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SIX HUNDRED WERE KILLED

Believed Number of Victims of Chicago Holocaust Will Easily Reach this Figure

564 DEAD IN THE MORGUES

One Hundred and Fifty-seven Injured, of Whom One-third Will Die, Missing Are 314.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Today brought with it only the legacy of yesterday's monumental calamity and the prediction that the list of fatalities in the Iroquois fire will run over 600 when information is complete.

The latest statement of dead at the morgues is 564, and it is stated at the various hospitals and hotels to which the injured were removed that of the 157 people who are injured probably one-third cannot live. The missing are estimated at 314, but it was expected that many of these would be accounted for, or probably a large majority of them. No additional bodies were found today in the ruins of the theater.

It is no extravagance of language to say that the city is stunned by the overwhelming tragedy which was enacted when the theater which housed "Mr. Blue Beard" became a chamber of horrors indeed. There is the deepest of woe in hundreds of Chicago homes today, deep sorrow in a thousand others and a pity beyond the potency of words to convey in all.

The first streak of daylight which shone on the snow covered streets found the morgues still the sorrow haunted center of many a searcher. There were husbands looking for their wives, wives searching for husbands, frenzied parents seeking their children, so many of whom lost their lives, and in so many instances wild-eyed children still dazed from the horrors of their experience groped distressedly about in search of father or mother.

Possibly nothing could better typify the depth of the sympathy which is felt for those who suffered directly by the calamity than the action of the striking livery drivers. By a vote, which was without a dissenting voice, it was decided to establish a truce of 10 days. President Albert Young, of the union following the meeting issued the following:

"Owing to the great disaster to the public caused by the fire at the Iroquois theater, I do hereby declare a truce in the present strike of undertakers and livery drivers for 10 days and do further request that every man now on strike report at once to the respective places of employment and do everything in his power to assist his employer in carrying for the wants of the public. Wages are to have no consideration. ALBERT YOUNG."

In return the employers issued a call to their striking employees to return to work "irrespective of any previous affiliations with any and all organizations," and promising to protect them in all contingencies which may arise in the future.

All night long the crowds came and went around the morgues where the bodies of the victims lay. There were the heads of families, brothers, sisters, men and women looking for those from outside cities who had been guests. For hours they passed up and down before the long rows of dead searching for the faces of their missing.

Sorrow reigned in the family of Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus, the noted divine. William McLaughlin, aged 19, a nephew of Mrs. Gunsaulus, was one of those severely burned. He was taken to the Presbyterian hospital, where the attending physicians entertain no hope for his recovery. Mr. McLaughlin's home is in Buenos Ayres. He is a sophomore in the Ohio Wesleyan university at Delaware, O., and was spending his holiday vacation at the Gunsaulus home.

All night long search was kept up for Mary Dorothy Gartz, 12 years old, and Barbara Gartz, 4 years old, who attended the theater with their aunt, Mrs. Adelaide Hoptfeld. Today their bodies had not been found and there seems to be no doubt that the children have perished. They are the daughters of A. F. Gartz and the nieces of R. T. Crane, the millionaire manufacturer, of this city.

Mrs. Hoptfeld was taken from the

theater severely burned about the head and shoulders. The children are believed to have been caught in the crush, coming down from the balcony and to have been trampled to death on the staircase leading to the main floor.

Walter Zelsler, 17 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Zeller, is among the missing. He is a nephew of Fanny Bloomfield Zelsler, the famous pianist.

BENEFIT FOR SUFFERERS.

New York Theatrical Managers Are To Render Assistance.

New York, Dec. 31.—The news of the Chicago disaster was followed in New York by the announcement of several benefits for the fire sufferers. S. S. Stauber immediately telegraphed his manager in Chicago to devote the receipts of next Wednesday's matinee of "The Pit" to the sufferers, and announced that the proceeds of a matinee to be given Wednesday of "Winsome Winnie," now here, would be devoted to the same cause.

"The Red Feather" Company will also give a benefit, and a number of other managers are considering similar liberal acts. Al. Hayman, Marcus Klaw and Abram Erlanger, the leading members of the theatrical syndicate, who own large interests in the Iroquois theater, sat in their offices in the New Amsterdam theater until after midnight eagerly awaiting the telegrams from their Chicago representatives.

Klaw and Erlanger own "Mr. Blue Beard." Their representative said it cost \$65,000 to produce it there. About 240 people were with the production on the road tour. The present "Mr. Blue Beard" Company began its tour at Pittsburg September 28.

Bereaved Father's Ride

Clinton, Ind., Dec. 31.—W. E. Dee, of Chicago, a tile manufacturer with a factory at Mecca, Ind., 10 miles from here, heard of the Chicago theater disaster by telephone last night. The list of missing contained the names of two members of his family. He instantly left for Chicago 135 miles away. Jumping into a buggy he drove at top speed to Clinton, where he chartered a switch engine and dashed on to Bannville, Ill., 50 miles away. A special train had been ordered by telegraph which was waiting for him and at midnight he started for Chicago. He expected to reach there at 3 o'clock this morning. The list of missing contains the names of Edward and Louise Dee.

Decision Not Yet Reached

Russians Have Not Formulated Reply to Last Note Sent by Japan.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—The foreign office declares that nothing has yet been decided upon regarding Russia's reply to Japan's note. M. Kuerino, the Japanese minister here, is conferring actively with Foreign Minister Lamsdorf.

Would Be World War.

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—Lieutenant-General Miles was in St. Louis a short time today, and was interviewed and asked his opinion concerning the situation in the far east. General Miles said: "If war is declared between Russia and Japan it will probably involve all the nations of Europe."

Japan is Ready.

Tokio, Dec. 31.—Japan is well prepared for whatever phase the situation may assume. Preparations for an emergency have been going on for months and officials of the government are satisfied of their ability to cope with Russia in the event of war. At present tension is high pending receipt of Russia's reply to Japan's note. The impression prevails that war will ensue.

Vessels For Far East.

London, Dec. 31.—Two warships have been docked and will be prepared for service in the orient.

Germany Wants Coaling Station.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Information has reached Washington to the effect that Germany is making a determined effort to get a coaling station at St. Thomas, one of the West India Islands.

INQUIRY TO BE STARTED

Responsibility for Disaster Will Be Fixed if Any One Was to Blame.

AWFUL LOSS DUE TO A WIRE

Held Asbestos Curtain in Place and Created a Draft That Fanned Fire to Fury.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—If the horror at the Iroquois theater yesterday afternoon was due to the negligence of anyone, proper punishment will be meted out. One case is to be made the basis for an investigation of the tragedy.

"If any persons are responsible for the tragedy, they will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law," said Coroner Treager. "The investigation into the causes of the fire will be thorough, and we will leave no stone unturned in our efforts to fix responsibility."

Police are guarding the theater charnel house and nobody is allowed to enter without an order from the fire chief.

Five bushel baskets have been filled with purses, gloves and handkerchiefs which were dropped by the fleeing mob of terror-stricken women. Barrels would be required to hold the overshoes and shoes found.

Mayor Harrison has determined to issue a proclamation naming Saturday as a day of sorrow. Messages of sympathy are reaching Chicago from all parts of the world.

It is stated late this afternoon that the police estimate the dead at 548, while 314 are reported missing. Of the 157 injured in the hospitals and elsewhere, one-third will probably succumb.

Cause of the Fire

The reason for the jamming of the asbestos curtain, which was considered the cause of the disaster, was explained today by the inspector of the underwriters, who made a tour of the house. He found that the wire on which the queen of the arlet ballet flew out over the audience in the second act held the asbestos curtain in place and

prevented it from being lowered. It was shown by the inspector that the wire on which the most spectacular feature of the show was made was practically the cause of the holocaust.

Another Bad Fire.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—One man was killed and two severely injured in a fire which destroyed the factory of the United Feather Company today. The loss was \$50,000.

Suit For Salvage.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—The suit of H. H. Rees and 50 sailors of the U. S. S. Justin to recover \$50,000 salvage for saving 200 tons of silver bullion and other valuables on the steamer Yosemite was tried and submitted to Judge Dehaven today. The Yosemite was lost in a typhoon at Guam in November, 1900.

S. P. to Instruct Employees

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The Southern Pacific Company has fitted up a car with all the modern improvements used in the handling and operating of rolling stock and will soon send it out on the divisions for the purpose of giving instructions to its employees in the newest methods of railroading. The car will have instructors aboard. It is the plan of the company to have the car travel over the entire Pacific system, stopping at terminal points where men can be instructed in such work as is deemed necessary to make them more proficient.

TREATY IS NEGOTIATED.

Our Government Now On Friendly Terms With Abyssinia.

Jibuti, French Somaliland, Dec. 31.

The United States expedition to Abyssinia under Consul-General Skinner has successfully carried out the principal features of its mission. A treaty between the United States and the empire of Ethiopia, opening for the first time friendly commercial relations, has been negotiated and signed.

Bids For Hay.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—Ninety-two and a half cents is the average price per 100 pounds of hay that the San Francisco houses bid for the government shipments to the Philippine islands. The price to the ton will be from \$17 to \$19. Seattle's offer was from \$12.75 to \$1.40 per 100 pounds. The 5000 tons required will probably be accepted from San Francisco.

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