

The Semi-Weekly Telegraph

VOL. XLIII

ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1904.

MORE THAN 500 PEOPLE TRAMPLED AND BURIED TO DEATH IN CHICAGO THEATRE HORROR WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

audience Composed Mainly of Women and Children in Wild Scramble to Escape Stamped Each Other to Death.

Explosion of Gas Which Followed Fire Quickly Blew the Roof Off the Building and Hundreds Perished—A Gruesome Spectacle.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—At 9.30 p.m. it is declared by the police that 637 bodies have been recovered from the ruins.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Coroner J. J. Connelley reports a total count of 738 dead.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—About five hundred people were killed in ten minutes during a fire in a theatre, the newest, the largest, and the most modern in the city.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Faces Trampled to a Pulp. In the aisles nearest to the doors the scene was harrowing in the extreme. Bodies lay in every conceivable attitude, half naked, the look on their faces revealing some portion of the agony which must have preceded their death.

Women Throw Themselves into the Street. George H. Elliott, secretary of the Ogden Gas Company, was in a building directly opposite from the theatre across the street, and was in an effort to save as many as possible. No ladder was available, and the only method of assistance they were able to derive was to hurriedly bail some planks together and throw them across to the afflicted women on the platform, with instructions to place the planks on the iron framework.

Theatrical Company All Escapes. The members of the theatrical company being on the first floor had comparatively little difficulty in reaching the street, although their situation was far from pleasant. The fire was so intense that the flames swept through the mass of scenery in the fire and on the stage.

No Fire Escapes on Building. The theatre had been constructed but a short time, and all its equipment was not yet in place. This was unfortunately the case with a fire escape in the rear of the building. The small iron balconies to which the iron ladders were to be attached were not yet constructed.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

which followed, I have not felt that I was under any obligation to enter upon what would be, in my opinion, a fruitless and unavailing struggle.

Decided to Retire Before the Close of the Session. My decision, therefore, was to retire from the field of active politics, and having reached this conclusion, which I did about a month before the close of the recent session of parliament I at once, as I considered it proper to do, informed the prime minister of my determination.

In making the decision known to the public, I desire to accompany the announcement with an expression of my profound regret that circumstances have rendered the severing of the political connection between the citizens of St. John and myself imperative.

As the representative of the city in the House of Commons, I have experienced nothing but the kindest and most considerate treatment from its electors belonging to both political parties. I have been proud to represent St. John and the confidence which its people have in such untainted measure reposed in me as their representative, intensifies my sorrow in the parting.

May I flatter myself with the hope that these regrets are shared mutually between me and that my constituents will acquit me in this act of my political withdrawal, or being different to their wishes, or being inspired by any other motive than such as they can appreciate, and command.

Has Accepted Chairmanship of Railway Commission. To the election of the province at large I would add a word: Through an unbroken period of over twenty years, I have enjoyed the support and confidence of an increasing majority of the people of my native province. Through you, sir, I would convey to them my warmest thanks, though coupled with the sincere regret that, to me, most congenial relations could not have been still further prolonged.

With these explanations I might properly have brought this letter to a close, but I think, perhaps it will be of interest to my friends that I have been offered by my late colleagues, and upon consideration, have accepted the chairmanship of the Railway Commission about to be constituted under the new law. The time in this act of my political withdrawal, or being different to their wishes, or being inspired by any other motive than such as they can appreciate, and command.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

which followed, I have not felt that I was under any obligation to enter upon what would be, in my opinion, a fruitless and unavailing struggle.

Decided to Retire Before the Close of the Session. My decision, therefore, was to retire from the field of active politics, and having reached this conclusion, which I did about a month before the close of the recent session of parliament I at once, as I considered it proper to do, informed the prime minister of my determination.

In making the decision known to the public, I desire to accompany the announcement with an expression of my profound regret that circumstances have rendered the severing of the political connection between the citizens of St. John and myself imperative.

As the representative of the city in the House of Commons, I have experienced nothing but the kindest and most considerate treatment from its electors belonging to both political parties. I have been proud to represent St. John and the confidence which its people have in such untainted measure reposed in me as their representative, intensifies my sorrow in the parting.

May I flatter myself with the hope that these regrets are shared mutually between me and that my constituents will acquit me in this act of my political withdrawal, or being different to their wishes, or being inspired by any other motive than such as they can appreciate, and command.

Has Accepted Chairmanship of Railway Commission. To the election of the province at large I would add a word: Through an unbroken period of over twenty years, I have enjoyed the support and confidence of an increasing majority of the people of my native province. Through you, sir, I would convey to them my warmest thanks, though coupled with the sincere regret that, to me, most congenial relations could not have been still further prolonged.

With these explanations I might properly have brought this letter to a close, but I think, perhaps it will be of interest to my friends that I have been offered by my late colleagues, and upon consideration, have accepted the chairmanship of the Railway Commission about to be constituted under the new law. The time in this act of my political withdrawal, or being different to their wishes, or being inspired by any other motive than such as they can appreciate, and command.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Bodies of Victims Were Piled in One Solid Mass in the First and Second Balconies--Some Thrilling Escapes.

Ambulances, Trucks and Vehicles Used to Haul the Corpses Away--Dead Were Piled in Tiers--Strikers Refuse to Haul Dead.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Although every available policeman within call of the department was immediately hurried to the spot and the men placed in lines to receive the bodies, the fire department was unable to carry out its duty in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fire in the theatre, which started at 9.15 p.m., was the most disastrous in the city's history.

which followed, I have not felt that I was under any obligation to enter upon what would be, in my opinion, a fruitless and unavailing struggle.

Decided to Retire Before the Close of the Session. My decision, therefore, was to retire from the field of active politics, and having reached this conclusion, which I did about a month before the close of the recent session of parliament I at once, as I considered it proper to do, informed the prime minister of my determination.

In making the decision known to the public, I desire to accompany the announcement with an expression of my profound regret that circumstances have rendered the severing of the political connection between the citizens of St. John and myself imperative.

As the representative of the city in the House of Commons, I have experienced nothing but the kindest and most considerate treatment from its electors belonging to both political parties. I have been proud to represent St. John and the confidence which its people have in such untainted measure reposed in me as their representative, intensifies my sorrow in the parting.

May I flatter myself with the hope that these regrets are shared mutually between me and that my constituents will acquit me in this act of my political withdrawal, or being different to their wishes, or being inspired by any other motive than such as they can appreciate, and command.