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CHICAGO DEATH LIST NOW 590.

All Theatres and Places of Amusement Ordered Closed for Time Being. DESTROYING EVIDENCE. The Alleged Asbestos Curtain and Other Things Removed from the Building Unknown to the Authorities--Coroner Will Make Searching Investigation.

BIG HALIFAX FIRE IN A BLIZZARD.

Many Buildings Practically Destroyed Monday Morning. Thermometer 10 Below. Firemen Had a Tough Job Subduing Flames as the Water Froze to Their Clothes and Impeded Their Movements--Loss About \$8,000--List of Insurances.

OTTAWA POST OFFICE AND CUSTOMS RUINS

Magnificent Structure Gutted by Fire Last Night. 500 FEMALE PATIENTS MARCH FROM BURNING TAUNTON ASYLUM. Taunton, Mass., Jan. 4--With a fierce fire burning above their heads and threatening to destroy the building in which they were lodged, over 500 female patients at the Taunton insane hospital were marched from the blazing women's wing to a place of safety at midnight last night.

TROLLEY LINE TO WOODSTOCK.

Movement on Foot to Build from That Place to Fredericton. VERY COLD WEATHER. Thermometer Reaches 35 Below at the Capital--Victoria Hospital Rumpus Settled Amicably--Hale's Lumber Camp Burned--Aldermen to Retire--Other News.

WILD BLIZZARD STRIKES DIGBY, N. S.

Sunday Services Had to Be Abandoned and Funeral Postponed. D. A. R. SNOWBOUND. Digby, N. S., Jan. 4--(Special)--Yesterday's storm in Digby was the worst for many years. The streets were blocked with snow long before daylight and the services were abandoned during the day.

Chicago, Jan. 4--As a result of the Iroquois Theatre fire and panic in which 500 persons lost their lives, Building Commissioner Williams tonight issued an order closing all the public halls, dance halls, and all similar places of public amusement until an inspection has shown that they are complying with all provisions of the building ordinance. All the theatres have already been closed. This leaves Chicago churches and lodge halls open for public gatherings.

Halifax, Jan. 4--(Special)--At 4.30 o'clock this morning the thermometer was ten below in Halifax, and it remained between that and six below till this evening, when again commenced to drop, and at 10 o'clock tonight was down to nine below, and indications are that it will go lower before morning.

Ottawa, Jan. 4--(Special)--The Ottawa city post office and custom house building was wrecked by fire tonight. The roof and upper story are completely destroyed and part of the second floor is gone, while the whole building is drenched with water.

All the mail matter for the trains got out safely before the fire gained headway. What remained of the building is not habitable and temporary quarters will have to be got.

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SUSSEX COUPLE'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stockton Surprise Them--Z on Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Elects Officers. Sussex Jan. 4--A surprise party met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stockton Saturday evening to celebrate the 15th anniversary of their marriage.

ANOTHER BIG GOLD STRIKE IN THE YUKON TERRITORY.

The Find is in White River District, and is Believed to Equal the Klondike--Thousands Stamped from Dawson. Dawson, Jan. 4--(Special)--A great strike of gold is reported from White River district, at least twenty miles of which is in Canadian territory.

FILIPINO GENERAL PLANS ANOTHER REVOLT.

The Matter Not Considered Serious--Three Men Garrotted for Murder. Manila, Jan. 4--General Ricarte, the recently returned ex-governor in this city, has written a letter outlining a new revolution. The matter is not seriously considered by the government.

THREE-CORNERED FIGHT FOR MAYOR OF OTTAWA.

Alderman Ellis Won by Good Majority Over D'Arcy Scott, and the Third Man Away Behind--The New Aldermen. Ottawa, Jan. 4--(Special)--The municipal elections took place today. Mr. Ellis was elected mayor by 683 over Mr. Scott, 333, and Mr. Grant, 778.

COREA WOULD BE NEUTRAL IN CASE OF WAR.

Big Russian Fleet Now on Way to China Would Outnumber Japanese Fleet. Paris, Jan. 4--One of the leading diplomatic sources here says that the Russian naval division from Bizerta for China "might prove decisive in inducing Japan to take speedy action."

ONTARIO ELECTION TRIALS POSTPONED TILL SPRING.

Yarmouth Shut in by Snow Banks. The Streets Are Blocked and Mail Can't Be Got from Salem, Less Than Two Miles Away. Yarmouth, N. S., Jan. 4--(Special)--Saturday evening last a snow storm and gale commenced and has continued ever since.

CONSERVATIVES WERE READY TO GO ON, BUT THE LIBERALS WOULD NOT CONSENT, SO THE COURT FIXED MAY 2 AS THE TIME TO MEET AGAIN.

Toronto, Jan. 4--(Special)--The division court of the queen's bench sat today to hear arguments of counsel regarding date of trial of Ontario election petitions already set, with which the calling of the legislature has interfered.

ONE DEAD; TWO UNCONSCIOUS FROM GAS FUMES.

St. Petersburg, Pa., Jan. 4--Neighbors of Frank O'Connor, of Glasgow, broke into the house today and found Mrs. O'Connor dead and her two children unconscious. The cause of death was gas fumes.

BARCELONA STRIKE.

Barcelona, Jan. 4--The general strike of persons employed by the shipping industry which was declared yesterday, was joined today by 12,000 others. An attempt at mediation today failed.

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TRANSFORMATION COMMISSION TO MEET HERE THIS WEEK.

From St. John It Goes to St. Andrews and Thence to Halifax. Ottawa, Jan. 4--(Special)--The transportation commission will meet in St. John at the end of the present week, and will afterwards sit at St. Andrews.

ZERO IN NEW YORK.

New York, Jan. 4--The thermometer at 11 o'clock tonight touched zero with indications of going still lower during the night. The average temperature for the day was five degrees above.

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