Flags in Chicago at Half Mast in Memory of Hundreds That Died in Holocaust.

MANY CHURCHES HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICES

Destruction of Theatre Most Appalling Disaster That Ever Visited the City and Many Families Lost Relatives in Flames.

(Journal Special Service.)
Chicago, Ill., December 30.—Two years ago today the Iroquois theatre was destroyed by fire and nearly 600 lives, mostly women and children, were lost in holocaust. The day is observed here rally, and flags are at half mast ywhere. Many of the churches held ial memorial services this morning. some of the Protestant churches hold special services this evening graves of the hundreds of victims

and some of the Protestant churches will hold special services this evening. The graves of the hundreds of victims of the disaster in the various cemeteries were decorated with wreaths and other floral offerings. The graves of the unidentified victims were also decorated.

The fire at the Iroquois theatre was the most appalling disaster that every cisited this city, and will long be remembered by hundreds of families who lost one or more of their members in the catastrophe. The fire originated on the stage of the theatre during the matines performance of December 39, 1963, at a time when every part of the house was crowded with the usual holiday crowds of women and children. The theatre was practically new, having been opened only a few weeks previous to the fire. The attraction was "Bluebeard," which had been running there since the opening night. It is believed that sparks from one of the spotlights stationed on the sides of the stage ignited some of the filmsy pieces of scenery in the wings and in a few moments the blaze spread upwards toward the files. Some of the sectors and employes tried to beat out the flames, but did not succeed, and the signal was given to drop the fireproof curtain. Owing to tha fact that a rope, with which the "serial ballet" was manipulated, had been so fastened that it obstructed the movements of the curtain, the latter could not be lowered for some time. When it was finally released that the curtain the latter could not be lowered for some time. When it was finally released the fire had made such progress on the stage that the cuployes became panie stricken and opened the large double door in the rear of the stage and leading to the court behind the theatre. The terrific draft caused the "fireproof" curtain, a thin and flimsy affair, to buige out into the house, and in a few minutes it tore and fell, and immense volume; of smoke and flames poured into the auditorium. At that time most of the search whe service he wore were overcome. They fell in heaps right at the exits and were

main exits on the Randolph street side.

While crowded around these exits during the jam they were overpowered by the smoke and flames and perished.

Only a few escaped over the fire escape, which they reached from the balcony. The fire was soon under control. At first it was not thought that the loss of lives had been great, and the full extent of the disaster was not realized until the firemen reached the upper floors of the house, where they found the dead piled up six or eight high, all headed for the exits, and those on top terribly burned. The scenes which followed beggar description.

The police department took charge of the removal of the hundreds of bodies, and they were taken to the various morgues and undertaking establishments, where they were laid in rows on the bare floors, to await identification, Many of the bodies were so terribly burned that recognition was impossible. Many of the bodies were not identified.

The case was investigated by the cor-oner and the blame fixed upon the own-ers and builders of the house, the build-ing department and some of the em-ployes of theatre. Since then hundreds of suits for damages growing out of the loss of life and injuries received during the fire, have been filed against the proprietors of the ill-fated Iroquors theatre. The amount of damages asked aggregates several million dollars.

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INNOCENCE PLAYS POKER

From the New York, Sun,

The talk in the mess, having run through campaign stories and women stories, had turned to card stories. The senior major leaned toward the fire and knocked the ashes from his pipe against the andiron. The queerest bit of poker I ever saw," he said have played by a woman. She was the wife of little Bill Stuyvesant. You remember Bill Stuyvesant, colonel—in the Third—graduated in

The colonel nodded.

"He was with Reno at the Custer business," he answered. "I met him the next week. He resigned afterward and went into business."

That's the one. Bill was mighty well connected in New York, but he didn't have much cash. If it hadn't been for his poker playing he never could have kept the pace he did.

"He lived better than any other officer in the regiment. He put up one

cer in the regiment. He put up one of the neatest games I've had the bad luck to mix up with—cold-blooded and steady, but with enough warmth in it to rush his winnings to a frazzle when the time came.

"Well, one day old Bill went off and got margied all of a sudden to the timidest, most blushing, prim little aprig of a country girl you ever saw. I heard his family raised the devil; but it didn't matter. Bill and the wee one settled down on the post, and were as happy as if she were a Van Something or Other, or he were a Farmer Jones."
"Bill though never let up a hole on

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"Bill, though, never let up a hole on poker, but he was honest about it with his wife. The game usually ran, in his house, and she sat and watched until bedtime. At first she worried a good deal, I think.

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"It made everybody feel awkward, too, to have her about. But after a while she perked up, and we got to missing her if she wasn't sitting there by the fire, sewing or reading, or else leaning over Bill's shoulder watching his cards and asking fool questions,

"About a year after they were married Bill and she went on leave—east. The family wanted to patch ue.

ried Bill and she went on leave—cast. The family wanted to patch up.

"I started for New York a little later myself, and soon after I hit that small town a chap named Brockman asked me up the Hudson to a house party. When I arrived who the deuce should I find there but Bill Stuyvesant and his frau. "She was pretty as ever, but just as shy and timid. She didn't seem to be having a very thrilling time in society. I felt right sorry for the little thing. "She and Bill had just arrived, and at dimer I noticed the curious patronizing looks that were handed to them both. The poor child blushed and sat dumb. Bill looked mad and drank too much champagne.

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"Along about the bird somehow the talk turned on cards. There was no couple of hard faced matrons there, that I sized up as human sharks from the start. They led the pack in the card movement and they never dropped the scent until they had it fixed that the 10 of us should make two tables of poker after dinner.

"Mrs. Stuyvesant tried to beg off because she couldn't play, but the human sharks insisted on teaching her, and made so many mean little pokes at her country breeding and Bill's poverty that at last Bill settled the business himself. So after the cigars I found myself at a table with Bill and Mrs. Bill and the two instructors.

"The lesson was short enough. The professors wrote out a list of hands for Mrs. Stuyvesant to use, told her the rules, and answered the few pitiful questions she saked. I was mad clean through. Bill was boiling.

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"It was a no limit affair—a very swift one too. I was too busy myself to think more of Mrs. S., but I saw that she 'was terribly conservative, afraid of her life, and just dribbling away her chips in antes and jack pots.

"Once or twice she threw sure winning hands face up on the table—afraid to bet them. The human sharks were giggling and gobbling up chips. Bill was losing. I was about even.

"Then somebody started a jack—419 all around. It was sweetened at \$1 s cilp for five deals running. That put \$75 in it.

"Then one of the sharks opened it for the size on Mrs. Stuyvessnt's deal. The other shark stayed. I dropped. So did Bill.

"I looked at Mrs. S. She was very much excited. Her eyes were snapping, and she was examining her list of hands

intensely.

"Oh," she cried, 'I wish I knew! I wish I knew! Can't I ask Billie?

"No," snapped Shark Number One.

"Oh," cried Mrs. S., 'then I—yes, I must! and she shoved out \$150 worth of chips.

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"Bill turned white. I shook in my boots. Shark Number One hesitated and scowled. Then she pushed out her 175. Number Two dropped with a nasty life word. Number One drew two cards. Mrs. Bill put down the

"Dear me! cried Mrs. Bill, I want to bet lots. Bill, lend me some!" and she shoved \$400 out on the table, and settled back with the pinkest, most im-ploring expression, mutely begging the shark to come on.
"That lady looked at her cards and

frowned. "Not this time, she snorted. "If you want people to bet when you have any-thing you must learn to bet sometimes when you have less than a straight flush. Take the pot. Three kings

flush. Take the pot. Three kingsopeners.

"Oh. oh!" cried Mrs. Stuyvesant, 'and
I was what you call bluffing, too!" and
she threw down the four, seven and nine
of clubs, the queen of hearts and the
ace of spades. I thought you'd be
fooled, 'she went on nalvely, 'because
I'd been so careful before.

"Bill confessed to me that he nearly
died of heart disease right on the spot.
I was too happy to notice. I was watching the human sharks.

"How did you do it?" I whispered admiringly when the play had started
again.

"Mrs. Bill smiled in her bewitching

"Oh!" she answered softly, 'I haven't been studying Bill all these months for nothing."

nothins.

"The game grew faster. Mrs. Stuy-vesant became a little bolder. She won on the whole, holding the lead that that jack had given her. I still kept even. The sharks won. Bill lost.

"At last the night was over. The dawn paled the yellow lamplight and gave a sickly color to our faces as we sat about the table. Bill was more than \$1,000 behind when they started a bunch of \$20 jacks to close the game. The first two slid off evenly enough into the maws of the hard-faced magnitude.

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"Welkwestened it until it had \$50 in it flat. Mrs. Stuyvesant cracked it under the guns for the size. Bill stayed. So did Shark Number One. Then Number Two boosted it 200.

"I dropped and threw my cards on the table. Mrs. Stuyvesant stayed. Bill dropped. The other shark hesitated and then shoved in her little stack. That made the neat total of \$1,350.

"Mrs. Stuyvesant drew two cards. So did Number One and her running mate.

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"I watched the latter lady closely. After skinning back her draw she moved her elbow toward a little stand by her side and with elegant carelessness swept off on the floor a high ball that had just been brought her.

"At the crash of the glass we all jumped by instinct. As I did so I knocked over a pile of my chips, and that drew my eyes to the cloth before me instead of to the floor, where every one else was looking.

"It was owing to this fact that I saw a jeweled finger rest quickly on the table and nide one of the discarded cards deftly under a lace handkerchief. In an instant more the bit of pasteboard was slipped into the hand of Shark Number Two.

"My instinct was to speak. I leaned forward, but a quick, nervous little hand caught my arm. I looked down. It was Mrs. Stuyvesant.

"Please he still, she whispered.

"What did she mean? Surely she had not seen what I saw. I took out a card.

and scribbled on it as carelessly as I could. She stole from the discard. Then I slipped it in front of Mrs. Bill. She nodded, and, borrowing my pencil, wrote. I know. It was my ten of hearts.

."I crumpled the card in my po

"Mrs. Stuyvesant hesitated an instant.
"I see that, she answered with a queer look in her eyes, and I go you one thousand better. I am shy that

"Bill gasped like a drowning man. I to a if I were going under fire again for the first time. Number One threw down her cards. Number Two laughed a hard little laugh. She pushed \$2,000

We were all leaning forward quiver-ing with eagerness. Bill was the color of death. The other table had broken

up and the players pressed over our shoulders. shoulders.
"Number Two drew back her lips until her teeth showed like an angry

"I call, she said. I have four tens "Not good,' cut in Mrs. Stuyvesant sharply, and she threw on the table-

four queens.

"Remarkable, eh? Yes. But queerest thing is—I had myself carded the queen of clubs!"

AMERICAN WHEAT IS NEEDED IN MEXICO

Mexico City, Mex., Dec. 30,—Owing to the scarcity of wheat caused by the partial failure of the wheat crop, the gov ernment has removed the duty on Amer ican and Canadian wheat, beginning with January. When it was realized in the beginning of fall that the crop was short, the duties were lowered by the short, the duties were lowered by the government, but the entire removal became imperative, when the reports, of the actual crop showed that it was even smaller than expetted. The city bakers have reduced the size of their loaves, esserting that it was impossible for them to give the same weight as formerly. There is a small supply still in the heads of the leaves formers, but not merly. There is a small supply still in the hands of the large farmers, but not sufficient to bring down the price. The price of corn is also very high and this causes great hardship among the

PROFESSOR BELL'S KITE CARRIES HEAVY LOAD

(Journal Special Service.)

Hydney, N. S., Dec. 30.—After experimenting for years at Berim Breagh, Cape Breton, flying kites, Alexander Graham Bell has succeeded in having, his latest designed kite, the "Frost King," rise in the air and carry a weight of 227 pounds, this including a man weighing 155 pounds, ropes weighing 52 pounds, and the kite itself weighted 51 pounds, making a total of 288 pounds.

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as easily, remaining under perfect control. Professor Bell is greatly pleased
with the experiment.





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Montavilla Citizens Raise School Board's Estimate by Three Mills.

WILL REDUCE DEBT AND RAISE TEACHERS' PAY

Desire to Outdo Neighbor Results in Levy of Largest Proportionate Tax of Any Suburban District-What the Assessment Will Do.

Not only will Montavilla pay its usual big school tax next year, but in addition it will raise the salaries of the teachers, keep up the school by providing extra room if necessary and pay off a large block of its bonds.

The board of directors at its meeting thursday night, after canvassing the altuation, decided that it could not ask the taxpayers for more than a 10-mill tax as the property valuation in the villa had been increased 150 per cent by the last assessment. A 10-mill levy was the equivalent of 25 mills under the old valuation, and the board considered this

the last assessment. A 10-mill levy was the equivalent of 25 mills under the old valuation, and the board considered this high enough even for liberal Montavilla. But when the taxpayers got together last night they surprised the board. Since it has been learned that the rich Mount Tabor district with three times the property valuation of the villa had decided not to pay off any of the bonded indebtedness, nor to grant its teachers salary increases and by a 2½ mill levy to secure only money enough to finish the school year with, the villa residents had determined to outdo their old rival and the majority of the taxpayers present were eager to pass a levy that would aurprise Mount Tabor. The recommendation of the board for a 16-mill levy was turned down by a two thirds majority and it was decided to levy a tax of 13 mills, which will be equal to a 30-mill levy on last year's basis.

This tax will produce \$5,412 and will enable the indebtedness of the district to be reduced to \$8,000 and the salaries of the teachers to be raised. The Montavilla district has been paying considerably less for teachers than neighboring country districts because so far bonds and increasing school expenses took every cent available, but during the year a gradual increase will be given the teachers longest in employ and by next year it is hoped to have the salary schedule up to a mark that will be in keeping with the present high pedagogical standard of the school. The report of the board highly praised the work of the teachers and said that the Montavilla school was maintaining the highest standard of any of the county schools outside the city.

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The taxable property of the Montavilla district is given now at \$418,390. Last year it was less than half this figure, but during the season many houses have been built in the villa, probably 150 in all, so that much of the increased burden will be borne by owners of these recent improvements. But even at the best the district will pay this year a much higher tax than it has before. If the rate is kept up for another year the district debt can be reduced until it will be no longer a bogy as it has been for half a decade.

WHY THEY WANT BRIDGE

worth of chips before her.

"And a thousand, she said.

"And two thousand, came with a little tremble of desperation from Mrs. little tremble of desperation from Mrs. cost would be less than that of a steel fill will be made there, even though its cost would be less than that of a steel bridge. A year ago the taxpayers would have hailed with joy the announcement that the fill could be made for \$40,000, but now they prefer a \$75,000 steel bridge, even though a bridge is a less valuable improvement than the fill. The reason for this strange change is the 2 mill levy paid by the entire city for the construction of bridges. Since this plan was adopted instead of the district assessment program, east side residents have been resolved to see Sullivan's guich bridged at general expense. The east side pays a sig portion of the tax, and the Sullvan's guich bridge is the most important improvement of this sort desired on that side the river. It is felt that the district has a valid claim on the fund and that when the present west side steel bridges are paid for the Sullivan's guich structure should be built next. Were the 2 mill law not in force the property owners probably built next. Were the 2 mill law not in force the property owners probably would accept the offer already made to fill the gulch for \$40,000 and generally it is thought that if for this one betterment a fill could be paid for from the 2 mill general fund it would be a great saving for the fund, and a benefit for the district.

MANAGER SCOTT RESIGNS

Company Takes Charge of Work. J. W. Scott has severed his connection J. W. Scott has severed his connection with the St. Johns water company and T. H. Edelson has been appointed general manager of the plant. Mr. Scott secured a franchise from the old council for his plant and this franchise was validated by the charter prissed at the last session of the legislature. Behind him was the firm of Hartman, Thompson & Powers of Portland and this company will remain in control of the system.

The plant has grown in a few years haps a dozen customers to a modern system with the majority of the 2,500 restents of the place on its mains. In the present year improvements costing between \$20,000 kand \$30,000 have been made, new pipe mains have been extended to the remote parts of the scattered fown, a big reservoir for the mili district's protection has been built, new pumps put in and the gravity system improved by the addition of two of the Lewis and Clark fair watertanks. The phenomenal growth of the town and the imperative need for frequent and costly improvements have made the system a losing venture up to the present time, but in the coming year it is expected but in the coming year it is expected to systematize matters so that the ex-pense will be met at least from the

PROTECT THE TOWN

Piret Sewer for St. Johns Ordered by

Council and Others Will Follow.

The first attempt to provide drainage for the business district of St. Johns soon will be made. The council at its last meeting accepted the city engineer's estimate of the area and necessary pipe.

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tice of the council's intention to make the improvement. There has been frequent complaint that the business blocks, the laundry and many of the mills and factories disposed of their waste water in an unsanitary manner, mills and factories disposed of their waste water in an unsanitary manner, and during the summer season the marshal was kept busy applying disinfectants and constructing temperary drains. Though having a population of nearly 3,000 people, a big business district, and a residence settlement scattered over 300 blocks, St. Johns has no sewer and surface drains. By the time another bot season arrives the business district will be served with an adequate sewer, the mills and factories either will be connected with this conduit, or with private ones, and the private houses will be the only source of danger. As appedily as possibly the more thickly settled residence districts will be piped and until this is done a close watch will be kept for sources of contagion. So far no spidemic has come from the open drains because a general watch has been kept by private citizens and town officials.

M'CLELLAN STATUE **NEARLY COMPLETED**

Paris. Dec. 30.—Frederick MacMon-nics, the American sculptor, has com-pleted the full size model of the eques-trian states of General George B. Me-

Clellan, to be erected in Washington, D. C. It has been inspected and accepted by Captain Frank Mason, the American consul general, and General Lucius H. Warren, representing the government and the Society of the Army of the Potomac. After a few finishing touches it will be turned over to the founder for casting. The figure of General McClellan is in full uniform, with the McClellan cap. It is an excellent the McClelian is in full uniform, with the McClelian cap. It is an excellent likeness. MacMonnies worked on the statue more than two years and is now at work on the basrelief for the pedestal. It will be finished in time to be ex-hibited in the spring salon.

Ontario Masons Install Officers. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Ontario, Or., Dec. 30.—Past Grand
Matron Mrs. Ida Fraser installed the

following officers of Star chapter No. 96, Order of Eastern Star, of this city, Thursday evening: Mrs. Elizabeth Duner, worthy matron; G. L. King. worthy

bar, worthy matron; G. L. King. worthy patron: Mrs. Addie Lackey, associate patron: Mrs. Emma Hillingsby, conductor; Mrs. Emma Hillingsby, conductor; Mrs. Alice Mallett, assistant conductor; C. H. Brown, secretary; Mrs. Jane Martin, treasurer.

Acacia lodge, No. 118, A. F. and A. M., have installed the following officers for the enguing term: J. A. Lackey, worshipful master; J. D. Billingsby, senior deacon; E. A. Fraser, junior deacon; E. L. King, secretary; C. A. Martin, treasurer; O. H. Byland, senior warden; Con Ryan, junior warden; C. E. Belding, senior steward; W. S. Laurence, junior steward; R. S. Rutherford, tyler.