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HORRORS OF GREAT FIRE.

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rived from the aspect of the bodies as they lay.

Sight Sickened Rescuers.

As the police removed layer after layer of dead in those doorways, the sight became too much even for the police and firemen, hardened as they are to such sights, to endure. The men worked at the task with tears running down their cheeks, and the sobs of the rescuers could be heard even in the hall below, where an awful scene was being enacted. A number of men were compelled to abandon their tanks and give it over to others whose nerves had not as yet been shaken by the awful experience.

There were women whose clothing was torn completely from their bodies above the waist, whose bosoms had been trampled into a pulp and whose faces were marred beyond all hope of identification. In the first and second balconies bodies were piled up in the aisles three and four deep, where one had fallen and others tripped over the upstrate forms.

In the aisles nearest the doors the scenes were harrowing in the extreme. Bodies lay in every conceivable attitude half naked, the look on their faces revealing some portion of the agony with which must have preceded their death. There were scores and scores of people whose entire faces had been trampled completely off.

In one aisle the body of a man was found with not a vestige of clothing or flesh remaining above his waist line. The entire upper portion of his body had been cut into mince meat and carried away by the feet of those who had trampled upon him.

A New Playhouse.

The Froquois theater was completed less than two months ago at a cost of half a million dollars. It was opened to the public on the night of November 23. The style of the structure was French renaissance, and its total seating capacity was 1700. The records of the city building department show that the theater was complete in every detail and absolutely fireproof.

Represents Much Wealth.

Writing in the December number of "The World's Work," Sereno E. Pratt says that one-twelfth of the estimated wealth in the United States is represented at the meeting of the board of directors of the United States steel corporation, when they are all present. The 24 directors are John D. Rockefeller, Marshall Field, E. H. Gary, W. H. Moore, Henry C. Frick, W. E. Corey, F. H. Peabody, Charles Steele, P. A. B. Widener, James H. Reid, William Edsborn, E. C. Converse, J. Pierpont Morgan, H. H. Rogers, George W. Perkins, Norman B. Roam, Charles M. Schwab, C. A. Griacom, Daniel G. Reid, J. D. Rockefeller, Jr., Alford Clifford, Robert Bacon, Nathaniel Thayer and James Gayloy.

Mr. Pratt shows that these men represent as influential directors more than 200 other companies. These companies operate nearly one-half of the railroad mileage of the United States. They are the great miners and carriers of coal. Among these companies are such industrial trusts as the Standard Oil, the Amalgamated Copper, the International Harvester, the Pullman, The General Electric, the International Mercantile Marine, the United States Realty and the American Linseed. The leading telegraph system, the traction lines of New York of Philadelphia, of Pittsburgh, of Buffalo, of Chicago and of Milwaukee and one of the principal express companies, are represented in the board. This group includes also directors of five insurance companies, two of which have assets of \$700,000,000. In the steel board are men who speak for five banks and ten trust companies in New York City, including the First National, the National City and the Bank of Commerce, the three greatest banks in the country, and the head of important chains of financial institutions; for two banks and three trust companies in Philadelphia; for two banks and two trust companies in Chicago; for one bank and two trust companies in Boston, and for one bank and one trust company in Pittsburg, besides banking institutions in smaller cities. Telephone, electric, real estate, cable and publishing companies are represented there, and our greatest merchant sits at the board table.

A communication was received by Auditor Anderson today from the library association thanking the council for its recent action relative to the proposed increase in the appropriation allowed the institution. The letter further stated that it is the wish of the library people to receive from the city lawmakers any suggestions as to the betterment of the work, and suggested that a meeting be held between a committee appointed by the association and one by the council for the purpose of talking-over plans for the coming year.

WOMEN'S COLUMN.

Envy never takes a holiday. The military collar is a favorite. Happiness is both a generator and a radiator.

Moleskin, ermine and chinchilla are the leading furs.

Few women walk gracefully enough to risk a scant cut skirt.

And now it is said pompadour are to be broad and low again.

A train of thought is easily attracted by a light remark.

Ideals are the weapons of the mind which defeat even themselves.

Flour belongs in a bin or barrel raised a few inches from the floor.

Calico is named for Calicut, a town in India, where it was first printed.

Knitted silk stocking suspenders are the latest fad for the smart girl.

Shirt waist suits have a dressy look which the separate waist can never attain.

Tell babies they are good and women that they are pretty and they will be.

The errors we individually behold in others are all ambushed in our own mind.

Economy is learning to do without these things you don't want and can't possibly need.

Are unhappy married people more numerous than formerly, or are they talking more about it?

About half the troubles of which we all make complaint never hit us at all, but went skimming by.

Knitting is pretty work. It shows off white fingers to advantage and hand some rings; it is also useful.

The reasonable woman usually considers both extremes—and then settles comfortably on a pleasant between measure.

Divorce is altogether too common, and the saddest part of this situation is that the danger is worse in the so-called educational classes.

When it is a choice between being angry yourself or making the other fellow angry, be generous and decide in the favor of the other fellow.

True happiness consists in the forgetting how to fret, about the many things that we are sure we can not get.

NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST.

Ernest B. Randall, aged 28, has been charged at Everett, Wash., with murder. It is said he killed Henry Hots. The latter surprised a chicken thief and was shot to death. The case against Randall is supposed to be a strong one.

Murderer Angus McPhail, under death sentence at Everett, is putting in nearly all his time reading the Bible. He is to be hanged at Walla Walla.

Senator Rand, of Baker county believes the new Oregon law providing for the hanging of condemned persons is constitutional, and that Armstrong may be hanged under its provisions.

A number of stockmen who have been in town during the past few days say horses, cattle and sheep are wintering well. Sheep have been getting all they can eat on the open ranges, while horses and cattle have required but little feed. No matter what kind of weather prevails during January and February, there cannot be any material loss.—The Dalles Times-Mountaineer.

SHARKS IN EUROPE.

The disagreeable fact has to be faced according to the current testimony of fishermen of several nations, that the shark has once more to be reckoned with in European waters. In the Baltic where sharks had been extinct since 1759, they have made their appearance in considerable numbers, and several fishing boats report having had whole draughts of fish devoured from the nets, which were broken in the Belt and the Catagat. A fisherman who fell overboard narrowly escaped with his life. Shoals of sharks, some of them of large size, have been seen off the German coast, and they are even reported as becoming far from rare in the North sea. Their presence is attributed to their pursuit of the Herking shoals on the west coast of Norway.

Lockout Declared.

New York, Dec. 31.—A lockout has been declared by the Association of Master Builders in Paterson, N. J., to take effect January 4. More than 1200 men employed in the building trades will be thrown out of employment. The trouble rose out of a refusal to arbitrate differences with the unions.

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