

Hundred Dollars'll Buy a Lot of Coal—and Em ricks Are Easy. They Start Next Saturday

THE WEATHER
Fair today with lowest temperature tonight about 25 degrees; Tuesday increasing cloudiness; gentle winds.
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CRITICAL BOWS IN GRIEF AT DEATH OF 108 IN THEATRE

Search of Knickerbocker Wreckage Suspended in Belief That All Bodies Have Been Recovered

SENATE IS ASKED TO ENTER PROBE OF CATASTROPHE

Resolution Calls for Investigation of Knickerbocker Tragedy and Perilous Buildings

132 PERSONS INJURED BESIDES BIG DEATH TOLL

Hoover's Architects Prepare Standard Code to Safeguard Buildings in Cities

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS CEASE

More May Succumb to Wounds Received in Movie House Crash

By the Associated Press
Washington, Jan. 30.—With the search for dead under the wreckage of the Knickerbocker Theatre suspended today in the belief that all bodies had been recovered, probability that the death toll of 108 would be further augmented centered around a dozen or more persons reported in critical condition at various hospitals.

One death occurred today, that of Miss Mary A. Forsyth, a resident of Washington, who succumbed in a hospital from her injuries. The injured removed from the ruins of the movie-house show number 132.

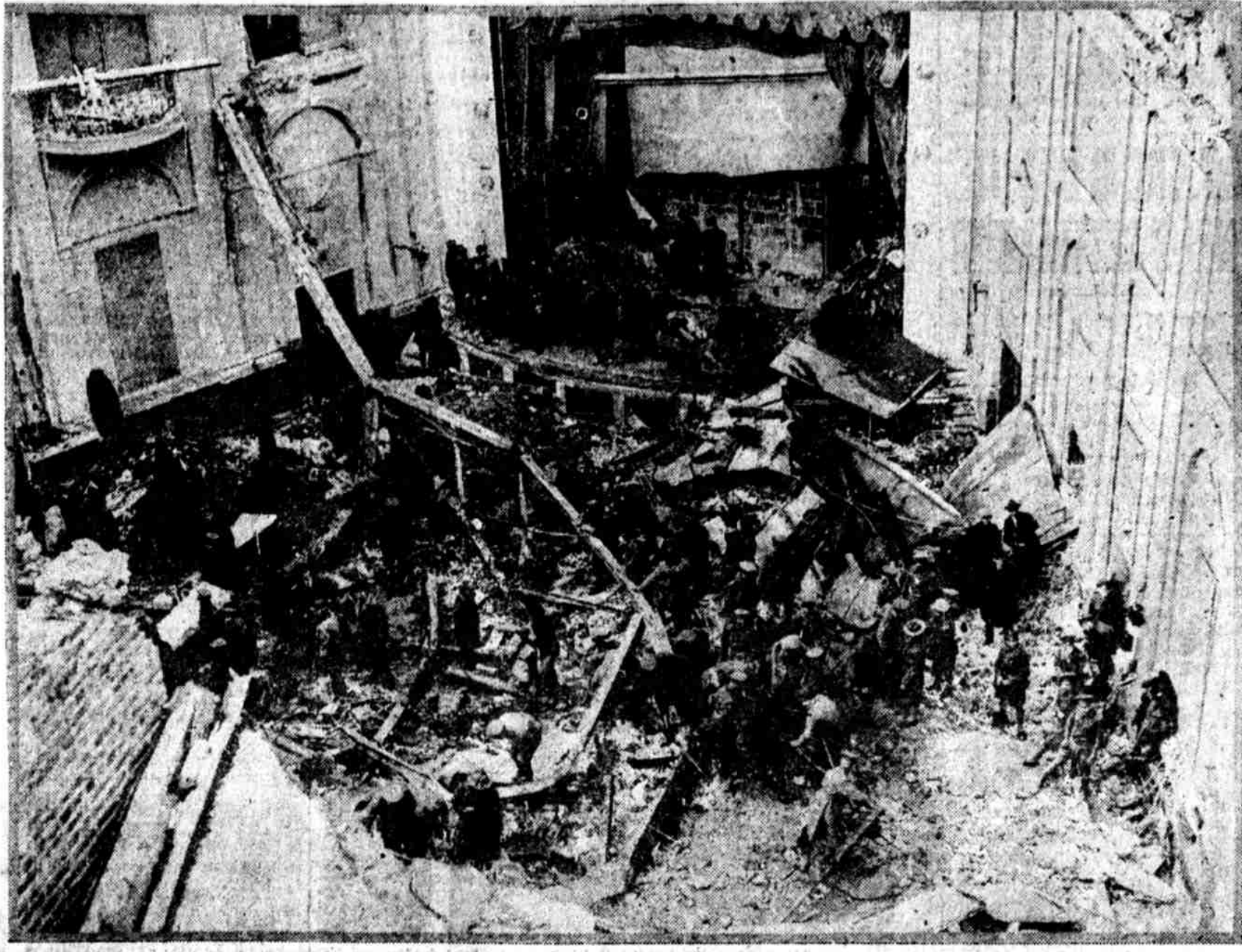
Capital city was bowed in grief today as it began to realize the full extent of the tragedy caused by the snow-laden roof of the theatre collapsing on Saturday night, hurling a mass of steel and concrete without warning on the pleasure-seeking hundreds below.

Exhaustive Probe Assured
Assurance that an exhaustive investigation would be made of the disaster not only with a view to fixing blame but also of determining whether other theatres and public buildings in Washington are unsafe in event of heavy snow such as that which caused the collapse of the building Saturday night, was given today by leaders in Congress as well as officials of the District of Columbia.

Inquiry already has been undertaken by the Committee on the District of Columbia, while in the Senate a resolution calling for an investigation by a Senate committee was introduced by Senator Simmons, Republican leader of the House, announced, however, that the House would not undertake to investigate the cause of the crash until the District of Columbia agencies had concluded an inquiry.

Secretary Hoover declared a lesson had been learned in the great sacrifice and announced that an effort would be made to standardize building code for use in all cities of the country as a means of preventing similar catastrophes, being made by a committee of architects in connection with the Commerce Department.

President Cancels Reception
As a result of the heavy loss of life and consequent deep sorrow, social activities in the capital have been virtually suspended, President and Mrs. Harding announced they would cancel a reception which was to have been given tonight by the Ohio Society in their honor, a dinner which also was given by the Ohio Society in honor of Mrs. Harding last evening in honor of Mrs. Harding.



This picture of the interior of the Knickerbocker Theatre, where the falling of the snow-laden roof Saturday evening killed more than a hundred, shows clearly the big reinforced steel designed to support the balcony, but which snapped when the roof came crashing down. Other rafters and debris of the roof are heaped on the floor.

BEAT AMENDMENTS TO FUNDING BILL

Senate Rejects Johnson and Simmons Motions to Alter Allied Debt Measure

By the Associated Press
Washington, Jan. 30.—Preparatory to a final vote on the allied debt, a funding bill the Senate today rejected 44 to 39, an amendment offered by Senator Johnson providing for congressional approval of the bond conversion agreements.

The Simmons amendment, which would have provided for semi-annual or annual payments of interest, also was rejected, 49 to 32.

During the debate on the measure Senator Borah declared that the most powerful financial influences in the United States and abroad intend that the \$11,000,000,000 owed the United States by the allied and associated nations shall never be paid.

Senator Borah said he was satisfied that if the debt commission was given authority to extend the time of the payment of interest at its discretion, no interest would be paid for five or ten years. The result would be, he added, that the United States would in fact be making additional loans to the debtor nations at an additional cost in taxes to the American people.

There is not a nation in Europe that could not so adjust its budget, he declared.

ORDER SAFETY INSPECTION OF ALL THEATERS IN CITY

Wire From Mayor in Washington Arrives Just as Cortelyou Gives Instruction—To Close Any That Are Found Unfit

A thorough and immediate inspection of all theatres, motion-picture houses and assembly halls was ordered today by Director of Public Safety Cortelyou because of the collapse of the Knickerbocker Theatre roof in Washington.

Chief Clark said inspectors of his bureau inspect all structures in the course of construction and when they are completed, No periodical examination of theatres is made by his bureau, but the fire marshal makes regular inspections, he explains.

RICHARD STOCKTON BROCK, RETIRED FINANCIER, DEAD

Richard Stockton Brock, who from 1874 until 1897 was a member of the banking firm of William H. Newbold's Son & Co., died today at his home, 2032 Spruce street. He was ninety-two years old, and death was due to an acute heart attack.

PRINCE YAMAGATA DYING

Japanese Statesman and Field Marshal in State of Coma
Tokyo, Jan. 30.—(By A. P.)—The death of Field Marshal Prince Yamagata, prominent eighty-five-year-old Japanese statesman, was expected hourly today.

He lapsed into a state of coma at noon, and at 7 o'clock this evening still was unconscious. He has been critically ill since January 5.

FRENCH 'WAR HERO' LANDS JOB—IN JAIL

'Demon of Air' Comes to Earth, Destitute—Poison Bottle Brings Quick Pity

Alfred E. Curtis, chief of the local Veterans' Bureau, was passing near Sixteenth and Arch streets when he became conscious of a young man sitting on a curbstone and staring moodily at a dark-colored bottle.

What particularly aroused Mr. Curtis' attention was that the young man wore a horizon-blue uniform coat, to which were pinned the many-pined Croix de Guerre and the Medaille Militaire. But Mr. Curtis became even more curious when he saw the young man raise the bottle toward his lips, saying, "Adieu, and world who forsaketh the children of the glory!"

Right here, Mr. Curtis now admits, he made his mistake. He took the bottle away from the young man, and began to question him. And the answers the young man gave made Mr. Curtis' indignant eyes stretch wider and wider.

For to those sympathetic ears the young man was persuaded to reveal himself. He was Alymer Brandon, home address, No. 64 Rue Bagalle, Paris. Not by chance connected with the illustrious Captain Brandon who brought down the first and so many subsequent Zeppelins? But, yes. Indeed it was the same—and he might behold a hero who is beyond the hour of his glory.

When you think of writing think of WHITING—440.

PAINT DUMMY SAFE IN WINDOW, THEN REAL ONE IS LOOTED

Crackmen Get \$250 and Auto Key Code Book at 342 North Broad Street

FAKE RECEIPT WAS MADE OF CARDBOARD

Master crackmen believed to be agents of a ring of motorcar thieves set up a dummy safe in the window of the United Motor Service Company, 342 North Broad street, and then ripped the real safe apart with pliers and chisels. The robbery was discovered this morning.

The most important part of their loot was a key code book which disclosed the secrets of tens of thousands of ignition locks in use on automobiles. Three months ago burglars stole a key machine from the same place, but the machine was comparatively worthless without the code book.

The dummy safe was made with a wooden framework held together with angle irons and thumb-screws. Carboard and linoleum painted the exact shade of green on the real safe were used to make the deception complete.

The company's name was lettered in gilt on the front of the fake receptacle, and beneath it, also in gilt, was the name of a firm of safe makers. Lead pencils, painted green and with the tips sharpened, gave the appearance of hinges, while a "combination" was painted in silver. The decoy was the exact height of the steel safe.

Janitor Discovers Robbery
The carefully planned robbery occurred between Saturday night and 6 o'clock this morning when Edward Powell, janitor of the building, arrived daily removing snow from the roofs. Many papers, including stocks and bonds which had been in the safe were strewn over the floor.

William H. Moseley, branch manager of the company, had placed \$250 in cash, about \$600 in checks and money orders, about \$200 worth of his own securities, and some stocks and bonds in the heavy safe at the close of business Saturday.

As a precaution against thieves the big steel receptacle was kept in the window facing Broad street. It was in plain sight of the patrolman on the street.

NEW ORLEANS—Fourth—Sea Cove, 3-5, 1-5, out, won; Runzaf, 8-1, 2-1, 3-5, second; Rep, 6-1, 6-5, 2-5, third. Time, 1:52 2-5. Lumps, Boston and Natural also ran.

PORTUGAL'S PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS QUIET

LISBON, Jan. 30.—The parliamentary elections yesterday were unmarred by disturbances of any kind. Seventy-three Democrats were returned to the Chamber of Deputies, forty-one Liberals, fifteen Monarchists, eight Regionalists, three Independents, four Catholics and one Octoberist. The newspapers published a report that President D'Almeida will resign after the constitution of the new parliament if it considers his act in dissolving the last parliament unconstitutional.

TWO PLENARY ARMS SESSIONS ON WEDNESDAY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Two plenary sessions of the Washington Conference will be held Wednesday. It was said today after a meeting of the Naval Committee of Fifteen at which a final agreement was said to have been reached on the final question, the only naval issue remaining unsolved when the committee went into session.

ERIE R. R. CAR SHOPS AT BUFFALO LEASED

HORNELL, Jan. 30.—The car repair shops of the Erie Railroad at Buffalo were leased today to the Semole Construction Company, a private corporation made up of prominent Buffalo business men, according to an announcement by Robert E. Woodruff, regional manager. The leases will take charge of the plant February 6, and will call back to work all of the former employees, it was said.

BERNHARDT SERIOUSLY ILL

Condition of Famous Actress, However, Does Not Alarm Doctors
Paris, Jan. 30.—Mme. Sarah Bernhardt is seriously ill with influenza in her Paris home. She has been forced to cancel her part in the gala performances on the Mollere tricentenary. The bulletin issued by her physicians says: "While her fever gives rise to anxiety, there are no fears for the life of Mme. Bernhardt. Her condition continues robust, due to her determination not to quit work."

Spivin Got A HUNDRED; So Can You!

There once was a fellow named Spivin, Who was always just givin' an' givin'; But he wrote a last line, An' now everything's fine, An' he laughs at th' high cost of livin'.

Limpin' Lim'ricks Will Come Back Next Saturday

Next Saturday night you go home An' dope out our first limpin' pome, An' write a line to it, It's easy to do it, An' isn't much strain on your dome.

The Limpin' Lim'ricks start again in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER next Saturday. Same rules, same idea, same stunt—just repeated because the fans have kept at us so overlastingly for it that we couldn't help ourselves.

MAN MURDERED IN STREET; NO TRACE OF ASSAILANTS

West Cambria St. Stonemason Shot Through Heart—Had Argument
Joseph Anzalone, twenty-six years old, a stonemason, 2119 West Cambria street, was shot and killed within a block of his home late last night. His brother, Victor, who was in the house, heard the shots and found him lying unconscious in the snow with bullet wounds in the hip and left shoulder. No trace of the assailants has been found.

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS

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JAIL "CHOIR BOY BURGLAR"

Two Years for Stealing Overcoat and Shoes—Has Long Record
Judge Patterson today sentenced Frank Daly, the "Choir Boy Burglar," 931 Green street, to two years in the Eastern Penitentiary, after he had pleaded guilty to a charge of shoplifting. Daly was arrested on January 23, as he was leaving a Market street department store with an overcoat valued at \$20 that he had stolen. Another charge of stealing a pair of shoes, valued at \$5, was made against Daly.

OPERATE ON MURATORE

Famous Tenor Stricken With Acute Appendicitis in New York
New York, Jan. 30.—(By A. P.)—Lucien Muratore, premier tenor of the Chicago Opera Company, was operated upon for acute appendicitis at the Adolphus Hospital today. He was taken from his apartment in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel at noon and placed on the operating table shortly before 4 o'clock.

JURYMAN GETS RESPIRE

Joseph W. Cox, of 3215 Thompson street, a juror before Judge Terry, 36 Quarter Sessions Court, was badly beaten up late last night by an unidentified highwayman at Thirty-first street and Girard avenue. Cox was robbed and left lying in a semi-conscious condition. His condition today, while not serious, is such that he has been excused from further service as a juror.

APARTMENTS TO STAY EVERY FEBRUARY

and most every requirement may be found in this building. For a full description of this apartment house see page 22 and 23—Ad.

MAYOR TO SHAKE UP FAIR COMMITTEES, HE HINTS IN CAPITAL

Will Speed Financial and Building Programs for Sesqui-Centennial

STARTS CONGRESS' WHEELS FOR AID IN EXPOSITION

Washington, Jan. 30.—Mayor Moore here to enlist financial aid from Congress for Philadelphia's Sesqui-Centennial Exposition, intimated today that as soon as he got home certain changes would be made in the exposition committee.

His purpose in this will be to speed up the financial and building program. It is possible that the principal changes will be in the Finance Committee, of which E. T. Stotesbury is chairman.

Mayor Moore conferred with powerful congressional leaders here today, particularly those in the House, where the appropriating power lies, to win Federal financial aid for the exposition.

He expects to confer with Senator Pendergast later, and made arrangements to talk the ground over with the President. Only a cabinet meeting prevented the Mayor from going right over to the White House.

Mayor Moore said he felt sanguine for the Sesqui-Centennial, after talking things over with the leaders. Being met with a disposition on the part of the leaders to avoid direct appropriations, the Mayor on his own introduced congressional legislative tricks, promptly countered by suggesting that Congress simply make its appropriation by building a group of Federal buildings. The leaders warmly endorsed the Mayor and his suggestions.

City Must Raise More Funds
The Mayor started the House machinery going so as to have public hearings held before the House Committee on Industrial Arts and Handicrafts. The day will be fixed as soon as the Mayor returns to Philadelphia and calls a meeting of the directors of the Sesqui-Centennial Committee.

One thing the Mayor learned, as a result of his conferences here this morning, is that Philadelphia will have to raise more money. He said he had pledged by Council, good start though it is, it was indicated to the Mayor, is not enough.

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