

TWO HUNDRED IN MENTAL HYGIENE DANCE-HALL BLAZE SOCIETY COMMENTS
The Southern dance-hall fire
in which about 200 Negroes died most horrible of deaths ts is
is, of course, the probly arficted simply one more of those con-
sogrations which could have been prevented.
atarted deliferately by a drunke
merrymaker merry-maker. None save the cri
minai can be blamed for that. thought been med, the hazare that made for a serious fir
would bave existe

The dance hall was decorated $\underset{\rightarrow \text { with streamers of Spanish moss }}{\rightarrow \text { material which is praeti- }}$ tally explosive when dry. On top of that, wh windows and
satrances, save for the narrow
front door tap orderr
ciashen
evitable result was that moss, Helt broke loosesed Flames of black smoke billowed purt.
In-a very few seconds the der ha a very rew seconds the dance
halin was inferno. Dancers
Sinded by smoke from fumes, beat and choking futhity against the warred witioupy the front entrance. The big majority perished
tion and flame.
In this fire, the simplest, obvious tenets of fire preven-
tion and control were vilated Under no circumstances should decorations-many a disastrous Are has started from that cause.
Even worse is the pdactice of barring windows and exis.
Gate erashing may be and Gate crashing may be an an.
noyance, but it's considerably less annoying
mated alive.
 country learn a lesson trom the
needless deaths. Think first needless Ueaths. Think first

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