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The debt of the United States is stated at \$925,011,637. The indebtedness of the German Empire is given at \$698,849,400, and the German States, \$2,687,621,000. Five European countries—France, the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy and Spain—show an aggregate indebtedness of over 17 billions of dollars, thus forming one-half of the total indebtedness of the world. The per capita debt, as stated in the order of magnitude is: New Zealand, \$327.11; Commonwealth of Australia, \$277.79; Portugal, \$151.02; France, 150.31; Uruguay, \$132.81; Honduras, \$124.19; Spain, \$110.72; Argentina, \$100.04; United Kingdom, \$92.59; Netherlands, \$86.62; Belgium, \$81.28; Italy, \$78.85. The debt of the United States is given at \$11.51 per capita.

Japs Buying Guns.

GENOA, Jan. 5.—Admiral Miria, of the Japanese navy, accompanied by his staff, arrived here today to assume command of the cruisers Kasuga and Nisshio, formerly the Moreto and Rivadavia, respectively, which were built here for the Argentine government, and were purchased by Japan. The admiral and his staff left tonight for Pozzuoli, where they will buy the arms.

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"Kun," he cries, "down that way."

Then he turned again to his fight with the death jam.

The girl does not know his name. She never saw him before. It is not likely that she will ever see him again. It may be that he staid too late and lost his life in the effort to save others.

He was a hero. There were many such.

In pitiful contrast to such as these is the conduct of some of the people on the stage. There, if anywhere, there seems to have been utter rout and panic. It was the cowardice or carelessness of people on the stage which occasioned the start of the fire, which made it impossible to lower the asbestos curtain and which finally, by throwing wide open the doors leading from the stage, created the draft which swept the clouds of smoke and fire out onto the faces of the audience.

And then, one after the other, half a dozen men came forward and publicly claimed credit for having personally forced the opening of the door through which many of the stage people found safety.

Half a dozen self-proclaimed heroes—each one giving the lie to the other five!

The Coroner's Inquest.

Fixing Responsibility for the Iroquois Theatre Fire. Inquest Will be Held Over the Remains of "Miss Mary Edna Torney and 564 Others"—First Witness Says Lobby Door was Locked.

The coroner's inquest over the remains of the victims of the Iroquois theatre disaster at Chicago began last Thursday. The coroner's official list of dead—for use at the inquest—contains 565 names. Previous police reports indicate 591 dead are declared now to be inaccurate and due to the shifting of bodies from one morgue to another.

Preparations were complete for the most searching inquiry into the causes of the greatest public calamity that Chicago has ever known. Coronor Traeger presided over the investigation with States Attorney Deneen, or one of his assistants in constant attendance at the coroner's legal representative, and the corporation counsel, the county attorney, a score of lawyers representing private interests and numerous officials of the fire and police departments taking part in the inquiry.

It is estimated that it will require at least six days for the jury to hear the testimony of the 200 or more witnesses. The provision of the law that the jury shall view the bodies over which the inquest is held having already been completed with Coronor Traeger entered upon the examination of the witnesses to determine the cause of the fire and the responsibility for the loss of life. Technically the inquest is held over "the body of Miss Edna Torney and 564 others."

Deputy Coronor Buckley knew Miss Torney and arrived on the scene of the fire a few minutes after her body had been carried out. He was able to locate the two policemen who had handled the body. The check to her seat in the theatre was found in her clothing.

"Precise evidence can therefore be adduced as to the circumstances of her death and these circumstances will be interpreted to apply in general to the 564 others." Although some died of asphyxiation, some of

burns and some from concussion, the jury will find that death in each of the 565 deaths resulted from "shock and injury."

The jury will sign a separate verdict for each victim.

For the task of fixing the responsibility for the great loss of life, States Attorney Deneen instructed Coronor Traeger to establish the identity, if possible of some person or persons who died at the end of the passage leading south from the entrance of the second balcony. There a locked door cut off the escape of hundreds whose bodies were found against the barricaded door. The coroner has succeeded in gathering this evidence.

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