

Seamens Club Damaged

A portion of the Seamens Club was destroyed late last night, and inspectors report considerable damage to the river side of the institution "in excess of 8,000 pounds sterling," according to underwriters. No injury or loss of life is reported. According to unconfirmed though informed speculation, seepage undermined a portion of the embankment area upon which the famous club stands,

causing the collapse. Inebriates congregating along the bank swear that strange creatures emerged from the river shortly before the collapse. Their stories were a hearty momentary relief to the risky business of sorting through the rubble.

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Fire on Chin-Ling Road

Three monks have been found dead in a pavilion fire in the Garden of the Purple Clouds of Autumn. They are thought to have died because of an overturned brazier. The names of the deceased have not yet been released, but a reliable source indicates that all three were respected scholars of T'ang, Five Dynasties, and Sung literature, a profound loss to all who value China's great heritage. Eyewitnesses remarked that the evening fire leapt in an

uncanny fashion from one blazing structure to follow the fleeing monks into the second pavilion. "A floating cloud of fire followed them" according to Mr. Liu Chen-dai of Brilliant Poppy lane. A European was seen leaving the vicinity of the conflagration. Police respectfully ask his assistance in their investigation.

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Violent Incident on Lantern Street

Police report murders at Number 88 Lantern Street, "sometime after midnight" last night. The victims are identified as Miss Reparita Wong, resident at the address, and Mr. Chin Hsi-chou, address unavailable at the time of publication. Police inspector Chong indicates that the slayings were unusually violent. He requests information from anyone with

knowledge either of Miss Wong or Mr. Chin. Even Lantern Street inhabitants, normally not noted for compassion, were taken aback by the cruelty of the crimes. One witness was so distraught that she identified the killer as a giant bat.

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