile of brick, mortar and splintered timbers. They were found at 2 p. m. The bed in which they were sleeping on the first floor of No. 763 was turned over on its way to the basement and the bodies were covered with the mattress and bedstead. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kunze had been killed by flying bricks and timbers. Their faces were bruised almost beyond recognition.

The Indiana Launched.
PHILADELPHIA, March 1.—The great battleship Indiana was successfully launched at the shipyard of the William Cramp & Sons company Tuesday, in the presence of thousands of people, among them the president of the United States, the secretary of the navy and other members of the cabinet and a large delegation of congressmen and others, who arrived from Washington on a special train.

Julia Force Declared to Be Insane.
ATLANTA, Ga., March 1.—Miss Julia Force, who killed her two sisters last Saturday, has been adjudged insane.

FAST IN THE DRIFTS.

Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan in the grasp of a Terrible Blizzard—Railroads Are Blocked.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 1.—The passenger train on the Duluth, Red Wing & Southern road has been stuck in 15 feet of snow since Monday night about 4 miles north of Zumbrota, Minn. Six women passengers had to remain all night on the train. They were taken from the train on toboggans by men on skis Tuesday about 1 o'clock.

Conductor Manley started out about 7:30 Tuesday morning to find aid. He was picked up by a ski runner at about 11 o'clock in an exhausted condition, and now lies in a hotel in Zumbrota. When found he was praying for help, and had none come he would have perished.

The bulletins at 8 p. m. indicated that all trains on the Kansas City and Soo roads were hopelessly blocked out on the lines. No. 2 on the St. Paul road was abandoned, and Nos. 1, 2, 5 and 6 on the Iowa and Minnesota division were indefinitely late. All trains on the Omaha were from ten to twelve hours late.

The fast mail due from Chicago at 2:30 got in here at 7 o'clock in the evening. One of the officials of the Omaha said that the road would be open for traffic by this afternoon. He said that they had three snow plows at work on the various branches of the 1,400 miles of road.

Reports from southern and southwestern Minnesota indicate that trains are stalled in every direction. Those which have been able to make stations have pulled into the small villages, where passengers have taken up temporary quarters at hotels and residences. In some places passenger trains have been caught on the open prairie and those aboard have been put to considerable inconvenience. Their chief suffering, however, has been from hunger, as the temperature has been from 10 to 30 degrees above zero ever since the storm broke.

ISHPEMING, Mich., March 1.—Locomotion by snowshoes is the only means of travel in the entire upper peninsula. Trains on all roads are abandoned or stuck in snowdrifts. The street railway tracks are covered with several feet of snow and telegraph wires are down in all directions.

IRONWOOD, Mich., March 1.—The very worst storm of the winter was as a June zephyr to a Dakota blizzard in comparison with the terrific storm that has raged here. The snow is from 3 to 8 feet deep and it is impossible to drive teams in the streets. All business is at a standstill. Lake Shore and Wisconsin Central trains from Milwaukee and Chicago are snowbound 30 miles south of here.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 1.—The Grand Rapids & Indiana railroad has the worst blockade of the winter on its northern division. A terrific wind has filled the cuts with huge drifts of snow 6 to 10 feet deep. The Mackinac passenger train due here at 10:30 Monday night is stalled at Manacalons, and the snow plow sent out to relieve the train is also stuck. The road for miles is impassable. Traffic is suspended, but no accidents have been reported.

PORT ARTHUR, Ont., March 1.—Within the memory of the oldest inhabitant no such snowstorm ever visited a country as that which raged here for the last thirty hours. It commenced Monday at noon and by evening street cars were snowed up. By midnight the streets were impassable, and now by general appearance one would think 6 feet of snow had fallen on the level.

DEATH IN THE FLOOD.

Floods Devastate a Small Hungarian Town—The Inhabitants Perish in the River Danube While Trying to Escape from a Schoolhouse and Church—Number of Dead Not Known, Though Large.

VIENNA, March 1.—A terrible calamity has overtaken the village of Gergely, near the town of Paks, in Hungary, situated on the river Danube, about 60 miles south of Buda. Owing to a sudden rise of the Danube the 1,600 inhabitants of Gergely found the mud huts in which they lived surrounded by water.

The people took refuge in the church and school, which were constructed of stronger materials, hoping that these buildings would be able to hold out against the flood. Mothers and children clung to the altar, beseeching the intercession of the saints. They saw their homes disappearing in the raging stream and the swelling waters began to beat against the church and school building with such strength that at last they decided that to remain would mean the destruction of all of them, while if they fled some at least might escape. Opening the doors they started out into the flood, which surged nearly to the waists of the grown people. Fathers and mothers carried their children, and the sick and feeble were helped along by those who were stronger.

They fled as fast as they could in the direction of Paks. One mother with five children sank in the waters and perished. Many others, the number of whom is as yet unknown, were drowned in the flood and the survivors reached Paks in a most deplorable condition. The people of Paks gave the fugitives all the help possible, although deeply concerned for their own safety, as the Danube is 20 feet above normal. There is no doubt that the number of dead is very large.

MICHIGAN CANDIDATES.

The Democratic State Convention Nominates Judge Durand, of Flint, for Associate Justice.

DETROIT, Mich., March 1.—The state democratic convention met at noon Tuesday to nominate candidates for associate justice of the supreme court and two regents of the state university. Ex-Gov. Winans was elected permanent chairman and the following nominations made:

For associate justice supreme court, Judge George H. Durand, of Flint.

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