

# FIVE HUNDRED PEOPLE DIED IN CHICAGO

## Iroquois Theatre Burned in the Midst of Performance WAS A TERRIBLE SCENE

### Scores of People Are Trampled to Death in Panic Which Ensued

### Many Bodies So Badly Disfigured They Are Beyond Recognition

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—About 550 people were killed in ten minutes this afternoon during a fire at the Iroquois Theatre, the newest, largest, and, as far as human power could make it, the safest theatre in Chicago. The estimates vary. The police count 536. The estimate of the newspapers is 562. There are fifty-five people missing at midnight, the majority of whom are probably among the dead. Eighty-six dead have been positively identified, and ninety-two others are known to be injured. Few of these people were burned to death by the fire, many were trampled to death in the confusion that followed the mad-plunge of the frightened audience for the exits. It will be many hours before the number of dead can be accurately known, and many days before all of them are identified.

There are bodies lying by the dozens in the undertaking rooms, the police stations and in the hospitals, from which nearly everything that could recall their identity to those who knew them best, is gone. Clothing torn to rags or burned to cinders and faces have been mashed into unrecognizable pulp by the heels of the crowd that trampled them down as they fled for safety. The fire broke out during the second act of the play "Mr. Bluebeard," the first production in the theatre since its creation. The company, which was very large, escaped to the street in safety, nearly all, however, were compelled to flee into the snowy streets with no clothing but the light stage costumes, and a few members of the company sustained minor injuries, but none was seriously hurt.

**Building in Darkness.**

The chief immediately called upon his men in the vicinity to abandon work on the fire and come at once to the rescue. The building was so dark and the smoke so thick that it was found impossible to accomplish anything until lights had been secured. Word was at once sent to the Orr & Lockett Hardware Company, near by, and that firm at once placed its entire stock of lanterns at the service of the department. Over 300 lights were quickly carried into the building and the work of rescue commenced.

So rapidly were the bodies brought down that in an hour there were two streams of men and out of the door, the one carrying bodies, and the other composed of men returning to get more. The bodies were carried into the Thompson restaurant, which adjoins the theatre on the east, where the available space was given by the proprietor. The dead and wounded were placed on chairs, tables and equators, one woman being even placed for lack of a better spot, on the cigar case. Because of the tremendous throng which surrounded the block in which the theatre building stood it was not possible for the police to carry the dead and wounded any distance, and they were compelled to await for ambulances at the theatre.

**Dead Were in Hoaps.**

Although all the patrol wagons and every ambulance owned by the city was pressed into service, they were utterly inadequate to carry away the dead, and in a short time there was a line of corpses fifty feet long piled two and three high on the sidewalk in front of the theatre. It was found necessary, in order to convey the bodies rapidly to the morgue, and to the various undertaking establishments, to press trucks into service, and in those, upon costly blankets furnished by the dry goods stores in the vicinity, and covered by the same material, the dead were hauled away, practically like so much cord-wood.

**Merchants Respond Nobly.**

The merchants in the vicinity of the theatre came to the emergency in splendid fashion. Marshall, Field & Co., Mandel Bros., Schlesinger & Mayor, Carson, Pierce, Scott & Co., and other large dry goods stores sent wagon loads after wagon loads of blankets, rolls of linen and packages of cotton to be used in binding up the wounds of the injured and cover the dead.

The drug stores furnished their stock to any body that asked for it in the name of the people hurt in the fire. Doctors and trained nurses were on the ground by the score within half an hour after the calamity was known and every person wounded who was carried from the building received prompt medical aid. A number of doctors waited at the entrance to the theatre with stethoscopes in hand, and as soon as a body which looked as though it might possess life was carried out, it was at once examined and if dead,

## OREGON EXPRESS DERAILLED

Smoking Car Turns Over on Side and Several Passengers Are Injured.

MARYSVILLE, Cal., Dec. 30.—The second section of the Oregon express was derailed on a siding this morning. The train had backed in to attach a sleeper carrying the "Foxy Grandpa" company, and while returning to the main track the smoker left the rails at the point of connection at the switch, and turned over on its side. O. O. Hall, of Chico, was thrown against a window and his back injured. J. L. Spurette, an Oregon cattleman, sustained a scalp wound and a bruised body. L. Heenraff, a Colorado miner, was cut on the hand and forehead. Martin Sambell, a newboy, had his knee sprained.

Owing to the slow rate of speed, the other passengers escaped with a shaking up. The train got away for the North six hours late.

## SEES HIS FINISH

FRANK ROSE, THE BRUTAL-WIFE MURDERER, WANTS THE MATTER OVER WITH.

Killed His Wife Upon Christmas Day and Left His Two-Year-Old Child Alone Without Food for Two Days in Blood Stained Bed With Its Dead Mother.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Dec. 30.—Frank Rose, the St. Louis barber, who murdered his wife on Christmas day and left his two-year-old child alone and without food for two days in the blood stained bed with its dead mother, was taken before Judge High today at his own request and waived his right to a preliminary examination. "I know what is coming," said Rose. "I can see no use in lying around in jail. I want to get the thing over with as soon as possible."

## KILLED WHILE HUNTING

Frederick Bowen, a Well Known Montana Rancher, Meets Death by Accident.

LIVINGSTON, Mont., Dec. 30.—Word has been received of the accidental killing of Frederick Bowen, a well known rancher of the Flathead valley, about forty miles from here. Bowen was hunting with some friends, and while in the act of placing his rifle in the wagon, it caught on the edge of a box and was discharged, the bullet passing through his head and killing him instantly. Deceased leaves a wife and four children.

## NOT MUCH DAMAGED

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 30.—The steamer Amur, which grounded on Harbor Reef, December 15, arrived today. She is not much damaged.

## FAVOR OF EVA

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT RENDERS DECISION IN INGERSOLL ESTATE.

Gives Eva Ingersoll, the Plaintiff, a Lien on the Property, Valued at About \$140,000, of the Defendant for Legal Services Rendered by Ingersoll.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—The United States circuit court today made a decision in favor of Eva A. Ingersoll, administratrix of the estate of Robert G. Ingersoll, in the action against J. A. Coran and others, to the effect that the plaintiff has a good lien on the property of the defendant on account of legal services rendered by Ingersoll. The case involves about \$140,000, alleged to be due the estate for services in settling the estate of Andrew J. Davis, of Butte, Montana.

## BURNED TO DEATH

Three-Year-Old Son of Eugene Blacksmith Dies in Terrible Agony.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 30.—The three-year-old son of Frank Johnson, a Eugene blacksmith, was burned to death yesterday. The boy had been playing and came into the house to get warm. Sitting by the fireplace for a few minutes, he said: "Now I am warm enough," and started out of the house. In a moment his clothes burst into flames, and before he could be reached he was burned to a crisp. He died four hours afterwards. The funeral was held today.

## TRAMPS CAPTURE TRAIN

Two Trainsmen Fatally Shot as They Charge to Drive Off the Desperados.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—A dispatch to the Inter Ocean from New Orleans says: In a fierce battle between railroad employes and negroes, following an attempt to hold up a freight train on the Southern Pacific Railroad, two of the trainmen were fatally wounded last night. The train was attacked by a gang of negro tramps near Morgan City and captured after the crew had been driven off. A body of railroad employes gathered by the conductor of the freight train opened fire upon the negroes, who were looting the cars. After an exchange of shots, during which two brakemen were shot, the tramps were driven off. Several of them were captured later.

## A TIMELY SUGGESTION

This is the season of the year when the prudent and careful housewife replenishes her supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is certain to be needed before the winter is over, and results are much more prompt and satisfactory when it is kept at hand and given as soon as the cold is contracted and before it has become settled in the system. In almost every instance a severe cold may be warded off by taking this remedy freely as soon as the first indication of the cold appears. There is no danger in giving a few children, for it contains no harmful substance. It is pleasant to take—both adults and children like it. Buy it and you will get the best. It always cures. For sale by Dan J. Fry, druggist, Salem.

## NEW CITY HALL FOR ASTORIA

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 30.—At the last meeting of the city council an ordinance was passed appropriating \$4000 for the purchase of a new city hall site. Yesterday this measure was vetoed for the reason that the city at present considerable desirable unimproved property and the mayor says that there was no real necessity for the purchase of it. As the ordinance passed the council by a unanimous vote, it will most likely be passed over his veto.

## IS WAITING FOR RUSSIA

JAPAN HAS DONE ALL SHE COULD TO AVOID A WAR.

UPON THE REPLY OF RUSSIA Will Depend Whether or Not the Negotiations Will End Peaceably.

Japan Has Attended to Her Part of Matters While Russia Has Been Very Dilatory in Her Answers—The Situation Looks Blue to Number of Officials.

## WAR IS INEVITABLE

PARIS, Dec. 30.—(Special)—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald says: The optimism prevailing concerning the far Eastern situation has been rudely shaken by the dispatches from Tokyo. The dominant sentiment today is that war is inevitable. A high military authority, accepting war as a foregone conclusion, said: "I presume when the time comes the Japanese will effect a landing in Korea. Well, what of it, and what after?" thus indicating that Russia does not propose to take precipitate action in the event of Japan trying to enforce the situation.

## WASHING TON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Kogo Takahira, the Japanese minister, said today to the Associated Press: "You ask me if I think war is inevitable. I can only say Japan is awaiting the arrival of the Russian reply to her last note. Japan will wait as long as circumstances seem to justify, but no longer. We have been prompt in all our preparations, our counter preparations and in fact all the steps of our negotiations with Russia. In our last note we have stated the minimum proposition which we can submit to Russia. That country has the deciding vote whether there is to be war or peace in the far East. We have done all we could."

## She Has Bought Two

Rome, Dec. 30.—The Tribune today says the contract for the sale to the Japanese government of the warships *Morena* and *Bivadavia*, now building at Genoa for the Argentine Republic, was signed Sunday last.

## Imbued With Hope

London, Dec. 30.—Lord Lansdowne's diplomatic reception today centered on the far Eastern crisis. The Russian ambassador, Count Benckendorff, was unable to give any information regarding the tenor of the Russian reply to Japan. The foreign secretary adopted a slightly more hopeful tone to the other ambassadors than has prevailed for the last few days.

## Japan Wants Warships

Santiago De Chile, Dec. 30.—The Chilean government has received offers from the Japanese Government for the purchase of two Chilean warships, *Captain Prat* and the cruiser *Chacabuco*.

## WAS A PROMINENT EDITOR

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 30.—Andrew Pattullo, who took an overdose of strychnine by mistake, and then, sooner than endure the agony, committed suicide, was one of the best known Canadian editors. His paper, the *Woodstock Sentinel Review*, has a big circulation among Ontario farmers. He was the Canadian promoter of the good roads movement.

## PAY, IF PRESENT; FINE, IF ABSENT

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 30.—The mayor and the members of the city council of the city of Astoria are allowed \$100 per year for their services if they attend every meeting and for those that they miss they are taxed \$5. Of the ten in all, five will receive the full amount, while the others run down until the lowest receives but \$20.

## WITHOUT A LICENSE

Two Saloon Keepers of Mill City Arraigned Before Justice Horgan.

L. D. Massey and Lee Jeffries, who are partners in the saloon business in Mill City, were arraigned in Justice of the Peace E. D. Horgan's court at 7:30 o'clock last night, charged with selling liquor in less quantities than one gallon without a license. The arrests were made upon complaint of J. W. Queener, a resident of Mill City. The trial was set for 10 o'clock next Saturday morning, and the men were allowed to go free upon their own recognizance, to appear for trial at that hour.

## BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

SEATTLE, Wn., Dec. 30.—The court-martial of Lieutenant Oscar C. Haines, of the United States revenue cutter *Shanley*, began yesterday afternoon in the Federal court room. Haines is charged by Mrs. Fannie Fola with conduct unbecoming an officer. A sentinel is placed at the entrance to the court room to prevent any one going in who

## SUICIDE IN JAIL

Fred Clinch Uses a Stool for Gallows in Jail at Blaine.

WHATCOM, Wn., Dec. 30.—Brooding over domestic troubles, Fred Clinch, who was yesterday afternoon bound over to the superior court for assaulting his wife, committed suicide last night by hanging himself in the Blaine jail, where he was confined in default of bail. Clinch and his wife had been having trouble for some time, and Monday he was arrested. Yesterday at his preliminary examination he was committed for trial, and placed in jail in default of bail. Some time last night he hanged himself, using a strip of the jail blanket for a rope, and a stool for the gallows.

## UP TO FARMERS

COMMERCIAL CREAMERY CO., OF SALEM, TO LOCATE PLANT AT PENDLETON.

Farmers Must Guarantee Fifty Patrons, Regardless of the Number of Cows—Six Patrons Have Already Signed Agreement—No Difficulty Will Be Had in Securing Others.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 30.—With the offer for butter fat at but 2 cents below the regular price of butter on the market, and with the promise of the construction of a \$4000 plant in Pendleton, farmers and business men are taking a deep interest in the move for the establishment of a creamery at this point. This good offer has been made by representatives of the Commercial Creamery Company at Salem.

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## Comments on Subjects Touched Upon in the Oregon Statesman of December 30, 1903.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Who could read the beautiful letter of President Lincoln to Mrs. Bixby, of Boston, which is first on the editorial page, without a thrill of admiration? What an encouragement to any poor lad looking upwards to know that a writer of that letter, once a poor boy, self-educated, grew to be the greatest man of his time!

The preliminary of the anti-gambling bill will be traced probably to the guilty parties, and if ever they are brought to trial they will in all likelihood plead a defence of personal freedom to deal with their own as they please. The writer believes that prevention of robbery of the ignorant by the machine constructed for the purpose and open to use in every tobacco stand and saloon ought to precede such an anti-gambling law. The nickel slot machine does nothing to stimulate the mind. It makes its gains as clocks keep time. It is less respectable than thimble rapping.

The under valuation of timber lands is an injustice to honest tax payers and undoubtedly encourages investment in that kind of property to an extent that leads landless young men and women to use their citizens' rights to attach a small capital that way. This is not a crime, unless perjury is used to obtain the land without filling the requirements of the law, which in the case of a timbered homestead is often impossible to the poor, who are generally living up to the spirit of the law more honestly than the wealthy investor who is ready to buy them out. It is a case where those who can visit the longest are very sure of the largest profit as the policy of large forest reserves withdrawing from other uses largely, woodland, is fast reaching hands who can hold it for it to trade in value. These timber lands are good for pasturage till the timber is marketed and good farming land afterwards. For, from the writer's point of view, all the yellow pine lands in Oregon are also good grain and fruit lands without irrigation. The last price record of industry, which is already sending carloads of honey west to Portland and east to St. Louis, can rarely if ever be made to reach the yellow pine belts, but make a market for its timber.

OLD OBSERVER.

## PECULIAR AND PERTINENT

The German government will introduce in the Reichstag a bill requiring saloon keepers to sell non-intoxicating hot and cold drinks and food. Credit will be forbidden, and the number of barmaids limited.

The Victorian churches of Christ, Christian Endeavor Union, Australia, have now sixteen metropolitan and have three county societies. The aim of the union is to have a society in every church in Victoria.

## READ THIS

To Whom it May Concern.

This is to certify that I was down for nine months with kidney and bladder trouble, and tried all known remedies to no avail until a neighbor induced me to get a bottle of Texas Wonder, one-half of which cured me sound and well; this I would cheerfully swear to, and for the benefit of those who are afflicted and wishing to be permanently cured, they can obtain a bottle at my house, located on West 11th street. Yours truly, J. EALE, Medford, Oregon.

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