

SOLEMN FUNERAL CORTEGE

Chicago Today Buries Her Dead--Hundreds of Little White Coffins, Cause One Groan of Anguish "My God, the Little Children," and Emphasize the Pitifulness of Their Deaths.

(R. E. Norton.)
Chicago, Jan. 2.—Beneath a gloomy sky, in oppressive silence and an atmosphere which seems ominously laden with death, Chicago is today a veritable city of mourning. Whole streets, which are usually resonant with the clang of commercialism, whose pavements are wont to be thronged at this season with merry-makers, whose sky-towering buildings are accustomed to the cheer of throbbing activity, are so silent that the rattle of the funeral trappings bear with it a sharp and sudden shock. Funeral follows after funeral, until the grim buildings themselves seem forming an alley-like guardway to a vast gate of death. The pavements are either deserted or habited only by those who stand in an expression of hopeless, oppressive and pathetic grief have changed the scene to one of funeral solemnity, of universal weep. No sound of ringing sleigh bells, no shout of mirth, no glad exchange of holiday greetings, but a silence awful in its desolation or broken only by a wail of despair.

The street gamins have forgotten in this environment of gloom to call his wares, cable cars give no tongue to song, and the very bells of death toll with monotonous regularity and muffled stroke in unwonted usage. It is almost a city of the dead. Chicago is today in blackest and most profound grief. Nor can its vital heart throbb more plainly old than in the words most frequently heard, perhaps from one who lost neither kin nor friend, "My God, the little children," for in this mournful retinue, this seemingly endless procession, devoid of even that customary pageantry of death, almost all those silent passengers are encased

in small, even diminutive coffins, telling again but too plainly of that pitifully futile struggle made by little hands and feet for life, only life and mercy. Mercy from that fear-maddened throng that crushed them to death with cruel feet like cast-off blossoms or dying flowers. Probably it is in this which makes cold-blooded business men, officers, familiar with scenes of violent death, the careless who laugh, and the hardened outcast, stand bound for the nonce in one common tie, that of the grief of yesterday.

Yesterday's papers contain pages of the death list, columns of burial notices. Today's tell yet of more. Yesterday faces of pedestrians bore the dazed look of the unrealizing, today with comprehension vivified by the funeral panorama, without precedent those same faces are scored and seared with sorrow's brand. Obedient to Mayor Harrison's proclamation that this be a day of mourning, even those business houses which bear no crape, telling of death brought home, have closed their doors, and that maelstrom of the market, the board of trade, is silent. But a short time ago Chicago stood at the stroke of noon, for two full minutes, uncovered; traffic stopped and silence reigned, while the loved and martyred President was in a distant city lowered to his grave. Today at a like time Chicago stood in winter, hatless, immovable and bowed for five minutes, while hundreds of its own were laid away. Mayor Harrison's proclamation to this effect was not necessary to bring the tragedy home; although it was issued this morning. For, as Dr. Hirsch said in his address last night, "Through the walls of 1000 homes in this mourning city sobs resound, and are echoed on the merciless winds that scatter the voices of the bereaved throughout the world." Two hundred funerals in one day; yet there are a few places of monotonous activity—the morgues. Processions which by this time are composed of haggard men and tearless women keep up the weary round of search that, following that instinct which neither time nor civilization effaces, that longing to see one's dead. The morgue scenes no longer bear individuality. It is now the uniformity of vain passing of long rows of still forms, broken only by a short sob as father, mother, sister, friend or brother reaches out a trembling hand pre-

saging the passing of that white sheet whose symbolism is "identified." The visit of the death wagon, and one more funeral notice is announced. Weary attendants at the morgues today began to long for the close, realizing that in that great array of charred bodies are but few who will ever again be known by name. Identification comes more slowly, and is nearly at an end, but the grief does not diminish, nor the effacement of the horror. The sackcloth is heavy and the ashes are heaped high.

DROWNED LAST NIGHT

John Lichty of Silverton Meets With Fatal Accident

Knocked Off the Dam, the Rushing Waters Sweep Him Into Darkness and Death

Telephone messages received from Silverton, this morning, announced the drowning, near that city, at 9 o'clock last night, of John Lichty, the owner of the sawmill at that place, while he was in the act of operating the flood dam on Silver Creek, seven miles above that city. While working on the dam, testing a new gate, which had recently been placed in position, a scantling lying on the dam was in some way thrown upward by the machinery, striking the unfortunate man's head, knocking him into the waters rushing through the gates, and he disappeared from sight. A search for the body was at once commenced, and the creek below the dam was thoroughly searched, but, up to this morning, no trace of it was found.

Mr. Lichty was a prominent citizen of Silverton, where, a few years ago, he built a sawmill, operating it with water power, and using the water of Silver creek in bringing down his logs from the mountains east of Silverton. As the creek did not afford sufficient water for his purposes, he recently built a flood dam for the storing of water, to be used in flooding down his logs when the water was low. This involved him in litigation with the electric people, the latter attempting to restrain him from operating his flood dam. This case resulted in a victory for Mr. Lichty, the court holding that he had not infringed on the rights of any one in constructing and operating his dam. Since that time Mr. Lichty has operated his business at Silverton with great success, and his visit to the flood dam was for the purpose of testing the new gear that had recently been added to the machinery, and running a quantity of logs down the stream through the dam, to the sawmill at Silverton.

Word was received at Silverton at 11 o'clock last night, and a party of citizens at once started for the scene of the tragedy to search for the body. At 2 o'clock this afternoon a telephone message was received from Silverton, to the effect that the body of Mr. Lichty was found this forenoon, four miles below the dam where the tragedy occurred. It was found washed under a log on the bank of the creek, just above the little falls of Silver creek. The body was brought to Silverton, where it will be prepared for burial. The entire city is in mourning over the sad and untimely death of Mr. Lichty, who was one of the most popular and prominent men of that section of Marion county.

CHARGED WITH CRIME

Chicago Theater Proprietors Accused of Manslaughter

Ushers Also Arrested--It is Claimed They Kept the Little Ones From Escaping

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Davis and Powers, proprietors and managers of the Iroquois theatre, and George Williams, city building inspector, who were arrested last night on the criminal charge of manslaughter, on complaint of Arthur Hill, who lost his wife and three children and their maid in the holocaust, appeared before the justice this morning, and gave bonds of \$10,000 each.

Five hundred and sixty-two bodies have been identified up to noon. A new order for additional arrests has been made this morning, which will be used, providing the investigation now being made shows facts sufficient to warrant. They are operative against the ushers, who are charged by persons escaping from the theatre that at every exit the ushers barred the way and ordered the crowd to remain seated. One witness this morning said in the gallery the children mistook the tiny flames creeping along the scenery as a part of the dis-

play, laughed and clapped their hands in delight. The ushers on that floor are said to have ran on discovering the fire, without making an effort to get the children out. At the downstairs exit survivors say men were compelled to knock the ushers down before the doors could be opened. Twenty of the persons detailed were arraigned this morning, and their cases were re-set for after the inquest. No testimony was heard, four are members of the company, as are the principal witnesses. Their bonds were reduced from \$5000 to \$1000 each. Twenty chorus girls are under surveillance to prevent their departure from the city.

The revised list of the dead from the Iroquois disaster, as given out by the officials this afternoon, shows 553 identified and 28 unidentified. The total death list, including those who died at their homes from injuries, will probably reach 600.

Kaiser Expresses Sorrow.
Washington, Jan. 2.—The President has received the following cablegram from the Kaiser: "Aghast at the news of the terrible catastrophe which befell the people of Chicago, the emperor and myself wish to convey to you how deeply we feel for the American people, who have been so cruelly visited in their week of joy. Please convey the expressions of our sincerest sympathy to the citizens of Chicago. May Providence, in the coming year, shield you and America from such accidents."

To Protect the Soldier.
Berlin, Jan. 2.—The Kaiser, at his New Year's reception to the commanding officers of the army today, made a speech urging the suppression of cruelty against the common soldiers.

STILL MORE SCANDAL

Interstate Commerce Commissioners This Time

Only Handle a Quarter of a Million but it Furnished Good Picking

Washington, Jan. 2.—Interstate commerce commissioners have ordered a full examination of the accounts of the commission on the strength of information that the books are in an irregular condition. The treasury department today by request of the commissioners sent special experts, Chase, Ambrose and Taylor, to the offices, where the examination of the accounts will begin. A short time later they sealed the safe. Clerks or accountants refuse to discuss the matter. The department handles between a quarter of a million and three hundred thousand annually.

May Seize Mashampo.
Tokio, Jan. 2.—The Japanese squadron of six cruisers, now near Nagasaki, has been ordered, it is reported, to proceed tomorrow to Corea. It is rumored it intends to seize Mashampo. Any one looking for wealth may find it in the dictionary.

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EVERYTHING MUST GO

Clearance Sale
And White Fair
BEGINS MONDAY

And it will be the greatest clearance this county has ever known. Hundreds and hundreds of yards of the most desirable of merchandise and thousands of articles of every description have been cut to the quick for immediate clean-up.

EVERY DEPARTMENT WILL CONTRIBUTE ITS SHARE TOWARDS MAKING THIS a money saving opportunity that no one in the county can afford to overlook.

<p>LACES and EMBROIDERIES</p> <p>With all the pretty designs and patterns to choose from it will make shopping in this department much more eager when the prices at our Clearance and White Sale are known to be greatly reduced. The largest stock and the largest assortment are placed before you at prices that cannot fail to attract your attention.</p>	<p>MUSLIN UNDERWEAR</p> <p>Our advance shipment of muslin underwear from three of the leading factories of New York has arrived and will be placed upon tables with prices on each lot.</p> <p>Dainty muslin underwear. Hundreds of choice pieces of underwear at the littlest prices such garments knew. Daintiness, refinement, ample proportions good materials, neat sewing—all the merits of home-made garments—these are the charms recognized in this gathering of under muslins.</p> <p>You see the garments and marvel at the little prices.</p> <p>Remember these are advance patterns, all bright and new.</p>	<p>PILLOW CASES and SHEETS</p> <p>If you haven't purchased your full quota of these essential articles now is the time for you to look after your needs.</p> <p>The quality of the goods is of the best and are placed before you at unusually attractive prices. This is an important item that will interest women who wish to replenish their supply at small cost.</p>
<p>WHITE APRONS</p> <p>An opportune time to buy a supply during this January display. Large assortments at moderate prices have been provided in anticipation of your needs in this line</p>	<p>MEN'S WHITE SHIRTS</p> <p>Everything must go, especially the white goods and if low prices avail anything there is sure to be a great outlet next week. Don't delay.</p>	