

EXAGGERATED REPORTS.

Eight Dead, 14 Slightly Injured in Collapse of Building.

McKinney, Tex., Jan. 24.—Certainty that yesterday's department store collapse here was not the holocaust which, for hours after the accident the rescuers and eye-witnesses declared it to be, came this morning when daylight showed the store site stripped of bricks and timbers and containing only a few comparatively small piles of debris. Practically the entire floor space is laid bare and there is no possibility of finding any large number of bodies under the small heaps of brick in the corner.

The death list still stands at eight, with one probably fatally injured and 14 slightly hurt. But one of the injured is believed to be in danger of death—Mrs. Bell McWilliams, who was burned and crushed.

Reason for Exaggeration.

How the exaggerated stories of scores of women and children shoppers caught under the walls came to be believed so thoroughly by all the rescuers and by eye-witnesses who sturdily stood by these reports for hours until the ground had been bared is partly explained by the remarkable excitement which this disaster caused not only in McKinney, but in a large section of Texas. The fact that the store was filled with shoppers seems to be well established. What no one among the observers saw, apparently was the rush of the shoppers out of doors and to safety when the walls cracked.

To-day there is a different version of the story of how H. A. Kistler rescued his little daughter, his wife and his mother-in-law. Mr. Kistler first dug out the little girl, as reported last night, and carried her across the street. The little girl told him where she thought her mother and grandmother could be found. Kistler went back and by following the child's directions, found the two older women and released them. None of the Kistlers were seriously hurt.

Frantic Telephone Calls.

The manner in which the news of the disaster broke, helped to react on McKinney and keep up the exaggerated reports. Within 20 minutes after the collapse leased press wires and frantic telephone calls had carried the news to every city in Texas. Immediately thousands of persons began wiring and telephoning McKinney, where the mayor and other well known men gave assurances that the death list was big. The mayor said he was sure it was 35. Other men with reputations for conservatism asserted it would be 50 or 60.

The immediate result was a tremendous pressure of excitement converging on McKinney from all sections of Texas. Nearby towns sent special cars and trains.

Hotels overflowed, restaurants ran out of food and private homes were opened to accommodate the crowds who came from other sections of the State to see or to help.

Dr. J. E. Knight crawled under the ruins and by means of wet sponges and restoratives, kept Miss Lula Searcy, alive for an hour until a rescuing party reached her. She will recover. Her sister, Eva, was killed.

A Woman's Ten Rules.

1. Never begin a quarrel, but if there is a disagreement do not give way until the matter has been put right.

2. Never forget that you are the wife of a man and not a god. Do not worry too much over his weaknesses.

3. Do not always be asking your husband for money.

4. If you discover that your husband has a big heart, remember also that he has a stomach. Look well after his stomach.

5. From time to time, but not too often, allow your husband to have the last word. That pleases him, and does not harm you.

6. Read all the newspapers, not merely the sensational bits. Your husband will willingly discuss with you politics and the day's happenings.

7. During a period of sulks do not vex your husband.

8. Pay your husband a compliment from time to time. At the same time let him understand that you yourself do not always steer clear of mistakes.

9. If your husband is good and active, be a comrade to him. If he is heavy and slow, be a friend and adviser.

10. Above all, show respect to your mother-in-law. Remember that your husband loved her before he loved you.—Alva Armstrong.

The insurance agency of the late W. P. Riley is now being conducted by Mr. H. H. Copeland, the firm being Riley & Copeland and composed of Mrs. K. C. Riley and himself. The office is in the town hall building, second floor. Business given them will have prompt attention.

PRISONER'S FIRST FRIEND.

Many Men Out of Jail Aided by Chicago Man.

Superintendent F. Emory Lyon, of the Central Howard association, Chicago, is big brother, or "first friend," to probably as many, if not more, paroled prisoners than any other man in the country. Yet the association which he heads is comparatively obscure. This is partly because the work it does, can be better done in a quiet, unostentatious manner, says the Christian Herald. Under the parole laws of the States in the middle west, certain prisoners may be released on condition that some individual qualified as "first friend," guarantees employment and general oversight of the one thus given his liberty. Hundreds of prisoners appeal to this association for such help. Mr. Lyon either signs the papers of approved applicants as "first friend" or secures them employment.

The work of the organization is not confined, however, to merely released prisoners and standing by them until they get upon their feet. It champions the cause of the friendless transgressor in other ways. Those brought before the courts without friends or funds to aid them in their effort to secure justice have found help and practical encouragement from Mr. Lyon and the Central Howard association. Destitute families of prisoners are frequently provided for, and better laws for the handling and care of prisoners have been placed on the statute books because of this earnest work.

Against Negro Segregation.

St. Louis, Jan. 23.—A committee of five white persons and five negroes appointed by the St. Louis Civic League to investigate the housing of negroes, to-day issued a statement protesting against a proposed ordinance segregating the negroes of St. Louis. A bill to that effect is pending in the municipal assembly. The committee's statements says in part:

"Our committee is unanimously of the opinion that the problem of the relation of white people and negroes can not be solved by crystallizing prejudices into legislation. The proposed law frequently would prevent negroes from improving their condition by moving into better neighborhoods. We cannot believe that any broad-minded American can regard the legal segregation of races as American or Christian."

The committee adds that the proposed law is unconstitutional.

Warrant on Serious Charge.

Greenville, Jan. 23.—Holland Howard, a resident of Glassy Mountain township, was arrested yesterday morning by Deputy Sheriff J. S. Hunsinger on a warrant charging "assault with intent to rape," the alleged offense occurring on or about June 1, 1912. The defendant was released on bond of \$400, which was signed by J. F. Golightly.

The party swearing out the warrant claimed that Howard attempted to assault his wife on or about June 1 and would probably have accomplished his purpose had he (the husband) not happened on the scene at that time. The same party swearing out the warrant appeared before the grand jury in the court of general sessions yesterday morning on a warrant charging him with assault and battery with intent to kill, the charges being brought by Holland Howard.

The grand jury returned a no-bill in the case, and the party, being freed, went straight to a magistrate's office and had the warrant sworn out for Holland.

A preliminary hearing has been set for Wednesday, February 12.

What Might be Done.

Congress is being urged to pass a law that will enable one State to prevent shipments of intoxicants from any other State, and thereby force total abstinence upon all persons who will not violate the law.

While reaching the law-abiding who seldom abuse the use of intoxicants, the way would be open to the illicit dealer to continue his practice whenever he can buy or make whiskey in violation of law.

We see neither increased temperance nor increased respect for law, but rather the reverse, in such a measure. But if Congressmen sincerely wish to respect State rights and to foster temperance they would do something really effective, something that would go to the root of a widespread evil and give increased respect for law, by permitting no tax for the sale of liquor to be collected by the United States Revenue Department in "dry" territory.

"Blind tigers" have little fear of local laws; when convicted they pay their fines and continue business, but they dread the more certain and more severe punishment imposed upon violators of the United States revenue laws.—Columbia State.

BRONCHITIS SUFFERER

Takes Druggist's Advice With Splendid Result.

If anyone should know the worth of a medicine, it is the retail druggist who sells it over his counter every day in the week, and is in a position to know what remedy gives the best satisfaction.

Mrs. Frank H. Uline, of West Sand Lake, N. Y., says: "For a number of years I was a great sufferer from bronchitis. Last July I had an attack which was more severe than any, and my friends thought I could not recover from it. Then I was advised by my druggist to try Vinol, which I did, with wonderful results. My cough has left me; I have gained in weight and appetite, and I am as strong as ever I was. I advise all who have bronchitis, chronic coughs, or who are run down to try Vinol."

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