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TERRIBLE DISASTER IN MASSACHUSETTS TOWN

South Framingham Building Collapses Burying About Forty Workmen

Eight Taken Out Dead, Eight Missing and Likely Buried in the Ruins and the Others Are More or Less Mangled - Victims Went Down Under a Great Mass of Iron Girders, Bricks and Mortar - Rescue Work Very Difficult.

South Framingham, Mass., July 23.—At least eight, and perhaps twice that number of masons, plumbers and Italian laborers were crushed to death today in the sudden collapse of a building on the main street, which was being rushed to completion, while ten others were dragged or dug out of the mass of broken building material, out, bruised or maimed for life. At a late hour tonight there were ten still missing, and a large force of men were at work on the ruins.

Rescue Work Difficult. The rescue of those who showed any trace of life was begun at once and soon half a dozen bruised and mortar covered bodies were dragged out from the tangle of iron beams and broken girders. In some cases only a hand was seen and it took time to unearth the rest of the body. The crowd was greatly excited and it was with difficulty a space was cleared by the small body of police. The arrival of the soldiers half an hour later, however, materially assisted in the work of rescue. As fast as the injured men were taken out they were sent to the hospital, while the dead were taken to a temporary morgue.

The building was a three story structure in process of erection at the corner of Concord and Kendall streets. It had a frontage of 150 feet on Concord street and was 75 feet deep. The construction materials were brick, steel and cement, the floor being of a light colored brick and the sides and rear of cement, with interior beams and braces of steel. The government was to use a part of the ground floor for post office purposes. The work of construction had proceeded as far as the roof, the girders for which were being put in today.

May Be Forty Victims. When the accident happened at 3.50 o'clock this afternoon there were between 35 and 40 men at work in the building. Two or three very loud explosions or cracks were heard in rapid succession and then the north side wall and about half the front wall collapsed and crashed through to the basement.

Apparently very few of those who were in the building at the time escaped injury. Although the fall of the building attracted a great number of people to the scene, the tottering walls and the shaly floors which had not been carried down by the fall of the mass of the material made those who gathered extremely wary about approaching the ruins. After a few minutes had elapsed the fire department was on the scene and the work of rescue was begun in earnest.

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CANADIAN NORTHERN BUYS IMPORTANT WESTERN ROAD

Gets Possession of Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railway - Purchase Price \$5,000,000 - C. P. R. Had an Option on Line a Short Time Ago, but Dropped It - Company Also Sells Its 500,000 Acres of Land to David Russell's Syndicate for \$4,000,000.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Montreal, July 23.—The Montreal Gazette this morning published the following: "Canadian Northern Gets Control of Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Road—Purchase Price, \$5,000,000. The Canadian Northern Railway, having obtained the Canadian Pacific, has secured the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railway for about \$5,000,000, the purchase price, of course, taking care of the bonded indebtedness of the road, which runs from Regina to Prince Albert, a distance of 249 miles and which for years past has been managed by the Prince Albert branch of the Canadian Pacific. The history of this transaction is all the more interesting from the fact that it was in connection with the final disposition of the 500,000 acres of land subsidiary to the Canadian government to the first promoters of the road that the close friendship which had existed between Mr. David Russell and Mr. J. N. Greenfield for ten years or more was dissolved with such dramatic suddenness. Hon. Wm. Pugsley, attorney general of New Brunswick, was the early promoter of the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan road and while Messrs. Oler, Hammond and other gentlemen were associated in the project the line that has now passed under the control of McKenzie & Mann has always been designated in railway parlance as Pugsley's Road. "A good while ago the Canadian Pacific secured an option on the railway in question for about \$200,000 plus the bond issue and it was stated a few weeks ago that the line had passed into the possession of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's corporation. It appears, however, that the option was allowed to expire and with this William Mackenzie and D. D. Mann stepped in and offering \$500,000 secured the road and with it an entry into a very important section of Southern Saskatchewan. "The company that built the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake, and Saskatchewan was incorporated as far back as 1883 and the railway was completed in 1880, the Canadian Pacific having had a traffic arrangement ever since. "To ensure the construction of this piece of road, the Ottawa government of the day gave a land grant of 500,000 acres but, of course, when the C. P. R. took over the road the land remained the property of the promoters. As a matter of fact, land at that remote period was nothing more or less than a white elephant in the hands of any man or company but Hon. Mr. Pugsley and his associates held on and to-day it is said that the syndicate formed by Mr. David Russell has taken over these 500,000 acres for about \$4,000,000. "The registered directors of the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railway are: Messrs. H. C. Hammond, president; Hon. Wm. Pugsley, vice-president; E. B. Oler, R. A. Smith, S. B. Sykes, F. G. Oler, G. T. Chisholm, and C. S. MacIntosh, the offices of the company being at 18 King street, West, Toronto, and the Dominion Bank building, Winnipeg."

OUTLAW PARLIAMENT OFFIES AUTOCRACY

Passes Revolutionary Manifesto Before Troops Could Disperse Meeting

Declares They the People's Representatives are the Government and That Not a Kopec Shall Be Paid by Anyone in Taxes, and if Any Loan is Contracted Without Their Authority it Will Be Reputed—A Clarion Call to Stand for Freedom and Their Rights—Police and Censor on Guard at Newspaper Office.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) New York, July 23.—The closing of the Douma has excited bitter indignation and ominous resentment in all classes. Every opinion uttered is in the sense that the real revolution has come at last. The sole responsibility for the frightful bloodshed, which is regarded as certain, is cast on the Czar and the government. "In these words the special correspondent of the Sun at St. Petersburg cables tonight the prevalent idea of the most momentous situation in Russia. "It seems certain that the result of the government's action in ordering the dissolution of parliament has apparently restored all the conditions of repression, wholesale arrests and reliance on a display of military force that obtained before the people had the brief taste of representative government. "Finland Meeting Dispersed. The most important development of today took place at Viborg, Finland, whether members of parliament had fled to continue the session formally dissolved at St. Petersburg. The members had been frantically at work on their manifesto to the people, anticipating the possible arrival of troops, when the assembly was informed that the government-general of Viborg had ordered the governor of Finland to close the meeting of members of parliament, using military force if necessary, and adding that such meetings could not be held in Finland. "Previously during the session, the radicals had supported the group of men, who urged that the members of parliament should place themselves at the head of a revolution. At the last the Constitutional Democrats joined the radicals, and the Douma adopted a hastily prepared resolution protesting against the dissolution of parliament. "A Revolutionary Manifesto. The manifesto urges the people of Russia to refuse to pay taxes or to submit to conscription and also to refuse to recognize any imperial loans which the government might hereafter try to raise. The assembly then dispersed. "In St. Petersburg, as a result of the many arrests and the presence of 60,000 troops in the city, there was quiet on the square, but from the interior came news of revolutionary demonstrations, actual or apprehended, and at Kharkoff a number of political prisoners escaped during a riot in which about twenty people were killed or wounded. "Late this afternoon news was received, by way of Berlin, of the blowing up of the factories of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, at Sosnowice and Benzin, Poland. "One of the most remarkable incidents of the day in connection with the Russian crisis was the dramatic scene in the International Arbitration Congress in London, when the premier of Great Britain cried "La douma est morte, vive la douma," and the delegates rose in a wave of enthusiasm, cheering again and again. "It was while Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman was opening the congress in an address of welcome that the sensational incident occurred. The premier had said that the British government was in entire sympathy with the object of the conference, and referred to the fact that King Edward had always been a firm advocate of peace. "British Premier Creates a Sensation. "What intensified the significance of the situation as a tremendous Jewish message. A cable from London says that Israel Zangwill today received the following telegram from Russia: "The Jewish inhabitants are on the eve of new and cruel massacres. July 28 will be the anniversary of Russia's conversion to Christianity. In many places crowded meetings of bootleggers are being held, arranged by the organization of the 'True Russian Union.' Anti-Jewish speeches are made and arms are distributed. Leaflets are circulated inciting to massacres in the name of religion. Self-defense is impossible, for at the first attempt at self-defense people are shot down by the soldiers as revolutionists. Our only hope is in the assistance of Europe. "The newspapers here and in London regard the Russian situation as of the greatest gravity. The Sun's St. Petersburg correspondent describes the events of yesterday in part as follows: "Government Expects Bloodshed. "It is impossible to describe the mood which reigns among the deputies. President Maronoff, who is greatly distressed, exclaimed Sunday morning: 'I wish I were dead.' "The great force of troops in the capital was kept out of sight and the outward appearance of the city was the same as on any previous Sunday. Hospital wagons stationed in the courtyards of buildings in the political district quivered with what the government expected and was prepared for. "There was some firing on Sobolova street, near the Nevsky Prospect. Curiosity was quickly sent to reinforce the police. Troops were received with hoots and volleys of stones. They attacked the rioters with whips. The situation for the moment looked rather serious. "Amid the ominous suspense M. Stolypin, minister of the interior, took over the control of the government, Goremeykin being relieved as premier. M. Stolypin was received yesterday at Catchesina by the Dowager Czarina, who thanked her for her husband's devotion to his country. "Stolypin a Strong Man. "The advent of M. Stolypin as the actual premier has been well received by the better elements. He proved himself as a government of sacrifice, just and incorruptible and in the deepest post of minister of the interior, since the Douma's existence, his integrity and dignity have never been questioned. "When the radicals shouted down his first reply to an interpellation in the Douma, he retorted: 'Incorruptible and delay do not confuse me.' That quality of steadiness will unquestionably be a feature of his rule, however brief and troubled it may be. "M. Stolypin is a tall handsome man of fifty years. He has a dark beard and short cropped gray hair. He is personally on friendly terms with several members of the Douma, including some of his political opponents, but it is known that he regarded the recent proceedings of the Douma as those of an anarchistic club. "The special variety of martial law imposed on the capital concerned with the dissolution of the Douma is called 'extraordinary defence.' Stolypin made its establishment a condition of his accepting the office he now holds, as he regarded it as necessary that he should be able to control the press. "Awaiting the Signal. "The population of the capital are anxiously awaiting events. There is much discussion now the streets. The strike, it is said, will be engineered from Moscow, and the signal to quit work will be given from that city. Five hundred Socialists and union delegates met here and decided to tie up the railroads and most of the telegraphs; and they will stop the manufacturing and peasant industries. Among the extremists here the strike is spoken of as the incidental step in open rebellion which will seal the fate of the Romanoff dynasty. "Many rumors abound. One credits the laborites with the intention of appealing to the Provisional Committee to resign and to provisional government they intend to establish. "M. Pobedonostsev, ex-procurator general of the Holy Synod, and Prince Sviatopolk are regarded as being mainly answerable for the dissolution of the Douma. Pobedonostsev, although he has been coaxed to act as procurator general, has been, it is said, constantly consulted by the Czar during the past week, and he had great influence at the recent conference at Peterhof. "Troops Hurried the Meeting. (Associated Press.) Viborg, Finland, July 23.—The curtain dropped this afternoon on the final act of the drama of Russia's first parliament, when under the spear of the threat of Governor Reichenberg to use military force to end the session, and with troops already converging on the Hotel Belvedere, where the meeting was held, a great assembly of members of the lower house, 186 in number, hurriedly adopted and signed an address to the people, which is thoroughly revolutionary in its nature, electing a perpetual executive committee, headed by Prince Paul Dolgoroukoff, vice-president of the house, to carry on the work of legislation, and adjourning indefinitely, characteristic Russian embracing and kissing. "A few members, including President Mouronoff, Ivan Demaretskitch and Count Heyden, returned to St. Petersburg by evening train. The Constitutional Democratic cohorts intend to go to St. Petersburg in a body in the morning, but many of the Radical members, fearing arrest on their arrival at the capital, will remain for the present in Finland, or return by roundabout routes. "The address, which bears a remarkable similarity to the manifesto framed by the council of workmen last November, which landed its authors and the editors of eight St. Petersburg newspapers in cells of the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, strikes the government in its most vulnerable point by declaring that the administration and not parliament is responsible for the delay in the settlement of the agrarian question, and by proclaiming a cessation of payment of taxes and of military service and repudiation of future loans. "The address follows: "To the people from their popular representatives:—"Citizens of all Russia,—Parliament has been dissolved by ukase of July 21. You elected us as your representatives and instructed us to fight for our country and freedom. In the executing of your instructions and our duty, we drew up laws in order to ensure freedom to the people. We demanded the removal of irresponsible ministers who were infringing the laws with impunity and opposing freedom. First of all, however, we wanted to bring out a law respecting the distribution of land to working peasants and in order to ensure freedom to the end of crown appanages, monasteries and convents belonging to the clergy, and compulsory expropriation of private estates. The government held such a law to be inadmissible and upon parliament once more urgently putting forward its resolution regarding compulsory expropriation parliament was dissolved. "The government promises to convolve a new parliament seven months hence. Russia must remain without popular representation for seven whole months, at a time when the people are standing on the brink of ruin and industry and commerce are undermined, when the whole (Continued on page 7, sixth column.)

RIFLED WALLETS LEFT BEHIND

Two Found at Moncton Evidently Thrown Away by Thieves

CONDUCTOR ACCUSED

One of the Cape Breton Men on I. C. R. Suspended on Report of Train Auditors—Maritime Express Had Miraculous Escape from Disaster on a Quebec Bridge—Other News of Moncton.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Moncton, N. B., July 23.—A couple of empty purses were picked up this morning on the I. C. R. lawn by the caretaker. They had undoubtedly been thrown there by pickpockets Saturday evening, after getting away with the contents. A receipt from John Milner for \$3, found in one, was the only mark of identification. They were handed to the I. C. R. police. Constable McDonald, who has been here several days in search of one of the I. C. R. train auditors on a charge of attempting to enter a lady's room in a Sydney hotel, led today for home, being unable to locate his man. The only information he got was that the party had gone north. It is said the search will not be abandoned, but when the party returns here his arrest will follow. "A conductor on the Sydney branch, whose train was taken charge of recently by special train auditors, is reported under suspension pending an investigation. It was understood the accused official was to come to Moncton last week for an inquiry, but for some reason it was postponed. "I. C. R. Detective Williams left for Halifax today. It is reported he is working on a case which is expected to develop shortly and create a stir in railway circles, but what the nature of the case is cannot be definitely ascertained. "It is reported quite a lot of counterfeit money has been put in circulation by fakirs following the circus. The counterfeiters are said to include both bills and coin. "C. B. Trites and Thos. Jones, two popular young men who are to wed Wednesday, were tendered a complimentary supper tonight at the American. Mr. Trites was presented with a dozen oak dining room chairs by the clerks in the I. C. R. mechanical accountant's office, and a quartered oak table by a number of friends. Mr. Jones was presented with a parlor cabinet. "A Miraculous Escape. 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