

Pathetic Spectacle Enacted in Montreal

MONTREAL, Quebec, Jan. 10. (U.N.)—One of the most pathetic spectacles in history will be enacted in the French Canadian quarter of Montreal Wednesday, when nearly four score children, killed in the panic which followed the Laurier Palace theatre fire, will be buried with the last rites of the Catholic church.

A funeral procession miles long will wind through St. Catherine street with its burden of 74 little white caskets as the mothers and fathers of those killed needlessly in the stampede at the theatre give their dead children the full benefits of the faith which they had taught them.

All of the bodies have now been identified and the grief stricken French quarter is turning its attention towards plans for the funeral—the last act in a bitter tragedy which began 24 hours before with light comedy on the screen of the movie theatre.

Thirty five more children who were trapped and crushed in the theatre are suffering from serious injuries and several of them may die.

Meanwhile, investigation as to the culpability of the proprietors of the theatre revealed the fact that only four of the young victims were accompanied by adults.

Quebec law requires that children attending such performances must be accompanied by adults, and accordingly the coroner's charge of his jury contained the statement that the management "obviously had violated the law."

A relief fund for families of the victims, destined to reach \$10,000 at least, was started by Coroner McMahon.

Twenty four hours after the tragedy, a few parents searched vainly for their children.

Schoolbells rang in East St. Catharines street, but no pupils answered.

Cathedral bells will peal on Wednesday for those who perished, but the tragic procession of parents who struggled to the hospitals and the morgue is at an end.

The toll of fire and panic has been counted, except as some of those trampled and injured join the list of dead.

Already in mourning for her mother, who died only a few months ago, Mrs. Prosper Martel lost her two little girls—Yvette, 7, and Eva, 8 years old.

"My wife left the children with me—she's in the country. I don't know how to tell her when she comes back," stammered Joseph Hetu, who had just found his boy, Gilbert, among the dead children in the room below.

"We are still looking for Adrienne, he isn't down there, Thank God," Emilie Raymond, 15, is alive thanks to the determination of his father, Joseph Raymond, who, knowing that his son was at the movie when the fire alarm sounded, rushed to the theatre, and making his way against the mob that was fleeing to the street, reached a ghastly heap of youngsters, most of them dead, others badly injured and some unconscious.

Digging his way to the bottom of the pile, Raymond found his son, Emilie, with coat and shoes torn off in the life and death struggle, and pulled him out.

Camille Barry, who is said to be the proprietor of the Laurier Palace theatre, was last Wednesday fined \$200 and costs of \$15.75 in the recorder's court for operating his moving picture theatre without a license.

When the alarm for the fire sounded, one of the most alert firemen was Alameda Arpin, a strong French Canadian. Arpin was urged by the knowledge that his six year old son, Gaston was in the theatre, in company with Arpin's niece, Arpin did not see his own boy until late in the day when he visited the morgue.

SUMMONS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF KLAMATH.

Mack International Motor Truck Corporation, a corporation, Plaintiff, vs. W. R. Ross, Defendant.

To W. R. Ross, Defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and cause on or before February 9, 1927, and if you fail to answer, for want thereof the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of \$275.46, together with interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the 30th day of June, 1926, and for its costs and disbursements herein.

This summons is published by order of the Honorable A. L. Leavitt, Judge of the above entitled court, made and entered on the 27th day of December, 1926, requiring that this summons be published in the Klamath News, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County of Klamath, Oregon, and that such publication be made once a week for six consecutive weeks.

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Date of last publication, February 8, 1927.

DEY, HAMPSON & NELSON and HERBERT L. SWETT, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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Delaney's Manager Says Gene is Afraid

NEW YORK, Jan. 10. (U.N.)—The charge that Gene Tunney is afraid to meet Jack Delaney and has deliberately run out on a match with the Bridgeport boxer was made Monday by Humbert J. Fugazy, New York promoter.

Delaney himself and his manager Pete Reilly were in Fugazy's Broadway office when the promoter accused the present heavyweight champion of dodging a proposed bout with the French Canadian.

Declaring he had an agreement whereby Tunney was to box under his auspices until Delaney was named as the opponent, Fugazy asserted that Gene was looking for a "softer" opponent than the light heavyweight title holder.

Tex Rickard succeeded in signing Tunney in St. Louis, the rival promoter declared, because he offered the champion a choice of opponents whom Gene believed he could defeat.

Jack Delaney was not among them.

"Tunney gave me his word that he was open to my proposition," said Fugazy. "He even told me that he felt Rickard had treated him unfairly at Philadelphia and that he hoped I would be the promoter of his next fight. He called Rickard names and showed clearly that he was through with Tex."

"Until our meeting on December 30 I am satisfied that I had a better chance than Rickard to land the bout. I had offered Gene \$575,000 as a guarantee and fifty per cent of everything over the first \$1,000,000."

"When I named Jack Delaney as the challenger everything was off. Tunney went away and signed with Rickard."

Pete Reilly and Jack Delaney wandered in while the Italian financier was offering this unique explanation of the St. Louis affair.

Jack looked in "the pink." He has built himself up until he appears a real heavyweight contender. It is his intention to pound Tunney until he gets a shot at the heavyweight title, even if he relinquishes his present light heavyweight championship in the meantime.

Of course Fugazy's assertion that fear of Delaney was the one reason why Gene signed with Rickard is probably not the whole truth. Tunney knows which side his bread is buttered on, and Tex Rickard has lost of question.

Rickard, questioned about Fugazy's assertion, said that it was unworthy of consideration, because, he added, if Delaney could prove himself the best of the contenders, Tex himself would match him with the heavyweight champion.

"Delaney says Tunney is afraid of him. Let him come out and fight some of the other good men and prove that he's logical contender," said Rickard.

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Homicide Shows Slight Decrease

NEW YORK, Jan. 10. (U.N.)—Despite the gang wars of the past year and the introduction of the machine gun as a murderous weapon, the homicide rate in the United States will probably show a slight falling off for 1926. The reports for more than 17,000,000 of the population indicate this, according to the Metropolitan Life Insurance company, which bases its prediction on the vital statistics of its industrial policy holders for eleven months of the year. However, the company contends, murder and manslaughter in their varying degrees still constitute a considerable blot on the country's public safety record, since the homicide rate still is twelve times greater than that prevailing in England and Wales, and 3 1/2 times greater than that of Canada.

Among the Metropolitan's own industrial policy holders, the homicide death rate was found to be much lower than that of the general population.

"We cannot take too much comfort from the slight betterment recorded so far this year," the finding comments. "Year-to-year declines have been shown many times in the past, but they have proved to be only transitory and were followed by considerable increases in the subsequent years. During the 16-year period 1911 to 1926, the homicide rate for the industrial population has shown a slight upward tendency for the very time that the rate for suicides has been almost halved, and that for accidents reduced very materially."

In other words, while 1926 is expected to prove less murderous than the three years preceding, the showing is discounted by the fact that those years showed the highest homicide mortality ever recorded for the industrial population of the United States.

If the distribution of mortality from this cause follows the experience of 1925, it should be found that New England is the least homicidal section of the country, for not a single death from this cause was reported among the white industrial policy holders of the Metropolitan in Maine, New Hampshire or Vermont during that year. Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut were considerably below the average of the country as a whole. Other states with spotless records were Delaware, Colorado and Oregon, while Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Utah and District of Columbia were high in the ranking of states reporting infrequent homicides.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Klamath.

In the Matter of the Estate of Katharine L. Hall, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, executor of the estate of Katharine L. Hall, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against, the said deceased, to exhibit such claims, with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice to the said executor, at his office in the Hall Hotel, 4th and Main streets, Klamath Falls, Oregon, which said office the undersigned selects as his place of business, in all matters connected with said estate.

ELBERT B. HALL, Executor of the Estate of Katharine L. Hall, Deceased.

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Dr. Rensoli also plans a general drainage of swamp land and the free introduction into rivers and streams of larva-destroying fish. A commission with full power to act in the cases of immigrants affected by malaria, will be recommended.

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