

107 BODIES TAKEN FROM THEATER RUIN

Search of Wreckage Made All Night Long.

92 NOW ARE IDENTIFIED

Audience Rocked With Laughter When Snow-Laden Roof Fell Into Building.

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an angle of 45 degrees, adding to the wreckage on the floor below.

Spectator Rees Out. There is only one survivor thus far who told of having heard that warning and seen the first powdery handful of snow sift down over the head of the orchestra leader in time to escape.

From his seat well forward on the main floor he saw the roof fall (he back). A blast of air, expelled as the roof came down, hurled him out through the doorway to safety.

Most of the bodies were recovered from the floor of the pit beneath the wreckage of the balcony or from the front of the balcony. Persons on the main floor had managed to reach safety just below the front of the balcony. They were back far enough to see well and meet of the front and back rows were empty.

Crowd Where Peril Is Great. At the point they had chosen the danger proved to be double. Few of those seated there could have escaped if they had not fled from the steel work of the roof missed them, the balcony front came down on the wreckage with crushing weight.

The gleaming brass rail of the balcony front lay spread over the wreckage of the roof 15 feet below when rescuers reached the scene.

All those further back on the main floor probably escaped. The beams that supported the back end of the balcony did not get their clutch on the wall. The wide sweep of seats they supported tilted down until the wreckage below took the weight of the front and then stood covering the back rows of the main floor like a tent.

Steel Beams Badly Twisted. The front roof of the balcony were ground to a twisted mass. There was no wood in the structure. It was all steel and concrete, but the enormous weight of the balcony was sufficient to wind the tortured beams into fantastic shapes.

Here again chance played a part in reducing the number of victims. From the front rows of the balcony, four or five tiers deep, were known as "reserved" seats. They were placed above the succeeding rows. With the small attendance of last night, probably only a few had paid the extra price for these seats, grasping to get further back in the balcony. And many of those behind scrambled up the steep slope of the fallen balcony to safety, although many were struck down when the roof came in.

Some were hurled down into the wreckage of the pit when the balcony front fell, and even some of them escaped with bruises. There was no record, however, of any survivor among those in the foremost balcony seats.

Prattle Calls for Aid Made. Prattle calls for aid went out as soon as those in the double-walled structures which formed the eighth- and ninth-street and back wall of the auditorium realized what had happened.

These two three-floor wings form the offices, a store along the eighth-street front, and house the stairs and the approach and exits both on that side and along the back wall and they were not involved in the disaster, which was confined to the auditorium. Later the stairs and corridors became the first-aid stations as the mangled victims were dragged out.

Way Fought Through Drifts. Firemen fought their way through the heaping snow drifts in answer to a general alarm. Police patrols filled with men churned and skidded through the snow in the streets, in answer to summons, marines came at double time. At Fort Myer, across the river, the battery was tugged out and started in trucks for a rescue party to find the roads blocked.

The men shoveled their way frantically but first-aid teams from the fort were called.

At the scene of the disaster there was wild confusion for a time. Those who first made their way to the auditorium doors saw a dim, mysterious glow from the leaden skies. The crash had drawn many persons, some had relapsed into unconsciousness. The clang of fire apparatus brought other hundreds and until the marines came panting up police were powerless against the crowds.

Small Homes Being Built. SPokane, Wash.—Although nearly 1000 more building permits were taken out here in 1922 than in the previous year, the total building cost for 1922 is almost 1,100,000 under the previous year. Construction of fewer large buildings and expensive homes, with greater activity in building of small homes, garages and small buildings is given as the cause. The figures for 1922 were 1422 permits, total \$2,054,224; for 1921, 2363 permits, total \$2,050,652.

Feast to Be Commemorated. Arrangements were completed yesterday for commemorating the feast of St. Bridgid of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and auxiliary. The event will occur next Wednesday night in Hibernia hall, Russell street and Rodney avenue. The programme will include vocal solos by Rev. E. P. Burke of Columbia university. There will also be violin solos. Rev. W. A. Daly, chaplain of the societies, will speak. No admission will be charged.

Youth Master of Fireboat. KENNESAW, Wash., Jan. 29.—(Special)—E. E. Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Robertson of this city, has been appointed master of the fireboat David Campbell at Portland, which has been stationed for several years. Until the past few years he lived in Kennewick. He has had long experience on the Columbia river.

Vermin to Be Exterminated. LONDON.—A society has just been founded for the scientific extermination of vermin. It was christened the Institute of Applied Pestology. Alfred E. Moore, E. S. chairman, believes it will accomplish a work of international importance.

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SENATE TO BE ASKED TO PROBE COLLAPSE

Capper to Introduce Resolution for Investigation.

ALL THEATERS CLOSED

Roofs Must Be Cleared of Snow and Inspectors Must Examine Structures, Say Orders.

(By the Associated Press.)—Senator Capper of Kansas, a member of the senate district of Columbia committee, announced tonight that when the senate reconvened he would introduce a resolution calling for an investigation of the Knickerbocker theater disaster, and also of all large buildings constructed here since the beginning of the war.

An investigation was ordered today by the District of Columbia board of commissioners. Orders also went out to close all theaters until the snow had been cleared from the roofs and inspectors had examined the structures. Officials said that until an inquiry is made as to the exact cause of the collapse could not be determined.

GERMANS MADE BANKRUPT Thousands Lose All in Speculation in Stock Market.

BERLIN.—Thousands of Germans have been bankrupted by the recent craze for speculating in the stock market. The losses were not limited to wage earners and professional men with inadequate incomes, but included many comparatively wealthy men.

The workmen and professional men claim that speculation is not a vice but a necessity for men whose incomes are 3000 marks a month or less. They say they "plunged" in the market in the hope of being able to win enough to pay their bills and to buy clothing for themselves and a dress for their wives.

Some of those who lost their earnings in this way have disappeared from their positions. Others are making the round of their acquaintances in an effort to borrow, and the remainder are steadily facing debts which they cannot hope to pay. Grocers and butchers generally have closed all credit accounts.

One of the speculators who lost his monthly salary of 2000 marks in stock market speculation said: "We have to gamble. We cannot buy anything but the bare necessities on what we earn, and when prices go up and money for even the necessities is lacking, we take a chance rather hopelessly thinking that our condition cannot be much worse and that we might have luck."

SPANIARDS BUY AIRPLANE Wealthy Residents of Manila Intend to Aid Home Government.

MANILA, P. I.—Spaniards residing in the Philippines have ordered Enrique Zobel of Manila, who is now in Madrid, Spain, authorizing him to purchase an airplane and deliver it to the Spanish army operating in Africa. The airplane is to be named "Manila."

Wealthy Spaniards here have launched a campaign to raise the sum necessary to cover the cost of the fighting machine. If the amount raised is more than enough to cover the cost of the airplane, it was announced that the balance will be sent to Queen Mary of Spain, who is president of the Spanish Red Cross.

MAUDE MOORE LOSES LOVE Louisville Woman Who Stood by Nice Slighted.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Mrs. May Exner, 531 East Jefferson street, can stand murder trials, but she will not be ignored. She showed that when she "dishonored" her niece, Maude Moore, for declining to visit her in Louisville after being acquitted in Knoxville of the murder of Leroy D. Harth.

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BRONX FIRE DISASTROUS

RAILWAY STATION AND MAIN OFFICES ARE DESTROYED.

Girl Telephone Operator Stays at Her Post Until Alarm Is Flashed Everywhere.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—(Special)—A fire, spectacular to the eye, disastrous in its consequences, last night destroyed the station and executive offices of the New York, New Haven & Hartford, and the New York, Westchester & Boston railroad companies at Willis avenue and Southern boulevard, the Bronx.

High winds and difficulties of access gave the flames a wide berth and made the work of fighting them almost impossible. No estimate of the loss involved had been made at a late hour, when the fire was still raging.

A girl telephone operator, Alice White, 23 years old, of Brooklyn, the only woman in the building, distinguished herself for coolness and consideration for others, when notified of the fire by an excited workman. She stuck to her post, flashed an alarm to each department and to each signal man and station along the local branch of the railroad so that trains would be stopped. All of the men in the building had reached the outside when the thought of Miss White and one of them, Edward Blakesly, 25, went for her. She said she would do all of her work first. Blakesly fell and severely injured his leg escaping. The girl made her way out through the smoke.

Weather Retards Pe Ell Paving. CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 29.—(Special)—Weather conditions here have greatly retarded paving in the business section of Pe Ell. The city council there at its last meeting granted the contractors an extension to April 1 to complete their contract.

FRENCH TOO MUTINIOUS

DISCIPLINARY ACTION ORDERED BY MARINE OFFICER.

Edict Follows Rebellion of Crew of Amazon When Waiter Resents Passenger's Remark.

(Copyright by the New York World, Published by Arrangement.) PARIS, Jan. 29.—(Special Cable)—The tendency of French crews to get out of hand and try to introduce socialist principles on their ships has gone so far that Alphonse Ilo, under-secretary for the merchant marine, has instructed the Marseilles maritime authorities to take disciplinary action against the mutinous crew of the liner Amazon.

The trouble on the Amazon arose while the vessel was on its way from Yokohama. During a dispute between a passenger and a steward, another passenger commented: "One does not converse with a waiter."

The steward considered this an insult and the rest of the crew took his part. They determined to serve no food to this passenger until he should apologize. At Columbia they declared they would not work unless the passenger were put ashore, and the entire ship's company was lodged on shore until a telegram from the seaman's union at Marseilles ended the strike. The maritime authorities are unanimous in asserting that the crew must be punished. It is held that if the incident is allowed to pass the authority of the captain will be undermined and the entire merchant marine suffer.

One of Robert Louis Stevenson's earliest publications was a scientific paper contributed to the proceedings of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, Scotland. It deals with the effects of forests on climate. Read The Oregonian classified ads.

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