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## 550 KILLED IN IROQUOIS THEATRE CHICAGO FIRE HELPLESS MEN AND CHILDREN AT MATINEE IN AWFUL PANIC SEA OF FATAL FLAME SWEEPED FROM STAGE TO PIT

### Scenery Caught Fire and Gas Reservoirs Exploded, Belching Sudden Suffocation on Auditors.

### FEET OF STRONG TRAMPLED WEAK MAKING BLOODY PATH TO SAFETY

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Five hundred and fifty people were killed within ten minutes this afternoon during a fire in the Iroquois Theatre, the newest and largest and as far as human power could make it, the safest theatre in Chicago.

A few of these people were burned to death by fire, many were suffocated by gas and scores were trampled to death in the panic that followed the mad plunge of the frightened audience for the exits. It will be many hours before the number of dead is accurately known and many days before all of them will be identified.

There are bodies lying by the dozens in the undertaking rooms, in the police stations and in the hospitals, from which nearly everything that could reveal their identity to those who knew them best is gone. Their clothing is torn to rags or burned to cinders, and their faces have been trampled into an unrecognizable state by the crowd that fought and trampled them down as they fled for safety.

The fire broke out during the second act of the play "Mr. Blue Beard," the first production in the theatre since its reconstruction. The theatrical company, which was very large, escaped to the street in safety, nearly all of them, however, being compelled to flee into the snow with no clothing but their stage costumes. A few members of the company sustained minor injuries, but none were seriously hurt.

### FOUR HUNDRED AND SIX IDENTIFIED.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—It is estimated that 550 lives were lost in the panic and fire this afternoon in the Iroquois Theatre. Estimates of dead and injured vary. The police account of the dead is 536. The estimate of the newspapers is 562. Besides this there are 55 people missing at midnight, the majority of whom are probably among the dead in the morgue and various undertakers establishments. Four hundred and six of the dead have been positively identified. Ninety-two persons are known to be injured.

## Citizens as Life-Savers Broke Thru Police Lines

### How the Work of Rescue Went on—Hospital Facilities Inadequate.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Rarely in the history of Chicago have its people been so stirred as by the calamity of today. Next to the Chicago fire this is the greatest catastrophe that has ever occurred here. The news spread with great rapidity, and in a short time hundreds of men, women and children were rushing toward the theatre. The building in which the calamity occurred stands midway between State and Dearborn-streets on the north side of Randolph-street. Although every available policeman within the call of the department was hurried to the spot and the men placed in lines at the end of the block, allowing nobody to enter Randolph-street from either Dearborn or State, it was found for a time almost impossible to hold back the frenzied crowd that pressed forward, many of them having friends or relatives in the theatre and anxious to learn something of them. The conduct of the police deserves all praise.

**Citizens as Life-Savers.**  
In spite of the efforts of the police, however, a large number of people succeeded in breaking thru the lines and entering the theatre, and in many cases did heroic work in rescuing the injured and carrying out the dead.

The building was so full of smoke when the fire first started that the full extent of the catastrophe was not immediately grasped until a fireman and a newspaper man crawled up the stairs leading to the balcony holding a flashlight over their heads to guide their way. As they reached the doorway the fireman seized his companion by the arm, exclaiming, "Good God, man, don't walk on their faces!"

The two men tried vainly to get thru the door, which was jammed with dead women piled higher than either of their heads.

All the lights in the balcony were extinguished and the only illumination came thru the cloud of smoke that hung between the interior of the theatre and the street. The two men hurried to the floor below and informed Chief Musham that the dead bodies were piled high in the balcony and prompt assistance must be rendered.

The chief at once called upon all his men in the vicinity to abandon work on the fire and come at once to the rescue.

### TORONTO ALSO MOURNS FOR CHICAGO VICTIMS

Daughter of Rev. H. P. Welton and Brother of R. H. Coulters Are Among the Missing.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Many inquiries have already been received by the police department by telegram from outside places, asking for names among the dead and injured. Among the long list of missing has been reported the name of Miss Alice Welton of Toronto, Ont., a teacher in one of the Chicago schools.

R. H. Coulters, another victim, was a brother of George W. Coulters of 222 East Gerrard-street. The deceased had lived in Chicago about 14 years, he was born in Toronto, where his parents still reside. About five years ago he married Miss Wright of Churchville, Ont., and he and his wife have two children to mourn his loss. His brother George leaves this morning to bring home the body. He was informed by telegram from a Chicago undertaker last night of his brother's death.

Miss Welton, whose name is announced as among the missing, is the daughter of Rev. H. P. Welton, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, who last night also received a telegram from friends in Chicago, saying that Miss Welton had attended the performance and had not been home. Miss Welton is 30 years of age and has been teaching in the Chicago schools for about ten years. Rev. Mr. Welton will go to Chicago today.



POLITICAL TRAVELER: This pass upon which I depended to carry me in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces has lapsed, sir, thru no fault of mine, Will you see to it that I am carried?

## Legislature Called Early To Stop Election Trials

### Conservatives Desirous of Going on With the Protests If Liberals Consent.

The Globe announced yesterday morning that the legislature would meet Jan. 14. Premier Ross gives as his reason for this move that the appropriations are quite inadequate to carry on the work of the province. Also, the government contemplates the extension of the North Bay and Temiskaming Railway up to the point at which it is expected to meet the Grand Trunk Pacific, and the survey being now well under way, the house must be asked for legislation in order to call for tenders for the work of construction.

The World yesterday afternoon, acknowledging the opinion of the calling of the legislature, Mr. Whitney replied as follows: "No matter what may be said, the object of Mr. Ross in calling the house on the 14th is to avoid the danger which he accents in the coming election trials. This will all appear clear later on. The needed appropriations could be voted at a later date in January if the trial under the next session of the legislature in order to call for tenders in North York and Centre Bruce, is a smart move on the part of Premier Ross to evade the election trials. If the member-elect against whose election a protest is lodged, so declares the protest can not go on during the session of the legislature. It is reported that John Brown in North York is content to have his trial go on, but it is assumed that pressure will be brought to bear on him to change his mind.

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## NORTH OXFORD NOT SURE TO ASSIST THE PREMIER

### Temperance Element Will Not Adhere to Him Unless He Announces Favorable Legislation.

Woodstock, Dec. 30.—(Staff Special.)—Woodstock heard of the tragic end of Andrew Pattullo, M.L.A., in London with amazement and sorrow. On many buildings flags are flying at half-mast, and very little else has been talked about on the streets today. George R. Pattullo, Registrar, has not heard anything further concerning his brother's death, but has cabled that the body be embalmed and shipped to Woodstock. He expects to hear more in the morning.

While there has been very little talk yet concerning the succession, many Liberals express the belief that Col. Munro of Embro will receive the nomination. He has already been approached. There are, however, many aspirants among the most formidable of whom are H. R. Ross, who ran as an independent Liberal in the last contest; Walter Murray of Blenheim, and John W. Mason, barrister, of Woodstock. The Conservative candidate will be C. A. Munro of Drumbo, who was nominated a year ago, and has thus the advantage of an early start.

While the riding appears to be hopelessly Liberal, V. Francis, one of the prominent Conservative workers, stated to The World to-day that the contest would not go by default. He says the Conservatives are already preparing and would enter the fight not discouraged by the handicap of an adverse majority of 1300 votes. In the last contest the late Andrew Pattullo had two opponents, and polled pretty nearly all the votes that were coming to him. Besides, there is considerable dissent among the Liberals over some recent appointments. One that caused considerable dismay was that of R. N. Ball, to succeed his father as County Crown Attorney. This appointment was made "one night," Mr. Francis remarks, before the Liberal caucus had a chance to present their claims. Then a cousin of R. N. Ball was appointed police magistrate, much to the disappointment of many of the party workers.

**One Bad Appointment.**  
All over the county there is dismay over the selection of J. B. Jackson for a lucrative situation in England, the appointment being made by the Dominion government. Jackson achieved considerable notoriety in connection with the South Oxford election trial, and the memory of that disgraceful episode in provincial politics will not enhance the chances of the Liberal candidate in the approaching contest.

On top of all this there is the defection of the prohibitionist, Premier Ross, from the Liberal ranks. The temperance element in North Oxford County that in any line counts in the province, and will have to be handled in the most delicate manner.

Mr. Francis was in communication with Mr. Gane tonight over the telephone.

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## BURGERS AT GLENCOE

Glencoe, Dec. 30.—Burglars effected an entrance into the general store of P. D. Keith and J. M. Tait and the hardware shop of H. C. Dixon last night. From Mr. Keith's till they took between \$6 and \$7, from Mr. Tait's store two of three valuable fur caps, some underclothing, etc., and from Mr. Dixon's a couple of leather grips and some other articles.

At the good food Life Chips, a large package, ten cents.

## GO TO THE ASIATIC

Proctor, Dec. 30.—After three days' debate in the legislative council a motion in favor of the introduction of Asiatic coal in South Africa was carried by a vote of 22 to 4.

Brice in cases reduced 25 per cent what we have left. Alive Bolland.

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## FAIR AND COLD

Metropolitan Office, Toronto, Dec. 30.—(8 p.m.)—Mild weather continues in the Northwest Territories, with a maximum temperature of 50 degrees at Medicine Hat. However, conditions are now more favorable for a change to colder weather. A cold mass from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, and light snowfalls have occurred in the latter district.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Toronto, 22-44; Montreal, 14-28; Calgary, 22-44; Qu'Appelle, 14-16; Winnipeg, 6 below-20; Harry Ross, 4 below-18; Toronto, 10-16; Ottawa, 10-16; Montreal, 20-28; Quebec, 4-10; Halifax, 6-38.

## STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS

Dec. 30	At	From
10:30	New York	Liverpool
11:00	Quebec	New York
11:30	Halifax	New York
12:00	Antwerp	Philadelphia
12:30	Montreal	New York
1:00	Philadelphia	Halifax
1:30	London	Liverpool

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