

REVISED LIST OF CHICAGO THEATER FIRE VICTIMS

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Following is a revised list of the known dead:
MRS. JOHN ADAMECK, Bartlett, Ill.
WALTER D. AUSTRIAN, Laporte, Ind.
son of Joseph D. Austrian.

THOMAS BEMINGTON.
MRS. ANNA BERTON.
WALTER BISHOP, Kenosha, Wis.
WILMA SMITH BARRY.
LOLLA SHEPHERD.

MISS STELL MOORE, Hart, Mich.
MISS ANNA MERRILL.
PEARL M. MILLS.
LAWRENCE M'CLURE.
LILLIAN PETTON, Des Moines, Ia.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT
Roberts Bros
STORE CLOSED NEW YEAR'S DAY
Great Annual Clearance Sale
Will Begin Tomorrow, Saturday,
January 2, 1904, at 8 A. M.

CAUSE YET IN DOUBT
Theatrical People Stick to
Explosion Theory of Fire.
SCORES CONTRADICT THEM
Spectators Declare the Blaze Crept
Along the Curtain for Seconds
Before the Report—Woman's
Story Confirms This View.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—There was animated discussion today among firemen, employees of the theater and architects as to the cause of the fire. Opinions differ as widely as last night. The theatrical people are a unit in declaring the fire started with an explosion, and in this they are flatly contradicted by scores of people in the audience, who declare that they saw the fire creeping along the edge of the curtain for several minutes before the explosion took place.

LONDON OFFERS SYMPATHY.
Lord Mayor Sends a Message to the American People.
LONDON, Dec. 31.—The following message which Lord Mayor James T. Ritchie, of London, transmits through the Associated Press, well expresses the consternation and sympathy which prevail throughout the British metropolis over the disaster at Chicago:

Thanks to English People.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The following cablegram has been received at the State Department from Ambassador Choate at London:
"Citizens of London, through the Lord Mayor, offer their deep sympathy and sincere condolence with the American people in the awful loss of life at the Chicago fire."

Cassini Speaks for the Czar.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador, went to the State Department today and expressed the personal sympathy of the Russian Emperor for the people of the United States in this hour of affliction. Mr. Loomis assured the Ambassador that the expressions of the Emperor were deeply appreciated and a message to that effect has been cabled to St. Petersburg.

Hotel Elton
The Hotel Elton is located at the corner of Eleventh and Yamhill streets. It was erected the past season by Captain J. A. Brown. This hotel will be opened to the public some time in March by Mrs. E. D. Lee, as a first-class boarding house. The style of architecture is adapted from the California mission style and the plans for the building were prepared by D. L. Williams, architect.

ASTORIA SALMON-PACKER AND FAMILY ARE PROSTRATED FOR A TIME.
ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 31.—Miss Elsie Elmore, who has a narrow escape from death in the Chicago theater fire, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Elmore, of this city. This morning Mrs. Elmore received a telegram from Charles F. Hill, with whom her family Miss Elsie is visiting in Chicago, saying that Miss Grace Hill and Miss Elmore were in the fire, but escaped without serious injury.

THIS IS THE 1904 "WINTON"
FINDS WIRE HELD THE CURTAIN
Fittings for Spectacular Feature Caused Blaze, Says Inspector.
CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The cause of the "jamming" of the asbestos curtain, considered the cause of the disaster, was explained today by an inspector of the underwriters, who made a tour of the house. He found that the wire on which the Queen of Arts ballet flew over the audience in the second act held the asbestos curtain in place and prevented it from being lowered.

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