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HORRIBLE THEATRE FIRE

Iroquois Opera House Burned--Finest In America.

Matinee in Progress--Many Injured, Others Missing--Fire is Gaining and Mothers Are Held Back.

Chicago, Dec. 30, 2:30 p. m.—The new Iroquois opera house, one of the finest in America, is afire and a panic is on among the matinee audience. The fire seems so serious that a general alarm has been turned in.

The audience is composed almost entirely of women and children. Many fainting ones are being carried out.

The big spectacular production "Bluebeard" was being given, and the fire gained so rapidly that the chorus girls were unable to secure their clothing. Several were carried out by the firemen nearly overcome by the smoke and clad only in their tights.

Albizzard has been raging nearly all day. Reports now are that from fifteen to twenty are injured from being trampled upon. Nearly the same number of children are missing.

The mothers are being held back by the police. The fire is gaining.

LATER—4:30 P. M.

The fire started in the flies and spread all through the spectacular scenery. The entire rear of the building is now a mass of flames. Fifteen members of the troupe of chorus girls are supposed to be dead in the rear end of the building where they were trapped by the flames. The list of missing children is constantly growing. One who escaped from the auditorium says women fought each other getting out so that any child which was dropped in flight, must have not certain death. Twelve bodies, mostly women, have been taken out up to this time, while 1,000 numbers are still in the building.

Special police are necessary to hold back the huge crowd.

THE HORROR GROWS.

At 4:20, Fire Marshal Campion just emerged from the building, says there are at least fifty dead inside and fifty others so badly injured as to be unable to move. Flames are still unchecked, constant streams being thrown. Firemen are now trying to rescue the dead and injured from the building. Campion says there are dead and injured all over the auditorium, piled up on all sides of aisles and between the chairs.

LATER—5 P. M.

All first estimates seem small. Firemen now believe the dead will probably reach 120. Approximately seventy bodies have been removed. A long row of dead cover the pavement in front, about evenly divided between women and children, many badly burned, some with faces and heads almost consumed. As work progresses it is discovered the holocaust is not confined to the pit, but the gallery is littered with the dead.

5:15 P. M.

The loss of life of members of the company is very heavy. Firemen broke through the floor basement and are now bringing dead from every egress, including the rear. The flames are under practical control.

The scene in the street is terrible where mothers search for children. Many weepings, with rich opera garments and jewelry have been picked up and carried into a restaurant, nearby, which is being used as a

temporary hospital. Ambulances are inadequate.

LATEST—5:42 P. M.

The fire burnt through the roof space and burning boards dropped through, adding to the terror. It was a large typical holiday audience which was in attendance.

At five o'clock a hundred dead had been removed. Several died in the restaurant after removal. At five o'clock police and firemen in charge of the building say the dead will be between two hundred and fifty and three hundred. A panic seems to have spread over the entire theatre as bodies are found piled from pit to galleries in heaps.

No possible estimate at this time of the number injured can be given. The street scene is becoming tumultuous as hundreds are fighting through the crowd to learn the fate of their families, mothers are searching for children and curiosity seekers are so thick that avenues for blocks are jammed. The police force augmented in an almost vain effort to keep the crowd moving and open a way for the constantly hurrying ambulances.

FATHER DESHON NOTED PRIEST

Class Mate of Gen. Grant Dead--Last Survivor of the Famous West Point Class.

New York, Dec. 30.—Father Deshon, one of the founders of the Paulist Fathers, a noted Catholic father and superior-general, died at the parent house of that order in this city today, aged 81 years.

Father Deshon was a member of the famous West Point military class that graduated in 1843. In this class Father Deshon graduated with high honors, being second in the class. General Grant graduated at the foot of the class. The class consisted of 30 members.

Father Deshon was not ordained a priest until he was past middle age in life.

The Paulist Fathers were organized in 1858 by Pope Pius IX, and are especially for converts from Protestantism.

EMPEROR FRANZ JOSEF INJURED

Falls Down Stairs and is Painfully Hurt--Shows Much Improvement Today.

London, Dec. 30.—Dispatches received this morning confirm the report that Emperor Franz Joseph was painfully injured yesterday by falling down the steps when visiting his daughter.

Little credence has been given the report that he had a stroke of paralysis. He is much improved today, and arose at the usual hour and expects to hold an audience tomorrow.

DID NOT OFFER CHAIRMANSHIP

Roosevelt Denies Charge that he Offered the Chairmanship to Anyone

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Answering many statements regarding the National chairmanship Roosevelt today issued an interview in which he says he has not offered it to anyone because it is not his to offer. He assured Senator Hanna he would be glad to see him get it.

Roosevelt placed special emphasis to his denial that the place has been offered Root or Crane.

Safe Cracked.

Des Moines, Dec. 30.—The safe of A. Cohen pawnbroker was cracked last night and over \$8000 worth of diamonds were stolen. 110 suspicious characters have been arrested.

Fake Story.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 30.—The health officers indignantly refute the story sent out yesterday that leprosy was in the Russian colony here. They say the entire story was a fake.

On Trial.

Pineville, Ky., Dec. 30.—The trial of Lee Turner, charged as being an accessory before the fact in the famous Quarter house battle, where eight men were killed, began this morning.

A Marquis Dead.

London, Dec. 30.—John Browne, Fourth Marquis of Sligo, died at his home at Westport-Mays today.

STRAYED.

Strayed from my place at first railroad crossing south of Springfield, on county road, Dec. 26, 1903, a two-year-old bay filly with a heavy dark mane and tail. A small cow bell was suspended from her neck by a rope. Finder please notify, Frank D. Tenchout, Springfield, Or.

PRESIDENT REFUSES ACTION

Does Not Consider Any Danger of Fresh Outbreak.

Believes Russia is Aware of the Situation and Will Prevent Any Demonstration Against the Jews.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Simon Wolf, of the B'nai Brith, representing various Jewish societies of this country, called on President Roosevelt this morning regarding the threatened massacre at Kishineff.

No details are given out, but it is known nothing further will be done in the matter by the administration so long as only a hypothetical case is made out.

All the consular and diplomatic reports show no recent anti-Semitic demonstration and no authentic information is shown that fresh outrages are contemplated.

The administration feels that Russia is aware of the situation and will take all possible steps to prevent a renewal of the Jewish persecutions.

ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE

One of the Car Barn Gang Saws Out the Bars of His Cell.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Emil Rieks, a member and accomplice of the car barn bandits, was surprised while cutting away the bars to his cell today in an attempt to escape.

The bar was so nearly severed that it fell out and gave the secret away. Through this door they could have gained entrance to the corridor, giving access to the outside window. The officers are unable to find the saw with which the cutting had been done. They think it was furnished by outside accomplices. A number of detectives have been ordered so as to reinforce the jail guard.

BURGLARS DO BUSINESS

Three Safes Cracked and Robbed in One Night--Good Results Secured.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 30.—At San Jose last night burglars blew open the postoffice safe and secured over \$1000. They also blew open the safe of Ulmer's Hardware store and secured \$200. The same amount was secured from a safe in a west side saloon, that was also blown open.

The burglars escaped in a buggy, but the officers are on their track.

Brewery Wrecked.

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 30.—The five-story brick brewing house, Dick's Brewery, was wrecked this morning by an explosion of the cooking tank. One man was seriously injured. The loss amounts to \$60,000.

Fined for Assault and Battery.

William Millidge, a farmer living west of Eugene, was arrested yesterday on the charge of assault and battery on the person of his stepdaughter Mabel Dotterwick. The accused appeared before Judge Wintermeier and pleaded guilty and was fined five dollars and cost.

Six Killed.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 30.—Six men were killed and nine injured by a naphtha fire and explosion at Vetrinski today.

Who Stole the Bill.

Who stole the Bill?
Not I, said Clerk Jennings, I gave it to the page, I never stole the Bill.

Who stole the Bill?
Not I, said Page Cronise, I never saw the Bill.

Who stole the Bill?
Not I, said Clerk Morehead, I never saw the Bill.

Who stole the Bill?
Not I, said Brownell, I never saw the Bill.

Who stole the Bill?
Don't ask me, says Blue Chips, I won't tell.

Who did steal the Gambling Bill?
—From Corvallis Gazette.

Dr. Selover's New Office.

Dr. P. E. Selover has returned after having taken a post-graduate course at San Francisco and can be found in his new offices in the Beckwith building.

MARRIAGE OF POPULAR COUPLE

At Home of the Bride in This City--Mrs. Booth and Mrs. Scarbrough Entertain.

(Daily Guard December 31)

Today at high noon Miss Etta Eastland of this city, became the bride of Fred M. Templeton, of Portland.

The wedding was a quiet home affair, only a few of the most intimate friends and relatives being present.

The bride and groom were attended by Miss Sybil Thurston and Charles Templeton, a brother of the groom. Rev. Cross, of the First Congregational church of this city, performed the nuptial ceremony.

The mandolin club was in attendance and discoursed pretty music for the occasion.

After partaking of an elegant wedding luncheon, the party wended its way to the depot, where Mr. and Mrs. Templeton took the train for their future home in Portland.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Templeton are graduates of the University of Oregon. Mr. Templeton graduated with the class of '07, and Miss Eastland with the class of '08.

Miss Eastland has since been one of Lane county's successful school teachers, while Mr. Templeton is engaged in business in the metropolis.

The young couple have the best wishes of their many Eugene friends.

Mrs. R. A. Booth and Mrs. W. K. Scarbrough entertained a number of their friends yesterday afternoon and evening at Mrs. Booth's home.

East Eleventh, between the hours of two and five, and seven-thirty and eleven. The house was a profusion of loveliness, being decorated for the occasion. The hall was decorated all in white, while the double parlors were in pink and green, and library in purple and green. The dining room was decorated with laurestine, palms, mistletoe and holly.

The little Misses Barbara Booth and Flora Kelley received the guests in the hall. Mesdames Booth and Scarbrough were assisted by Mrs. Laura Lowe, Mrs. Cockerline and the Misses Carrie Paine, Belle Van Dyne, Ermine Church and Luta Dunbar, in the afternoon and in the evening by Misses Carrie Hall, Grace Bogart, Lou Leonard and Winnie Cockerline.

Progressive flinch was the pastime, both afternoon and evening. Mrs. J. N. B. Fuller won the prize in the afternoon and Mrs. Goldsmith the consolation prize. In the evening Prof. I. M. Glen won first prize and Mr. Roberts the lesser token. Refreshments were served by the hostesses.

AFTERNOON.

Mesdames Chrisman, Kearns, Fuller, Lilley, De Bar, Church, Whitson, Willoughby, W. G. Gilstrap, W. F. Gilstrap, Robinson, Frazer, A. K. Patterson, Stinson, McCormack, E. J. Frazer, Young, Zeeb, Sheldon, Spencer, Chambers, Dunn, Straight, S. M. Moran, Poney, Goldsmith, Luckey, Van Dyne, Bogart, Stafford, Practice, Walton, Preston, Prosser, Wilkins.

Assisted by Mesdames Lowe, Cockerline, Roney; Misses Paine, Vanduyne, Dunbar, Ermine Church.

EVENING.

Mr. and Mrs. Potter, Kuykendall, Osburn, Friendly, J. E. Gray, E. C. Smith, Hall, Loomis, C. S. Frank, Rowland, Ford, C. S. Williams, Geo. Kelley, John Kelley, Cockerline, Lowe, Roberts, Shelley, Sweetser, Glen, P. L. Campbell, Adair, Chesbire, Bean, Kays.

Assisted by Misses Hall, Bogart, Leonard and Cockerline. Barbara Booth and Flora Kelley assisted in receiving.

Last evening Miss Florence Marquis entertained a number of her young friends at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. D. Matlock, on Oak street. The amusement of the evening was progressive picnic, in which Sidney Smith won first prize and Wanda Logan the booty. A sumptuous luncheon was served by the young hostess assisted by Eva Allen and Olive Marquis. A delightful evening was spent by all.

The marriage of Miss Agnes Harris to Arnold D. Patterson, of Sacramento, will take place this evening at eight o'clock at the First Congregational church of this city.

Weather Conditions.

Many complaints are made regarding this foggy weather. Travelers report a curious condition in this matter. In Southern Oregon, especially in the vicinity of Grants Pass, the fog is very heavy and thick, in Eugene the fog is light, but predominates most of the day, while it is reported that at Portland they are having clear, cold, frosty conditions.

Among the tens of thousands who have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for colds and influenza during the past few years, to our knowledge, not a single case has resulted in pneumonia. Thos. Whitfield & Co., 240 Wabash avenue, Chicago, one of the most prominent retail druggists in that city, in speaking of this, says: "We recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for influenza in many cases, as it not only gives prompt and complete recovery, but also counteracts any tendency of influenza to result in pneumonia." For sale by W. L. DeLano.

STRIKE THREATENS CHICAGO

Employers and Order of Local Engineers Confer.

If Men Go Out the Business Population Would Be Without Heat, Light or Elevator Service.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—A conference between the representatives of the city engineers and their employers was held this morning and an attempt to avert a strike which would leave the greater portion of Chicago's business population without either heat, light or elevator service.

Over a hundred and fifty skyscrapers would be the ones to suffer most. The meeting failed to clear the situation. The engineers, while not refusing arbitration, declared that under no circumstances would they accept arbitrators from the ranks of clergymen, judges or attorneys, as in a previous case where a rabbi, minister and priest composed the board, the engineers lost instead of gaining on their wages.

The engineers now get 28 cents an hour and are demanding thirty seven and a half cents an hour. Teamsters are in sympathy with the strikers.

Note and Comment.

A boy wanted. He is wanted, and badly wanted by the czar who has four girls but no heir to the throne. Next summer—but it may be a girl as usual.

They have had another horror at Auburn, New York, prison legally killing a man by electricity. The subtle electric current kills, but after all it is no improvement on the rope. The details of the repeated applications of voltage to kill the man, a negro by the way, are sickening. And it was not long ago they had one still worse.

The Standard Oil Company has reduced the price of high grade petroleum five cents a barrel. On account of Rockefeller's philanthropic heart beating for the public? Not at all. He is after the scalp of a competitor.

Japan will be easy on one score in case of war with Russia. Shipment after shipment of flour from the Pacific coast has been shipped into Japan during the past several months till the little brown men have a year's supply ahead. If war with Russia comes they will not have to starve or pay war prices for food.

Burned to Death.

The little three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson was burned to death Monday afternoon at the family home on the Ellmaker farm, west of Eugene. The child's clothing caught fire while standing before a fireplace. The child went out into the yard where the clothes burst into flames, burning the little one to a crisp before any one reached him.

The parents have the sympathy of their many friends in their sad affliction.

The funeral took place this afternoon at the I. O. O. F. cemetery of Eugene.

Hops Sold.

One hundred and twenty eight bales of the Campbell & Walker hops were sold yesterday to C. L. Fitchard, hopbuyer, of Independence, for twenty-four cents per pound.

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