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Tonight and Friday cloudy, with probably snow.

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YOR MATLOCK NOW IN CHARGE

Official Act Was Signing rrants for $534 for d Charges.

AL MEETING OF CITY OUNCIL TOMORROW NIGHT.

dy But the Powers to Be Yet Dark Regarding the City alship—Next Meeting Coun- ill Be an Executive Session, hich the Committees Will Be nted—City Jail Is Empty for irst Time in Three Months.

Matlock today assumed the his office, and began the ad- tion of the affairs of the city g warrants for $534, the fixed of the city for the month ed.

Special Session Council.

turday evening the council t in special session, at which mayor will appoint his com- for the coming term.

is time the matter of the mar- ll also, perhaps, be settled. knows as yet who the lucky ll be, and it is even a matter t as to whether or not the was made at the secret cau- some time ago. It is pretty y thought, however, that the en have decided upon their d that whoever will get the just as good as appointed at e, though perhaps no official as been taken in the direction appointment or the nomina-

ecret Meeting Saturday.

meeting Saturday will be se- for any star chamber rea- simply as a means for the ndling of the business of the It is desired at this time to the committees so that when ncil comes together in regular the first of the week there o loss of time in the organiz- d the routine business can it did with the old council, a hitch or a balk. It is that it would be better to e preliminary meetings pri- the members of the council el more free to state their es in the matter of their t on the various committ- in the settlement of the oth- s of the organization.

e discussion of the marshal is another reason why the ould not be admitted. It is hat each member of the able to express his views on tion of the appointment, and ht better be done in a pri- ting. At this time the date gular meeting of the council ture will be decided. It is that the time of meeting will ed from Tuesday to Wednes- ng, the old date of meeting.

City Jail Empty.

jail is empty now, and the arting out with a good rec- he year to come. The last e inmates was discharged after having served a few having been drunk, and the ser is as cold and vacant h. The new administration that it will continue so, and those who appear before eye of the police judge in now opened will have the funds with which to help sewer debt and the salary attorney, who prosecutes

he first time in three the city jail has not been of at least one Indian and at times there have gh as a dozen boarders

KY AFTER ST. THOMAS.

es Government Will Enter a Protest.

on, Jan. 1.—Information at the state department ny has been negotiating uy the island of St. Thom- West Indies. The state de- as directed its agents at and Denmark to investi- it proves true will imme- tify Denmark that the es will not permit the sale d to any power other than States.

department takes the po- its treaty for the purchase upon between the United Denmark and this country t right of purchase.

ery Drivers Strike.

N. Y., Jan. 1.—The livery k this morning.

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Treaty With Abyssinia.

London, Jan. 1.—Advices from Adisabeba today state the American expedition under Skinner, which was visiting King Menelik, was highly successful. They arranged a treaty between America and Ethiopia which assures friendly commercial relations. Menelik also accepted an invitation to attend the St. Louis exposition. Menelik is coming and will send two lions and a pair of elephant tusks as a present to Roosevelt, and offered to decorate each member of the party.

ONE MAN KILLED, TWO BADLY HURT

DISASTROUS FIRE IN A BIG FEATHER WORKS

Superintendent Was Badly Burned While Rescuing Some of the Employes—Building Was a Six Story Structure and Loss Heavy.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—One man was killed and two severely injured in a fire in the factory of the United States Feather company today. Loss, $50,000.

The dead man is Daniel Phalen, foreman, badly burned, who jumped from a third story window, crushing his skull.

Injured: Carl Meyer, superintendent, burned about the hands and head in rescuing five girls; August Zaconi, burned about the head and body.

The building, a six-story structure, contained a large number of employes, but all except the three named escaped without severe injury.

TO CONFER ON CANAL.

State Board Will Meet Engineer Langfitt at Portland.

Salem, Jan. 1.—Governor Chamberlain, Secretary of State Dunbar and Attorney-General Crawford will go to Portland tomorrow morning, where they will confer with Major Langfitt, of the United States engineering corps, and United States District Attorney John Hall regarding the work of securing a right of way for the federal canal between The Dalles and Celilo.

State Treasurer Moore, who is a member of the state commission, has a previous engagement which will prevent his being present. The purpose of the meeting is to ascertain definitely what must be done in order that the commencement of the government work may be hastened.

The state commission will probably hold a meeting here immediately after the first of the year and authorize the attorney-general to begin work of securing the right of way.

CITY OWNERSHIP.

Policy Vindicated at Duluth, to the City's Profit.

Duluth, Minn., Jan. 1.—Advocates of municipal ownership of public utilities may now point to the city of Duluth as a striking illustration of the practicability and benefits of their ideas.

Today the price of gas for all purposes was reduced to 90 cents per thousand feet, which makes a total reduction of $1 since the gas lighting plant was taken over by the municipality. Contributing to this remarkable drop in price have been better management under municipal ownership and a larger consumption; but this latter has been due to better management and continued reductions. Under present contracts and at the rate of growth now made, citizens of Duluth believe a year hence will see the price of gas further reduced to 75 cents per thousand feet.

NO MORE TELEGRAMS.

Will Substitute the Telephone for Sending Train Orders.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Official statistics show the year 1903 to have been unusually prolific in serious railroad wrecks. The present year it is hoped will show a much better record, and railroad officials have agreed upon several innovations and new regulations that are expected to contribute to the general safety of the traveling public.

Beginning today, a number of leading lines substitute telephonic for telegraphic orders in the operation of trains. It is believed that this change, which in time is to be adopted by all roads, will remove much of the danger of misinterpreted and lost orders.

SUICIDED.

Choked Himself to Death With a Handkerchief.

Salt Lake, Jan. 1.—As the result of a long spree, T. R. Griffiths, porter at the Hotel Painters, crammed a handkerchief down his throat and suicided in the city jail this morning.

TODAY AND TOMORROW ARE DAYS OF MOURNING

Sickening Scenes of Horror Following Holocaust---Incensed Populace Demanding Arrest of Owners.

Fire Expected to Greatly Depress Business of All Companies Managed by Iroquois Syndicate—Coroner, Police and Other Authorities Are Conducting a Rigid Investigation in Attempt to Fix Blame—Charred Bodies Being Continually Found—Ninety-nine Per cent Unidentified Were Young Girls.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Frozen into two feet of ice which formed near the Iroquois, the police today noticed strands of a woman's hair protruding. They picked the ice away and found part of a woman's skull, a forearm, two fingers and a portion of a thigh. It is believed she must have jumped from a great height and the remainder of the body was either picked up or ground in pieces beneath the dead trucks.

The searchers are continually finding fragments of charred bodies within the theater.

Ice banked on the rear walls has buckled out, towering far above the stage ruins. Giant props alone prevent a fall which must yet come, if the wind sweeps strong.

Public Demands Arrests.

Police Chief O'Neil resented the suggestions of persons demanding of him that he arrest the owners of the theater, and refused to comply. He said if he believed any of the syndicate owning the theater intended to leave the city they would be arrested, as they are required at the coroner's inquest.

The play house was the pride of the syndicate, and the calamity will doubtless have a depressing effect on theatrical productions under its control. The managers of the Powers and Illinois closed those houses last night, and are undecided when to reopen.

The syndicate owning the Iroquois will hold a meeting to discuss the advisability of closing until the horror is effaced from the public mind.

Day of Mourning.

The mayor last evening issued a proclamation suspending all New Year's festivities and today is a day of mourning. Saturday is also set aside by a supplementary proclamation and business will be suspended because of religious services.

In order to end the death march of hundreds, which is being made from morgue to morgue, Chief O'Neil has requested the coroner to remove all unidentified bodies to the Coliseum, turning the huge structure into one great morgue. This will probably be done.

The police hope to have half the dead identified by noon. Of the other half many will never be known, they are so charred and distorted.

Unidentified Girls.

Identification this morning is very slow. Fully 99 per cent of the unidentified are girls ranging from 9 to 17 years. Some men and boys are among them, and probably a score of women past the age of 20.

A pathetic identification today was when Dr. Alexander, who searched the dead all night, recognized the headless trunk of his 8-year-old son by a watch given him for Christmas.

E. Frady, president of the Stronge Piano company, identified five out of a theater party of six, given by his wife. All were at different morgues and all relatives. The sixth one, still missing, is a sister.

Czar Sends Condolences.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Count Cassini called at the state department this afternoon and presented the personal condolences of the czar.

O. R. & N. Man Loses Family.

Portland, Jan. 1.—A telegram was received at the office of President Mohler, of the O. R. & N., today from Chicago, stating that the family of Chief Clerk Seachrest, of Traffic Director Stubbs' office at Chicago, were missing and that little hope of their being found alive was entertained. The family party included the wife and daughter of Mr. Seachrest, who were attending "Blue Beard" at the Iroquois theater when the disaster occurred. The telegram was from Mr. Stubbs.

Police Sweating Witnesses.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Detectives are scouring the city today in search of men believed to own a share in the Iroquois, and all those connected with the management are under surveillance.

They repel all assertions that carelessness was used, but that the best known methods were used for the prevention of fire. The police, coroner and building commissioners are this morning prosecuting investigations for the purpose of fixing the blame.

The police are sweating witnesses locked up last night from among the stage hands, and have secured evidence calculated to incriminate men higher up in the executive staff.

The police are seeking to fix the responsibility upon whomsoever caused the doors of the children's gallery to be locked after 900 little ones were ushered into what proved to be a prison for cremation. They aver that one of the principal exits was never opened and two others were locked.

No one is permitted to interview the witnesses, who are being held.

Possibly 765 Dead.

The official report of the dead this morning is 582; missing, 270; injured, 285. The greater portion of the missing are doubtless among the unidentified dead, of which there are 185. The coroner will not be prepared to begin the actual taking of evidence until next week.

Origin of the Fire.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Will J. Davis and Harry J. Powers, proprietors of the Iroquois theater, made the following statement this morning:

"So far as we have been able to ascertain, it appears that one of the scenic draperies was noticed to have ignited from some cause. It was detected before it had reached an appreciable flame and the city fireman who is detailed and constantly on duty when the theater is opened, noticed it simultaneously with the electrician.

The fireman, who was only a few feet away, immediately pulled a tube of kilfyre, of which there were many hung about the stage, and threw the contents upon the blaze, which would have been more than enough if the kilfyre had been effective and would have extinguished the flame at once. But for some cause it had no effect.

"The fireman and electrician then ordered down the asbestos curtain, and the fireman threw the contents of another kilfyre upon the blaze, but with no better result.

"The commotion thus caused excited the alarm of the audience, who immediately started for the exits of which there are 25 of unusual width all opening out and ready to the hand of anyone reaching them. The draft thus caused, it is believed, had, before the curtain could be entirely lowered, produced a bellying of the asbestos curtain, causing a pressure on the guides against the solid brick wall of the proscenium, thus stopping its descent.

"Every effort was made by those on the stage to pull it down, but the draft was so great, it seemed, and the pressure against the proscenium wall and the friction caused thereby was so strong that it could not be overcome.

"The audience became panic-stricken in their efforts to reach the exits and tripped and fell over each other, blockading the way. The audience was promptly admonished and importuned by persons on the stage and in the audience to be calm and avoid any rush; that the exits and facilities for emptying the theater were ample to enable them all to get out without confusion."

Coroner's Investigation.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Coroner Traeger made as complete an inspection of the theater as possible. He said: "If the asbestos curtain had been working I believe the fire might have been prevented from spreading into the audience chamber. An iron railing which separated each row of seats from the adjoining tier prevented, I think, many from reaching places of safety. This circumstance, combined with the steep incline, made it difficult for so large an audience to escape without great delay. This is a modern fire-proof theater, furnished with all the appliances and equipment that are supposed to prevent just such a catastrophe as now has occurred. The plush of the seats of the first balcony was charred but still visible.

"It does not look to me as though everybody would have gotten out of the theater alive when you take into account the speed with which the flames had spread. My inspection showed that the seats on the main floor were burned a little. The balconies had evidently shielded to a large extent the seats in the parquette. The path of the flames was evident. The stair and ceiling of the theater was blistered and blackened. There was practically no damage to furniture on the first floor. The booth boxes on the second tier were destroyed by fire, while those on the first floor were burned only in spots.

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Gravelle Convicted.

Helena, Jan. 1.—The jury at 3:10 p. m. returned a verdict of guilty against Isaac Gravelle, charged with sending blackmailing letters to the Northern Pacific officials and dynamiting its trains. Gravelle will be sentenced Monday. The trial was begun December 14. One hundred witnesses were called and in all respects it was the most notable criminal trial in the history of Montana. Cupidity was Gravelle's motive, and he has never been an agitator.

O. R. & N. TRAINS RUN TO TACOMA

ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN MADE BY OFFICIALS.

Will Mean Another Outlet for Enormous Traffic of the Harriman System—Will Probably Cause an O. R. & N. Boat Line to Be Operated Between Puget Sound and Orient.

Portland, Jan. 1.—When E. H. Harriman was in this city on his recent visit, it was announced that there was a possibility of O. R. & N. trains being run into Seattle and Tacoma, presumably over the tracks of the Northern Pacific.

It was semi-officially announced on Wall street yesterday that such an arrangement has now been made and that within a short time O. R. & N. trains will run over the track of the Northern Pacific into the Puget Sound cities, giving the Harriman system an outlet on the northern coast for its tremendous traffic.

The ocean transportation facilities of the O. R. & N. company will in all probability be enlarged and a line of steamers put in operation between the Sound and the Orient, in addition to keeping in commission the line now operated out of Portland.

The running of O. R. & N. trains over the Northern Pacific tracks will mean a new division for train and engine crews, between Portland and the Sound cities, as the company will run its own equipment.

According to the schedule with its employes, the oldest men in both train and engine service on the O. R. & N. system, are entitled to these runs, if they desire them, and if the oldest men do not take them, then they go to the oldest men applying for them. If none of the old men care to give up present runs for this new arrangement, then the company will assign some new men to the runs.

There is much speculation among employes in regard to the new arrangement. Tacoma is a good town and the run between Portland and that city would be considered desirable, with the opportunity to lay over in Tacoma instead of The Dalles or Pendleton.

LARGEST IMMIGRATION.

Port of New York Returns Largest Number in History.

New York, Jan. 1.—Immigration to this port in 1903 has passed all records. During the calendar year now ended, 619,980 immigrants, steerage passengers, arrived here as against 547,197 in 1902, an increase of 72,783. It is estimated that some 2,000 more foreigners will land before January 1, so that the total increase probably will be close to 75,000. The year of 1902 was a record breaking year, the increase over 1901 having been about 129,000.

Southern Europe contributed by far the largest proportion of the total. There was, however, a marked increase in the newcomers from northern and western Europe, especially Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Italy, nevertheless, leads all the rest. The exodus of Italian laborers with whom the outward bound steamers were loaded early this month, has shown a marked falling off.

SHIPMENT OF BODIES.

New and Rigid Rules Governing Their Transportation.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The new rules to govern the transportation of dead bodies agreed upon by the railroad companies, the National Association of Undertakers and the state and provincial boards of health of North America become effective today. Under the new regulations it is impossible to ship the body of any person dying either of smallpox or bubonic plague.

Bodies of persons dying of Asiatic cholera, yellow fever, typhoid fever, diphtheria, scarlet fever, erysipelas, glanders, anthrax or leprosy will be shipped only under the most complete conditions of disinfection.

CHINESE-JAPANESE ALLIANCE.

Hereditary Enemies May Unite Against Russia.

London, Jan. 1.—News is current again that China is making preparations to join Japan in the event of war with Russia.

ENGINEERS IN CHICAGO OUT

The City May Be Entirely Without Light, Heat or Power by Monday Next.

EVERY HOUR INCREASES NUMBER OF MEN OUT.

Fifteen Big Buildings Are Now Tied Up, and it Is Predicted That One Hundred and Twenty-five Sky Scrapers Will Be "Dead" by Monday Next—Strike Is for an Increase of Wages—Drivers Call Their Strike Off for the Next Ten Days.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—An engineers' strike is on at the Masonic Temple and Schiller buildings. The engineers struck at 9:30. Probably 150 other buildings will be without heat by Monday.

The engineers in the office buildings continue to leave their posts this morning, enlarging the strike against the Building Managers' Association for an increase of wages. On account of the holiday the committee was late making its rounds. Fifteen big buildings are without heat, light and power today.

The full force of the strike will not be felt until tomorrow, when 125 sky scrapers will be affected unless a truce is declared.

Truce With Drivers.

The Livery Drivers' Union by a unanimous vote last night decided to call their strike off for 10 days, or until all interments are made resulting from the Iroquois fire. This morning every man in the union reported for duty, though many employers either hesitated or refused to set the old hands to work.

CHARGES FATHER WITH INCEST.

Walla Walla Girl Makes Sensational Statement About Unnatural Parent.

Walla Walla, Jan. 1.—Louisa Naylor, who has figured so prominently in the case in which Edward Tracy is charged with rape, went to Athena yesterday to swear out a warrant for her father's arrest on a charge of incest.

The sensational phase of the affair came out after she had been refused admittance to the county jail to confer with Tracy. She made the statement among others to Patrolman Sanderson who has been working on the case, for the past two weeks and who accompanied her father when he went to have a warrant sworn out for the arrest of Tracy.

The startling denoument followed a question which Miss Naylor asked the officials at the jail—whether the charge against Tracy would be abandoned if she brought a charge of incest against her father, L. G. Naylor. When she was told it would not, she did not seem so anxious to press the charge against her parent.

Miss Naylor's story of the affair is that her father began the unnatural relationship when she was 12 years old, and kept it up until she was 16 years old, when she left home. She said that all of the alleged offenses had been committed when he was under the influence of liquor, and that when her father was sober he was as kind as any child would wish its parent to be.

ENORMOUS DIVIDENDS.

Various Securities Yield $175,000,000 This Month.

New York, Jan. 1.—One hundred and seventy-five million dollars is a conservative estimate of the aggregate sum to be disbursed this month by corporations, municipalities and states in interest and dividends. The distribution of this huge sum, as is the past, is expected to stimulate the demand for securities.

Money rates will naturally remain firm while preparations for the payments are going on, but as the operation simply means the shifting of funds from one bank to another, the advance in money rates will likely be temporary only.

TAMMANY IN CHARGE.

Mayor Low Steps Down and Out in New York.

New York, Jan. 1.—At noon the formal ceremonies of the transfer of the city government to McClellan by retiring Mayor Low, took place. The new mayor then held a public reception.

RUSSIA SENDING TROOPS.

Passed 2,000 Through Suez Canal for Far East.

Port Said, Jan. 1.—The Russian transport Kazan, with 2,000 troops aboard, passed through the Suez canal today, bound for Port Arthur.