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TOTAL NUMBER OF DEAD WILL BE SIX HUNDRED

Proprietors and Managers of the Iroquois Are Under Arrest, and Many Other Arrests Are Coming.

Stupid Recklessness of Users After the Panic Begun—Many Children Thought the Fire Was Part of the Spectacle—Five Hundred and Fifty-Eight Bodies Have Been Identified—A Pall of Grief Has Settled Over the Entire City and All Business Is Suspended—Two Hundred and Fifty Funerals Today.

The Scripps-McRae news bureau turns up the following supplemental information following the Chicago disaster, from the pen of R. E. Norton: Universal Sorrow. Chicago, Jan. 2.—Beneath a gloomy sky, in oppressive silence and in an atmosphere which seems ominous, laden with death, Chicago is today a veritable city of mourning. Whole streets which are usually resounded with the clang of commercialism whose pavements are wont to be thronged at this season with merry makers, whose sky towering buildings are accustomed to the cheer of thronging activity, are so silent that the rattle of funeral trappings bears with it a sharp and sudden shock. Funeral after funeral, until the grim buildings themselves seem forming an alley like guardways to visit the gates of death; pavements either deserted or habit only by the silent, even in an expression of hopeless, oppressive, pathetic grief have changed the scene to one of funeral solemnity, of universal woe, no shout of mirth, no glad exchange of holiday greetings; but silence, awful in desolation or broken by moan.

Silence of Desolation. The street gamin has forgotten in this environment of gloom to call to wares, the cable cars give no tongue to song, and the very bells of death toll with monotonous regularity and muffled stroke in unwanted usage. This is almost a city of dead. Chicago is today in the blackest and most profound grief, nor can its will be made more plainly told than in the words most frequently heard, perhaps from one who lost neither kin nor friend: "My God, the little child for life—only life and mercy, mercy, this seemingly endless procession, devoid of even that customary pageant of death, almost all those silent passers are enclosed in small, even diminutive coffins, telling again, but too plainly of that pitilessly futile struggle made by little hands and feet for life—only life and mercy, mercy, from the fear maddened throng that crushed them to death with cruel feet—the cast-off blossoms, or dying flowers. Probably it is this which the cold-blooded business men and officers familiar with scenes of violent death and careless the one who laughs, and the hardened one who stands bound for the horse in one common eye, that of grief.

Yesterday's papers contained pages of death lists and columns of burial notices. Traffic was stopped, and silence reigned while the loved and martyred president was in a distant city lowered into the grave. Today, at the same hour, Chicago streets in winter's wind, hatless and inviolable and bowed for five minutes while hundreds of its own were laid away. Mayor Harrison's office is closed, and this effect was not necessary to bring the tragedy home, although it is issued this morning. For as Dr. Hirsch said in an night, "Through the walls of 1,000 homes in this our mourning city sobs resound and are echoed on the merciless wind that scatters the voices of the bereaved throughout the world."

Two Hundred Funerals Today. Two hundred funerals in one day. JOHN A. BENSON UNDER HEAVY BONDS FOR BRIBERY. Leader of the California and Oregon Ring of School and Lieue Land Thieves Spends the Night in Jail—Under \$10,000 Bonds in Jail—Will Be Brought to Justice. New York, Jan. 2.—John A. Benson, the California and Oregon land swindler, who was placed under bonds last week for attempted bribery, in the office department at Washington, was arrested in this city yesterday, on an additional charge of bribery by United States secret service men, and in default of \$10,000 bonds was sent last night in the Ludlow street jail, awaiting the completion of his bond which was given this morning. Benson and Frederick A. Hyde, of San Francisco, are accused of whole sale fraud in obtaining title to school lands in Oregon and California. Their practices have resulted in the loss of thousands of acres of school land in these states. Within the past five years, and the government secret service agents have been following their methods in hopes of getting a clue. The first clue agents found was the offer of \$200 by Benson to a clerk in the general land office last week, for the privilege of reading the proceedings of the land investigations, in the

PANAMA ISSUES REVIEWED AND ARGUED BY PRESIDENT

Special Message Seeking Justification of the Administration's Position by Statement of Facts.

Columbia Now Offers to Ratify the Original Treaty if the United States Will Compel Panama to Recognize Colombia's Sovereignty—The Inevitable End Which Came November 3 Was Apparent to Everybody Except Colombia—Denies That the United States Was a Party to the Revolution.

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WORKING UP EVIDENCE FOR THE PROSECUTION

City Council Expected to Take Action on the Issue of Officials Accepting Passes to Theaters—Mayor Harrison Will Not Modify the Closing Order—Thirty-five Theaters in Chicago and Some Will Have to Rebuild—One Ghoul Has Been Sentenced.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—All the schools of the city are closed today out of respect to 37 teachers who lost their lives in the Iroquois. Two more victims who were injured in the crash are today out of bed. There is great activity in gaining evidence. Many of those who lost relatives have employed detectives to assist in gathering evidence for the prosecution. The coroner's jury this morning visited the hospitals to view the bodies of victims who died from injuries.

Laws have been drafted for introduction in the council tonight for closing theaters, and for junking railway or street railway passes. Theaters Must Comply. Chicago, Jan. 4.—After an executive session lasting some time, with the managers of the 35 theaters in Chicago, this morning, Mayor Harrison declined to make any modifications of Saturday's order closing all places of amusement. The managers wanted permission to open the lower floors.

Theatrical men believe it will be two weeks before any play house can comply with the law. They expect to resume at all, but must rebuild. More identifications. Other identifications at the county morgue today leaves only four unclaimed bodies. Other morgues report additional identifications. In police court this morning, 30-year-old woman, accused by the police with being a ghoul, was fined \$50 on the charge of disorderly conduct.

JAP GIRL KIDNAPED. White Man Believed to Have Carried Away in a Bundle, Mamie Su. Spokane, Jan. 4.—Kidnaped from a room across the street from the police station by a white man, with a beard, wearing a hat and a long coat, and appearing without leaving a trace. Mamie Su, a 16-year-old Japanese girl, was kidnaped from her room in the Japanese colony in a state of excitement bordering on hysteria and there are all sorts of talk about secret societies, vengeance, etc. According to the reports made to the police early Thursday morning, a white man, who has been frequently seen about the Japanese quarter, on Front avenue during the past week, and who has been driven away from several by threats, was seen to enter Mamie Su's room about 5 o'clock a. m. Thursday.

Condolee From the Caar. Washington, Jan. 2.—The president has received the following cablegram from the kaiser: "Berlin, Jan. 1.—I am agast at the news of the terrible catastrophe which has befallen the people of Chicago. My heart is filled with sympathy and I convey to you how deeply we feel for the American people who have been so cruelly visited in a week of joy. Please convey expressions of our sincerest sympathy to the citizens of Chicago. May Providence in the coming year send you and America through such accidents."

Must Observe the Law. Chicago, Jan. 2.—The mayor, at the request of the building commissioners will this evening order all theaters of the city closed indefinitely, until the laws are fully complied with. office of the secretary of the interior, in cases in which he was interested. This second arrest of Benson is on further charges of bribery of the same nature. Benson's operations are said to be extensive and fraudulent in every detail, as he is the leader of the ring of school land thieves in the West and has defrauded the states and government out of millions of dollars. Benson is said to have secret service agents until his offer of the bribe to the clerk in the land office at Washington.

BOATS ON UPPER COLUMBIA. Chelan County, Washington, Furling Ahead Rapidly. Walla Walla, Jan. 4.—Captain Charles Miller of Wenatchee, who is associated with Captain Griggs and Captain Miller, in operating the line of tow boats from Wenatchee up the Columbia river, is in the city visiting F. S. Domet, his brother-in-law, and will remain until after the completion of his business in Chelan county, where conditions are good in the Chelan country and sees great possibilities ahead for that part of Washington. At present two boats are being run, though the company has five or six in commission. Quaker Drug House Burned. Quebec, Jan. 2.—The Quaker wholesale drug house burned this morning. Loss, \$250,000.

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