

BOTH SHIFT BLAME

Chicago Theater Owners Testify at Investigation.

EMPLOYEES HELD AT FAULT

Powers Says the Reason the Iroquois Had No Fire Protection Was Because City Official on Duty Did Not Order It.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—Will J. Davis and Harry J. Powers, managers of the Iroquois Theater, made their appearance before the Coroner's jury today. Neither of the gentlemen was disposed to accept any responsibility in connection with the defective construction, faults of management, or neglect to provide proper fire protection.

Mr. Powers placed the responsibility for the management of the theater upon Mr. Davis, who was the active manager, while he was but passive in the conduct of its affairs. The blame for the fire and the consequent loss of life he put upon employees, who, he said, did not perform their full duty.

When it came the turn for Mr. Davis to testify, he refused to place the blame upon any particular person, but said he had confidence that the employees of the theater would attend to their business properly, and he also believed the Fuller Construction Company would erect the building in compliance with the city ordinances. Personally, he said, he knew nothing whatever of what the laws demanded in the construction of a theater, although he had been managing theaters in Chicago for 20 years. He had a general knowledge of what was necessary, but he had never read the city laws covering the construction and operation of theaters.

Harry J. Powers was the first witness. Before talking any further, Chairman Traeger requested that Will J. Davis, the other resident owner of the Iroquois Theater, retire from the room during the examination of Mr. Powers. The request was complied with, after remonstrances by attorneys for the two theatrical managers.

Mr. Powers said he was a stockholder in the theater and treasurer of the Iroquois Theater Company, and associate manager of the theater with Mr. Davis. In a general way he was identified with the preparation of the plans for the theater. He approved of them as a layman and interested party. Klaw & Erlanger were interested stockholders, he said, and also passed upon and approved the plans. The contract for construction was let to the Fuller Construction Company.

Concerning details as to the opening of the theater, he referred his interrogator to Mr. Davis. The latter and Mr. Erlanger, he said, arranged the contract whereby the date for the opening was fixed and "Mr. Bliss Beard" was secured.

Mr. Powers told the jury the reason that the Iroquois Theater had no fire apparatus was because House Fireman Sailer had not ordered it. Mr. Sailer, he said, was in charge of the fire department. Mr. Powers showed responsibility on the Fuller Construction Company, which, he said, was supposed to be constructing the building according to law. He declared that Ernest Cummings and Chief Stage Carpenter Cummings and Chief Usher Dusenbery were entrusted with looking after details.

"Did you have anything to do with the hiring of the fireman that was employed by the house?"

"Not directly," replied the witness. "Mr. Davis told me about engaging Mr. Sailer."

"Did you have anything to do or did you say anything to Mr. Sailer as to what his duties were?"

"No, sir."

Mr. Powers said he did nothing toward procuring or seeing that there was installed in the theater anything that could be used for protection against fire.

"I understand that those orders were given by Mr. Davis," he said.

Mr. Powers did not know, he said, whether there were signs over the exits on the opening day. Since the fire he had understood there were no signs over the exits. He supposed the placing of exit signs was a part of the contract for painting.

"Mr. Davis was really the executive head of the Iroquois Theater," he explained; "and while I acted as assistant manager, it was more in an advisory capacity or in consultation. I knew everything that was going on through Mr. Davis, but I gave no orders. All orders were given through Mr. Davis or Mr. Noonan."

Mr. Powers said that Mr. Cummings was in charge of the stage, and had the fireman of the house holding the required reels of hose, the latter had the power to purchase it. There was no limit placed on Mr. Cummings' expenditures.

Mr. Powers said that some changes had been made in the seating arrangement of the house which he believed to have been done with the knowledge of the city building department.

"LOOK OUT, MR. GORMAN, THAT'S A DANGEROUS WEAPON FOR THOSE BEHIND IT"



—Chicago Tribune.

KENNEL CLUBS DISAGREE

CONFLICT IN DATES OF PACIFIC COAST DOG SHOWS.

Committee Goes to Seattle in Search of Harmony—Pacific May Join the American League.

The six leading kennel clubs of the Pacific Coast have crossed their wires on dates for the approaching bench shows, and unless the clubs at the northern end of the circuit consent to hold their shows after San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and Tacoma, the Portland and San Francisco shows will be held at the same time that the Tacoma and Seattle shows are being held. This will mean that San Francisco and Portland will be in a circuit by themselves while the British Columbia and Sound cities will be alone and no Oregon dogs will show in the North, while few northern dogs will be shown at the San Francisco and Portland shows.

STATE HAS RECEIVER NAMED.

Insurance Order is Alleged to be Insolvent.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 22.—Chief Justice Holcomb, of the Nebraska Supreme Court, today granted the request of Deputy State Auditor Pierce for a temporary receiver for the Bankers' Union of the World, an insurance order, with headquarters in Omaha, and Sheriff Powers of Omaha was appointed. The Deputy Auditor alleged that the order is insolvent. T. C. Spiney, of Omaha, is president of the union, and his wife is vice-president.

OFFICERS GREATLY SURPRISED

President Says One Allegation of the State Auditor is Untrue.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 22.—The Bankers' Union of the World, for which the Supreme Court today appointed a temporary receiver, was organized five years ago by Dr. E. C. Spiney, who has been its president since the charter was granted. Judge E. P. Holmes, of Lincoln, is vice-president, Elmer H. Packard, secretary, and M. T. Swartz, banker. The company has been doing business in 22 states, and has in force about \$25,000,000 of insurance. Its gross receipts for 1903, according to a statement just issued, were \$115,000, and the claims paid during the same period amounted to \$52,000.

President Spiney stated that the receiver's claim as an entire surprise to him, although he admitted there had been some difficulty between the State Auditor's office and the company, as a result, he said, of his union declining to pay certain alleged excessive charges for examination. He says that on January 19 the concern had \$12,000 in cash on hand, and owned other assets worth \$35,000. The allegation that the State Auditor makes, he said, that \$20,000 was paid him for salary for 1903 was untrue. He stated that his salary had been \$2000; that he had been paid about \$7000 commissions, which represented 5 per cent allowed him, but never drawn, business for three former years. \$1000 paid his wife as salary for editing the official paper, and \$3000 in stock which he had placed in the treasury and which was returned to him by order of the directors.

BRYAN DEFENDS LABOR UNIONS

Holds Corporations Which Defy the Law More Dangerous.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—An attack on labor unions made by ex-Assistant Attorney-General James M. Beck of Philadelphia, was the cause for the remarks made by W. J. Bryan in departing from the text of his speech at the Holland State dinner just held here. Mr. Bryan declared there is greater danger from "corporations which defy the law" than from labor unions.

Mr. Beck, in the course of his speech, said: "If I do not misread history, the property of Dutch people was founded upon a principle which is vitally essential to the progress and happiness of any people, and that is the inalienable right of every man to work for whom he pleases and at what wage he pleases, and to enjoy freely the fruits of his toil. This principle is in some need of vindication in this country and at this hour."

"The tyranny of boycott in its attempt to club the free labor of our land into the employment of a labor oligarchy has been strongly illustrated within a few months in the City of Chicago, where its people were not even given permission to bury their dead. Today we are told on eminent authority that a struggle is on between the plain people and organized wealth. I venture to assert that this line of cleavage between the classes is much more serious than it is lacking in justification. No greater injury can be done to the progress of the American people than to throw firebrands of class hatred into their midst."

Hostess—You appear to be in deep thought, Tommy. Tommy—Yes'm, mamma told me if you asked me to have some cake I was to say something, so I've been here so long I forgot what it was.—Philadelphia Press.

CLEVELAND BANK CLOSES.

Official is Under Guard, and it is Alleged is an Embezzler.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 22.—The Produce Exchange Bankers' Company, corner Broadway and Central avenues, closed its doors today. The insolvency court has appointed the Cleveland Trust Company as receiver. The assets and liabilities of the bank are each placed at \$1,500,000.

An official of the bank is now under guard at his home. He will be taken before the grand jury tomorrow morning, and will, according to statements of other bank officials tonight, plead guilty to the charge of embezzlement. An indictment will be brought against him and the case hurried to trial. There is a great deal of uneasiness among the depositors, many of whom are small merchants, Italians and other nationalities, who sell fruit and vegetables from door to door, and who deposited their money in the Produce Exchange Bank. It is said the irregularity has been going on for eight years.

Branch Bank Ordered to Close.

DEFIANCE, Ohio, Jan. 22.—A telegram was received today at the office of the Produce Exchange Bank a branch of the failed bank in Cleveland, of the same name, ordering that the bank here be closed immediately. The cashier is in Ashland, Wis., on private business. The Defiance Bank has \$200,000 on deposit, and has commented on the fact, and great credit has been reflected on what is usually termed "the weaker sex" for their heroism in regard to pain.

SENSITIVENESS TO PAIN.

Poor, Downtrodden Man to Be Given Some of the Credit Due Him.

Chicago Chronicle. It has often been remarked that even delicate, refined women bear pain with a patience and fortitude unknown to men. Physicians, surgeons, dentists and others have commented on the fact, and great credit has been reflected on what is usually termed "the weaker sex" for their heroism in regard to pain.

It now comes to light that women are less sensitive to pain than men; that they actually feel less of it in a given operation. A European scientist of distinction has been making careful experiments in this direction, and after a large number of tests at the top of the forefinger he has come to the conclusion that women are not more than half as sensitive to pain as men are.

This accounts for the howling and groaning to which men are given when anything is the matter with them. The impatient wife has often complained that her husband fussed more over a small cut, hardy skin deep, or a slight swelling than she did over matters that were of a serious and even dangerous character.

The instrument for measuring pain tells the truth. Women are not suffering in silence the torture they were supposed to keep to themselves. Their heroism is not to be denied, but credit is not to be given for the long-suffering formerly supposed to be a part of their very nature.

On the other hand, when men are writhing in a paroxysm of agony over what seems to women mere nothing at all compassion and sympathy will henceforth be extended to them, knowing their delicate sensibility to pain and the real amount they suffer as recorded by the truth-telling instrument.

Provost of Trinity College.

DUBLIN, Jan. 22.—Rev. Dr. George R. Salmou, provost of Trinity College since 1888, is dead, aged 85.

Mrs. Green—I hope you trust your husband implicitly? Mrs. Brown—Oh, yes, indeed; but I wouldn't have him know it for the world. If he was aware of my perfect trust in him he might be tempted to take advantage of it, you know.—Boston Transcript.

SHOOT CLOSE SCORE

Marksmen From Three States Gather at Pendleton.

ARE MAKING GOOD RECORDS

Sportsmen Will Entertain Visitors at the Commercial Club at Close of the Annual Tournament Tonight.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—The second annual tournament of the Pendleton Sportsmen's Association began today. Over 100 marksmen from cities in Oregon, Washington and Idaho are in attendance. The weather was quite favorable and good records were made. The tournament will close tomorrow night with an informal reception to the visiting squads at the Commercial Association rooms. The event of the day, with the highest averages, follow:

First event, ten birds, purse \$40—First, Walte, Palmer, Jaeger, with ten; second, Tannahl, Peck, Watkins, Brock, Holahan, with nine; third, Shelton, Caldwell, Baker, Blake, Mapes, P. J. Stillman, A. D. Stillman, Peck, Clark, Talafero, Minor, Forbes, with eight.

Second event, ten birds, purse \$40—First, Winters, Tannahl, Sewell, Cowins, Ware, Forbes, with ten; second, P. J. Stillman, Hock, Clark, Peck, Watkins, Kincaid, Minor, with nine; third, Shelton, Caldwell, Baker, Stillman, Hock, Clark, Roberts, A. Stillman, Walte, Kershaw, Irwin, Ganes, Haloran, with eight.

Third event, 15 birds, purse \$35—First, Sewell, E. H. Stillman, A. Stillman, Hock, Walte, Forbes, with 14; second, H. Palmer, Mapes, Clark, Jaeger, Roberts, with 13; third, Kershaw, Peck, Matlock, Ware, with 12.

Fourth event, 15 birds, purse \$35—First, H. Palmer, Sewell, Hock, Irwin, Ware, Forbes, with 15; second, Tannahl, Mapes, H. Stillman, Kershaw, Roberts, with 14; third, Shelton, Winters, D. Palmer, Baker, Blake, A. Stillman, Walte, Watkins, Kincaid, Matlock, Ganes, with 13.

Fifth event, 20 birds, purse \$35—Walte, Forbes first, with 20; Hock, Ware, Tannahl second, with 19; H. Stillman third with 18.

Sixth event, 25 birds, purse \$35—Forbes first with 25; Blake, Mapes, Matlock, Cowins, second with 24; Caldwell, Thompson, Stillman, Hock, Clark, Roberts, Beck third, with 23.

Seventh event, 10 birds, purse \$35—Blake, Talafero, Irwin, first, with 10; Shelton, Sewell, Hock, Clark, Walte, Peck, Roberts, Irwin, Ganes, Haloran, Ware, Forbes, second, with 9; Tannahl, Nettie, Spencer, Ayers, Mapes, Brady, H. Stillman, A. Stillman, Watkins, Jaeger, Matlock, Beck, third, with 8.

Eighth event, 15 birds, purse \$30—Sewell, Mapes, Watkins, Cowins, first with 15; Shelton, Winters, Tannahl, H. Stillman, Walte, Roberts, Matlock, Ganes, Beck, Ware, second, with 14; Nettie, Spencer, Thompson, Shields, Haloran, Forbes, third with 13.

Ninth event, 15 birds, purse \$35—Tannahl, H. Stillman, A. Stillman, Matlock, Ware, first, with 15; Shelton, Nettie, Sewell, Walte, Irwin, Ganes, Haloran, Forbes, second, with 14; G. Palmer, Blake, Mapes, Hock, Watkins, Shields third with 13.

Tenth event, 15 birds, purse \$35—Caldwell, Palmer, Baker, H. Stillman, Matlock, first, with 15; Tannahl, Thompson, Kershaw, Peck, Roberts, Irwin, Beck, second, with 14; Shelton, Winters, Nettie, Sewell, Walte, Watkins, Jaeger, Talafero, Shields Haloran, Ware, Forbes, third, with 13.

CHINESE OPIUM DEN RAIDED.

Two Pendleton Young Men Found in a Semi-Comatose Condition.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Early tonight, about 11 o'clock, an opium den operated by Yung Lee, Two young men named Davis and Collins, of the city, were found lying on tables in a half-comatose condition. The Chinaman forfeited \$20 cash bond, and will bring a hearing tomorrow. Davis and Collins were fined \$10 each.

Life in Liquid Air.

Success. In recent experiments on bacteria, Dr. Allan Macfadyen, director of the Jenner Institute in London, has found that some of these microscopic plants will resume activity after immersion in liquid air for six months. Evidently life under conditions of this sort is potential rather than actual and exists only in virtue of the possibility of its revival. Matter that lives thus while frozen must be, Dr. Macfadyen thinks, "in a now and high-erupt unobtainable 'third' condition," between life and death, and furnishes us with an analogy, perhaps, of a "suspended animation." It is evidently longer possible to maintain that the low temperature of space would prevent the arrival of living germs to comet dust, which was suggested by Liebhafel, the great German physicist, and others, as a possible way in which life may have been introduced on the earth.

Meets Next in San Francisco.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 22.—The Bricklayers and Masons' International Union, at its convention today, decided to meet next year in San Francisco.

Disturbance in the Interior.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—A serious native disturbance has occurred in the Interior near Pyung Yang, cable the Seoul correspondent of the Herald. The authorities are apprehensive that it may spread.

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Missing Labor Leader Shows Up.

DENVER, Jan. 22.—Sherman Parker, the Cripple Creek miner, who came here yesterday to elude the military authorities, who wished to rearrest him after he had been released on bond by a Cripple Creek Justice, returned to the Gold Camp this afternoon to appear for hearing to-