AUTHORITIES JOIN TO FIX FIRE BLAME

Inquiries Into New York's Horror May Lead to Prosecutions.

BUILDING ITSELF WITNESS

Its Condition Tells Grand Jury of Absence of Precautions—Bodies of 33 Not Identified—Funerals Fill East Side.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Fixing the blame for the loss of 141 lives in the Washington Square fire of Saturday drew to a focus today the energies of the District Attorney's staff, the Fire Marshal, the Coroner, the State Labor Department and Borough President McAneny, of Manhattan.

Dozens of investigators collected available information. Grand jurymen turned personal probers and an additional grand jury in a formal resolution presented to the court of General Sessions, offered aid to the District Attorney and declared that someone should be prosecuted for the disaster.

What the investigators found—evidence that doors at exits swung inward; the crumpled fire escape in the air shaft, the one fire escape blocked by iron shutters when opened; an empty water tank on the roof and the practice prevalent among cutters of lighting cigarettes a few minutes before quitting time—all this, and what is yet to be ferreted out, will be placed speedily before the grand jury.

No Precautions Taken.

The tenement-house department summoned owners of half a dozen faulty structures to police court as a preliminary step to a far-reaching investigation of tenements. One man was held for violating the law and other cases, it was announced, will be pressed tomorrow.

Fire Marshal Beeres summoned the proprietors of the Triangle Waist Company and several employes to testify at a public investigation, largely to inquire into the truth of reports that doors leading to fire escapes were blocked.

"So far as I can discover," he said, "there has never been a fire drill in this factory. In my opinion it would take 700 girls three hours to reach the street by the one fire escape. Nine-tenths of the employes cannot speak English, yet I could not find a sign in Yiddish or Italian pointing out the fire exits.

The Fire Marshal said he was convinced that a cigarette lighted by a cutter and thrown into a heap of clippings had started the fire.

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Death-Proof Building Wanted.

The slogan was coined by Fire Chief Croker as summing up his recommendations for the future.

"The 'City Beautiful' is less vital than the 'city safe.' Let us see, first of all, that our people live and work under adequate protection for lives and persons.

"I would have fire escape landing extending all along the outside of every office, loft or factory building. I would have the balcony built wide enough for two persons to pass in safety without crowding. I would have the stairways at each end, and I would have them built with hand-rails, so that women and children could descend them—with no ladder escapes or stairways built at acute angles.

"Let us have all inside stairways inclosed in a fireproof partition. Let us require fireproof exit doors and all doors to open outwards. Never allow an exit door to be locked or blocked, and make the fire escape windows open to the floor level like a door. Protect each door with all available automatic safety devices and sprinklers. Last, but not least, make fire drills at frequent intervals compulsory in all factories, lodging-houses and institutions.

A relief fund for the sufferers is headed by a $5000 donation from Andrew Carnegie. The United Hebrew Charities, the Austrian Hebrew Free Burial Association and other organizations came to the fore with aid.

Thirty-Three Are Unidentified.

Thirty-three bodies, most of them shorn of all semblance of human form, lie unidentified tonight at the charities pier morgue. Twelve persons, most of them girls in their teens, are fighting for life in hospitals.

Half a hundred funeral trains trailed through the East Side and the Italian district near the factory today, and as many more are scheduled for tomorrow. The unidentified will be buried in a single grave, but will be held as long as possible to give relatives and friends an opportunity to claim them.

Final figures place the death list at 142. Of these, 133 bodies were taken from the scene of the disaster and nine died in hospitals. The list will be swelled, surgeons say, by others who, still living, have no chance to recover.

MRS. BURBANK WANTS SON

Former Spokane Woman Sues ex-Husband and Asks Damages.

ST. LOUIS, March 27.—Mrs. Orion Allen Stack-Burbank, formerly of Nashville, Tenn., wife of Ray E. Burbank, filed two suits in the Circuit Court here today—one for a writ of habeas corpus for John King Stack III, her 7-year-old son by her first marriage, and one for $50,000 damages against Richard B. Stack, her first husband, and all members of his family.

The suits were filed after the criminal case against Stack on a charge of kidnaping the boy was continued until tomorrow.

In the damage suit Mrs. Burbank charges she spent $10,000 in search for the boy, and that she has suffered greatly from being deprived of his companionship. The court suggested that certain technical amendments be made in the habeas corpus writ, and that he would make an order under it.

Stack is a wealthy lumberman of Escanaba, Mich. He was married to Miss Orion Allen in 1902. She obtained a divorce and the custody of her son at Spokane, Wash., in 1908. It was while she was on her second honeymoon that Stack is accused of taking the boy from the home of his former wife's relatives here.

Moffat Road Must Go to Salt Lake.

DENVER, Colo., March 27.—A motion to table the Moffat tunnel bill was defeated in the House today, by a vote of 25 to 35. One important amendment was adopted, requiring the road as a preliminary to the building of the tunnel by the state, to put up a sufficient bond guaranteeing the building of the road to Salt Lake.

WIFE OF RICH MEDICINE MAN WHO SPURNED HIS INDUCEMENT OF $75,000 TO LEAVE STAGE.

MRS. JAMES M. MUNYON.

$75,000 IS SPURNED

Wife of Dr. Munyon Refuses Inducement to Quit Stage.

SHE PREFERS VAUDEVILLE

Millionaire Patent Medicine Manufacturer's Efforts to Win Back Beautiful Spouse Fail—Couple Much in Public Eye.

PHILADELPHIA, March 27.—(Special.)—So much does Mrs. James M. Munyon, known professionally as Pauline Neff, prefer the footlights to life with her husband, the well-known Dr. Munyon, in the mansion that patent medicine profits built in this city, that she has refused his offer of $75,000 if she would leave the stage.

Mrs. Munyon returned to the stage during the holidays, and it was known then that her husband did not approve. His pleadings have so far failed to tire her of the "two-a-day," for, be it known, she is at present adding her luster to vaudeville.

Ever since, in 1908, the beautiful 24-year-old actress became the wife of the millionaire medicine man, who is 61, they have been more or less in the public eye. In 1909 Mrs. Munyon began suit for divorce, alleging that the doctor was cruel to her. Later the suit was withdrawn and the pair reunited. However, last Summer Mrs. Munyon told her friends that she was unhappy, and intimated that neither her husband's medicine or his millions could heal the breach. She did not again seek a divorce, though, and the couple lived together until Mrs. Munyon resumed the uplift of the drama.

Pauline Neff is Dr. Munyon's third wife. He is her second husband, she having been divorced from a man named Mitzger in 1906. She had previously had experience on the stage.

ONE SPIKE SAVES GIRL

FALLS SIX STORIES, YET ESCAPES ALIVE.

Survivor of New York Holocaust Tells How Clothing Caught on Projection and Held Her.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Ida Singer, a 17-year-old shirtwaist maker who lies in her home suffering from a few minor bruises and cuts, has perhaps the strangest story to tell of any of the hundreds who escaped death in the Washington Place fire horror of Saturday afternoon. She was found by the firemen hanging half conscious to a spike in the rear wall of the building at the third floor landing. She had fallen from the fire escape at the ninth floor, but the pointed spike caught in her clothing and saved her life.

"When I first heard the alarm," she says, "I was paralyzed with fear. I was too weak to run. I half crawled to a back window, and I remember I was crying bitterly as I raised a window opening on the narrow fire escape.

"Flames were roaring out of the windows below, but I knew I had to go down the narrow fire escape and climbed out. After I did so, I looked back and saw many girls rushing toward the window I had gone through. I was so glad they were coming that I stopped crying.

Iron Steps Are Hot.

"I felt I had to get down ahead of them. The iron steps of the ladder were hot and getting hotter as I went down. I had taken probably three steps downward when the first of the girls rolled out of the window above, crashing down on me, and I lost my balance and felt myself falling. I remember I was almost glad of it before I lost my senses.

"When I woke up I was in the funniest position. I had to stop and study it out. My hands were down by my feet and I was doubled up. I heard men and women, far off, shouting and screaming. I tried to move and could not. After a long time I heard a voice and a window was opened. Two men got hold of me and took me inside the building. My coat, skirt and hat remained on a big spike in the wall.

Laugh Relieves Tension.

"The men wanted to know how I got caught on that spike and I told them I fell from the ninth floor. In spite of the horror of the situation, we all laughed as we thought of it.

"But I shall never forget what I saw below me when I was hanging on that spike. I saw men and women piled up on top of one another. Some were quite still and others were frantically waving their arms and shouting. I saw a girl wiping a man's face with her handkerchief. After a while they all quieted down."

ROAD LEGISLATION FEATURE

California Railroad Commission's Powers Are Enlarged.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 27.—By general consent, railroad legislation, which in the Fall campaign was embodied in the catch phrase, "putting the Southern Pacific out of politics," was the largest issue before the Legislature at the session which ended today. Along this line, one big bill, conferring upon the railroad commission what were believed to be the widest powers possible under the constitution, was passed, and a series of constitutional amendments making possible further extension of these powers were adopted.

Machinery for an entirely new taxing system by which the state will derive its income from gross earnings of corporations was worked out and accepted.

Of subjects talked over at a pre-legislative conference at San Francisco, legislation was enacted on conservation of water power, revision of election laws, home rule, revision of criminal procedure, equal suffrage and employers' liability.

Apportionment of the state under the new Federal census failed, apparently because a majority failed to agree upon strictly mathematical apportionment in the larger cities and apportionment on any basis was equally unacceptable. Civil service legislation also failed of enactment.

MOORE'S CHANCES SLIM

Not Likely to Name Him District Attorney in Eastern Washington.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 27.—While there has been no final determination as to whether Oscar Cain, United States District Attorney for Eastern Washington, shall tender his resignation on account of charges preferred against him, it seems probable that at no distant date he will be pried loose from the Government payroll.

If this happens, there may be difficulty in selecting his successor, especially if Senator Poindexter's law partner, O. C. Moore, of Spokane, again becomes a candidate for this appointment. Moore sought this office at the time Cain was appointed and later was a candidate for Federal judge, but was turned down by the President for both offices.

If Moore runs he will have Poindexter's support but will not be indorsed by Senator Jones. Moore unquestionably will make a futile race for the district attorneyship, for the President was not impressed favorably when he was candidate before.

RECOVER SECHELT VICTIM

Body of Man Found Floating With Life Belt Attached.

VICTORIA, March 27.—The body of John I. Henderson, 28 years old, of Cody, Wyo., the first of the Sechelt's victims to be recovered, was found today five miles off Race Rocks. A life belt strapped about Henderson's body gave evidence that the 20 persons who were carried to their death when the little steamer turned turtle Friday afternoon, had warning of the impending disaster and prepared to meet it.

The body was found by the tug Lorne and was brought to Victoria.

More wreckage from the Sechelt came ashore today. Not only was the disaster witnessed by Harry Charles and other Indians at Beecher Bay, but Joe Eastwood, son of the lightkeeper at Race Rocks, saw the Sechelt founder. He said that when the steamer appeared to be off Bedford Islands, at the entrance to Beecher Bay, she altered her course and fell off into a heavy swell and took a heavy fall to leeward. Then, recovering, she seemed to fill and go down.

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CLAUSE ATTACKED FROM BOTH SIDES

Validity of Long-and-Short Haul Commerce Provision Denied.

SPOKANE JOINS RAILROADS

Attorneys for Carriers Deny Constitutionality of Whole Clause, but Shippers Contend Distance Must Fix Rate.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washingtodn, March 27.—An attack on the constitutionality of the fourth section of the interstate commerce act—the long and short haul provision—was made today before the Commission in the consideration of the inter-mountain rate cases, involving the long-and-short haul provisions.

Attorneys for the railroads maintained that the provision was unconstitutional and counsel for some of the cities affected, Spokane, Wash., and Reno, Nev., followed with a declaration that that part of the section which confers upon the Commission authority, in special cases to permit a lower freight charge for a longer haul in the same direction and over the same route was constitutional.

Change in Law to Be Asked.

Attorneys for the shippers asserted that if the Commission did not issue an order providing that the charge for a longer haul should be greater than for any shorter haul, they would carry the matter to Congress and insist upon the enactment of a provision that would give the Commission no discretionary power in the matter.

The Commission, as a purely administrative body, has no power to pass upon the constitutionality of any part of the act. It simply enforces the law as it finds it on the statute books, leaving the determination of any constitutional question that may arise to the courts.

No Material Change Made.

Speaking for the Harriman system, W. W. Cotton, of Portland, contended that the long-and-short-haul clause of the last interstate commerce act is substantially the same as the similar clause of the preceding law and contended that elimination of the words "under similar circumstances and conditions" did not materially change its purpose or effect. Mr. Cotton also took a fling at the lawmakers, declaring that as a class they do not think, but look to lawyers to think out the purpose of their enactments after they become law.

J. N. Teal, of Portland, argued that the Coast cities are inherently entitled to lower rates than interior points, both because of their location and on account of water competition.

Judge Waters, of California, who followed, contended that the long-and-short-haul clase of the present law is greatly different from that of the previous act, in that under this last law, the Commission can only waive the provisions of section 4 in special cases and cannot grant general permission to railroads to charge more for a short than for a long haul. The fact that railroads have filed 1500 applications for exemption, he argues, is sufficient evidence that they recognize the difference in the law, for under the previous law no such applications were filed or considered necessary.

It is probable that the argument will continue for the remainder of the week.

PRIVATE LINE GETS NO HELP

Lumber Company Finds It Must Run Railroad Free.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—A principle that is likely to govern in many cases was laid down today by the Interstate Commerce Commission in a decision of the complaint of the Kaul Lumber Company, of Alabama, against the Central of Georgia Railway and other carriers.

The company built a railway line connecting its mill on the line of the Central of Georgia with its timber land. It entered into an arrangement with the railroad by which it received 2 cents a hundred pounds on all lumber hauled to the junction.

Later the road advanced its rates on lumber from Alabama points to Ohio River transfers 2 cents a hundred. The lumber company asked reparation on shipments of 2 cents a hundred. In denying the request, the Commission held:

"That, without deciding whether this railroad owned and operated by the lumber company is a common carrier, upon the facts appearing in operations in hauling company material for the lumber company it can be considered by this Commission only as a plain facility.

"That, considering for the purpose of this case, the advance of 2 cents per 100 pounds on yellow pine lumber was unreasonable and unjust, the complainant lumber company is not entitled to any reparation thereon, for the reason that it has never paid the advance.

"That, if the railroad or the lumber company should be held to be a common carrier, as the complainant contetnds it should, in such case it cannot be heard to complain of the advance in rates because it had concurred tacitly and explicitly in such advance."

SLANDER SUIT FAILS

LORD DERBY'S BAD MEMORY SUPPRESSES SCANDAL.

Baron de Forest Accuses Mother-in-Law and Her Brother—Baroness Elopes With Guardsman.

LONDON, March 27.—The suit brought by the wealthy young Baron Arnold de Forest against his mother-in-law, Lady Mary Gerard, and the latter's brother, Henry Milner, for slander, was tried today and collapsed suddenly when Lord Derby, to whom the slanderers were alleged to have confided, took the stand and swore that he had no recollections of the same.

Sir Edward Clarke, counsel for the plaintiff, thereupon announced he was unable to proceed, in view of the lack of evidence, and judgment for the defendants was returned.

Baron de Forest, whose marriage to the widow of Menier, the chocolate manufacturer of France was annulled, subsequently entered English society and married Miss Gerard, who is very wealthy, having inherited most of the fortune of the late Baron Hirsch. The wife, who is described as beautiful and accomplished, later vanished from her home, and, according to the plaintiff departed in the company of Lieutenant H. C. S. Ashton, of the Second Life Guards, and a friend of the family.

The plaintiff alleged that the conduct of his wife was approved by Lady Gerard and Milner, in utterances reflecting on him. Milner, who married the Duchess of Montrose, denies having uttered the alleged slanders.

Sir Edward Clarke opened the proceedings by describing the married life of the De Forests, which he said was happy until one night in May, 1909, when after a ball, the Baroness refused to go home with her husband. Instead she went away with the young guardsman, Ashton, and on the next day confessed to her husband, in the presence of her mother and uncle, Milner, that she had been at fault. The matter was patched up and the Baroness returned to De Forest.

In the course of his statement Sir Edward divulged that it was the Baroness de Forest with whom Ashton eloped to Palma in February, 1910, instead of the daughter of a high court functionary, as was reported at the time. Subsequently De Forest again forgave his wife.

Negro Official Sworn In.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—William H. Lewis, the Boston negro, recently named by President Taft for the position of assistant Attorney-General of the United States, was formally sworn in today. Mr. Lewis' nomination failed of confirmation by the Senate, and Mr. Taft gave him a recess appointment. The new official of the Department of Justice called at the White House to thank the President.

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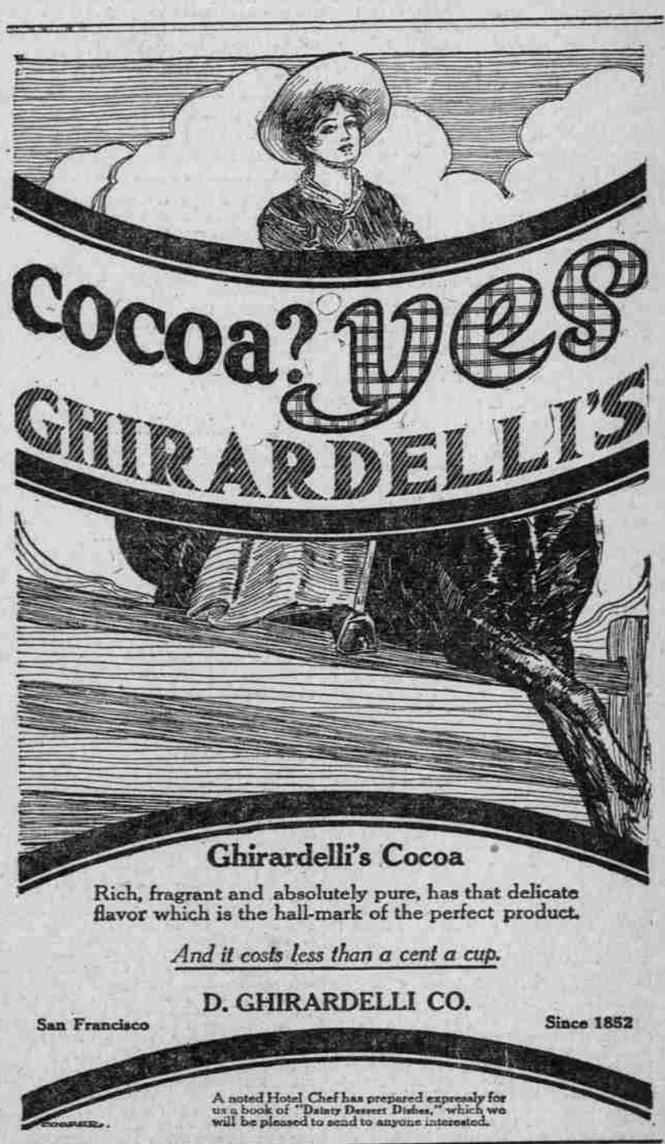

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