



Fig. 18. Melted brickwork at an elevator shaft.

#### Property Loss.

Accurate figures as to the value of the property at the time of the fire and salvage are not available at the present time. Roughly speaking, however, it may be stated that at the time of the fire the plant was worth approximately \$2,250,000. The concrete grain bins and their contents are practically uninjured and there was partial salvage of grain from Elevator "A," but the remainder of the plant is a total loss.

#### Loss of Life.

The most tragic feature of the conflagration was the appalling loss of life. Owing to the open gratings in the floors of the Dry House the explosion blew the fire into all stories, enveloping the