

SHUTS THE UP

Mayor of Chicago Closes
Nineteen Theaters.

ANOTHER HORROR IS FEARED

Most Popular Playhouses Lack
Asbestos Curtains.

IMITATIONS ARE DISCOVERED

Several Have Canvas Drops While
One Has Only Burlap—Other
Glaring Defects Also Noticed
by the Commissioner.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Mayor Carter H. Harrison today took steps to provide, as far as possible, against a repetition of Wednesday's horror at the Iroquois Theater. As a result of an investigation made at his orders, and lasting but a few hours, 19 theaters and museums were ordered closed, some of them being among the leading and most popular playhouses of the city.

The action of the Mayor was based on one single violation of the ordinances which are intended to protect the patrons of theaters from just such an occurrence as that which took so many lives on Wednesday. This was that every one of these places had omitted to supply an asbestos curtain. The theaters ordered closed are: Howard's, Sam T. Jack's, Marlowe, New American, Olympic, Academy of Music, Alhambra, Avenue, Bijou, Chicago Opera-House, Columbus Stock, Thirty-First Street, Criterion, Pigeonbaum's, Milwaukee-Avenue, Garlick and Chickman's. In addition to these the London Globe Museum and the Clark Street Museum were also compelled to close their doors.

Are Always Crowded.

The Chicago Opera-House and the Olympic Theaters are vaudeville houses of the highest class, and probably do as much business in point of numbers as any of the theaters in the city at single performances. They give, however, a matinee every day in the week, and it is seldom that seats can be obtained for any performance at the time of opening. In addition, they have been accustomed to selling large numbers of tickets for standing-room, and as a general thing more people are within these places of amusement at an average performance than can be found at any other playhouse in the city.

The Garrick Theater, which was ordered closed, is a small playhouse on the northwest side of the city, and should not be confounded with the larger theater of the same name, situated on Randolph street, two blocks west of the Iroquois. The inspection ordered by the Mayor today was carried out by Building Commissioner Williams and Chief of Police O'Neill. The scope of the investigation included not only the asbestos curtains, but the fact that there were no panic if the apparatus in this theater, which, judged by all ordinary standards, was the best-equipped playhouse in the city, had been in proper working condition. There is no getting beyond the fact. From all the evidence now in hand it is clear that if the asbestos curtains in this theater had been in the condition in which they should have been, there would have been no loss of life, comparatively speaking.

Calamity Largely Due to Curtn.

"It may not be possible," said Mayor Harrison, "to prevent loss of life when audiences rush for the runway, but I have determined to see that every precaution is taken to prevent such occurrences as will alarm the people and start them on a run for the exits. It is all very well to say that the great loss of life in the Iroquois Theater was due to the fact that the people lost their heads and crowded into the doorways and aisles like maniacs, but the fact remains, and it cannot be denied, that there would have been no panic if the apparatus in this theater, which, judged by all ordinary standards, was the best-equipped playhouse in the city, had been in proper working condition. There is no getting beyond the fact. From all the evidence now in hand it is clear that if the asbestos curtains in this theater had been in the condition in which they should have been, there would have been no loss of life, comparatively speaking."

Curtains of Linen and Burlap.

The report of Building Commissioner Williams showed that the Academy of Music, with a seating capacity of 2000, had a curtain of burlap. The Alhambra, with a capacity of 2000; The Avenue, 600; the Bijou, 1200; Clark-Street Museum, 270; Criterion, 1400; Pigeonbaum's, 400; Howard's, 900; Marlowe, 1200; New American, 1400, all had curtains of linen. The curtains in the Chicago Opera-House was of burlap, covered with fireproof paint. In the Columbus Stock Theater, and in Sam T. Jack's, it was of canvas. The Olympic Theater, which holds at least 2000 people at two performances every day it is open, had a curtain of canvas.

"There were other glaring defects," said Building Commissioner Williams, "which were noticed in some of the houses, but we were not paying particular attention to them today, although I noted them, and the theatrical managers will be compelled to remedy them as soon as possible."

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The failure to comply with the ordinance requiring that exits shall be indicated by printed signs struck the Mayor, and when he noted that heavy curtains were hung before some of these doors, he inquired why they had been placed there. Mr. Marshall replied that it was done to improve the appearance of the house. It was also noted by the Mayor that the

ordinance requirement which insists that galleries above the ground floor must each have a separate stairway leading to the street had been disregarded. Returning to his office, the Mayor said: "I think exactly as I thought yesterday of the theater. I could not see any explanation for the disaster except the failure of the curtain to come down. I tried a lot of the doors and they seemed to open and shut readily. I got into the rigging loft, which is of solid metal, without a trace of combustible material about it. I think it would have been wise, however, if the management had not placed heavy curtains in front of the exits. I gained a better idea of the horror of the thing today than I had possessed before."

TIRE OF DETAILS OF HORROR.

Feeling of People Strong That Afternoon Papers Are Not Printed.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Pitiless investigation of the Iroquois Theater fire today divided attention with the burial of the dead. The removal of bodies from the public morgue to private undertaking establishments developed a fresh element of uncertainty in computing totals of dead and missing. The actual count of corpses most generally agreed upon was 282, including 400 identified and 122 unidentified. Lists of missing vary greatly, one authority putting the total at 312. Injured are figured at 34.

Coroner Treager today issued an appeal to the public to notify him of all fire deaths that may have escaped the records. "It has come to my notice," said Coroner Treager, "that bodies of some persons were removed from the temporary hospitals and relief stations opened by merchants in the vicinity of the theater directly after the fire without any records having been made by the police."

"In the hurry and confusion, persons who could identify remains were allowed to take them to their homes without question. I understand that this occurred in a few instances. I have also learned that some of the injured were taken to private residences and hospitals without the making of any record, and it is reported to me that some have since died. I ask that any citizen knowing of any such occurrence report the matter to my office at once."

Except among relatives and friends of the dead and missing the people here were today to a large extent apparently satiated with details of the horror. To such an extent was this evident that the evening papers decided to follow the usual holiday custom and abandon publication. The City Press Association discontinued all attempts to keep track of bodies at the morgue, the fact being palpable that the effort was more productive of error than genuine information owing to the confusion incident to the removal of the bodies from the morgue. Those in charge of the result of overwork and loss of sleep. Instead of records at the morgue the issue of burial permits at the Coroner's office was substituted as a less unsatisfactory method of holding the death count.

SAYS IT IS FAULT OF PUBLIC.

Jessie Bartlett Davis Declares Good, Quiet Shows No Longer Please.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1.—Jessie Bartlett Davis, wife of Will J. Davis, part owner and manager of the Iroquois Theater, Chicago, in speaking of the terrible calamity, said: "It is all the fault of the public that such things occur. In these swift days the public is not satisfied with good, quiet shows. They must have lots of excitement, color and light, with the result that every actor takes his life in his hands when he goes before the footlights. 'In that particular scene when the awful catastrophe occurred there were 400 persons upon the stage. The wonder is that any of them escaped.'"

"I do not know how the asbestos curtain failed to work. Mr. Davis drilled his men every day in the use of the apparatus, and in the dropping of the curtain. Never before has there been a hitch."

"Francis Wilson, with whom Mrs. Davis is playing in 'Erminie,' said: 'It is my opinion that there should not be a step in a theater. Everything should be on a gradual incline. If theater-goers could have no fear of unexpected steps, I am satisfied the danger of a stampede would be lessened.'"

ACTORS ARE SHADOWED.

Police Hover About Hotels to Prevent Their Escape.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Archibald Bernard, chief electrician of the Iroquois Theater, was taken into custody by the police today and will be held pending an inquiry into the cause of the disaster.

After being closely questioned for two hours by the police, Bernard was formally charged with "manslaughter."

Chief of Police O'Neill today summoned Manager Will J. Davis, of the Iroquois Theater, to police headquarters.

"I want to question him," said Chief O'Neill, when asked the reason for his summons. "I am not arresting him. If I

POET LAUREATE OF ENGLAND ON NEW YEAR.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Alfred Austin, the Poet Laureate, has written a New Year's poem of some length, entitled "Moving Onward," which is published in the London Times today. It follows:

Years moving onward, onward. Whence and whither and why? Age after age in the self-same world, with the self-same stars in the sky. The self-same glory of light in heaven and light that is still on the way. Outlooking gaze of the dawn and drop of declining day.

All things always the same; unchanged, unchangeable, all save we. Who come like clouds, like clouds disappear, form and fall like the waves of the sea:

Message and meetings of severed friends, Yule carol, New Year chime And eternally moving on and on, the reasonless wheels of time. Peace but a hungry duel for life darkening to menace of war, And Muscovite legions tramping on, doing the will of the Tsar.

But still the glory of light in heaven and light that is still on the way. Faint hearts that despond of tomorrow, look up and be done with despair or dismay.

For British sentinels stand erect at the fortress gates of the world, And the British flag is on every sea with its splendid symbol unfurled, And the lord of right sits still on his throne, still wields his scepter and rod, And the winds and the waves and the years move on, doing the will of God.

thought that Managers Davis or Powers would leave Chicago I would lock them up immediately. But they will remain. Both are citizens of Chicago, men of good reputations and men with business interests."

"I summoned Mr. Davis to ask him about the fire in a general way, and to give him the guarantee that the members of the 'Moonlight Double O'et' will not leave Chicago before the inquiry. Otherwise it may be necessary to take the entire company into custody."

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comment except to intimate that the matter was in the hands of the Coroner and the police.

Five chorus girls, Daisy Beaudet, Edith Williams, Ethel Wynne, Annie Bryant and Miss Richardson were today closely questioned by Chief of Police O'Neill. They were exceedingly nervous.

DEATH NEAR IN MANY CASES.

People Who Were Burned Are in a Serious Condition.

At the hospitals, where many fearfully burned persons are being cared for, death being momentarily awaited in a number of cases. All that could be done had been, except to sit and watch for the last breath. A typical case was that of James Schneider, who was being cared for at the Samaritan Hospital by some of his relatives. Mr. Schneider finally passed away today.

The majority of the striking drivers have returned to work, and it is not likely that any funerals will be interfered with.

"We ordered them back, wages or no wages, to help the city out of the great calamity that has befallen it," said President Haggan, of the union. "After ten days the strike will be resumed where it left off."

The Coroner's office burial permits soon reached into the hundreds. Preparations have been made for the issuance of all that may be asked for, as it is anticipated that tomorrow and Sunday will be particularly busy days for the coroner.

The local insurance fraternity was hard hit in the loss of life. E. D. Clarke was killed in the crush. Three daughters of A. B. Washington were at the theater and two of them were killed. Florence Oxman, sister of Clarence Oxman, perished.

E. R. Wetmore, who placed the insurance line on the theater, went to the scene of the fire soon after it started to ascertain the probable insurance loss, forgetting until he saw the firemen carrying bodies from the building that his own 12-year-old daughter and her 14-year-old cousin had intended going to the Iroquois. Both children escaped through the efforts of one of the ushers. No attempt has yet been made accurately to estimate the loss on the theater. The place places the amount at about 25 per cent of the insurance, or \$50,000. Some thought this estimate was too high. The damage was all on the contents and furnishings, the structural part of the building being intact.

The City Press Association had last night the names of 500 identified dead. A re-examination of the list today showed that a number were included incorrectly. Instead of being dead, the names of some were those who had identified bodies. While it is not known what the total number of dead is in the neighborhood of 500, only about 400 have been identified. A recount of the unidentified dead was started today.

St. Louis Will Revise Laws.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 1.—The Commissioner of Public Buildings and the Chief of the Fire Department have notified local theater owners that they must carry out every provision of the fire laws, and must prevent fire and panic. A new ordinance revising the building laws is now pending in the Council.

New York's Action for Safety.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The first order issued under the new administration of the fire department looks to the more thorough inspection of all theaters in this city. In each battalion wherein a theater is located, a competent assistant

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FRANTIC FROM GRIEF

Man Draws Gun When Told to Take Corpse Off Car.

BABY WRAPPED IN CANVAS

Father Is Unable to Secure a Cab or Carriage, and Tells Conductor He Proposes Wife Shall Have Her Child.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—The entire family of Frederick S. Pond, 33 years cashier of the Deering Reap-Work, was exterminated by the Iroquois Theater fire. In the disaster Mr. Pond lost his wife and two children, all of whom he has identified. A sister of Mrs. Pond, Miss Grace Tuttle, is still among the missing. Helen, a 7-year-old daughter of Mr. Pond, was identified solely by her teeth. A club pin was all that led to the recognition of Raymond Pond, 14 years old. The funeral of Mrs. Pond and her two children will be delayed until the body of Miss Tuttle is found.

A pathetic incident occurred today on the Cottage Grove-avenue cable line. This passes within half a square of Holston's morgue. Late this afternoon a man, haggard and worn, walked up to a Cottage Grove car and climbed aboard, carrying in his arms the body of a little golden-haired girl. The form was partially wrapped in a canvas cloth, but not sufficiently to conceal it. As the father took his seat with the child in his arms the conductor eyed him doubtfully, and then said:

"I am sorry, but the rules of the company do not permit the carrying of bodies in this manner. I must ask you to leave the car."

Carries Point With Revolver.

Without changing his expression in the slightest the man rose to his feet, still holding on one arm the body of his child. With his free hand, he thrust into the coat of the conductor a large revolver, and said:

"This is my daughter. I have looked for her all of last night and all of today. I have tried in vain to obtain a cab or a carriage and I can get none. I am taking my baby home to her mother, and I intend to take her on this car. Now go on."

The conductor, realizing the situation, gave way, and in the crowded car the father sat and carried the corpse of his child to her home.

Miss Georgia Swift, a prominent society woman, who was badly battered and bruised in the panic to the theater, talking of her experiences today, said:

"I started up the aisle at about the same time as all the others. I suppose my seat was on the first floor near the stage, and when I had reached the rear

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LADY DEAD AWAY.

(Continued from First Page.)

seized her and carried her out and then returned to the theater. Here I worked pulling people out of the choked exits until it was useless to stay any longer."

With the arrest of McMullen, the police believe they have the last important witness among the theater employees who are essential to a complete inquiry into the Coroner's inquest.

Confesses to Part in Murder.

DENVER, Jan. 1.—At the police station this afternoon, Fred Arnold, 18 years of age, confessed to complicity in the murder of Mrs. Amanda Youngblood and the probably fatal shooting of her son, Robert, while attempting to rob the little grocery store kept by Mrs. Youngblood and her husband, Thomas M. Youngblood, at Valverde, a suburb of Denver. Arnold's confession implicates Newton Andrews, aged 20, and Charles Peters, 21 years old, the former of whom is said to have fired the fatal shots. Both are under arrest.

"There have been rumors of a threatened lynching of the murderers, but the police declare they are amply able to protect their prisoners. The young men drove to the Youngblood store and gained admission by asking permission to use the telephone. They tried to hold up the elder Youngblood, but, although 64 years of age, he resisted until stunned by a blow on the head from a revolver. His wife and

Governor Telegraphs Condolences.

An expression of sympathy and condolence from the people of Oregon to the people of Chicago in their affliction of the Iroquois Theater catastrophe, was telegraphed by Governor Chamberlain, yesterday, to Mayor Carter Harrison. The message is as follows:

"Portland, Or., Jan. 1, 1904.—Hon. Carter Harrison, Chicago, Ill.: The people of Oregon extend to you and through you to the people of your city their deepest sympathy in the great affliction which has fallen upon you and them."

Italy Expresses Sympathy.

ROME, Jan. 1.—Minister of Foreign Affairs Tittoni has requested the Italian Ambassador at Washington to express to the American Government the sympathy of Italy with the United States in the Chicago theater disaster.

Expresses Sorrow for France.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—The French Ambassador has received a cablegram from President Loubet, asking him to express to President Roosevelt his sorrow over the Chicago disaster. This the Ambassador has done.

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