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ORIGIN OF THE CHICAGO HORROR

Inspector Says the Floodlight Was Not Protected.

15,000 THROWN OUT OF WORK

By Closing of the Theaters—Many Public Halls Throughout City To Be Closed Up.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—The investigation to fix the responsibility for the cause of the Iroquois fire horror was taken up today by Fire Inspector Monroe Fulkerson, who has the assistance of the chief of police and of Coroner Trager. Every employee of the theater on the stage and in the auditorium are on the list summoned for examination. Sixty-five witnesses will be examined, upon Treasurer John J. Noonan, of the Iroquois Theater, Chief O'Neill has made a demand for the pay rolls of the house, giving the names of the employees.

From union officials other data concerning these employees has been sought.

Although the police interposed no objection when the members of the "Mr. Blue Beard" Company left for the east, some of the actors may be brought back to add their testimony. List of the sixteen members who have been arrested.

Representatives of the theater managers of the city will appear before the city council tonight and ask for permission to open the various playhouses in order to give employment to the 15,000 men and women, who, by their closing, are thrown out of employment, and in many instances, are left comparatively destitute.

The plan includes the opening of only the lower parts of the theaters, however, the prices are to be graduated from 25 or 50 cents to \$1 or \$1.50.

Fire traps in the shape of public halls will be the chief assembly places to be shut by the authorities.

Mayor Harrison announces that the case of the minor entertainment halls will be taken up as expeditiously as possible. A force of building inspectors will be detailed at once on the lesser halls, and as the violations are reported the closing orders will go out.

The buildings against which the next edict will go forth are scattered throughout Chicago, and in few instances come up to ordinance requirements. In the district 234 are scheduled, and according to an estimate made by the building officials last summer when the agitation against the trap theaters was taken up, over 300 are in violation of the ordinances.

Claiming that an attempt is being made to make a piece of the "scoundrel" for the Iroquois Theater horror, the Chicago Federation of Labor has voted to investigate the cause of the fire through a special committee composed of representatives of the unions concerned in the construction of the buildings. Delegates demanded that the committee make an entirely independent examination and report to the federation rather than to the mayor.

HOW THE FIRE STARTED.
Inspector Fulkerson says the fire originated from the contact of a linen curtain with an intensely hot and inadequately protected floodlight. The curtain struck because a piece of a stage mechanism was directly in the path of the descent of the fire shield. The fire was directed by the rush of cold air into the stage when someone opened the rear doors.

"I have evidence that the automatic skylights over the stage did not open as they should have done, and create a flow through which the flames, smoke and heated air on the burning stage could have found a vent. It is apparent that the exits were not adequately guarded, and the responsibility of the next step is fixing the responsibility."

Chicago, Jan. 2.—The number of dead as a result of the Iroquois Theater catastrophe is now definitely known to be 187. Of these 577 have been identified. The remaining ten bodies were tonight, upon order of Coroner Trager, removed to the county morgue, where they will be kept hereafter. The following were named: Mrs. Gertrude Fitzpatrick, Harry Ludwig, R. S. Thompson (lawyer), Mrs. Marion W. Gibbs, Mrs. Lulu Greenwald, Mrs. Hanton (the last named of Grandville, Mich.). The total number of unidentified dead, all of whom being now in the county morgue, has been reduced to ten.

Chicago's head was bowed in grief today over the fearful Iroquois Theater disaster. Business generally was suspended, except in the banks. The large drug stores along State street announced that they would remain open during the early part of the day, in order to supply the demand for mourning goods, which has been unprecedented in the history of the city. It being evident by noon that this demand had been fully met, the stores closed for the balance of the day. For an hour at noon the bells of the city tolled a requiem for the dead. The idea of an hour of mourning was not a new one. It was suggested when the Iroquois Theater disaster occurred, but when at noon the sound of the silver chimps of St. James' Church, on the north side, were borne by the wind over the heart of the city, it seemed as though every other church in the city caught from the inspiration, and the bells of every church in the city were the last to take up the tolling, and the bells of St. James' had been silent for two hours or more when the bells of churches in the southwest portion of the city were heard.

A triple funeral was held at noon from Groveland avenue, from where the remains of Myron A. Decker, his wife and his daughter, Mamie, were taken to Roschill Cemetery. The sole survivor of this family is a daughter, 8 years old, who did not attend the funeral.

A triple funeral on West Monroe street was that of Mrs. E. Shriver and her daughters, Pearl and Irma. The husband and father had been dead for some time, and the catastrophe of Wednesday exterminated the family. There were several double and triple funerals held during the day.

The largest funeral to be held tomorrow will be that of the entire family of the Iroquois Theater.

RIOTS AT BLOOMINGTON

Reign of Terror Due to a Street Car Strike—Militia May Intervene.

Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 4.—Riotous scenes have marked the street car strike here. Windows in six cars were smashed by missiles thrown by strike sympathizers. Two employees were dragged from their cars and severely beaten. The mayor admits that he is not able to cope with the situation and President Demange, of the Street Car Company, announces that he will appeal to the mayor to ask for militia to protect the street car property. Three arrests have been made. The company has abandoned all efforts to run cars at night.

"TO PLOW AND 'ARRER"

Experiment in Cockney Farming Proves a Failure.

London, Jan. 4.—A "Cockney" farmer is a failure according to a decision reached by a board of guardians after an experiment just made. Ten able-bodied inmates of a workhouse, clad in appropriate agricultural costume, were sent the other day to Gen. Booth's colony at Hadley farm. The morning seven indignant men from Poplar walked into Castle Inn. They called for beer. "They want us to plow and 'arrrer," said the warden, "and want to make countrymen of us. Nice thing, ain't it?" All walked back to London.

MARY AS AN ANGEL

The Famous Ex-Actress Sings for Charity's Sake.

London, Jan. 4.—The appearance on the stage of the People's Palace the night was not the only time Mary Anderson (Mrs. de Navarro) has appeared in this week in public as an entertainer, for the day after she contributed much toward the programme at K. V. Father Vaughan's lecture on the question of the East End People's Palace, Mile End road, aided with 2,000 of the poorest Roman Catholics in London. Mrs. Anderson sang some sweet, simple songs in a manner gracious and infinitely kind, which delighted the children immensely. M. de Navarro sang a little duet with his beautiful wife, which the youngsters much enjoyed. Mrs. Anderson, when an interval came, slipped her hand into a sticky mass of cakes sewed into boxes and distributed buns with smiles impartially.

SCHOOLS MAY CLASH

Parliamentary and Painters in a Lively Campaign.

Paris, Jan. 4.—There is a lively fight ahead in the Societe des Artistes Francais, when the election for president comes up early this month. Thus far, the sculptor never has occupied the presidential chair of this ancient body, and they are determined that Bourgeois should succeed him. The artists and painters also have candidates and have a dozen tickets in the field. The battle is at present, though, with the sculptors.

Considerable astonishment was expressed by visitors to the Louvre last week finding that Muriel's famous picture, "The Assumption," has a new card below bearing the words "Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary." Whether some Louvre official intended to re baptize the painting or it is an absurd error is open to speculation.

Bosco Keble's delicate fresco has been covered with glass, but the zealous administrators subjected it to a good cleaning. So thorough was it that nearly all the color was washed out.

Despite the large number of works sent to St. Louis, preparations are going on actively for the annual winter exhibition of the American Art Association, which will open on Jan. 25. An athletic smoker was given at the same club the other night, the attraction being a good programme of fencing, boxing and wrestling. The club shortly will add a gymnasium to its place in the Rue Notre Dame des Champs.

A BEAR LOOSE

IN CITY STREETS

Deeply Interested in Tall Buildings and Fleeing People in St. Louis.

St. Louis, Jan. 4.—"Brown Pearl," a cinnamon bear, weighing 600 pounds, which was captured near Laramie, Wyoming, two weeks ago and arrived at the Olive street zoo, escaped while being transferred from one cage to another, and for half an hour created consternation on two of the main thoroughfares of the city.

Pearl wandered up and down Locust and Olive streets, seeing nothing but tall buildings and fleeing people. At Channing avenue and Locust street he met "Steve" Lawrence, bear trainer. A quick turn of the wrist, and the rope settled about Pearl's big neck. She started for Steve, and was wheeled to the scene.

Steve could get in and out and around the wheels very quickly than Pearl, and he soon won the game of tangle. Pearl was securely tied, loaded on the truck, and hauled back to the zoo.

Leopold in Trouble.

Paris, Jan. 4.—King Leopold again is likely to have legal troubles. His majesty's agent last year signed an agreement for the purchase of land from the Villefranche municipality. The King has since failed to ratify the agreement, claiming that the neighborhood of Cap Ferret history diminishes the value of the land. The municipality states his majesty was aware of this at the time of the purchase and has sent an ultimatum calling on the King to complete the purchase.

THE NEW YEAR IN OLD LONDON

Streets Filled With Shouting and Cheering Crowds.

MAY BE OLD-FASHIONED WINTER

Society Folk Looking Forward to a Long Period of Entertainment—Political Parties.

London, Jan. 4.—The new year opened in London with the streets filled with crowds shouting and cheering quite a different sight to what London thoroughfares usually present at midnight. The sky was clear after an unusually bright day. The weather is cold and everybody is entertaining hopes of an old-fashioned winter. Society folk are looking forward to a year of entertainments. At such a time, perhaps, a sort of social retrospect of the year just gone will not be out of order.

The great English hostesses have not done much during the last season, though the Duchess of Devonshire gave a political party at the beginning of the parliamentary session and a dinner and dance for the Queen and other royalties on Derby night. Mary, Duchess of Hamilton, gave a ball in honor of her daughter's debut, which was smarted in the Duchess of Devonshire's ball at Grosvenor house. Westminister's ball at Grosvenor house was one of the most delightful ever given in that palatial residence.

Lady Lansdowne's political parties were as crowded as ever and were remembered for the density of the crowd and the difficulty of getting away. Lady Lansdowne has given one or two brilliant entertainments at Derby house. Lady Howe gave a brilliant ball for the King and Queen at Curzon house. Lady Portlinton gave a delightful dance in Belgrave square in honor of the debut of her daughter, Lady Aline Dawson Damer.

Lady Warwick gave dinners, dances, and concerts at Grosvenor house, which she rented for the season. Lady Fitzgibbon gave two or three great dinner parties. Lord Howard de Walden's great fancy party and Lady Widdowson's ball at Seaforth house will be easily recalled. Lady Widdowson's dinners and dances at Seaforth house were quite the features of the season.

AN ARMED GUARD WITH DR. DOWIE

'Life Loaded With Gold to Purge Island in Gulf of Mexico.

New York, Jan. 4.—A dispatch to the World from New Orleans says: Fearing that sneak-thieves would raid his private car and rob him of his treasures, Alexander Dowie, the restorer, had a guard of prophets and attendants armed with revolvers, next him while in this city. He is said to have received secret information that he would be robbed.

Dowie got a chilly reception here. There was no one to meet him at the train, and during his stay the public forgot that he was in town. A local newspaper man approached him for an interview, and Dowie and seven of his prophets surrounded the reporter and after elbowing him off the sidewalk, compelled him to retreat.

Dowie later stated that he was en route to Australia via San Francisco. He admits having a large amount of gold with him. He is negotiating for the purchase of Matagorda Island, Texas, from the Southern Pacific, for a Zionist colony.

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Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 42-42; Edmonton, 10-28; Qu'Appelle, 15 below-12; Winnipeg, 28 below-6 below; Arthur, 19 below-20; Toronto, 11 below-18; Bismette, 46 below-6 below; Oulawa, 25 below-18; St. Mary, 12 below-10; Quebec, 16 below-6 below; Halifax, 4 below-10.

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AXES, KNIVES, PISTOLS

Two Brothers Killed in a West Virginia Feud.

Inez, Ky., Jan. 4.—The bodies of Alfred and Hayden Johnson, brothers, were found in the public park, near Jennie, W. Va., each with a bullet through his head.

Anthony Crabtree, Jacob Oliver and the two Johnsons, it is said, had a fight in which axes, knives and pistols were freely used. Crabtree and Oliver were pitted against the two Johnsons, who were unarmed except a pocket-knife and an axe.

LONDON IS SAFE WHILE AT PLAY

No Loss of Life Recorded in Theaters Since 1858.

THE REGULATIONS ARE STRICT

Automatic Exit Doors and Fireproof Scenery Among the Precautions Ordered.

London, Jan. 4.—Even the far eastern crisis has divided in interest since the first messages about the Chicago theater disaster began to reach London. Everywhere one goes, at hotels, restaurants, clubs or in the city, people discuss with shuddering the awful details that have been coming over the cable.

Yet certainly the first night after the news was generally known, which was Thursday, Jan. 4, London was not less safe than before. The usual number were waiting in line at the Drury Lane box office early in the evening. The vaudeville had "house full" boards prominently displayed. Still another exit door had been ordered to be falling off of \$200 compared with the day before.

According to Sir Algernon West, since 1858 not a single life has been lost in a properly licensed theater building in London, except of a fireman, who perished in the performance of duty at the Alhambra in 1882. The last few days theater managers and the public have been praising the wisdom of the rules of the county council, whereas some of the former had been wistful to find them rather irksome.

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HENRY NORMAN AT MONTREAL

Says There'll Be No War in Far East, and That Chamberlain Is Doomed.

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The worst of the cold wave passed and this city may expect a gradual moderation today.

IT'S PEACE DAY IN THE FAR EAST

Jap Minister Has Cordial Conference With Lamsdorff.

SAYS LATTER IS CONCILIATORY

The Tension Between the Two Countries Has Appreciably Decreased—Russia's Cruisers Prepare.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.—The Japanese minister here, M. Kurino, has authorized the Associated Press to say that he had a cordial conference with Foreign Minister Lamsdorff on Friday last, and that he was convinced by the latter's sincere conciliatory attitude that the Russian Government is disposed to seek a peaceful settlement.

Cologne, Germany, Jan. 4.—The tension between Russia and Japan has appreciably decreased, and the situation is regarded in authoritative quarters, as quite reassuring, "according to a dispatch to the Cologne Gazette, from St. Petersburg, "although the preparations and strategic deployment of both armies will not be immediately interrupted," adds the correspondent.

"pending the negotiations taking a turn affording the best prospects of Russia coming to a complete understanding with Japan."

The dispatch also says that the Russian reply is expected shortly and that Viceroy Alexieff will start in February for St. Petersburg.

Moscow, Jan. 4.—The Russian cruiser Saratoff of the volunteer fleet has been ordered to Sebastopol to receive her armament and thence proceeding with all haste to Port Arthur.

The Russian cruiser Orsk has been ordered to remain at Odessa until she receives her armament.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The United States navy department has been advised by cable of the arrival today at Manila, with a company of marines, of United States Minister Allen at Seoul, so advises the marines will march to Seoul to protect the American legation.

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HOLIDAY BEGGING

London Mail-Carriers Think Plan Lessens Self-Respect.

London, Jan. 4.—This week brought to every place of business and almost every household a seeker of something for a Christmas box whose annual visits are inevitable. Postman, carrier, telephone employee, telegraph lineman, messenger boy, and a dozen or two other persons, not forgetting the professional window cleaner, called to while a sixpence, a shilling, or more if they could get it from the business or professional man. The postman, however, tired of this system of begging, because he had too many refusals, is demanding better wages, declaring they have been fixed heretofore by the general post office without regard to gratuities received Christmas.

BIRD CHARMER BANISHED

Draws Such Crowds That the Grounds Suffer Damage.

Paris, Jan. 4.—The familiar Parisian figure of the famous bird charmer, Paul, who is called the St. Francis of the Tuilleries, as he has given a name to all the birds in the garden and they answer at his call, was banished from the garden this week by order of the police, because he had too many imitators, who attracted great crowds, in-cumbering the walks and destroying the grass and flowers. He is such a favorite, however, that efforts are being made to have him return to delight the habits of the Tuilleries.

SENATOR MANN MISSING

Fearful That He Was Killed in the Chicago Fire.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Friends of State Senator S. A. Mann, of Florida, who was in Chicago at the time of the Iroquois Theater fire, have become alarmed, and searched the hospitals without securing a trace of him. Inquiries also are reported to have come from the hospital at Tallahassee, Mr. Mann is the father-in-law of Gov. Jennings of Florida.

BLIND MAY RUN AUTOS

Regulations in London Permit of Many Absurd Interpretations.

London, Jan. 4.—Under the new automobile law, if you haven't arrived at the dignity of the age of 17 you can't drive an automobile. If, however, you are only blind you are quite competent to drive anything. That is the interpretation the Motoring Illustrated puts upon the new regulations since a demonstration made the other day in order to illustrate the absurdity of the law. An application for a license was made by a blind man who is one of the fixtures at Watford station. It was issued without a question.

CORELLI HAS LAST WORD

The Famous Novelist Presents Defendant With Damages.

London, Jan. 4.—Just like a woman, Marie Corelli has had the last word in regard to damages which a jury awarded her in a recent libel action. Defendant called on Miss Corelli to deliver the coin and was received by the butler, to whom he handed a receipt for Miss Corelli's signature. Deterred that her autograph should not go so cheap she referred the caller to her solicitors. They received and sent it back with these terms:

"We are instructed by our client to inform defendant that she is happy to accept the sum of £100,000 granted by a jury as a contribution to one of the many Stratford charities he no doubt supports."

A BLOODY FIGHT IN COURT ROOM

Italian Woman Slashes Former Sweetheart's Throat With a Razor.

Orange, N. J., Jan. 4.—In a crowded courtroom Mrs. Carmelo Barbato, about 40 years old, drew a razor from the pocket of her dress and slashed Pasquale De Parma across the cheek, severing his jugular vein. The man and woman were directly in front of Judge Bray at the time, and the blood that spurting from the wound splattered the judge's face and clothing. The wounded man was hurried to the Orange Memorial Hospital, where he lies in a critical condition. Mrs. Barbato had caused the arrest of De Parma, whom she accused of annoying her by his attentions. They were sweethearts fifteen years ago in the town of Trata, Italy.

TIRES OF COMMONS

Will Retire After Next Election, Taking Up Duties as Master of Hounds

London, Jan. 4.—Albert Brassey, M. P., stands by the announcement recently made that he will leave the House of Commons at the next election to devote himself to his duties as master of the Leythrop hounds.

"How do you think I can do more than one thing at a time?" he inquired of an interviewer the other day. "It is all very well to run up to town just to go into the lobby when an important measure is being put through, but that is not doing one's duty. So I am going to leave the House."

"I am satisfied," said Brassey as he left the house, "I believe I will do every day with violets in my buttonhole."

JACK FROST IS KING DOWN EAST

Intense Cold and Great Drifts in Eastern States.

NEW YORK CITY IN ICY GRIP

Hotel Fires Drove Half Clad Guests Into Streets—Wires Snap With the Cold.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 4.—Transportation facilities were badly hampered today, as the result of Saturday night's heavy fall of snow, and because of zero weather. Extreme cold weather was reported by all New England districts early today. In Boston the temperature at 8:30 a.m. stood at 4 above zero, almost the coldest of the winter. Fifteen sections the mercury registered from 10 to 25 degrees below zero.

Jewett City, Conn., Jan. 4.—With the temperature at zero, the guests in the Jewett City Hotel were driven from their beds, and out or doors at 4 a.m. today by a fire which destroyed the entire structure. All the inmates of the hotel escaped without accident, although few were able to save any personal effects, except clothing hastily gathered. Loss \$10,000.

Brunswick, Me., Jan. 4.—Wires passing through here were snapped off during the night by the intense cold. The temperature was 28 degrees below at dawn. Train service to Rockland has been suspended by the freezing of the tracks.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 4.—The extreme cold continues unabated here. The temperature ranged about 10 degrees below zero during the night, and is little warmer today. All trains are from one to six hours late.

Utica, N. Y., Jan. 4.—The weather continues cold and with unprecedentedly low thermometer records from surrounding points. Romeville in the west of the Adirondacks, reports 49 below last night. At 6 a.m. in