

SET FIRE TO HOTEL

Converted Salvationist Confesses in St. Louis.

DEED COMMITTED IN MONTANA

Says He Accidentally Dropped a Lighted Match, but Fled Without Warning Guests—One Was Burned and 20 Injured.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 7.—Apparently conscience-stricken and his mind aflame with religious ardor, William Wilson, aged 37, a Salvation Army recruit, walked into police headquarters today and confessed that on July 5, 1931, he had set fire to the Occidental Hotel, in Forsythe, Rosebud County, Mont., which resulted in the death of one person and injury to 20.

Wilson declared that another man is in the penitentiary serving a sentence for the deed, and that it is to ease his own conscience and give this man his freedom that he surrendered himself.

Wilson said that he did not fire the hotel intentionally, but that he accidentally dropped a burning match in the hallway, and when he saw the flames spring up he ran. Instead of raising an alarm, he fled straight to St. Louis, and later learned that another man had been sentenced to the penitentiary on circumstantial evidence, and recently, while attending a Salvation Army meeting, he broke down and confessed to the Army Captain.

Two Salvation Army officers accompanied Wilson to the police station. He is being held by the police, and notification has been sent to the Montana authorities.

SYMPTOMS OF A MAN ON SPREE

Expert on Insanity Passes an Opinion on Dunsen's Actions.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 7.—Expert evidence for James Dunsen, defendant in the Hopper-Dunsen will case, was given this morning by Dr. A. M. Gardiner, superintendent of the Napa State Hospital for the Insane, and who has made numerous examinations of Dunsen in the past. The evidence of Dr. Gardiner was read, and witness said the symptoms there related were those of a man on an extended spree.

Dr. Dunsen's evidence that a man could suffer from dementia and do business was controverted. Answering questions suggested by the condition of Dunsen, when he will in question was signed, Dr. Gardiner said he could see no reason why such a man should not make a will. A man who could do the business Dunsen had done could not be suffering from dementia.

In answer to Judge Drake, witness said there were lucid intervals when a man suffered from alcoholic dementia. From Dr. Dunsen's evidence he would say Dunsen did not have dementia. Cross-examination was deferred until tomorrow.

C. P. Draper, clerk for Wilson & Wilson, identified his signature as Mrs. Dunsen's will of August 16, 1931, which he witnessed with Mr. Lovell. The will bequeathed \$500 to her son, William, and a similar amount to Mrs. Hopper, who also received Mrs. Dunsen's property, and similarly. The residue of the property was left to Alexander Dunsen, who was named as sole executor.

Mrs. Dunsen asked Dunsen to give Hopper a life interest in San Leandro, but did not make it obligatory. Witness told also of drawing a later will for Dunsen in 1931. He also told of an agreement made between her and James Dunsen. James Dunsen had been asked to get an attorney to protect his interests in the agreement, but refused.

After the agreement was made Mrs. Dunsen told witness she could divide her income to pay some debts and still have some money to live on. She was pleased with the agreement.

Captain Bisset, master of the steamer Thistle, which took Alexander Dunsen and his family to New York, told witness that in regard to the Hopper-Dunsen will case this afternoon. He told of Dunsen having brought in 11 trout and seven salmon on the first day's fishing. Dunsen often headed the catch. Witness recalled conversations of Dunsen with Indians he had known as a boy, and in-stanced other incidents showing his good memory.

Dunsen embarked and debarked on the steamer by an ordinary rope ladder. Dunsen had spoken at length to witness in regard to matters relating to strikes at Wellington, etc., and never made repetitions in his conversation.

HEAVY BLASTS IN THE RARUS

Evidence to Show That Amalgamated Miners Were Murdered.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 7.—At the inquest today over the remains of Frederick Divil and Samuel Olson, killed in the Divil mine explosion, Jan. 1, 1933, the evidence of an electrical worker employed in the Never sweat mine, but who was in the Rarus mine at the time of the explosion says he heard Al Frank, superintendent of the Rarus, tell his men to "keep those fellows out" by blasting if they had to.

James McQuade, a shift boss at the Pennsylvania, denied that any blasting was done in that mine on the day of December 12, but said he heard heavy blasting in the Rarus. It was so heavy, he said, his men could not work for the smoke. He says he thinks ten boxes of powder were set off at the entrance to the Pennsylvania works by the Rarus people.

Perhaps the nearest to fixing any immediate responsibility for the explosion in the Rarus mine as the day of which Samuel Olson and Fred Divil lost their lives was given in the testimony of Richard Reese, a car man, who worked on the 96-foot level of the Pennsylvania mine before and on the day of the fatal explosion. Reese produced a magazine which he said Olson had brought out from the mine on December 21, telling him that it had been thrown down from the Rarus. Olson said that the man who threw this magazine down, said:

"Sit down and read that for awhile. Tomorrow we will send you something on a string."

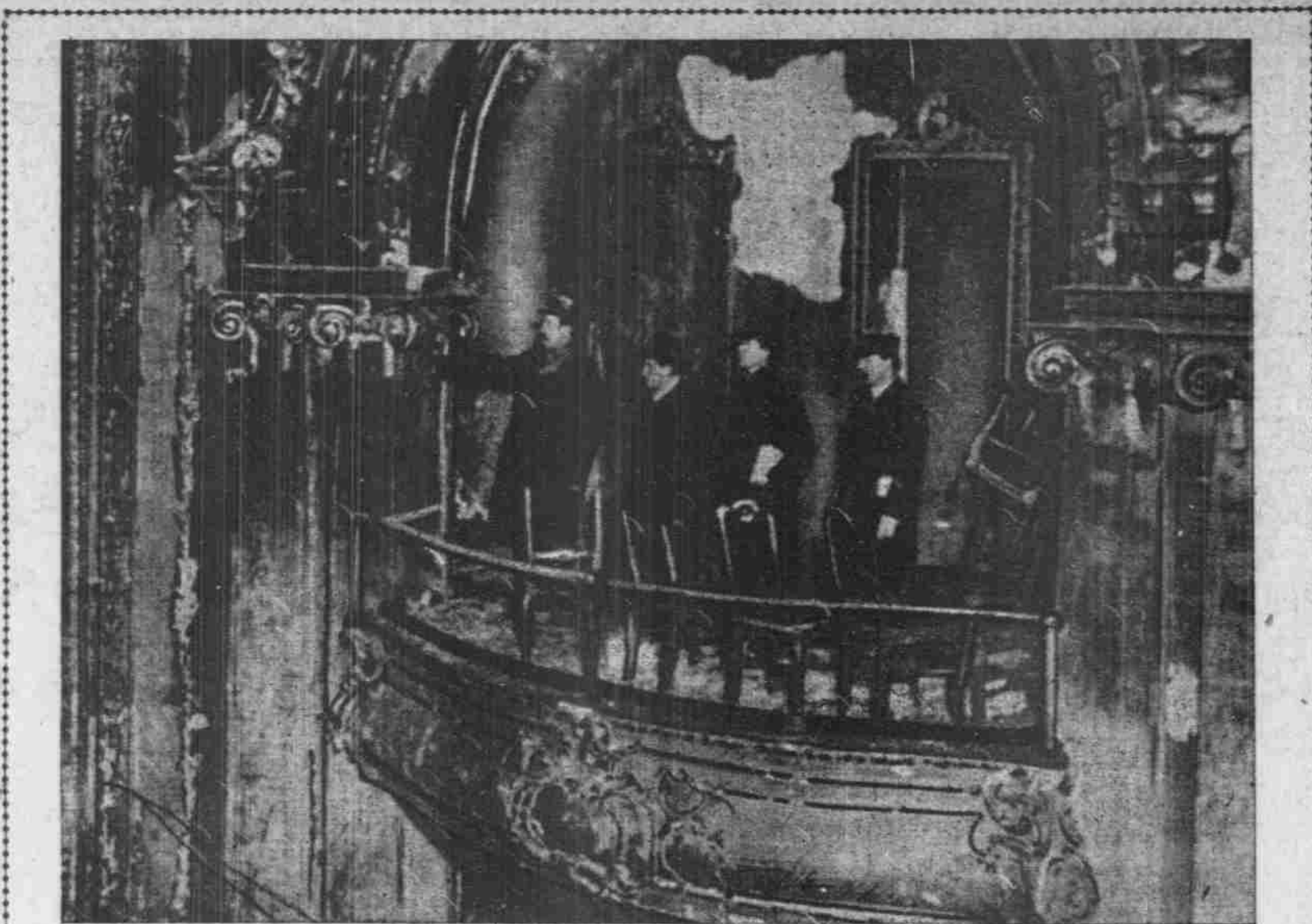
The Amalgamated people contend that the "something on a string" was the 50 pounds of dynamite James McGrath on the witness stand swore Superintendent Al Frank of the Rarus had ordered lowered in the Pennsylvania workings for the purpose of blowing out the Amalgamated miners and preventing a party of Amalgamated inspectors entering from the Mountain View mine. This dynamite McGrath testified was later removed by Foreman Treloar, upon the latter being notified that many men would lose their lives when the stuff was exploded.

H. V. Winchell, expert geologist for the Amalgamated, testified today that the fatal blast was caused by dynamite placed in a sack connected with a fuse lowered from the mine above and exploded upon Olson and Divil.

One witness told of a charge of dynamite which was lowered from the Rarus workings into the Pennsylvania mine that would have killed six men had not the powder exploded into the air.

Mudd Is Mayor of New Astoria.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—A municipal election was held at New Astoria yesterday. There were two tickets in the field, the taxpayers and citizens, and the candidates on the latter ticket were



ALDERMEN EXAMINING THE RUINS OF THE IROQUOIS THEATER FOR THEIR INVESTIGATION. —Photo by Cook & Wagner, Chicago.

DOORS BLOWN OPEN

Witnesses Tell of the Powerful Draft in Chicago Fire.

COMEDIAN FOY ON THE STAND

He Knew of No Precautions Against a Blaze—Asbestos Curtain Man and Coroner Have a Lively Session.

Payment of Old Cities' Debts.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 7.—At an adjourned session of the Bellingham City Council held tonight City Attorney White rendered an important opinion regarding the payment of outstanding warrants of the former cities of Whatcom and Fairhaven. He advised that the City Treasurer of Bellingham pay all such warrants in the order of their issuance, using in their payment moneys derived from the levy of the two former municipalities and the moneys derived from the City of Bellingham should be issued as Bellingham warrants, payable out of the funds derived from the former city of Whatcom or Fairhaven, as the case may be.

Joke Led to Fatal Shot.

LEWISTON, Mont., Jan. 7.—James L. Skinner, a well-known restaurant-keeper of this place, was fatally shot, it is alleged, by Jack Flynn, a barber, this afternoon, as the result of a quarrel occasioned by Skinner joking Flynn because the latter had loaned a colored gambler some money and had failed to make the negro settle the debt.

Accident on the O. R. & N.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Owing to a slight accident on the Snake River cut-off near Page Station, in Northern Walla Walla County, O. R. & N. trains are passing through Walla Walla tonight. The cause of the accident could not be learned. A boxcar was derailed, little damage was done, and one was hurt.

Smelt Run Has Ceased.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The run of smelt that appeared in the river near Cathlamet about a week ago has entirely disappeared and practically none are coming in at the present time. This is very unusual as heretofore when the run has once commenced it has continued until the end of the season.

Stole From Insane Asylum.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—C. E. Parsons, formerly an employee at the State Insane Asylum, was tried today on a charge of stealing articles from that institution, and was found guilty of petty larceny.

JAPAN HIGHLY HONORS TAFT.

Demonstration is the Greatest Since the Visit of Grant.

YOKOHAMA, Jan. 7.—Ex-Governor Taft, of the Philippines, sailed today for the United States via Honolulu, after his visit to the Japanese capital. He was escorted to the railroad station at Tokyo by the Ministers of Finance and Foreign Affairs, United States Minister Grimes and many prominent civil and military officials.

On arriving at Yokohama he met Marquis Ito, with whom he had a long conversation. As the steamer sailed, there was an enthusiastic demonstration. Since the visit of General Grant, no other American has received from the Japanese the distinguished consideration which has been shown Judge Taft.

Chile Wants to Sell Warships.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Jan. 7.—The government has asked Congress to authorize the sale of the battleship Capitan Prat, the protected cruiser Chacabuco, the torpedo gunboats Almirante Condell and Almirante Lynch, the transports Nalpo and Aconcagua, the latter belonging to the Chilean navy, and the latter, but added by and held at the disposal of the government, to serve as armed transports, and seven torpedo-boat destroyers, the intention being to replace the vessels with a more uniform type.

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She was positive the curtain that was lowered was not the asbestos curtain, but the curtain which had been lowered after the first act.

Frank Houseman declared that he bought two seats in an upper box for the matinee. He reached the first floor before the fire gained headway and opened a door which he told by an usher was an exit. Outside of this door was another of iron, which it was impossible to open. Charles Dexter was with Houseman and gave similar evidence. When the panic started he endeavored to open doors on the first floor and found both of the doors of iron across which were iron cross bars. One of these doors he could not open, but another he managed to force open, and he and his wife and two children, Lester Sackett, of Elgin, Ill., with two women and a little girl, occupied seats in the third row of the first balcony. They made their way out of a rear exit and down a fire escape. In going down the fire escape Sackett had great trouble in closing an iron shutter which projected across the stairway at right angles and shut off escape.

Comedian Foy Testifies.

Eddie Foy, comedian, said he went to the matinee with his 5-year-old son. He saw him out before the first act in charge of the stage manager, who brought him back and said there were no seats.

During the second act, Foy testified, he was in his dressing-room and heard a noise, to which he at first paid little attention. The noise grew louder and, being anxious about his son, he ran to the theater stage, picked up the boy right in front of the audience, and saw a fireman trying to put out the fire. He ran with the boy to a door at the back of the stage. When he arrived a number of people were trying to escape. He gave the boy to a man, telling him to take him out and then ran back to the stage and out to the footlights. The audience was getting into a panic, as he thought, and he tried to get the people to calm down. He told the people to "keep up your music."

He urged the audience repeatedly to remain quiet and not get excited. When the curtain came down it stuck about three feet above his head. The rest of Mr. Foy's testimony is as follows:

"I holed and hollered for them to lower the curtain, and then I felt what I should describe as a cyclone. It was a whirl of smoke, and when I looked around the scenery had broke and was flying all around me. There was a heavy cold draft, evidently from the outside, and there was an explosion of some kind as though you would light a match and the whole box would go off. I did not know whether to go front or back, as it looked about an inch from my face, no matter which way I went. Then I thought of my boy and perhaps the man did not take him out, so I went for the back door, where he was trying to get out and then I went out myself and found my boy in the alley."

Mr. Foy testified that the only precaution against fire he knew of was a rule against smoking.

Defends His Curtain.

George W. Stetson, of Bingham, Mass., secretary of the company which made the asbestos curtain, said there were two kinds of asbestos curtains, one in which a fine brass wire was interwoven, the other being without wire. Both curtains were of equal use against flames, the wire being merely to provide greater tensile strength to the fabric.

When asked by Coroner Traeger how he accounted for the burning up of his fireproof curtain, Mr. Stetson replied he did not believe it had burned, and he had every reason to believe it had not. In his opinion the greater part of the curtain was lying at the present time on the theater stage covered with soot and ice.

At the conclusion of Mr. Stetson's testimony an adjournment was taken until tomorrow morning.

The arrest of William J. Maher and George Nagel, which took place today, is considered important by Coroner Traeger in connection with the investigation. The men were employed by a subcontractor of the Fuller Construction Company. According to the police, the men say they nailed down the ventilators on the roof of the theater over the stage, and that an examination will show that the skylight frames had never been removed. In other words, the safety vents for a fire on the stage were never operated, even experimentally, and every audience that ever sat in the Iroquois Theater from the day the theater was opened had been in imminent danger of roasting to death in proper working order when the theater was placed in the hands of the owners. Both men expressed willingness to appear before the Coroner's jury.

VITAL FEATURE IN SUITS.

Liability of the City for Damages Is the All-Important Question.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—According to George N. Morgan, attorney for Miss Ivy Owens, who Tuesday filed the first damage suit against the proprietors of the Iroquois Theater and made the City of Chicago a co-defendant because of its alleged failure to enforce the building laws, there are no decisions in Illinois on a municipality's

responsibility for loss of life in a theater fire.

The city's liability is a vital feature in the suits, as it is admitted the Iroquois management probably could not pay damages for the 900 or 600 lives lost in the fire. Mr. Morgan said:

"I have based the suit of Miss Owens on the decision of the Supreme Court of Illinois in the street-car cases. It was decided that a passenger in a street-car was entitled to protection from the city, even though it was shown that the city's police did all in their power to suppress the mob violence through which the injury occurred."

Lawyers versed in personal damage law say it is doubtful whether Mr. Morgan's client can recover for death or injuries sustained on property not owned by the city.

Life Insurance Companies Liberal.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Life insurance companies which had policy-holders that lost their lives in the Iroquois fire will pursue a liberal policy in the settlement of the losses. The announcement is made by the managers of most of the high-class companies that they will be no quibbling over technicalities. Without exception the managers of the large companies said that any reasonable proof of death and the receipt for some of the victims have already been given to the beneficiaries.

The precedent that will be followed by the substantial companies is the Galveston flood, where no Coroner's verdict was required. In this case only reasonable proof of death and identity was demanded. Checks for the amounts of insurance carried by some of the victims have already been given to the beneficiaries.

Map on Curtains to Show Exits.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—The Chronicle today says: Maps of the seating arrangements in several of the Chicago theaters will appear on the asbestos curtains when the theaters open. Several managers have decided on this scheme of making the patrons familiar with the location of exits.

Every seat, including those on the first floor, the first and second balconies, will be indicated on the fireproof curtain. Every exit will be shown, and the stair by which they may be reached outlined. The asbestos curtain will be dropped once in a performance at least, and the theatergoers will have time to study the map.

Curtain Man to Be Arrested.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Chief of Police O'Neil and Coroner Traeger this afternoon issued orders to policemen to take into custody a representative of Traeger & Co., of Boston, who made the alleged asbestos curtain for the Iroquois Theater.

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Government's suit against Oberlin M. Carter more than \$10,000. It has been agreed between counsel to try all the cases the main issues of which are the same in the different districts in Chicago. Most of the evidence on both sides of the case has already been taken, and the Government expects to close its testimony in a few days.

Man Who Deceived Countess. TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 7.—An inmate of the Toronto Jail, under the name of Archibald Edward Stewart, has been partially identified as William Brown, the coachman who, while posing as a foreign Prince in England not long ago, married the Countess Russell. He is charged with vagrancy, owing to failure to pay his incurred while living here as a pretended nobleman. The Countess divorced the coachman upon learning his true character. Stewart has been in Toronto a month.

Salmon-Packing Company Paid. TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 7.—The receivers of the Pacific Packing & Navigation Company today filed with the United States Circuit Court a report covering the operation of the company for the past year. The report shows net profits for the year of \$34,312. The company is engaged in salmon packing.

MAY PASS BILL OVER VETO. Cuban Senate Objects to Palma's Stand on Lottery Issue.

HAVANA, Jan. 7.—The reading in the Senate today of the text of President Palma's veto of the lottery bill provoked opposition and an attempt will be made to pass the bill over the veto, to which public opinion is generally opposed.

It was understood that the session of Congress would close tonight, but the Senate, after a heated discussion, resolved 11 to 8 to postpone the vote on the passage of the lottery bill over the President's veto, until the absent members can be summoned. The absentees

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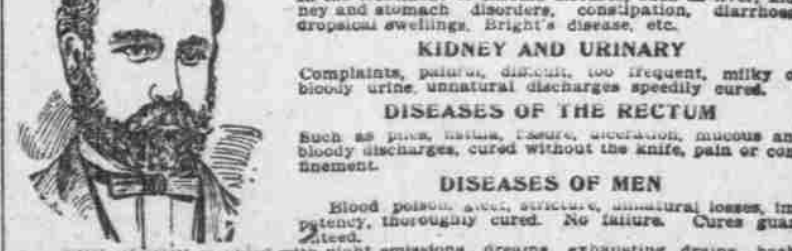
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