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MISS ELMORE IN THE FIRE

Astoria Girl Had Narrow Escape From Death in Theater Blaze.

RELATIVES WERE ANXIOUS

Knew She Had Planned to Attend Performance and Were Frantic to Hear From Her.

Miss Elsie Elmore, of this city, came nearly being one of the victims of the fearful theater holocaust at Chicago. With a party of society people Miss Elmore occupied a box at the afternoon performance of "Mr. Bluebeard," and when the opera house became a mass of flames she rushed with her friends for the street, reaching it after a terrible struggle.

The following Associated Press dispatch was received by The Astorian and Daily News last night telling of the narrow escape of the party of young ladies:

"Chicago, Dec. 30.—One of the marvelous escapes from the burning Iroquois theater was made by the members of a theater party given by Miss Charlotte Plamondon, of Chicago. The party was made up of a number of society people, among them Miss Elsie Elmore, of Astoria, Ore.; Miss Mary Peters, of Columbus, O., and Miss Josephine Eddy, of Evanston, Ill.

"The ladies occupied a box, and upon the cry of fire and the spread of flames in their direction all hastened from their seats, Miss Elmore being the first to leave the box. All the members of the party escaped, but suffered so terribly in the matter of clothing that the first thing they did upon reaching the street was to rush to nearby stores to purchase clothing to cover themselves."

Miss Elmore had been attending school at Washington city, and was in Chicago, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Hill, for the holidays. Miss Grace Hill and Miss Elmore both attended Miss Plamondon's party and together went through the thrilling experience. A few days ago Miss Elmore wrote home and in her letter mentioned that a matinee party had been planned for the 30th, when several young ladies would attend the production of "Mr. Bluebeard." Last night, when the news of the fire appeared in the evening papers, there was consternation at the Elmore home and members of the family were almost beside themselves with grief pending receipt of further advices. This morning a dispatch was received by Mr. Elmore from Mr. Hill in which the pleasing information was conveyed that both Miss Elmore and Miss Hill had escaped uninjured. From the Associated Press dispatch it appeared that all the other young ladies likewise escaped.

The rush from the burning building was a tremendous one and it is indeed marvelous that the young ladies were not trampled to death. Their clothing was torn to shreds by the maddened theatergoers in the wild rush for open air, and all were doubtless happy to have escaped with their lives.

"We arrived at the theater after the first act," said Miss Elmore in describing the fire. "As far as I could see the house was filled with women and children, who occupied seats on the first floor, and in the galleries. It was about 2:45 when one of the young women in the party asked Mrs. Keyes if she did not smell something burning, and in an instant afterwards a great cloud of smoke spread across the stage and into the body of the house. Immediately we realized the danger we were in, as did all around us. Instead of a rush to the doors, the audience gazed for a moment at the stage and as a whole, the people appeared very calm, under the circumstances, and as if contemplating how they should escape.

"Again another cloud of smoke issued from the stage, and several stage hands appeared, shouting at the top of their voices for the people to sit down. But it was only for an instant that they obeyed, for by that time the smoke had spread through the theater, and men, women and children were gasping for breath. Then a mad rush was made for the doors and for the supposed exits, but in vain. Mrs. Pearson and Mrs. Keyes commanded us to keep together by all means, and just as we were leaving the boxes the theater became darkened, which, I suppose was caused by the burning out of the electric light, and thus made our escape the harder.

"We plodded through the aisles until we came to within about 10 feet of the main entrance without encountering any violence from the frantic wo-

men and children, who were fighting for their lives. Then the crush became terrible, and the members of our party, Mrs. Rollin A. Keyes, Mrs. Pearson, Misses Charlotte Plamondon, Catherine Keyes, Amelia Ormsby, Grace Hill, Josephine Eddy and Miss Elizabeth Eddy realized it would be impossible to get to the street through that door.

"It was only a short time, however, when somebody knocked down two doors which had been locked and the majority of the people on the first floor escaped through them without serious injury. Miss Catherine Plamondon, who was bruised about the face and hands, and I were the only ones in the party who escaped with our wraps. The others had their clothes torn almost from them, as they were hurrying from the burning theater.

"Before we had left the boxes the fire had spread to the first row of seats and the stage hands were endeavoring to lower the asbestos curtain. When it was about half down it became caught and the attempt to drop it was abandoned. A great gush of fire then spread to the draperies over the boxes. The people were wonderfully calm, it seems to me, for so crucial a moment, and it wasn't until the smoke filled the house that the people became frantic and screamed for help. We could hardly breathe, and I believe had we been in the theater a few minutes longer, we, too, would have been suffocated, as the heat and smoke were becoming unendurable. Had the exits been open and unlocked the loss of life would not have been nearly so great."

Many Turks Arrested.

Salonica, Dec. 31.—Over 100 Turks have been arrested, suspected of complicity in the plot to massacre Christians.

Coal Companies Fall Out.

New York, Dec. 31.—Business relations between the United States Steel corporation and the Pittsburg Coal Company, the soft coal combination of western Pennsylvania, will terminate tonight, according to the Herald, with the expiration of the contract which has been in force between the two companies. Negotiations looking toward arrangement of a new contract have failed. Disagreement over prices is said to be the prime cause of the failure.

Gravelle Found Guilty.

Helena, Mont. Dec. 31.—The jury today returned a verdict of guilty against Isaac Gravelle, charged with sending blackmailing letters to the Northern Pacific officials.

REVIEW OF THE IRON TRADE.

Outlook All Over The Country Shows Decided Improvement.

Cleveland, Dec. 31.—The Iron Trade Review in its issue this week says:

With growing activity in some directions, even at the expense of prices, the closing week of the year finds increasing expectations in the iron and steel market. The lower prices of the week are in finished material chiefly. In pig iron the tendency for the time being is toward firmness in southern iron, while northern furnaces have shaded prices in some instances to take business in closely competitive territory.

Several conferences have been held at Birmingham this week looking to the reorganization of the southern pig iron association or the adoption of some plan to establish prices on a firmer basis and keep them there.

There are some better indications in finished material, though no realizing movement is looked for until after the opening of the year. A number of railroads are buying equipment and orders aggregating 2500 cars have been placed by the New York Central, the Chicago & Northwestern and the Illinois Central. In steel cars pending business aggregates 7000 cars and an order from the Wabash railroad for 1000 cars. Chicago notes more activity in plates, 5000 tons being sold in the week. Ship yards and bridgeworks have work on hand for which material must be provided after January 1.

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