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### NOT HALF THE HORRORS WERE FIRST TOLD THAT RESULTED FROM THE AWFUL THEATRE HOLOCAUST

#### PEOPLE APPALLED BY FEARFUL CATASTROPHE

Probably Seven Hundred Lives Lost in the Disastrous Fire at the Iroquois Theatre.

Scenes That Beggar Description Are Told of Today---Terrible Struggles of Helpless Women and Children---Fatal Cry of Fire.

When I lost consciousness the place

was black with smoke and filled with

She Fell Out of Balcony.

During the first mad rush I saw a

young girl attempt to climb over the

seat from the first row in the balcony.

Other women were crowding in the same

direction. The girl was forced against the balcony railing, where she lost her

balance and fell into the pit below.
"I believe had not the cry of fire been

given few, if any, lives would have been

ost, as exit would have been made be

fore suffocating smoke and gas could

Mr. Hennessy said today that when

the explosion of the gas reservoirs oc-curred the people in the first gallery were already in their death rush for the

The accounts of the catastrophe dif-

John Kerwin, who had a seat in the

parquet, said today that he saw the blaze running along the upper part of

any apparent notice of it was taken by

his position in the second row from the

front he had a good view of all the

upper wings and saw three men work-

ing in their endeavor to extinguish what

looked to him to be a very harmless

blaze caused probably by a crossed

At the cry of fire, given by some on

in the first balcony, was what caused

box where he observed at least a dozen

children in a state of terror. He man-aged, with the assistance of an older

street. They proved to be the children

of George C. Sanborn, a wealthy con-

tractor of Chicago, who not knowing

that his dear ones had been rescued.

went almost wild with grief about the

entrance of the theatre when rescue

ably a half dozen exceptions of those

in the lower part of the house, were

It is believed that all, with prob-

In the upper gallery a scene similar

to that in the first gallery was en-

right, left and center door which leads

to a passageway entering the front of

No words can describe the horror of

part of the patrons to this section of

the house. In their mad efforts to escape they fought each other like wild

over the railing and her dead body was found latter by firemen impaled on

When rescuers began their work it

trance to the upper balcony through the left doors, as they were piled five feet

former bore a dead infant in her arms

sent to every hospital and police sta-

mand, and not half enough were there.

The dead so soon as brought to the

Scores of physicians stood at the en-

trances, and if a body with a spark of

be had, the dying and injured were ten-derly carried to Thompson's restaurant,

which adjoins the theatre, which place

was made a receiving hospital. Every

table, counter and available floor space

was occupied by some one seriously in-

jured or dying. The scene was terrible.

Never has anything like it been enacted

So big was the crowd outside the the-

Parents and relatives who had sent

their children and dear ones to witness "Bluebeard," so soon as they heard of

the catastrophe, rushed to the scene and

demanded that they be allowed to enter

in this big city.

the iron railing on a lower box.

was found impossible to gain

Pushed Over Balcony.

to take the little ones to

the curtain fully five minutes

the people on the stage.

electric light wire.

saved.

somewhat when related by people who occupied seats in various parts of

have done its deadly work.

suffocating gas.

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Dec. 31.—Not in the history

of this country has a greater horror been recorded than that over which hundreds of thousands of people of this

city are weeping today.

There is hardly a home which is not directly or indirectly entertaining the grim messenger of death. If not a wife, mother or child is mourned, then some relative or dear friend is either injured or missing as a result of the terrible disaster which occurred vesterday afternoon when the Iroquois theatre burned.

More than 600 dead is the latest count, or rather estimate, and the cororner believes the list will reach 700 before the "charnel-house" is completely

Mothers with their fittle ones form the greatest part of the sad number. They had sought an afternoon of enjoy-ment and died frantically fighting, not fire many of them, but other frenzied people who were also trying to save their lives by escaping from the fearful

place.
In discussing the situation today with more calmness, a better account of the disaster is gained from those who witscene from its incipiency.

Earl Hennessy, who was injured and

taken to the Auditorium so soon as he the theatre, said this morning: "I fear that I shall never be able to forget even a detail of the awful scene witnessed by me during the half-hour

"I occupied a seat in the first gallery, the awful panic, Mr. Kerwin said he had little difficulty in reaching a lower third row, and had just returned after the first act. Beside me sat a mother and next to her two little girls had There were women and children all about me, and general good feeling and pleasure was evident on their innocent faces.

"It was during the second act and probably half-past 3 o'clock, when there arosp a smell of burning cloth. All eyes were on the stage where the chorus was engaged. The woman next to me said: 'Isn't that fire above the curtain?' I looked and saw a tiny blaze reeping slowly along the upper edge of the curtain near the right hand

At this moment Eddie Foy, the comedian came to the front of the stage and acted. Here also are three exits. A said that no alarm need be felt, as only a slight blaze had occurred among the alclum lights. As he said this several the theatre. of the chorus girls ran from the stage, soon to be followed by the whole stage company. The order was then given to the half hour following the first cry run down the curtain, and several times of fire. Children composed the largest the bell rang. Finally the asbestos cur-tain started, but after being lowered the house.

half way it stopped. "I am certain not a person, not even animals." One little girl was pushed little child, had moved from a seat at

#### this time. Two Women Yelled Fire

"Suddenly two women in the front row of the balcony, and not 20 feet me, rose to their feet and shricked 'fire!' two or three times. It was the beginning of the end, for within the next minute no more frenzied throng ever existed. Women scrambled and fought to gain the aisles. They clutched each other, and those who had ad little ones in their care cried for others to give them room. No cry was

"At this time the flames had not and every available man had broken into the auditorium, and there seemed no danger, but no band could stay the madness of that panic-stricken had been the loss of life that a call was

"Everybody rushed for the left exit. uon in the city. Ambulances were in de I took two little tots in my arms and started with the rest. The jam at the door was awful. Already peopl being trampled under foot. Children's cries mingled with women's screams, and all was confusion. Then the fire burst from the stage and suffocating smoke and gases filled the upper house

People were being killed about me. finally persuaded several had kept their babies and older children with them that it was death to attempt to go out of the jammed doorway, and we moved toward the right stairs, which by this time was also filled with panic-stricken women and chil-dren. Few men were in the gallery that

"Suddenly a window was smashed in and there appeared firemen, and real atre that the police had difficulty in conto the ground by way of ladders and the firemen worked to get the crowd to clear the left exit, but many were carried through the right and center was knocked down while I held the building and care for their own. the two little ones, and they were taken from me by. I believe, firemen. I was trampled upon by a score of people, and about me lay the dead and injured.

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Coroner and police believe number will reach 700. Origin of fire still in some doubt.

Police compile list of dead and place number at 551.

Manager of theatre says occasioned by explosion of gas reservoirs. Eddie Foy believes that sparks emitted from calcium lights ignited

Others say electric light wire broke and grounded. Most disastrous theatre fire in history of America. Brooklyn theatre fire December 5, 1876, loss of life 292.

#### LIST OF DEAD, INJURED AND MISSING, SO FAR

A partial list of the dead and injured

WARNER S. EDILL, Kankskee, III. HERMAN EISENSTADT (previously missing) UNIDENTIFIED GIRL at morgne; wor

medal inscribed "Georgia."

CARRIE J. SAYORE, body at morgue.

HARRY HUDSON, member of "The Billionaire" company; body at morgue.

B. E. GOULD, Elgin, Ill., clerk of circuit court Kane county; seed at hospital. His wife was injured.

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MRS. W. A. SPRING, body at morgue; identified by letter from husband.

FRED W. LEATIN, body at morgue.

BEANE BOISE, body at morgue.

C. M. BICKFORD, body at morgue.

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MRS. J. H. STINGLER, Lowell Ind.; body at morgue; identified by husband.

UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN, wearing ring marked "E. K., Oct. 20, 1874"; body at morgue.

C. R. BARHEIM, body at morgue.

ESTHER BARKER, body at morgue.

ESTHER BARKER, body at morgue, EDWARD L. VANINGEN, Kenosha, Wis.; previously reported injured.

ELIZABETH HART and MATTIE MARTIN, Evanston, ill.; reported dead by Evanston police, but whereshouts of boddes not given.

ROBERT MARTIN, roung son of Principal Martin of Pullman school.

JOHN VANINGEN, Kenosha, Wis.

WALTER BESSINGER, died at bespital.

MARGARET BUHRMAN, died at bespital.

MRS. LEO WOLF, Hammond, Ind., died at bespital.

hospital.

ALICE KAUSMAN, died at hospital.

HELEN ROWARD, died at hospital.

HELEN COOPER, died at hospital.

B. E. GiULD, died at hospital.

— HENNING, a boy.

WALTER B. EISLER, identified by watch.

— MUIR (first name not learned), member Traveling Passenger Agents' association; carried check No. 12,231.

MRS. EMMA BRINCKLEY, identified by her father at morgue. father at morgue.

RICHART AND ALLEN HOLST.

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HAROLD MARTIN, JOHN HOLLAND, LULU SHABBARD. CHARLES H. KOLL.
MRS. DAWSON, address unknown.

WILLIAM BUTL.

MRS. EMILY FUX, mother of Hoyt Fox, and er son and daughter, all of Winetka, Ill.

LUCILLE MEADE. Berwyn.

MISS FOULKE, Berwyn.

EDWARD AND LOUISE DEE, children.

JOSEPH E. CULLISON.

JOHN HOLLAND. Des Moines.

MISS NINA HANSEN.

MRS. MARY TARLET AND TWO CHIL
REN.

MRS. MARY TARLET AND TWO CHILDHEN.

MRS. DAVID KENNEDY, Freeport, III.

H. LUDWIG, WIFE AND TWO DAUGHTERS. Norwood Park.

MRS. E. JONES.

ELVA FOWLER.

MORTIMER ELDRIDGE.

HELEN BEYERSLOTH. Evanston, III.

REV. HENRY I., RICHARDSON.

ETHEL JONES, daughter of S. P. Jones, attended theatre with brothers and sisters, two
of whom are missing and three accounted for,
it was reported at Vsughn's seed store, where
the body of Miss Jones was taken, that the
mother, an invalid, dropped drad when she received the tidings of her daughter's death.

MRS. KING, wife of John C. King, atterney.

LILLIAN PHILLIPSON, 6 years old; identimeation uncertain.

BOY, 17 years old; lived at Lafayette, Ind.
MRS. FORMAN.
WILLIAM RATTLEY; died in hospital.
WILLIAM REED, lawyer, Waukegan, III.
HOYT FOX, the I3-year-old grandsom of William M. MRS. L. H. BUTLER. S. WARDMAN.

EDMCND W. MORTON, agent Wagner Elec-ic company. St. Louis.

J. A. KOCKEMS.
MRS. STERN.
H. DONALDSON: address unknown.
REV. GEORGE DUDLEY, paster of All-Stran-

**Identification** in Many Cases Impossible for Features Are Gone.

Full Knowledge of All Those Who Lost Their Lives May Never Be Obtained so Frightfully Are They Mangled.

MISS J. H. DODD of Delaware, O., visita

of police.

W. W. HOOPER, Kenosha, Wis.

FIVE CHILDREN OF S. H. VANINGEN of Renosha (probable). Father became separate than and is among the injured.

com them and is among the injured.

MRS. JOHN MINWEGAN, wife of alderman.
BERNICK BALLSY, at morgue.

A. M. MANDEL, identified by ring.

C. A. WINSLOW, commercial traveler, of hree Rivers, Wis.

DONAUL, WELLS, name on handkerchief.

BURE SCOTT. BURE SCOTT.
FORNETTA PETERSON.
HARVEL KIELY, Laciede avenue, St. Louis.
THOMAS COUTELL.

EMPERLY HALL. THOMAS J. FLANAGAN, 6292 College ave MRS. M. A. HENRY. HOSE K. ROGERS, 16

FORBUSH AND FAMILY. ANNA STERLING. THREE MEN, employed

THREE MEN, employed on the files on the stage, names suknown.

FLORTINE a German aerial performer, taken to hospital; died in ambulance.

ETHEL BLACKMAN, 13 years old, daughter of Harly E. Blackman, freight department Marshall Ffeld & Co., living at Glenville, ill. MRS. CAVANAUGH of indiana avenue. UNKNOWN BOY, 8 years old.

TWO UNKNOWN WOMEN, who met death by jumping from the rear fire escape while their garments were affame.

LOUISE BUCHRAY.

MARIE WALSH, aged 15.

MRS. JAMES D. MALONEY, wife of a plumber.

dumber.
MISS SPENCER.
LOUIS KISNER AND WIFE. said to have belonged to "Bluebeard" company.
J. GRAHAM, identified by underclothing.
WALTER B. ZEISLER, son of Dr. Zeisler of the University of Chicago, who is now in Eu-

Illinois Steel company.

MRS. A. N. MENDEL, wife of retired banker.

WALTER D. AUSTRIAN, aged 14, son of Joseph D. Austrian, president of the Lake Michlean Transportation company.

FRED SAWYER.

WILL M'GARY, body at morgue.

LEANDER DEFFENDORF, Lancein, Ill.; died at heanital.

hespital.
PAUL WINDES, body at mergue."
Mits. MORTON FOX, Winetka, Ill.; body at

mytes motator for the progres.

ANNIE MOAK, body at morgus.

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JAMES M'CLELLAND.

PADLINE GEARY, body at morgus.

UNIDENTIFIED MAN, with watch engraved "E. D. M."; body at morgus; supposedly brother-in-law of William H. Hoyt.

MRS. C. D. BARTLETT, Bartiett, Ill.; body at morgus.

MRS. JOHN ADENECK, Bartlett, Ill.

f above; body at margue.

GERTRUDE FRANKENSTEIN, Bartlett, Ill.,
llece of Mrs. Bartlett, body at morgue.

MRS. W. T. BOISE, body at morgue.

MRS. SARAH KRANZ, Racine, Wis.

WINTHROP SPRING.

— SAVILLO first name not learned), 14
rears old; body at morgue.

HERMAN VEIN, died at hospital.

HARLIET WOLFF, daughter of Millionaire.

Wolff.

HULDA HOLMES, identified from pin bear-Part of the Injured.

nue. Indianapolis.

MRS. M. A. HENRY.
HORE K. ROGERS, identified by card in her purse.

H. P. MOORE.
C. L. COOPER.
MAY CURRAN.
MARTIN, a boy of 15.
E. MOSIS.
H. W. WILLIAMS.
B. REGENBERG.
ELLA LINDEN.
HORTENSE JANG. aged 16.
IRENE LANG, aged 11. sister of Hortense.
Their mother escaped.
E. A. WILSON.
ANN PITZGIBBON.
MRS. W. T. MABSH.
LOUISE BUSHNELL.
MBR. A. LAKE, 35. years old; identified at morgue.
MRS. A. DONALDSON. sged 18; identified at morgue by telegram found in her purse.
MRS. B. ATRICE P. O'DONNELL. wife of President O'Donnell of the O'Donnell Brewing company.
R. H. COULTS.
MRS. BOSS. daughter of Dr. Ross.
FLORENCE ANNAM. ELVIRA OLSON, LILY FOWERS, ROSEMOND SCHMHIT, HELEN MOWARS, HELEN M'CAUGHAN and RIAH MAKER, a club of high school girls who were in the balcony.
MRS. E. A. MORRILL.
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MRS. SUMING.
MRS. BABBAUGH.

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## MISS EDITH NORTON of Ontonegen, Mich.

#### GAMBLERS' FOES GET FIRST BLOOD; APPEAL TO BE TAKEN, SAYS MAYOR

Women were found with their fingers imbedded in the eye sockets of an unfortunate girl who had obstructed the the demurrer to the petition for the any action now pending." writ of mandamus in the case of R. Chief of Police Hunt said: passageway. In fighting for her life the cruzed women had killed the other. The Livingstone against the mayor, executive board, chief of police and municipal When the fire had been extinguished judge. This is the proceeding instituted pressed into the work of rescue, they officers to have them mandamused to perform certain duties in regard to found that so greatly underestimated suppressing gaming and gambling

From every indication, however, gambling will continue in Portland for some time under the present system of fines. The city officials will appeal to the supreme court, and until cision is rendered the gambling situalife remaining was found it was taken tion will remain the same, according to an ambulance. If such was not to ot Mayor Williams. The mayor said this morning:

The Mayor's Statement. "To the writ of mandamus served upon me to instruct Chief Hunt to stop cambling, a formal demurrer will be filed, which will be overruled. Then the defendants before the writ should an appeal will be taken to the supreme court. Attorney McNary is handling the case and I do not know all the points on which he will base his ap-peal. I am under the impression that volved was had, and the judges had cretionary power on the part of the of-senting—that the writs should be issued all proper requests of the city attorney ficials; another that the plaintiff have as prayed for. He further stated that adequate remedy at law without resort the court had as fully examined the decision of the supreme court is forth- to the writ, but told Mr. McNary, the duct of the cases for coming defining the powers of the city city attorney, that he might, to save nances against gambling, and I know

Says Will Do His Duty.

When the writ is served upon me I will do my duty." When asked if he considered it his

duty to enforce the laws and arrest gamblers, he replied that this was a matter for the mayor to instruct him on. Further than this Chief Hunt would not say anything on the subject. W. J. Honeyman, president of the

"The decision today is most satisfac tory. It is a victory not alone for the Municipal league but for good citizens generally."

In giving his decision overruling the demurrer, Judge Cleland said that contrary to the usual custom, and on account of the great and public importance of the matter, he had directed notice to issue, and had also called the other three judges to sit with him in the hearing. The defendants had appeared and a very mandamus proceedings. Until the questions as it would upon a demurrer

uary 7, 1904.

The result of this decision is that the defendants must answer the writ and say whether the allegations are true. Briefly, the writ will charge that the regard to gambling, for the purpose of most through a rain of fire. All to get a revenue therefrom for the city. Municipal Judge Hogue defined his

"I have not seen or considered the writ of mandamus which I am informed has been issued to direct me to issue bench warrants for the arrest of gamblers who have forfelted ball, and do not at this time know what course I driven back into the theatre. will pursue. The manner in which the

proper.
"The city charter provides that the appeared to emerge one by one.
"The shricks increased and t city attorney shall have control of all actions and proceedings in the municipal court, and the forfeitures of ball in pletely filled the foyer and auditorium, gambling cases have been entered at so that it was impossible to return into ong them will be the feature of dis- reached the conclusion-Judge Sears dis- his request. In all cases in this court "No complaint or criticism has ever been made to me concerning the conofficials and the extent of the court's the rights of the defendants, formally no reason why I should not allow the jurisdiction over them, matters will file a demurrer to the writs when iscontinue as they exist at present. There sued, which would be overruled, as the ercised by the officer to whom it is given some changes in the gambling court had made a full examination of by the charter."

# FOR A FAIR ACCOUNT

Description of the Actions of the Panic Stricken People When Fire Was First Discovered.

Details of Catastrophe in Its Incipiency Related by William Brady---Play House Crowded When the Fire Started.

scrambling out, Screaming frantically,

off. On reaching the street many tried

to return to the doomed building to

save friends, relatives or children.

'The screams from the top of the gal-

ery was deafening. Nobody seemed to

be escaping from the upper tiers. It seemed hours before the police or fire-

"Suddenly a man who appeared to be in command yelled out to sound a sec

pumps were started, and by this time

Every one knew that hundreds of peo-ple were inside, helpless. Many men

from the sidewalk tried to go into the theatre and were forced to turn back by the police. Piles of women's cloth-

ing, seal skin sacques, cloth coats, hats and women's apparel of all kinds were heaped up in the lebby. Everything

the theatre and trying to rescue the

turned on. The smoke grew denser

"More engines commenced to arrive

"In front of the Garrick theatre,

where my play was being perform

came a crowd of men and women, who

did not know whether their families

had gone to see "The Pit" or "Blue Beard" at the Iroquois. For two hours

we struggled to prevent the crowd in

front of the Garrick from creating a

"We refused to allow anyone who left

the theatre between the acts to return,

and we succeeded in playing "The Pit"

to a finish and releasing our audience

knowledge of the terrible calamity that had occurred within a block."

An Account from the Stage.

W. A. C. Sellers, house fireman, who was severely burned in trying to lower

standing in the wings when I heard an

forth a cry of 'fire' from the stage and

rang for the fire curtain. We got it

half way down when the wind, rushing in from the broken skylights, hellied it

out so that it caught and we could not

together we tried to push it down. All efforts were futile and I turned my at-

tention to warning the actors and try-

ing to save those who were in trouble

The women were frantic, and men not

much better. I stood at the stairway leading to the dressing room, where

chorus people were located, and kept some from going up to get their street clothes. As the others came down I

do not know how they ever got out all

those girls and men who came crowding down the stairs, for the stage en-

trance was blocked by a mass of

While the dead were being taken from

A Woman in Sheet of Plame

the choked doors of the front of the

theatre firemen at the rear of the build-

task. A bridge of planks was rigged up from the top door of the theatre build-

ing to the fifth floor of the Northwestern

university building. A dozen firemen, guided by ropes, took the dead from this

however, a woman who has not as yet

sheet of flame. She stood on the fire-escape landing a

moment and then fell headlong over the rail. Her body alighted on the rail of the second fire-escape, balanced and hung there burning until firemen took her to the ground. Twenty-five hundred

copie watched this most herrible se-

Bridge of Beuth.

of the fire which occurred outside the

doorway. Before they reached the

ing were engaged in a more grewsome

forced them to leave the building

all over the theatre. Looking up

saw that the curtain was ablaze, so

asbestos curtains, describes tupon the stage as follows:

explosion and then immediately

and I left, not wishing to see the dead

they forced the crowd of

Screams died down.

bodies dragged forth.

house. More streams of water

one was coming from the theatre,

attempted to quench the flames small extinguishers.

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Dec. 31.—At noon the list of dead computed on the basis of those who dition and some with their clothes torm are missing, as well as the bodies at the morgue, numbered 592. The police think this number will be increased to over 700 before the day ends, / Scenes about the morgue are pathetic. dreds of people were clamoring for news of missing relatives and police had difficulty in restraining the frantic efforts of the grief-stricken mob. Thousands gathered before the destroyed theatre, and a big force of detectives was neces sary to hold in check the thieves who persistently rushed amidst the debris to search for loot. Hundreds of fire-

men and specials are on duty examining The Besponsibility.

Efforts to fix the responsibility for the catastrophe are now being insti-tuted from all sides. Building Commissioner George Williams, who is at present absent from this city, was tele-graphed to return to Chicago so soon

Deputy Commissioner L. E. Stanhope was interviewed in the city hall and instead of forcing their way discussed all phases of the fire with reference to the building ordinance in these

I cannot tell at present whether anybody can be held responsible for this terrible loss of life. I tried to enter the building when I realized that so many people would lose their lives, but I was driven back by smoke."

Did the Iroquois theatre comply with all the requirements of the city ordinance with reference to theatres?" was

"Yes. The building itself was abso lutely fireproof and all contrivances and methods known to modern architecture

"If such a large loss of life is possible under such conditions, the blame must rest on some person or upon the law itself, and do you regard the law as being inadequate for the protection of persons during play hours?"

"No, the law seems to provide suffi-ciently upon the matter; it seems impossible that, so many persons could have been killed. It is partly due to the crowding and fainting of Smoke arose and suffocated a large number of women who might otherwise have

"Did the Iroquois owners comply with the law with reference to exits?" "Yes. Plans and specifications show that there were three double exits and one small one on the main floor leading into the alley and three double doors. each nine feet wide, leading into the lobby. From the balcony there were three exits leading into the alley and three leading into the lobby. From the gallery there were two stairs, each nine pull it down. With stage feet wide, leading into the lobby."

By Wm. Brady. By Wm. Brady, manager of "The Pit," in a special to the New York Ameri-

3:30 yesterday afternoon to see the The Garrick was full and 1 house. wanted to see how other theatres in town were drawing. People in the Iroquois were standing six deep, as they Judge Cleland this morning overruled situation, but they will not be due to the case, and the allegations of the writ the back of the theatre and all of a sudden I saw a flash of light in the left first The writs were served today and will entrance. A shower of sparks fell. I be made returnable next Thursday, Jan-uary 7, 1904.

The result of this decision is that the knew what it meant. I had seen it rows started back toward the rear of the house. "Eddie" Foy came out and defendants wilfully and intentionally re-fuse to perform their several duties in it, and the ballet continued dancing alallowing gambling to be conducted and sudden there was a shrick from the first balcony. It was taken up in the orchestra, and in a moment everybody began to rush for the front of the house. I was in the last row and walked quietly out and almost before you could tell it the house was full of smoke. There was a strong wind blowing from the stage and the result was that smoke was ple on the orchestra floor had little or gambling cases are now disposed of I no difficulty in getting out, but that have always considered legal and part of the audience in the balcony seemed to have a lot of trouble and only The shricks increased and the heat

"Women came out into the fover stilled with smoke, crying out pitcously that their children or relatives were in Many of them tried to get the open air.
"Neither police nor fire department

With the aid of the dental students the bridge of death was operated by the the bridge of death was operated of firemen. Bodies of men and wome charred and burned to a crisp, the burning garments and flosh dropp from the remains, were passed acretical frail plank. The bodbs were