

ROBERTSON

Chicago Closes All Halls Save Churches.

SHUT-DOWN IS FOR WEEKS

Five Thousand Amusement Places Are Affected.

15,000 PERSONS WILL SUFFER

Business Will Feel the Blow Heavily, but the Mayor is Determined that the Building Ordinances Must Be Complied With.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—After tonight it will, for some weeks at least, be practically impossible to hold a house meeting of any kind in Chicago outside of churches. Building Commissioner Williams tonight issued an order closing all public halls, dance halls and turn-of-vent hall and all other places of public assembly until inspection has shown that they are complying with all provisions of the building ordinance.

As there are more than 500 halls in Chicago, ranging in size from those that will accommodate 50 persons up to those with a seating capacity of 500, this order will affect probably as many persons as the theaters, and some of them are put up with no restrictions, such as government theaters, and many of them are fire-traps of the worst kind.

Will Take No Chances. Two years ago a general inspection of halls was made, before the commencement of Building Commissioner Williams' administration. At that time the Commissioner declares he will take no chances, and every hall must satisfy the requirements. The sole exemption is in favor of private lodges, which do not fall in the scope of the order.

Mr. Williams was notified tonight of the election of Joseph Downey, a prominent contractor and trustee of the Board of Education, and Chairman of the Joint committee, selected at Mayor Harrison's request, by the various architects and builders' associations to inspect all of the downtown theaters.

Deputy Building Commissioner Stanhope had another inspection of the theater ruins today to prepare for the questions which will be asked by the Coroner and jurors when the inquest begins.

Mayor Harrison and several Aldermen, who have been appointed to control legislation in regard to theaters, met this afternoon with the theater managers, every playhouse in Chicago, excepting the Great Northern, being represented.

The managers asked if they could not open their houses and sell seats upon the lower floor only. It was declared that all places must remain closed until the ordinance requirements had been fully met.

Business Feels Order Heavily. The closing of Chicago theaters by order of Mayor Harrison has caused paralysis of business in many directions. Three thousand actors, stagehands and people who depend directly on the theaters for a living, are idle, with no hope of employment for probably a week.

Restaurants that cater to theatrical audiences have laid off many employees. The hotels are complaining and traffic on the street railways is probably lessened.

It is estimated that 15,000 persons will suffer from the Mayor's closing order. The loss in receipts at the 25 theaters will total \$100,000 per day.

This afternoon attorneys for the Fire Department secured from five witnesses corroboration of the charges that a wrecking crew of the George A. Fuller Company had destroyed the skylights on the day after the disaster.

Fire Inspector Fulkerson said today: "It was the intention that these skylights should open automatically to allow the escape of heat and smoke and create a draft which would draw upward instead of allowing them to pass out over the audience. But from information I have I am positive that the opening of the skylights was impossible, because beneath each section of the lights had been placed pieces of skantling, which remained there unremoved by the employees of the Fuller Construction Company on Thursday afternoon."

Mr. Fulkerson intimated he might take action against Superintendent Jones, alleged to have ordered the fire fight. He said: "I have determined that the fire originated from the contact of a linen curtain with an intensely hot and inadequately protected skylight. I have determined that the curtain stuck because a piece of stage mechanism in normal operation was directly in the path of descent of the fire shield. I know that the fire was driven under the suspended curtain by the rush of cold air into the stage when some one opened the stage door."

I have evidence that the automatic skylights over the stage did not open as they should have done to create a fire through which the flames, smoke and heated air on the burning stage could have found a vent. It is apparent that the exits were not adequate. The next step is fixing the responsibility."

Witnesses who appeared before Inspector Fulkerson today testified that the skylights over the stage were fastened down from the roof, and were opened the day after the holocaust.

Among the most important testimony submitted was that of Architect H. B. Wheelock, the windows of whose office overlook the roof of the theater building. He stated that during the fire the skylights, which are intended to ventilate the stage and form a fire for flames in such an emergency as that of last Wednesday, remained securely fastened. Thursday morning he said, a wrecking crew under the charge of Superintendent Jones, of the Fuller Construction Company, appeared on the roof and removed two 2x4 scantlings that held down the vents and tore them up. The architect declared he was surprised at the prospect that he knew the property was in the hands of the coroner and that no one had any right to touch it or make any alterations pending the coroner's investigation.

COUNCIL INDORSES THE ACTION Steps Are Also Taken to Inquire Greater Safety to the Public.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—An enormous crowd attended the opening of the City Council meetings tonight, it being expected that a great number of ordinances relative to the Iroquois Theater fire would be acted upon. Their expectation was amply fulfilled and the Council did little other business than to listen to the reading of proposed laws calculated to insure greater safety in places of public assembly. The Council took action as follows:

Indorsed the action of Mayor Harrison in closing all the theaters, and adopted his

recommendation for the appointment of a committee to investigate all local theaters which are to remain closed until the committee has finally reported. Referred to this special committee the following proposed ordinance:

Directing one policeman and one policeman to be placed upon the stage and one fireman and one policeman upon every floor of the audience portion of every theater, the management of the theater to pay \$2 for each man at every performance.

Providing separate exits from every balcony to the ground. Providing for the erection above the stage of two stand pipes. Ordering an investigation into the matter of requiring adult guards and guides at all exits in all theaters and halls. Ordering all places of public amusement, with a seating capacity of 500 or over, to provide automatic apparatus to open and close all doors to exits, the system to operate in conjunction with levers, every one of which shall open all doors simultaneously and at the same time operate electric lights in all passageways.

Ordering that the names of the actual proprietor and actual manager of any place of amusement shall be plainly indicated by signs.

Directing that every theater shall be provided with a steel fire-proof curtain which shall be operated not more than five minutes before the commencement of every performance and lowered at least once during every performance.

Providing that all employees and attaches of theaters be given a fire-drill and be subject to inspection and drill by the Fire Marshal of the city.

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declaring it to be the sense of the Council that the acceptance of the passes from railroads or places of amusement be discontinued. Alderman Hunter rose to inquire:

"Does that include the transportation we have in our pockets?"

"It does," Alderman Dunn replied. "Every street railway or railway pass we have is a small bribe."

Alderman Dunn asked for a suspension of the rules to pass his resolution, but his request was denied by an overwhelming vote.

REPETITION OF THE SAD SCENES Many Funerals, Delayed for Lack of Hearses, Take Place.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Today, the fourth devoted to the funerals of the Iroquois Theater fire horror, witnessed a repetition of the sad scenes of the previous days. Many funerals, belated because of inability to secure hearse and carriages, took place today. Although the occasional alight of the slow-moving corteges, some with more than one hearse at their head, was a reminder of the pall of death upon the city, there was no appreciable cessation of business activity. The public schools, however, were closed, as a tribute to 37 dead teachers, victims of the fire.

Members of the Chicago Teachers' Federation met in the society's office to hear memorial addresses. Superintendent Cooley said the board would take action on Wednesday toward extending aid to the families of the dead teachers.

Three hearse in one funeral procession were required for the burial of W. N. Spring, his wife and Miss Edwina Spring. One of the prominent funerals of the day was that of Maria A. and Eliza M. Fair, daughters of the late Major Alexander Fair, formerly of the British Army.

CORONER'S JURY AT THEATER No Trace is to Be Found of the Asbestos Curtain.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—The Coroner's Jury today made a second tour of the Iroquois Theater and spent three hours in the building. Contrary to announcement, the jury did not take experts with them, the members evidently preferring to make their investigation without advice from outsiders. The jury spent half an hour on the stage, sifting the debris piled on the charred floor, but no trace was found of the alleged asbestos curtain or the wire cables with which it is said to have been hung. A search for the asbestos curtain, which it is said made it impossible to lower the asbestos curtain, but neither could they be found.

After exploring every part of the building, the party went to the roof, where a careful examination of the skylights, flues and ventilating apparatus was made. The glass in the skylights was broken and all the flues and pipes were open.

JEWELRY FROZEN IN THE ICE Value of Unidentified Articles Will Reach \$25,000.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Probably \$25,000 worth of articles lost in the fire are still unidentified. Dozens of pieces of jewelry are frozen in the ice in the ill-fated theater, and officers were busy all day digging out watches, rings, hairpins and furs.

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MADE HIS PLACE A HOSPITAL

All the Furnishings That Could Remain People of the Fire Are Removed, but Still They Shun the Place.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—John R. Thompson, the proprietor of the restaurant which adjoins the Iroquois Theater on the east, has lost the greater portion of his business since the fire. On the day of the disaster Mr. Thompson threw open his restaurant for the bodies of the dead and wounded as they were carried out of the theater. He summoned nurses and doctors, procured medical supplies and did

everything it was possible for a man to do to alleviate the horror of the catastrophe. His valuable and disintegrated services were widely advertised in the papers, with the result of driving practically his patrons away. He has caused all of the tables to be removed and destroyed, and has taken away all portable furnishings that could remind customers of the fire, but the fact remains that people stay away from his restaurant, and he is paying the heavy price for the services he rendered to the public last Wednesday afternoon.

THROW NO LIGHT ON TRAGEDY Singers Did Not Know There Was a Fire Until Sparks Fell.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Little result followed the examination of seven men of the double octet which was on the stage in the Iroquois Theater when the fire broke out. It was expected that the men who were arrested immediately after the fire would have much information, but the contrary was the case.

"We kept on singing and dancing, and did not even know that there was a fire until sparks fell upon the stage and two girls of the double octet faintly," said William Sieck, the first witness called.

"It is the rule of the stage that we are fined if we turn our faces for an instant from the audience. All I know is that we stuck to our work until we had to run for our lives." Sieck's story was corroborated by the six men who followed him.

The police today arrested George M. Dusenberry, chief usher of the theater, on a charge of manslaughter. Dusenberry declares he tried to hold back the rush of spectators, and later helped to save 30 women from the jammed front exits. He is held to furnish evidence on the statements made by many people in the theater that the ushers closed the doors, and that they at first refused to allow people to pass out.

Benjamin Solomon, a boy who rented opera glasses in the upper balcony, declared today that all the ushers and attaches closed the doors and shouted to the spectators to remain seated, as there was no danger. Coroner Traeger is looking for the chief scrub woman of the theater, who, it is said, carried with her all the keys to the doors and of the two balconies.

PACIFIC COAST GIRL A VICTIM. Miss Cora Stillman, Daughter of a Professor at Stanford.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—One of the dreadful incidents of the Iroquois theater fire was the death of Miss Cora Stillman, daughter of Professor Stillman, of the Leland Stanford University, who, with her twin sister, Minnie, had been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Edward Mulligan. The three were seated in the first balcony, and in the panic became separated.

Mrs. Mulligan reached the fire-escape and, looking back, did not see her niece. She fought her way back into the balcony through the struggling mass and encountered the wave of fire, which burned her severely on the face, neck and arms. In some manner she found her way to the fire-escape a second time and reached the alley, but her niece was killed. Professor Stillman arrived in Chicago today and will leave this evening for Palo Alto with the body of his daughter.

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