

3 KILLED, 10 INJURED AS HOTEL IS BURNED

Many Residents, Trapped by Flames, Rescued.

LEAPS FATAL TO WOMEN

Flames Starting in Lobby From Unknown Origin Quickly Sweep Through Whole Building.

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men called to her; but either she could not hear them in the turmoil, or she did not heed them. She leaped to the sidewalk.

Miss Bogue ran from her room and made her way through the flames which were sweeping through the hallway on the fourth floor to a window. R. G. Saye, an employe of the Warren Construction company, saw the girl at a window and fearing that she would jump pulled her away. The man then reached for his trousers before attempting to make his escape with the girl. When he turned again, she was gone. She had rushed to the window and before the firemen could arrange their life-net, had plunged to the ground. In falling, the girl struck the railing around the basement entrance to the building and then rolled down the stairway to the basement door.

Practically all the down-town fire apparatus was called out to the fire as the result of the second alarm and all available policemen were also rushed to the scene. The majority of the firemen, however, were set at the work of rescuing the 60 residents of the structure rather than attempting to put out the flames, which were sweeping the structure when the first apparatus arrived.

With flames and smoke pouring from every window and from the roof, the fire was one of the most spectacular in the history of the city. Many deeds of heroism were performed by the firemen and police in making rescues.

O. F. Thompson, fireman of truck 2, was overcome by smoke when rescuing a woman from a fourth-story window. On only a small scaling ladder he pulled the woman from the smoke and flame of the building and held her on the window ledge until Charles Abbott, truck 1, went to his rescue.

Girl Is Carried to Safety.

Abbott took the girl on his shoulders and carried her to safety and Thompson made his way to the ground. When the scaling ladder he collapsed and was rushed to the police emergency hospital for treatment. He soon recovered, however.

It was Fireman Abbott who was attempting to rescue Mrs. Chaney when she fell. The fireman had mounted a long ladder which had been put up to the fourth story on the Yamhill street side of the building. From the roof, where a number of the residents had been driven by the flames, and then attempting to rescue the woman, who had appeared at one of the windows. The fireman managed to get hold of the woman's hand and her robe, but was unable to maintain his grip and she slipped and fell to the bottom of the ladder.

With the exception of a few people on the upper stories who managed to make their escape down the fire escape, practically all the residents on the upper floors of the hotel were rescued by means of ladders.

An unidentified girl jumped from a third story window into the arms of Patrolman Rehberg. She was uninjured. The policeman later was cut on the arms and face by glass while he was trying to rescue some people from a window of the building. Patrolman Kelly also received burns and had his uniform badly scorched while assisting in the work of rescue.

Thrilling Escapes Made.

Among the thrilling escapes from the burning structure was that of John Medard and Hardy Jenny, who roomed on the upper story of the building. They were driven to the roof of the burning structure in their effort to make their escape.

When the roof became so hot that they could no longer remain they began crawling out on a couple of electric wires which led from the building. The wires broke and fell over the roof of the residence of Jack London, 409 Albany street, and they let themselves down upon that building and waited until rescued by ladders.

Hardy Jenny, in relating the story of their escape, said that they did not know when the fire started, but reached the door of their room. When they threw it open they were met by a wall of hissing flames. Escape was impossible except by the window and onto the roof.

"When we climbed on the roof, we found the tiles blazing hot under our bare feet," he said, "and we were driven to the last recourse to save our lives."

Jack London also participated in the work of saving residents of the burning structure. He was the one who was aroused by the screaming of women, and calls for help his first thought was to send in the alarm.

Part way down the street, however, he met another man who advised him that the alarm had been sent in. Partly clothed as he was, he rushed to the work of rescue. He managed to throw a small rope to a second-story window down which about eight people made their way to safety.

Knotted Sheets Used.

C. F. Townsend, one of the injured, saved his life by a life line which he improvised from a couple of sheets and spread from his bed. When he awoke to find himself in flames he knotted the covers and lowered himself from a fourth-story window.

When he was almost unconscious from flogging in the smoke which was sweeping from the windows below him he was taken down by firemen who arrived with ladders. He was later treated at the police emergency hospital.

The fire was replete with incidents where many people saved their lives and those of others through the presence of mind. Many hung to window ledges until the firemen arrived and took them down in spite of the choking smoke which enveloped them and the tongues of flame reaching out everywhere. Many took wet towels and wrapped around their heads to prevent being overcome by the smoke.

There were, on the other hand, many who "lost their heads" and it was this which caused the greater number of injuries and at least two of the deaths. Many women were carried in a fainting condition to the ground by rescuing firemen and policemen. As the fire raged on, many residents of the hotel sought like rats in a trap, and the air was filled with screams and cries for help.

PORTLAND TEACHER FIRST TO LOSE LIFE IN DISASTROUS ELTON COURT HOTEL FIRE.



MRS. JOSEPHINE J. CHANEY.

lice emergency hospital for treatment and the more serious were sent to St. Vincent's hospital. Drs. Blair and Woolley of the emergency hospital staff were in charge of the hospital and gave first aid to the injured. Probably a large percentage of the residents of the hotel suffered minor injuries as a result of their experience, and many had singed hair or clothing to show for their narrow escape. Few even had time to secure personal belongings or valuables, and the greater majority made their escape but partially clothed.

Rescue Work Is Done First.

A feature of the fire was the speed with which it swept through the entire building. Owing to arrangement of the hotel, with an elevator running up the center and a circular stairway passing around it all the way to the top, the fire rapidly swept from the lobby up to the roof. The elevator shaft served as a huge chimney for fanning the flames, and it was but a few minutes from the time the fire started until the entire building was a mass of flames.

The speed with which the structure was gutted may be indicated by the fact that the first fire alarm was sent in at 5:31 A. M. The recall indicating that the flames were under control went in at 5:45 and the fire was entirely out at 6:38.

The faces of those who were in the interior of the hotel that metal coils and trinkets were melted, and practically everything was left in the structure was destroyed.

The arrival of the fire department was delayed by the fact that wires leading from the alarm box in the basement of the building had been burned off and the first attempt to reach the department was futile. It was only when the alarm was sent in from an outside box that the department responded. Later, acting Chief Young sent in a second alarm.

The cause of the fire has not yet been determined, although Fire Marshal Grenfell and assistant Fire Marshal Roberts are making a close investigation.

Miss Gertrude Cooper, who works at the Union station and returned to her apartment on the first floor of the building, from her work, at 5:30 A. M. She heard a sound in the lobby of the hotel about 4 o'clock. She said it sounded as though the department was in the lobby, and was looking at a newspaper. It is thought it may have been a newspaper which she dropped a lighted cigarette stub on the couch or on the floor where it ignited the building.

Mrs. Chaney, one of the victims of the fire, was well known in Portland because of having been a teacher in the Sunnyside school for the past 22 years. The death of Mrs. Chaney was the third death of an unusual character in the city in recent years. Her husband, P. D. Chaney, Portland contractor, died in the late 90s as the result of an operation for appendicitis.

Her son, Dr. Fred R. Chaney, died as the result of an accidental fall at Fairbanks, Alaska, in 1908. Dr. Chaney had graduated from the University of Oregon medical department in 1907 and had gone to Alaska, where he met his death.

Search for Will Made.

He was an associate at the university of Dr. Earl Smith, present coroner, and Dr. Anna Riddell. He was a roommate of Dr. Smith.

Mrs. Chaney had expected to go to the hospital for an operation in a short time, and she is said to have compiled a book with the addresses of various friends and relatives. She is also said to have written a letter which she intended to serve as a sort of a will for her various personal belongings in case of her death. An attempt is being made to find these.

She is survived by three brothers, Dr. C. I. Welsh, Agenda, Kirk, P. J. Welsh, Caspar, Wyo., and John Welsh, formerly of Enterprise, Or., but now living somewhere in eastern Washington.

Miss Gertrude Evans, another victim of the fire, had been working for the past year at a stenographer in the office of Wadhams & Kerr. Her mother, Mrs. Kate Evans, lives at Grand Falls, Ore.

Miss Edith Bogue, the third victim, was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bogue, Hauser, Ore. An aunt, Mrs. E. Moore, lives in Oregon City. The bodies of the three women were turned over to Coroner Earl Smith, who announced that an inquest would probably be held Monday night.

The three Jenny boys, who were among the injured, are former residents of Mount Angel, Or. Miss Grace Kirk, another of those injured,

SCREAMS AWAKEN MAN

R. A. JERAULD ROUSED BY GIRL TRAPPED IN HALL.

Resident Crashes Bodily Through Glass Door in Leading Young Women to Fire Escape.

Several girls screaming outside his door in the hall where they were cut off from escape by the roaring flames up the elevator shaft and stairway awakened R. A. Jerauld, traffic manager of the Wadhams & Kerr company, who occupied a room on the third floor of the Elton Court hotel, which was burned yesterday.

Jerauld, who was severely cut as a result of crashing bodily through the glass door into a fire-escape room, last night was resting with badly shattered nerves at the Hanthorne apartments, 251 Twelfth street. His injuries, which consisted of deep cuts in both arms and right leg and a scalp wound over three inches in length, were treated at the emergency hospital, where he was taken in the same automobile that carried the unconscious body of Miss Edith Bogue, who died later at the St. Vincent's hospital.

"I heard the girls beating on the door and opened it," said Jerauld. "When I opened it up a wall of flame and smoke swept into the room. The girls were cringing against the wall. The flames were roaring up the elevator shaft and the stairway. They tried to force their way into my room, but I knew that there was no hope of escape that way, so I forced them back."

"At the end of the hall was a glass door leading into a fire escape room, which was locked. Whoever had been living in that room had made his escape and left the door locked behind him. The girls had been living in the hall for several minutes, but in their excitement had not thought of breaking through the glass. I had no way to break the glass except to go right through it with my bare hands."

"When I broke the glass, intending to reach through the opening and unlock the door, the girls behind me, urged by the flames that were singing their hair and the choking smoke, forced me bodily through the door. We clambered out on the fire escape, but the end of the fire escape was a good 20 feet from the ground. The girls were all for jumping to the pavement but I held them back. Later the firemen arrived and got them all down by means of ladders."

Jerauld's presence of mind probably saved the lives of the girls in the trapped hallway. He himself was taken to the emergency hospital in a semi-fainting condition due to loss of blood from his severe cuts.

Jerauld was outspoken in his condemnation of the inadequate fire escape facilities provided by the building. The building was a fire-trap of the worst description, he said. Nearly all the rooms facing on the court and on the street were absolutely cut off from escape in the fire, he declared.

Smoker Is Blamed for Fire.

Carelessness on the part of some smoker is believed by Fire Marshal Grenfell to have been the cause of the disastrous Elton Court hotel fire early yesterday morning, according to an announcement made last night following an all-day investigation.

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TRIBUTE PAID BY MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER BIGELOW.

Blaze Difficult One to Fight and Men Seriously Handicapped, Say City Officials.

Praise for the work of the Portland fire department at the fire which gutted the Elton court building yesterday was expressed by Mayor Baker and City Commissioner Bigelow, the latter in charge of the fire bureau.

"The fire was an unusually difficult one to fight," said the mayor, "and the judgment used by officials in charge in rescuing guests in the hotel first and fighting the fire later was excellent. From all reports the fire fighters did heroic work, handicapped as they were by lack of fire escapes and other facilities now insisted upon in the building code."

City Commissioner Bigelow was not a spectator at the fire, but after reviewing his reports he issued a short statement congratulating the men of the department in the handling of the fire.

"Acting Chief Young did splendid work and he received fine support from his men," the statement said. "The men were to be congratulated, for I am certain that had they not put forth their best efforts the life toll would have been far greater than it was. Elton Court has always been considered a fire menace, but existing laws did not provide for precautions such as enclosed elevator shaft, enclosed stairways and sufficient fire escapes. The present building code is not retroactive and does not cover buildings constructed prior to its adoption."

Acting Chief Young commended Charles Abbott for his work in rescuing three persons and for his general effort to save the life of Mrs. Joseph E. Chaney. Chief Young also



Charles Abbott, fireman, who rescued three persons from the flames early yesterday, and who attempted to rescue Mrs. Chaney, one of the victims of the fire.

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