

# LOOKS IN EXITS

## New Sensation in Chicago Horror.

### MANAGERS ON THE STAND

#### Acknowledge They Had No Preparations for Fire.

#### EMPLOYEES NOT INSTRUCTED

#### Almost One in Three People in the Playhouse Lost Their Lives—The Stagehands Confess That They Were Panicked.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—By their own evidence given today before Monroe Ferguson, who is conducting the Fire Department investigation into the Iroquois Theater horror, the proprietors of the theater showed that a worse condition of affairs existed than had heretofore been thought possible.

Will J. Davis, Harry J. Powers and Thomas J. Noonan, active managers of the Iroquois Theater, were examined by Ferguson today. All of them pleaded ignorance of any precautions taken to prevent loss of life by fire at their theater. They admitted failure to instruct employees in fire drills, fire, and failure even to provide suitable appliances for the use against flames.

Their statements were corroborated by the testimony of 29 employees of the theater, no one of whom had ever been told what to do in case of fire.

Noonan, who is the working manager of the theater under direction of Davis and Powers, admitted today that 11 of the theater exits were locked and bolted. Two of these exits leading to the front of the theater on the ground floor were locked, three additional exits on the north side of the ground floor were bolted, three exits on the north side of the theater from the first balcony were bolted and three exits on the north side of the second balcony were bolted.

#### Hundreds Were Suffocated.

The greatest loss of life from the fire was in the first and second balconies, where hundreds of people were suffocated through their inability to get out, or were trampled to death while trying to do so. Had these three exits in each balcony been available, according to Mr. Ferguson, the loss of life must have been diminished.

Noonan declared that no person had been named by the theater management to superintend the operation of the ventilators in case of fire, and in consequence the flames had been permitted to sweep the place instead of seeking a natural outlet through the stage door. It was said by Noonan that George M. Duesberry, the head usher, Archibald Bernard, chief electrician, and the theater engineer, knew how to operate the ventilators. It was proved by the evidence of these men, however, that two of them never went upon the stage, and the other had never been told to assume charge of the ventilators in case of fire.

Duesberry declared that his duty as usher kept him in the front of the house. The engineer was also below the stage attending to his engine, and Bernard, the only one of the three knowing how to operate the ventilators who was ever upon the stage during a performance, testified he had never been told to assume charge of them.

#### One in Three of the Loss of Life.

From figures obtained by Noonan today it became evident that almost one in three of the people who attended the matinee lost their lives, the percentage being a trifle over 21 per cent. The theater seated 1866 people, and in addition to these 356 had been admitted after all seats were sold, making a total of 1842 people in the theater, of whom 585 were killed.

Manager Noonan declared that the two balconies, including seats and people standing, held 853 people. As the total number of fatalities in the fire is to date 1842, it is seen that 585 were killed on the first floor, this would make, according to Mr. Noonan's statement, 588 deaths out of 889 people in two balconies.

Will J. Davis testified that he had given no orders to place a fire alarm box in the theater; that he had given no direction to place a pump upon the stage, beyond the fact that any apparatus the firemen wanted should be provided as soon as possible. He declared he could not say as to whether the building had been finally accepted by the Fuller Company or not. He admitted he never had given any instructions to anybody as to what should be done in case of fire. He testified to no knowledge as to whether the theater had received a final certificate of inspection from the Building Department of the city before opening or not.

Mr. Powers gave evidence substantially the same as that of Mr. Davis. Electrician Bernard, who followed Noonan in giving evidence, said he had never been told to assume charge of the skylights or ventilators, and that his post was at the switchboard, where he had several hundred lights to manage. The stage ventilator, which would probably have saved many lives had it been opened, was controlled, he declared, from the side of the stage opposite his post of duty.

#### Stagehands Had No Fire Orders.

Fifteen other stage witnesses who had worked on the stage declared that they had never received any orders from the management as to what they should do in case of fire. There was never a fire drill in the theater, and some of the stagehands were informed as to the location or use of fire appliances or the operation of the ventilators over the auditorium and stage.

That the employees in the front of the house were thrown into a panic by the fire was shown by the testimony of all the stagehands examined. Two others, each 15 years old, declared that they ran on the first alarm of fire, and did not return to the theater until the next day. The stagehands said they all sought safety on hearing that the place was on fire.

#### The Overwhelming Mistake.

"The overwhelming mistake of the Iroquois disaster was in the condition of the skylights and ventilators above the stage," said Fire Inspector Ferguson.

"Had the ventilators over the stage been open or the skylights not been fastened shut," said Mr. Ferguson, "there would have been no loss of life by fire, regardless of the asbestos curtain falling to work. An employee of

# AMERICA STEPS IN

## Protection to Life and Property in Santo Domingo.

### ANARCHY NOW HOLDS SWAY

#### Naval Commander Dillingham Reports Houses Looted, Lives Absolutely Disregarded—Women and Children Fleeing.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—With a firm hand the Government at Washington now on will protect American life and property in the island of Santo Domingo. The following dispatch received at the Navy Department today from Commander Dillingham, commanding the Detroit, dated at Puerto Plata, January 6, was made public by order of the Secretary.

"In this vicinity anarchy prevails, business is at a standstill. Puerto Plata quiet at present. Fighting at Sosua, December 2, between Morales and Jimenez troops took place on United Fruit Company's property. Without notice houses were looted, lives of United States citizens absolutely disregarded, women and children had to flee for safety, property destroyed. Have forbidden any fighting of any armed force of any party within certain lines necessary to protect lives of United States citizens at Sosua. Commanding officers in the field near Sosua have been instructed. Left one Colt automatic gun and steam launch with officer and 15 marines at Sosua to see that my instructions were carried out until my return. No communication with this force; can control situation.

#### JURY FACES GRAVE QUESTION.

Identity of People Who Died at Certain Spots Must Be Ascertained.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—"Make every possible effort to ascertain the identity of every person who died in this corner," State's Attorney Deneen had made this request of Coroner Traeger, as they stood at the door of the Iroquois Theater, where before a locked exit, more than 50 of the victims of the Iroquois disaster were found. In this request, repeated at every point where bodies were found, State's Attorney Deneen gave the key to one of the gravest questions that will confront the Grand Jury in fixing the criminal responsibility for deaths.

It will not be sufficient for the purposes of a criminal prosecution for the Coroner to show that the locked door was responsible for the deaths, even if the responsibility for the locked door is fixed. In order to sustain a prosecution for manslaughter, it will be necessary for the Coroner to determine the identity of one or more of the individuals whose deaths were caused.

It will not be sufficient to show that the three steps leading out of the first balcony to the main stairway caused a score of persons to fall and die. The identity of those persons must be proved in court before a charge of manslaughter can be sustained.

Appreciating the technicalities of the law which require precise proof, the State's Attorney cautioned the Coroner to make special efforts to ascertain the identity of persons who died at each of the exits.

#### LOSING THOUSANDS EACH DAY

Hotels and Restaurants Seriously Affected by Closing Order.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—The closing of the theaters by order of the Mayor is causing a daily loss of thousands of dollars to the hotel and restaurant-keepers in the city. The State's Attorney has also thrown a great many restaurant employees out of work, and in many places it was stated that more help would be laid off if the theaters remained closed. Restaurants which have catered to the theater trade in the past now find that they are operating at a loss.

Even the streets seem deserted after the hours when the traction companies feel the decrease of business. Livery-stable owners report a considerable falling off in business.

#### Musicians Want More Protection.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—In the revision of the city building ordinance for the protection of the theater patrons in Chicago, the musicians will demand that attention be given to the orchestra pits. At least one exit from each orchestra pit is requested. The musicians are also considering asking that more room be provided for them, and that less wood be used in the construction of their quarters.

Charged with the pit of the Iroquois Theater was dangerous have been made at a meeting of the executive committee of the Federated Musicians. A communication was authorized to Coroner Traeger, asking that he summon members of the Iroquois Orchestra to the inquest. The musicians, it is believed, are in a position to throw much light on the conditions existing in the theater at the time of the fire. A committee was appointed to confer with Mayor Harrison.

#### Endless Litigation Over Estates.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—As a result of the Iroquois theater disaster, in which whole families perished, and lines of legal descent were made so complicated as almost to defy tracing, the Probate Court faces a season of endless litigation. The question of priority of death of the fire victims is the issue on which many of the estates may be hung up in the courts for months and years before they can be distributed. Probate Judge Cutting says that he anticipates that in hundreds of estates this issue will have to be determined before the estates can be adjudicated.

#### Washing Rubbish for Valuables.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Methods of the California fire department are being used by the Chicago police in recovering valuables lost in the Iroquois Theater disaster. Three big wagon loads of dirt and ashes were taken from the theater floor today and were conveyed under police protection to the basement of a store near by. A placer mining outfit, including sleds and gold pans, was erected at the City Custodian Greigier started a search for valuables among the rubbish.

#### Sad News Awaits Him.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 6.—C. Arnold, a passenger by steamer Empress of Japan, which arrived yesterday, found on arrival that his mother and two sisters were among the dead of the Iroquois Theater horror. He is hurrying to Chicago.

#### THE DEATH ROLL.

##### Widow of Gotham Millionaire.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Mrs. Margaret Hamersley, widow of James H. Hamersley, is dead at her home in Fifth avenue. She was a member of a prominent North Carolina family, and grandchild of William Augustus Muhlenberg, the famous Protestant Episcopal preacher and writer. It is possible her death may again involve the Hamersleys millions in litigation, owing to the conditions of the trust which cut off, owing to religious differences, the child of the present Lady Beresford, widow of Louis Hamersley.

##### A Noted Scientist.

MUNICH, Jan. 6.—Karl Frod Zitt, the paleontologist and president of the Academy of Sciences, is dead.

##### TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

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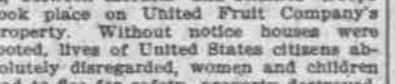
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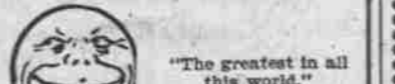
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- 50c Ribbed Cashmere Hosiery ..... 39c
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- 25c Black and Gray Cashmere Sox ..... 19c
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- 25c Fancy Sox ..... 19c
- 1.00 Fancy Sox ..... 79c

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- \$1.50 Automobile Bags ..... 98c
- \$2.00 Bags at ..... \$1.59
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- 50c Pocketbooks at ..... 28c
- 75c Pocketbooks at ..... 39c

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## AMERICAN PROTECTION TO BOAT

Revolutionists Proposed to Take a Craft Carrying \$20,000.

SANTO DOMINGO, Sunday, Jan. 3.—The gunboat Independencia arrived here last night with two captured Dominican schooners in tow. The schooners carried arms and munitions war intended for coast defense. The Independencia boarded the suburbs of the city today with the object of driving out the revolutionists. It is officially reported that Bana and San Cristobal were taken by the Government troops.

There was a severe encounter between the government troops and the revolutionists at Haina with a result favorable to the Government.

The tug Ana, the property of an estate of San Isidro, was prevented by the revolutionists from reaching the estate, and the owners applied for protection to United States Minister Powell. The latter informed the government officials that if they could not protect the Ana he would. Commander Mertz, of the United States gunboat Newport, furnished an armed convoy for the Ana, equipped with a field gun. The two boats were ready to leave when the government endeavored to prevent their departure.

Minister Powell promptly directed that the boats should proceed, and said he and Commander Mertz would accept all responsibility for their action. Later Minister Powell and Commander Mertz waited upon the President and told him that if his government could not protect American property, gold and would. The Ana carried \$20,000, which the revolutionists hoped to capture.

There was a severe attack on the city this morning, but the troops managed to repulse the revolutionists. Commerce is completely at a standstill. News from the interior cannot be obtained.

## COLOMBIA'S ARMY YET SMALL.

Facts Gleaned by Perrill in His Interview with Ortiz.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Following is an official narrative of the interview of Lieutenant H. H. Perrill, of the United States steamship Atlanta, with the Colombian troops at Concepcion de Titumal on December 15, though the correctness of details is not guaranteed. Captain Ely, who left the Atlanta, accompanied by Harold Martin, Associated Press correspondent, the schooner it was seen that she carried Colombian troops, but no colors.

Lieutenant Perrill was invited on board by the commanding officer and the schooner proved to be the Antioquia, in command of General Rafael Novo, a Venezuelan, holding a commission in the Colombian army, who also commanded the troops on board. He said that there were 24 of the troops, but more than that number were on deck, and a glimpse in the hold showed many more. Novo avoided all direct questions, constantly referring the inquiry to General Daniel Ortiz, his superior in command of the Colombian forces on shore.

Lieutenant Perrill took General Novo from the schooner and landed, and was presented to General Ortiz, who treated him courteously throughout the interview and neither in word or deed was there any overt act of unkindness on the part of any of the Colombians. A line of sentry patrolled the beach, while the line was established 30 yards inland. As soon as Lieutenant Perrill had landed, General Ortiz requested, that in view of the fact that the troops were Colombian waters, the United States flag should be taken down, or at least the Colombian flag shown in the bow. To this Lieutenant Perrill replied he could not grant the request, but he would hoist the Colombian flag, and second, he was bound by the laws of nations to carry the flag of his country in a boat belonging to a man of war. Generally speaking, he was for a Colombian flag, but the incident was not again brought up.

## SUSPENSION WAS PROPER.

Action of Methodists in Hammond Case is Upheld.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 6.—The action of the California Methodist Episcopal Conference in suspending Rev. J. D. Hammond, of San Francisco, for one year, because of mismanagement of church funds, was adjudged proper by the judiciary committee of the appeals today by a vote of 19 to 3.

No crime of conduct or character was charged, the action against the minister being based on his business judgment. The memorial service of Dr. Beard, who came here to represent the church, in the trial, and who died suddenly on Monday, took place in the Union M. E. Church, Bishop Fitzgerald and Dr. Bane, of San Francisco, delivered addresses.

## Eastern Cold Wave Broken.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Two degrees above zero was the coldest temperature recorded today in this city. Tonight the mercury has risen to 23 above, and the local forecasters believe the crest of the cold wave has passed.

Reports from all sections in New England show that the cold wave has been broken.

## ING AGAINST THE PRESENCE OF AN AMERICAN MAN OF WAR IN COLOMBIAN WATERS.

During the stay on the beach, and while the envoys were on board the Atlanta, Lieutenant Perrill and Mr. Martin were able to secure information which is summarized as follows:

General Ortiz is next in rank to General Reyes, and at the time was in command of all Colombian forces operating in the eastern region of the country near Cartagena on December 2 on the gunboat Cartagena. His forces were distributed from Reyes Point to Cape Tiburon, and numbered at that time about 300 men, with an equal number laboring forces. These numbers, however, were being added to by men brought from points on the east side of the Gulf of Darien by means of small coasting vessels and Colombian gunboats.

Ortiz's headquarters were at Titumal, a small village situated about midway between Tumate and Turera Islands. At this camp he had a force of 40 or 50 men. A line of sentries patrolled the beach from Tarena Point north almost to Tumate Island, and there were three field pieces located at advantageous points.

## ANSWER TO COLOMBIA COMPLETED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Secretary Hay has completed his final revision of the answer to be made by the American Government to the protest filed by General Rafael Reyes, the Colombian Minister, against the action of the United States regarding affairs on the Isthmus. The communication is a long one, and sets out in detail the stand of the Americans on the various points raised and grievances complained of by General Reyes in his note submitted to the State Department in the latter part of December. The reply has been given very earnest consideration by the President, but Secretary Root, who assisted in its preparation during the time Secretary Hay was ill, and by Secretary Hay himself. This paper, together with General Reyes' note, is expected, will be sent to Congress probably next week.

## KIND WISHES FOR GRANT.

Texas, at Farewell Banquet, Express Hope He Will Be President.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 6.—The Business Men's Club tendered a farewell banquet to General Frederick Grant, who goes to Chicago to assume command of the Department of the Lakes. In the course of the banquet the hope was expressed that he would some day pass from military to civic life to head a Republican ticket for President, a wish in which he good-naturedly acquiesced. Captain Ely, who was attended by 75 representative Texans and as many army officers. Federal Senator Adolfo Heberwisch, of Mexico, was naturally acquiescent. The banquet was a glowing tribute to Japan and the Japanese army by Captain H. H. Ely, Twenty-sixth Infantry, was vociferously applauded by the military officers in attendance. Captain Ely, who fought by the side of Japanese soldiers in the Boxer campaign, said that Japan is a military power of great strength, and that the Russian will not have an easy victory in case of war with the Japanese Empire.

## CRUISER'S BOILERS EXPLODE.

Forty-Three Lives Are Lost in Accident on British Ship.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Jan. 7.—Forty-three persons have been killed by the explosion of the boilers on the British cruiser Wallaroo. The Wallaroo, which was proceeding to Hobart, signalled Montague Island, 230 miles south of Sydney, reporting the disaster, but giving no details. The Wallaroo is returning and is expected here tomorrow.

## MOORE MOVED TO PITTY.

Story of Sickness and Poverty Melts Heart of Veteran.

"I'll turn him out if I lose my job!" Captain Moore's voice was determined, but on his face was a look of tender pity. J. B. Morris, who had not yet served out his term on the rockpile, was awaiting the Captain's decision.

"His little girl lies at the point of death," the doctor had just reported. "The family is destitute; the mother has sat up day and night with the sick girl, and she will collapse for the want of sleep if some one does not come to relieve her. The baby is crying for her father, and will not be comforted."

"See," said the doctor; "child and mother may pass away together if they do not have him."

## No Appetite

Means loss of vitality, vigor or tone, and is often a precursor of prostrating sickness. This is why it is serious. The best thing you can do is to take the great alternative and tonic Hood's Sarsaparilla Which has cured thousands.

## ELOPES WITH A BELLE

SAN BERNARDINO IS GIVEN A SMALL SENSATION.

Dr. Gazzolo Had Long Been Put Off, but Start Offered at Portland Decides.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Jan. 6.—Miss Frances Perdew, one of the prettiest girls of this place, and an acknowledged society belle, eloped last night with Dr. F. E. Gazzolo, also a member of exclusive circles, and were married at Los Angeles.

The affair culminates a romantic courtship extending over a period of five years, the wedding being frequently postponed on account of the youthfulness of both.

Recently the bride's parents removed to Fresno and last night Miss Perdew left, ostensibly with the intention of joining them. The train pulled out Dr. Gazzolo swung aboard the rear coach and joined his intended. This morning announcement of elopement and marriage came in the form of a telegram from both, with instructions to the groom's brother to mail a package of wedding announcements which the couple had prepared before leaving.