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## NEARLY 600 PERISHED.

Fearfu' Calamity at the Iroquois Theater In Chicago.

sia Will Not Grant Proposals-Death of James J. Belden and General Longstreet-President's Canal Message-Fargo Squiers Killed.

Five hundred and eighty-seven people were killed in 10 minutes Wednesday afternoon during a fire in the Iroquois Theater, the newest, the largest, and as far as human power could make it, the safest theater in

A few of these people were burned to death, many were suffocated by gas and scores were trampled to death in the panic that followed the mad plunge of the frightened audience for the exits.

Their clothing was torn to rags or burned to cinders and their faces pulp by the crowd that fought and 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 theater since

very large, escaped to the street in front of the theater. safety, nearly all of them, however, being compelled to flee into the snow pany sustained minor injuries but none were seriously hurt.

Grounded Electric Wire Caused Blaze. The accounts of the origin of the fi e are com loting and none of them certain but the best reason given is that an el ctric wire near the lower part of a piece of drop scenery broke and groun led. setting the scenery ablaze. The fire spread rapidly tothe members of the chorus who were then engaged in the performance to flee to the wings with screams of ter-

As soon as the fire was discovered. Elddie Foy, the comedian of the comcany, shouted to lower the curtain. It descended about half way and then stuck. The fire was thus given practically a flue through bich a strong draught set to the doors which had been thrown open in the front of the theater. With a roar and a bound the flames shot out through the opening over the heads of the people on the o theaters. The mayor will endeavor first floor and up to those in the first to canvass the situation with the the balcony, caught them and burned them atrical managers. He says no theater

to death. flames there came an explosion which lifted the entire roof of the theater from its walls, shattering the great skylights into fragments.

It is believed that the explosion was caused by the flames coming in contact with the gas reservoirs of the theater, causing them to burst.

As near as can be estimated about 1,300 people were in the theater Three hundred of these were on the first floor, the balance being in the two upper balconies, and in the hallways back

of them. Outside of the people burned and suffocated by gas it was in these two doorways on the first and second balconies that the greatest loss of life occurred. When the firemen entered the building the dead were found stretched in a pile reaching from the head of the stairway at least eight feet from the door back to a point about five feet in

the rear of the door. This mass of dead bodies in the center of the doorway reached to within two feet of the top of the passageway THE WAREL All of the corpses at this point were

women and children.

Horrible Fight For Life. The fight for life which must have taken place at these two points is something that is simply beyond human power to adequately describe. Only a faint idea of its horror could be derived from the aspect of the bodies as they lay. Women on top of these masses of dead had been overtaken by death as they were crawling on their hands and knees over the bodies of those who had died before.

The bodies were in such an inextricable mass and so tightly were they jammed between the sides of the door and walls that it was impossible to lift them one by one and carry them out. The only possible thing to do was to seize a limb or some other portion of the body and pull with main strength. Men worked at the task with tears running down their cheeks and the sobs of the rescuers could be heard even in the hall below where this awful scene United States minister to Cuba, ac he had some little money about his was being enacted.

There were scores and scores of peole whose faces had literally been rampled completely off by the heels of those who rushed over them and in one aisle the body of a man was found with hardly a vestige of clothing or flesh above his waist line. The entire upper portion of his body had been cut into mince meat and carried away by the feet of those who trampled Chicago's Theaters All Closed - Rus- him. A search was carefully made with a hope of finding his head but it

> ognizable Fire Escapes Not In Place. The theater had been constructed but a short time and all its equipment was not yet in place. This was unfortunately the case with a fire escape

the color and appearance of his cloth-

such a condition as to be hardly rec-

in the rear of the building. The small iron balconies to which the fron ladders were to be attached were up but the ladders had not yet been constructed. When the panic was at its height a great number of women ran for these fire escapes only to find as they emerged from the door way upon the little iron platform that they were 30 to 50 feet from the trampled into an unrecognizable ground, a fire behind and no method of escape in front.

Those who reached the platform first endeavored to hold their footing and to keep back the crowd that pressed upon them from the rear. The effort was utterly useless and in a few moments the iron ledges were jammed with crowds of women who screamed. fought and tore at each other like

maniacs This lasted but a brief time and the rush from the interior of the building became so violent that many of them were crowded off and fell to the granite pavement below. Others leaped from the platform, fracturing legs and arms and two were picked up at this point with fractured skulls, having been killed instantly.

Next to the Chicago fire this is the greatest catastrophe that has ever occurred in that city. The news spread with great rapidity and in a short time hundreds of men, women and children were rushing toward the theater.

Although all the patrol wagons and every ambulance owned by the city were pressed into service, they were utterly inadequate to carry away the dead and in a short time there was a line 50 feet long of corpses piled two The theat ical company, which was and three high on the sidewalk in

It was found necessary in order to convey the bodies rapidly to the with no clothing but their stage cos- morgue and to the various undertaking tumes A few members of the com- establishments to impress trucks into service and in these the dead were hauled away.

Hundreds of Funerals.

Along whitened streets funeral processions, half hidden in clouds of snow wound their way to cemeteries from every part of the city on Saturday and Sunday. From hundreds of doors there fluttered the black emblem of death. Half-masted flags added their evidence war! the front of the stage, causing that Chicago was in mourning for her fire victims.

In many blocks three and sometime. four funeral cars stood ready for their passengers. At cemetery gates cortego waited on cortege. Grave diggeworked throughout the night.

The list of dead was increased to 583 by the death of Leroy Rainbold, a boy 4 years old. Of the 10 bodies at the county morgue, four were identified

At Monday's meeting of the city council many resolutions were intro duced for betterment of management will be allowed to open its doors until Immediately following this rish of | | has complied with every ordinance.

Russia Will Not Grant Proposals. Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister at London, has been informed from Paris that Russia has decided not to

grant the Japanese proposals. The baron said to a representative of the press: "If my information from Paris is borne out by the wording of the Russian reply and if the Japanese government adheres to its present determination, there seems to be small possibility of averting war."

## Death of General Longstreet.

General James Longstreet, 83 years old, last of the lieutenant generals of the confederacy, hero of the Mexican war and United States commissioner of railways, died at the home of 'his daughter, Mrs. J. Estin Weichet, in Gainesville, Ga., Saturday of pneumonia, which was greatly aggravated by the old wound received by him a: the hands of his own men through mistake at the battle of the Wilderness.

Congress Again In Session. Both branches of congress met Monday after a holiday recess of two weeks. The session was mainly taken up with the reading of the president's canal message, in which Mr. Rooserelt explains the recognition of the new republic of Panama and gives arguments for the immediate ratification of the Hay-Bunau Varilla treaty.

Death of James J. Belden. James Jerome Belden, former member of congress for the Onondaga-Madison district, died on Friday, aged 78 years, of uraemic poisoning. had been confined to his bed since last Saturday. He is survived by a widow. Mr. Belden was Syracuse's richest citizen, his wealth being estimated at

more than \$10,000,000. Minister Squiers' Son Killed. cidentally shot and killed himself

## DEMOCRATS IN COUNCIL

P.ominent Men at Banquet In Honor of Mayor McClellan.

New York, Jan. 5.-Democrats of prominence of the state, city and nation met here last night in honor of could not be discovered, and all that George B. McClellan, the newly inwill ever tell his friends who he was is stalled mayor of New York city, among those present being Richard Olney of ing on the lower limbs and this is in Massachusetts, ex-Governor David B. Hill of New York, Congressman David DeArmond of Missouri, Charles A. Towne, former Governor Pattison of Pennsylvania, W. A. Gaston of Boston, Charles F. Murphy, Edward Murphy of Troy, John B. Stanchfield of Elmira, Norman E. Mack and W. J. Connors of Buffalo, D. Cady Herrick of Albany, John Cunneen and John G. Carlisle.

Grover Cleveland, Judge Alton B. Parker, Senator Arthur P. Gorman of Maryland and Senator John P. Morgan of Alabama sent letters of regret. The speakers included Mayor McClellan, Richard Olney, David B. Hill, Charles A. Towne and Congressman DeArmond.

toastmaster, introduced Mayor McClellan in an address in which he declared that the New York victory presaged a national victory.

The dominant note of Mayor Mc-Ciellan's speech was the wresting of New York state and the nation from Republican misrule. He characterized the recent New York city election as the preliminary to the great national battle. He urged a united and loyal party, to restore the "rule of the people in its truest sense and insure to posterity the blessings of liberty."

Governor A. J. Montague of Vir ginia, who followed Mr. Olney, speak

fore and for so long.led us to victory.' and precede him in the White House.

The letter from Mr. Cleveland sald of a live stock paper in Buffalo, who Menelik.

of the New York Democracy. involved in the government of the

greatest city of our country creates grave responsibilities the impressive thought cannot be evaded that the manner in which the Democracy of the city shall meet its municipal responsibilitles, will in a large degree determine the extent to which our fellow country men in every part of the land will be willing to trust the Democracy of the nation in broader fields of governmental rule. "Those far beyond the limit of New

York who love the Democratic party purposes so manifest in all things as security and peace promised by the national supremacy of a safe and conservative Democracy."

Grade-Held Up For Several Hours.

Altoona, Pa., Jan. 5.-While going up a steep grade near Dunlo early Monday morning, a Pennsylvania railroad freight engineer say a black object on the track ahead. Thinking it a man he stopped, and as the light from the headlight flashed on the form it arose and walked toward the locomotive.

Seeing it was a bear, the engineer attempted to start the engine. Meaf time bruin leisurely inspected the locomotive and tried to warm himself in the reflection of the headlight. The engineer tried in vain to start his entrain lay frozen up for several hours until another engine could be secured. ran off to the woods.

in this county in 1803.

## TO TAKE JEWS FROM RUSSIA.

out the country will be invited.

mitted to choose their own homes.

UNREST IN CHINA.

The possibility of China becoming

involved in such a conflict presents, it

is said, a very grave menace to Amer-

ican trade and the officials of the

to bring to bear all the legitimate

moral pressure they command, both at

St. Petersburg and Pekin, to preserve

peace between Russia and China, even

if war between Russia and Japan can-

Unofficially, however, our govern-

ment has learned that China is dis-

posed to refer the Manchurian ques-

tion to The Hague and agree not to

mix in a war between Russia and Ja-

Second- Class Mail Privileges.

court held that the postmaster general

having the authority to determine on

the facts of the case as developed by

an investigation, the court could not

lieved there was no loss of life.

\$15,000 In Bonds and Cash Stolen.

Ellen Chapin, a wealthy spinster resid

ing in an old homestead in Butternot

Valley, near Noblesville, was attend-

ing an entertainment on New Year's

night her home was entered and \$15.

000 in bonds and \$30 in cash were

stolen. It is believed that the burg-

lary was committed by some one fa-

Court of Appeals Reconvened.

Triple Funeral of Fire Victims.

neral of Iroquois theater victims

moved a great crowd of people to tears

yesterday. The bodies of Mrs Fred

S Pond and the son and daughter of

Mrs. Grace Tuttle, sister of Mrs. Pond.

were laid in the family plot in the city

When a man is determined to rise in

the world, it is better not to interfere

with him too much. If his purpose is

right, he will be a dangerous wrestler

The highest shot tower in the world

is in Villach, Austr'a. Bullets from the

Still More Autocratic.

Knicker-Didn't he find it hard to re-

Bocker-No, indeed. He got a posi-

When a beautiful woman smiles some

People would be more willing to take

concealed that they were getting one .- ,

pocketbook is weeping.-Schoolmaster.

cemetery yesterday.

upper level fall 249 feet.

tion as Janitor.-Smart Set.

-Schoolmaster.

the army?

Atchison Globe.

miliar with the premises.

Oneonta, N. Y., Jan. 5.-While Miss

not be averted.

pan.

Provide Homes In Other Countries. Philadelphia, Jan. 5. - A national movement was set on foot at a mass

of all Hebrews from Russia. It is planned to begin work at once. The movement had its inception in the suggestion of the Rev. B. L. Levinthal, chief rabbi of Philadelphia, at a mass meeting for the purpose of discussing means of providing aid for the persecuted Jews in Kishineff. A number of prominent New York Hebrews present expressed their willingness to co-operate. A special committee was appointed tr make arrangements for a national convention in this city within a few

According to the plan outlined at yesterday's meeting, it is the intention to get the Hebrews out of Rus sia as quickly as possible. Money raised for this purpose will be sent to Kishineff and other points throughout Russia. These sections will be first relieved. Then the other portions of the czar's domain will be taken up until practically every Jew has quitted the country. The refugees will be per-

W. Bourke Cockran, who acted as

Grave Menace to American Trade I China Should Be Involved In Russian War. Washington, Jan. 5 .- Reports of un-Pekin government is inclined to join hands with Tokio in the event of war between Russia and Japan have been received at the state department with regret.

Mr. Olney was then introduced as a "man enthroned in the hearts of all his countrymen."

ing for the Democrats of the South, said they came forward as the champion of no candidate. As to the attitude of the party in the South he said he believed it should stand forth in behalf of the established and conservative principles of Democracy, that it should demand that dead issues be not disturbed, that it should take the initiative in the "recrudescence of our party upon the principles which hereto-

Former Governor David B. Hill was greeted with loud applause when in his introductory remarks he eulogized the leadership of Charles F. Murphy and predicted that Mayor McClellan would | circuit court sustained the demurrer of succeed him as governor of the state the postmaster general to the reply in

"I would be pleased to participat? the second-class mail privileges. The in an event which will give opportunity for the expression of a well grounded anticipation of the civic benefits which should result from the triumph

revise that decision or say whether the "While the assumption of the duty facts were erroneously found. Fire In a Chicago Apartment House. Chicago, Jan. 5 .-- Fire in the Delaware flats at 65th street and Delaware avenue caused a slight property loss and for a time considerable apprehen sion for the safety of the 75 families in the building. All escaped without injury. The structure was a relic of the World's fair days when cheap construction was much in use. The people promptly made their exit and it is be-

confidently expect that the methods of the new municipal administration will be so clean and efficient and its high to impress the entire country with the

## BEAR ON THE TRACK.

Engineer Stopped His Train on an Up

Albany, Jan. 5 .- The court of appeals reconvened after the holiday re cess with only four judges on the bench, the others being delayed by the fire, lateness of trains. Judges Parker, Bartlett, Vann and Cullen heard arguments in several appeals from orders The order calandar will consume probably a good portion if not all this week's session of the court.

gine. The steam pipes failed and the The bear, frightened by the whistle,

## Died at the Age of 102.

Syracuse, Jan. 5 .- Mrs. Olive Cleve land of Lafavette. Onondaga county died yesterday at that place, aged 102 years, 10 months and 8 days. She knit, did other light work and read the rewspapers up to a week ago when she became very weak and took to her bed. Mrs. Cleveland's parents were Thomas and Betsy Newell, who located

Missing Since Christmas Night. Schenectady, Jan. 5 .- Fears are entertained that Frank Curley, an Amsterdam silk weaver, has met with foul play. He visited his brother John here Christmas and left at midnight to board a trolley car bound for his home and has not been seen since It Fargo Squiers, the eldest son of the is believed that he was murdered, as person:

### OINTED PARAGRAPHS. Movement Started In Philadelphia to

Summary of the Week's News meeting of Jews here for the removal of the World.

> Cream of the News Culled From Long Dispatches and Put In Proper Shape For the Harried Reader Who is Too Busy to Read the Longer Reports and Desires to Keep Posted.

Wednesday. A fire at the East Buffalo stock ards destroyed two big sheep sheds ad 4,000 sheep intended for export. oss about \$75,000.

Wealthy citizens living in the suweeks. Representatives of various ourbs of Philadelphia have established Jewish lodges and societies throughin automobile patrol to check a series of highway robberies.

> leclared a profit of 50 per cent a hare on last season's work. The Standard Oil company made a eduction of 5 cents a barrel in the orice of high-grade petroleum, and also nade a cut of 2 cents in the inferior

The Victoria Sealing company,

which controls the pelagic sealing, has

trades The 20 per cent reduction in duty on hban products, which went into ofect Monday under the terms of the eciprocity treaty, resulted in large withdrawals from bonded warehouses of cigars and sugar.

### Thursday.

Three prominent citizens of Troy est their lives in burning of the Troy rest in China and indications that the slub building at an early hour Wedesday morning.

Japan has completed the purchase of the Argentine warships Moreno and Rivadavia, building at Genoa, Italy, for which Russia also was negotiating. The president has designated Secre-

ary Root to conduct the Panama nego-

lations with General Reves of Colomola during the illness of Secretary Washington government are disposed Hay. Five hundred people were either burned or crushed to death in a fire which broke out in the new Iroquois beater at Chicago during the after-

> noon performance. Control of the United States Steel orporation is said to be now vested in he Rockefeller group of capitalists and Henry Clay Frick, the enemy of An irew Carnegie

## Friday.

James N. Abell was locked up in Welland, Ont., without bail, on a Washington, Jan. 5. — The District charge of forgery.

As a result of the American mission Abyssinia, a treaty with the United the case of Sidney Sherwood, publisher States has been signed by Emperor protested against being rejected from Governor Odell returned to Albany after an hour's talk with Senator Platt.

> Everything was harmonious in the party, he declared. Making a tour of Europe, a man, who gave the name of S. W. Spencer, s drawing forged checks and drafts

on New York merchants. Government officials in Washington are closely watching conditions on the sthmus for signs of a possible revolt

# against the new republic of Panama.

Saturday. Poisoned candy was sent by a myserious woman to a family in Ithaca, N. Y., and two children were rendered critically ill eating it.

Baron Hayashi, Japanese minister at ondon, has been informed from Paris hat Russia has decided not to grant he Japanese proposals.

The latest record of the Iroquois heater disaster at Chicago is: Identified dead, 440; unidentified dead, 340; missing, 285; injured, 180; total, 1,

Eastbound limited No. 22 on the Lake Shore was wrecked near Ashtabula and Engineer George McIntosh and Fireman G. W. Kelpflin of Buffalo and Enginer Spring of Collingwood, O., were killed.

Monday. Police stopped a panic Saturday afternoon at the New York Thalia theater, caused by a needless alarm of

an investigation into charges of irregularity in the accounts of the interstate commerce commission. Every theater in Chicago is close i by Mayor Harrison. A second order

Treasury department experts begin

supplemented the edict of Friday night, by which 18 houses were shut Beloit, Wis., Jan. 5.-A triple fu- ip. Advices from London say that war etween Russia and Japan is now a certainty, and other dispatches, say Russia has replied to Japan's note re-

> jecting the latter's terms. No loss of life to patrons of licensed theaters has been recorded in London ince 1858. The regulations are very strict, including automatic exits doors and fire proof scenery.

At the opening of the senate the chaplain, Rev. Edward Everett Hale, prayed for peace between Japan and Russia.

The president sent to the senate the nomination of William H. Taft for secsetary of war, and Luke E. Wright of Pennessee as civil governor of the turn to civil life after commanding in Philippines. Iowa's state capital at Des Moines

> proken electric light wire. The buildng was erected 20 years ago at a cost of \$3,000,000. Solely from witnessing the horror in

> was destroyed by fire, catching from a

he Iroquois theater, Miss Rita Wild, 12 years old, a teacher at the Feldentheir whipping if the fact could be hal public school, is dead. Her death orings the total of theater fire fatalides up to 589.

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## PROSPERITY TO CONTINUE.

President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania

Says Iron Trade Will Revive. Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—President Cas satt of the Pennsylvania believes that this year will be as prosperous as 1900 He is of the opinion that business will be good and that it will not be lone before the iron and steel industry will again be busy. He says that the coun try is in good condition, and through out the West everything is prosperous Mr. Cassatt said:

"At the present time there has been a falling off in shipments, which has been brought about by the decline in the iron business. There are only about 30 per cent of the iron furnaces in blast at the present time, but this state of affairs cannot last, for the supply will soon be exhausted and the mills will have to start up.

"General business is very good and there are no signs of it falling off. The iron and steel shipments have already begun to pick up, and it looks as if we will have a prosperous new Year."

Protection For Philadelphia Theaters. Philadelphia, Jan. 4.-Mayor Weaver has appointed a commission to examine and report upon the conditions existing in the theaters and other places of amusement in this city. The appointment was announced after a conference with Mayor Weaver and Director of Public Safety D. J Smith. The commission will begin their investigation on Monday, Director Smith said: "The mayor is determined that adequate protection shall be given the theater-going public in Philadelphia. The commission will be allowed the fullest latitude in their recommendations.

### New Freight Line For Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Jan. 4.—Pittsburg is to have a new freight line to Chicago and the West. With the entrance of the Pere Marquette into Chicago, thus entitling it to the distinction of a trunk line, a close traffic arrangement has been made between that system and the Bessemer and Lake Eric and the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern railroad, the latter of which are properties of the United States Steel corporation. The alliance will mean that much of the tonnage of the Carnegie Steel company for Pittsburg will go to Chicago and the Northwestern via the Perc Marquette.

## Hiccoughs Caused Death.

Kittanning, Pa., Jan. 4.—After suffering with hiccoughs since the night before Christmas, Burgess Robert L. Brown of Wickboro died at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon. He was prominent in railroad and oil circles. He was associated with W. H. H. Piper and the late B. B. Campbell in the oil business in the early days of the Parker City boom. Mr. Brown was in his 71st year and leaves a wife and one daughter.

## Car Wrecked on Mountain.

Pittsburg, Jan. 4.-A traction car of the Knoxville and Mount Oliver line got beyond control of the meterman while descending Monastery hill and after colliding with two wagons, jumped the rails and was wrecked at the foot of the hill. The conductor and motorman and four passengers were seriously hurt. All will recover. The accident was caused by slippery

Charged With Bribery. Scranton, Pa., Jan. 4.-A warrant was issued by Magistrate Millar at the instance of Robert Wilson, agent for the Municipal league, for the arrest of P. O'Boyle, street commissioner under the administration of Mayor Bailey, on the charge of bribery. Mr. O'Boyle is accused of having handled money paid to certain members of city councils in connection with the Con sumers' Gas company.

## Alleged Train Robbers Held.

Greensburg, Pa., Jan. 4. - Handcuffed together 19 Syrians and Slavs. employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad company at Youngwood, were brought to jail, charged with having robbed freight cars in the yards at Youngwood. A preliminary hearing was given them, and they were held for court. Retired on a Pension.

Irwin, Pa., Jan. 4.-William H. Sowash, for many years yardmaster here for the Pennsylvania railroad retired on the pension list after 35 years of

continuous service. Last week rail-

road men presented him with an easy chair, gold-headed walking stick and a purse of money. Burglars Tracked In the Snow. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Jan. 4 .- A gans, of burglars that in six weeks bad committed 36 robberies was tracked by citizens Saturday morning in the snow

They were tracked from a store to

their bouse, but escaped. Quantities

of stolen goods were found in the

Blew Out the Gas. Philadelphia, Jan. 4 -- John McCaulley, 19 years old, and George McMullin, 11 years old, were found dead in bed, having been asphyxiated by illuminating gas. McCaulley arrived from Ireland Saturday. It is believed he blew out the gas upon retiring.

## More Pay For Brewers.

Pittsburg, Jan. 4.—Six hundred members of the National Union of United Brewery Workers in this city have been given an increase in wages averaging 10 per cent,