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29 FIREMEN DEAD IN CHICAGO FIRE

HUMAN DEATH TRAP DISASTER AT PACKING HOUSE FIRE.

FIRE MARSHAL HORAN KILLED

BATTALION CHIEF BURROUGHS ALSO AMONG THE DEAD.

CRUSHED BY FALLING CANOPY

WHOLE STOCK YARDS DISTRICT WAS THREATENED.

FLAMES SPREAD, UNCONTROLLED

Wooden Canopy Under Which Men are Fighting Flame, Gives Way and Drops Upon a Large Number of Firemen, Carrying Them to Awful Death.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Fire Marshal James Horan and twenty-eight of his firemen were killed early today in a fire which caused \$1,250,000 damage to the warehouses and stock of Nelson, Morris & Co., packers, and for hours threatened the whole stock yards district.

The injured will number more than fifty, listing being difficult because they were rushed in ambulances and private automobiles to hospitals in many sections of the city.

Seven bodies have been recovered. At 1 p. m. the fire had been hedged in and its spread had been checked, but efforts to save any of the buildings originally attacked by the flames were in vain. The buildings destroyed include two warehouses full of dressed meat, hemp, etc., a tall house and other structures.

Wall Falls, Crushing Canopy.

A wall fell crushing an overhanging wooden canopy on the beef house of Nelson, Morris & Co., where the fire started. Beneath the canopy were two companies of firemen and the chief. These men were crushed to death. The debris made a furnace into which firemen were unable to dig for several hours.

Assistant Chief William Burroughs and Lieutenant Fitzgerald were with the marshal under the canopy receiving orders for directing the fight against the spreading of the flames in other quarters, and they went down to their death with Horan.

Dig for Bodies With Bare Hands.

Other firemen, witnesses of the disaster, for a brief time deserted the other parts of the blazing structure and sought with their bare hands to drag apart the glowing debris to bring out the body of their chief and his companions. Finding this a vain effort they obeyed again the direction of Assistant Marshal Seyfertlich and redoubled their efforts to prevent the spread of the flames.

The blaze was discovered at about 4 o'clock by a watchman in the Morris beef house. An ammonia pipe, bursting, started combustion that spread so quickly the watchman barely had turned in the alarm before the flames began bursting from the building.

Digging for Buried Men.

A wrecking engine of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad has arrived at the scene of the fire and has begun to clear away the wreckage, in hope of reaching some of the buried firemen.

The known dead are: Marshal James Horan. Joseph Murawski.

The injured number not less than forty, it is estimated. The fire, carrying its loss of life which may reach forty, started from an explosion. Immediately after the first alarm was given, the fire spread with great rapidity and in a few minutes it was seen that the firemen had a hard fight on their hands.

A general alarm brought Marshal Horan from his home on the west side of the city and as soon as he reached the scene he took up the task of directing his men. With Battalion Chief Burroughs, he led a line of pipemen

and truckmen to the east entrance of the building and a battle against the flames was taken on from beneath the heavy iron canopy. Fire swung menacing above them.

Death Trap Catches Firemen. Apparently not noticing the danger the firemen crowded with this death trap and then with a roar of an explosion and tumbling masses of bricks the chief of the department together with more than a score of his aids were lost to the view from their comrades.

In less time it could take to tell it, the word spread among the firemen that their leader had gone down under the ruins and their efforts were doubled in attacking the furnace-like building which was now enveloped from ground to roof by the flames.

As time wore on and the marshal was nowhere to be seen it was apparent to the men that he was either lost or had been removed to a hospital. Frantic inquiries were made at all hospitals and search of adjoining buildings but he could not be found. Likewise the other men were missing. At 8 o'clock there was no trace of any of the men whom captains of two or three companies had reported missing.

Falling Canopy Causes Explosion. It was stated that the explosion was caused by the drop of the canopy from the bursting of an ammonia pipe.

The fire was first discovered in the basement in what is known as the hide room. A watchman making his rounds heard an explosion and immediately turned in an alarm by telephone and then fled from the building. The long wooden canopy, which played its part in forming the death trap for the firemen, ran along the entire east side of the building. Railroad tracks hindered the work of the men and made it necessary for the fire fighters to climb upon the platform beneath the covering.

The canopy itself formed a platform for other firemen, who were fighting the flames from above it, sending streams of water into the second story of the building.

Graphic Story of Tragic Deaths. A graphic story of the collapse of the east wall which carried the men down to death beneath the wood covering is told by Lieutenant Joseph Mackey who was leading a company of firemen from the top of the canopy. Mackey said as he looked up he saw the walls bulge and he immediately shouted a warning. At the same time he jumped from the platform himself and was followed immediately by ten or twelve of his men. None of these lost his life but their escapes were miraculous.

"I knew Marshal Horan and Burroughs were beneath me with at least two companies of men," said Mackey. "and I shouted to them that the walls were coming down. I heard some one from below shout a warning and I got my own men and myself out of the way. Immediately after I jumped I heard the groans of the men who had been beneath me and I knew they must be caught. Although nearly all of my own men and myself were more or less hurt, it flashed on us that Horan was among those trapped and we went every effort to save them."

"It was beyond human power to do anything for the moment as tons of bricks had come down. When the bodies are found they will be beneath this pile of brick and mortar."

Heard the Men Go Down.

Hope of the firemen and the hundreds of admirers of Fire Marshal Horan that the fire fighter and his men had not perished was practically lost when Battalion Chief Lacey, who is in charge of the stock yards division, told of hearing the marshal and Burroughs together with eighteen or twenty men go down beneath the falling wall.

Dead Likely 28 or 30.

The first body was taken from the ruins shortly after 8 o'clock. It was that of George Murawski, pipeman of engine company No. 49.

It was estimated at the general fire alarm office that twenty-eight or thirty firemen were dead, after two hours fighting to recover the buried men.

It was said to be certain that Marshal Horan and Battalion Chief Burroughs were among the number. The

entire crews of engine companies 51 and 53 are said to be among the dead. In addition, six members of another company, 29, and a few of No. 48 were killed.

Find Horan's Body. At 9:30 a. m. word was received at the uptown offices of the department that the body of Marshal Horan had been taken from the ruins.

Whole Stock Yards Threatened. At 9 o'clock, the fire was not under control. Assistant Fire Marshal Charles Seyfertlich, who assumed the leadership, said that a great portion of the yards district was threatened. All available fire fighting apparatus was hurried to the scene.

There was general apprehension that still more danger would be done and stockmen arriving for the day's work joined with the firemen in fighting the spread of the flames.

Fire Chief in Tears.

Shortly before 10 o'clock there seemed to be little hope of checking the flames. Assistant Chief Seyfertlich wept as he called to his men to do their best.

"Nothing can stop the fire from spreading, the way things shape up now," he said. "If we could only get more water we might be able to do something. We can't get to the men imprisoned in the building."

Flames Reach Another Building.

Alarm was spread late in the morning when the fire spread to a three-story building, 300 feet square, in which were a large number of ammonia pipes.

Drenched with water and almost worn out, Assistant Chief Seyfertlich, who was by this time sure that he was in command, ran from place to place directing his men and endeavoring to check the destruction of the building in which were the deadly ammonia pipes.

Remnants of Company Ordered Away.

Three members of engine company 39, all who remained of the entire crew which went to the fire early this morning, were ordered back to their quarters at 8:30 o'clock as unfit for duty. All had been burned or otherwise injured in trying to rescue their comrades.

Marshal Horan was married about six years ago and was the father of four children, the youngest of whom is two years old.

Pershing in Command.

Manila, Dec. 22.—The army is energetically pursuing the rebellious Manobas tribesmen in Mindanao island. Troops of the Second cavalry are punishing the perpetrators of the outrages on the planters in the Davao district. Brigadier General Pershing, commanding the department of Mindanao, has arrived here and assumed command of the army of the Philippines, pending the arrival of the recently appointed commander, Major General Bell.

A FRENCH STEAMER LOST.

Savona, With Her Crew of Twenty-one, Sister to III Fated Palermo. Hamburg, Dec. 22.—The French steamer Savona, owned by Sloman and company of this city, is believed to have been lost with her crew of twenty-one, while bound from this port for Naples. The Savona is a sister ship of the Palermo, which was recently lost.

Would Recover Cattle.

Neligh, Neb., Dec. 22.—Special to The News: Jake Straub of Pierce county is seeking to recover the value of seven head of cattle that he claims were placed in the pasture of Charles Zalinski last May. The latter resides on the Guilliams farm in this county. The case was up before County Judge Wilson all of yesterday afternoon and was adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning.

A large number of witnesses from near Plainville have testified in the case. Straub claims that he took forty-four head of cattle to the pasture of the defendant on May 3 last, and on October 23, when he went to take them home there were seven short in the number that had previously been taken there. This statement was corroborated by three other witnesses. The defendant claims that there were only thirty-seven head given in his charge. Attorney Free of Plainville is representing the plaintiff, and Charles H. Kelsey of this city is looking after the interest of the defendant. Lytle E. Jackson is acting as court reporter.

THREE KILLED IN CINCINNATI.

Cause of Big Blaze There Believed to Have Been Incendiary. Cincinnati, O., Dec. 22.—With a dozen streams still playing upon the smoldering ruins of the fire that destroyed a block of Cincinnati's manufacturing districts early yesterday, the recapitulation of the loss in life and property has been completed and shows the disaster to be larger than any of the estimates placed during the progress of the conflagration. The final count shows that three men lost their lives, six were injured, one perhaps fatally, while the property loss is \$2,082,000, covered by insurance of \$1,400,000.

The origin of the blaze is unknown, but incendiary is suspected.

LIFE'S DISAPPOINTMENTS



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REALIZATION

MEXICAN TROOPS ARE SURROUNDED

GENERAL NAVARRO'S SOLDIERS ARE PRISONERS AT PEDERNASLES.

Chihuahua, Dec. 21. (Via El Paso, Dec. 22.)—Rumors of the last three days that General Navarro has been surrounded by the Insurrectos were confirmed this afternoon by an American who left Pedernales, the scene of operations, on Monday afternoon. According to this observer, Navarro personally is uninjured and remains at the head of a detachment of his troops numbering 250 at the village of Pedernales. He described their position there as precarious, however, that scarcely a soldier could poke his head from the protection of the houses without being fired on.

A Mabray Suspect.

New York, Dec. 22.—A man whom postoffice inspectors describe as Lucas Hindman, alias "Honey Grove Kid," an alleged member of the Mabray clique, was locked up in police headquarters here. He was charged with carrying a concealed weapon and violation of the postal laws.

Omaha, Dec. 22.—The federal authorities have been looking for Hindman for nearly two years. He was indicted with John C. Mabray and others of the "ateasers" convicted at Council Bluffs for using the mails to promote fake sporting events. Hindman is also under federal indictment in this city for a similar offense.

Says Husband Painted Face.

New York, Dec. 22.—The judge was so astonished last week when the Weisses took their domestic troubles to him for settlement that he decided it would be best to fix the husband's bail at \$50, and let him return today to face the wife's charges. No lawyer could put it better than Mrs. Weiss, whose testimony is as follows: "I could tolerate his looking occasionally at other women, judge, and also his staying out late at nights, even though we were married only a year, but I couldn't stand his painting his face. It's bad enough for a woman to do so, but a man—a husband who spends fifteen minutes before the mirror every morning pointing his cheeks rosy and penciling his eyebrows! Well, judge, I left him." Mrs. Weiss is 17 and her husband is two years her senior. The judge will decide today whether she ought to have a separation or an out-and-out divorce.

White to Australia.

St. Joe, Mo., Dec. 22.—In a letter to local sporting writer Frankie White, the Chicago lightweight who Tuesday night fought Peter Jensen, the "Battling Dane," a 20-round draw in Sheridan, Wyo., announces that he is going to Australia to become a member of Hugh McIntosh's colony. White is first going to Los Angeles where he has a couple of fights scheduled and will sail from there for Australia in March.

NEW PRIZE FIGHT RULES.

Physician Must be at Ringside and No "Grudge" Contests Go. Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Director of Public Safety Clay drew up a new set of rules to govern boxing contests here. The most important change requires a physician to be constantly at the ringside during bouts, to examine contestants whenever they are knocked down and inform the referee as to their physical ability to continue. Another innovation provides that the padding on the floor shall extend three feet beyond the ropes. No boy will be allowed to compete who is under 16 years and "grudge" and championship contests are forbidden. In the lightweight class, no one will be permitted to meet an opponent who is ten or more pounds heavier.

13 PERISH IN FACTORY FIRE

12 FIREMEN AND A POLICEMAN DIE IN PHILADELPHIA.

LIST OF INJURED REACHES 50
New Figures on the Philadelphia Leather Factory Fire Disaster Are Given Out by Officials—The Revised List Believed to be Accurate.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Thirteen known dead, twelve firemen and one policeman, and more than fifty injured of whom twenty-five are still in the hospital, was the record of last night's fire at the leather factory of Daniel Friedlander, in this city.

These figures were given out by the police at noon today and the city officials believe they have accounted for all the men who were at work at the fire, when the several walls of the five-story building fell on them. The monetary loss will not exceed \$25,000.

TO ATTACK T. R. ON THE FLOOR

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO HIS TRAVELING EXPENSES DIVULGED.

Washington, Dec. 22.—A fight will be made by Representative Rainey of Illinois to bring the question of former President Roosevelt's traveling expenses squarely before congress. One of the stockholders of the Southern railway wrote Mr. Rainey that if Mr. Roosevelt had paid for all the transportation furnished him on his orders it would have cost him \$75,000 on that line alone.

Mr. Rainey's recent resolution demanding information regarding Mr. Roosevelt's traveling expenses while president has brought out a large correspondence including letters from several railway stockholders who agree with Mr. Rainey's view that the railways should not be saddled with the expense of the special trains and special cars from the white house at passenger department expense. Mr. Rainey proposed after congress reassembles to move to discharge the rules committee from further consideration of his resolution if, as he expects, the committee holds the measures.

Questions for Dr. Cook.

New York, Dec. 22.—Reporters for the newspapers of this and other cities have prepared a list of interesting questions which will be submitted to Dr. Cook, the explorer, on his arrival from Europe today. The most important question on the list is, "Will you refund the money you earned from lectures on your discovery of the north pole from funds you expect to receive from your story of how you made the mistake of thinking that you had discovered the pole?" Dr. Cook, according to his friends and representatives, comes back to clear his name and regain the confidence of the American people.

Dr. Cook has been in exile for almost a year, traveling from one place to another, first in South America and then in Europe. Most of the time during his exile, however, he has been in London. He has gone about among Americans there with utmost freedom, and at times has registered under his own name. Yet, despite the fact that there has probably never been a man whose photograph has been published so much and so often, there have been only a few who have guessed his identity.

ENGLISH OFFICERS CONVICTED AS SPIES

AN ARMY AND A NAVY OFFICER GET FOUR YEARS IN GERMAN PRISON.

Leipzig, Germany, Dec. 22.—Captain Bernard Frederick Trench of the British royal marine infantry, and Lieutenant Vivian S. Brandon, of the royal navy, were today found guilty of espionage on the German fortifications years' imprisonment in a fortress. The British spies were arrested at Borkum on August 22 and 23. Brandon is a brother-in-law of Sir William Bull, M. P.

Trench is a grandson of Lord Ashington and a descendant of Archbishop Trent. When arrested both admitted frankly they had come to Germany to collect information which they intended to place at the disposal of the British government. This admission was repeated at the trial yesterday.

ABRUZZI WOULD FLY TO POLE.

Italian Aviator Will Accompany the Duke on His Aerial Dash.

London, Dec. 22.—The quest of the north pole in an aeroplane is said by the Rome correspondent of the Central News to be the ambition of Duke Abruzzi. The duke is now on his way to America, the correspondent says, to confer with Captain Peary regarding the feasibility of an aeroplane dash to the north.

Cagno, one of the most daring Italian fliers, will accompany the duke should the plan be attempted. One will use a Farman biplane and the other a Bieriot monoplane, each machine having a carrying capacity of two passengers and a large amount of fuel.

Ten years ago Duke Abruzzi led a polar expedition to latitude 86 degrees and 33 minutes, north, setting a new record up to that time. He also ascended Mount Stellas in Alaska and has explored the Himalayas.

For Retirement Pensions.

Washington, Dec. 22.—A retirement pension for government employees under the civil service is provided for in a bill introduced in the house by Representative Golden of New York. The retirement feature is based on the average annual pay of the employees for the five years preceding retirement. For disability retirement is permitted after five years service with a graduated pension based on the years service.

Would Postpone Coal Action.

Washington, Dec. 22.—A concurrent resolution was introduced by Representative Hittcock of Nebraska, requesting the president to direct that all department action for a transfer of coal lands in Alaska and to the issuance of patents for them, be suspended until congress may have opportunity to consider and act upon the president's recommendation for a change in the coal lands laws. Meanwhile the local land officers are to be instructed to accept no new filings or permit any other action whereby new rights or claims to these lands may be acquired.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-four Hours. Forecast for Nebraska.

Maximum	38
Minimum	20
Average	29
Barometer	29.52
Rainfall	.14
Snow	2 inches

360 ARE DEAD IN THAT MINE

BRITISH CATASTROPHE WORSE THAN WAS THOUGHT.

NOT A LIVING SOUL SAVED

The Men Who Were Rescued and Who Were Thought to be From Wrecked Mine, Were From an Adjoining Shaft That Was Also Damaged.

Bolton, England, Dec. 22.—The disaster at the Little Hulton colliery, which was wrecked by an explosion followed by fire yesterday, is greater than was at first thought. It is probable that at least 360 lives were lost. It now appears that the men supposed to have been rescued from this mine, came from an adjoining pit that was also seriously damaged. Apparently not a soul escaped from Little Hulton.

Rescuing parties, who are boring away to the center of the catastrophe, have passed 150 bodies.

Investigates Iowa Typhoid.

Des Moines, Dec. 22.—Dr. L. L. Lunsden of Washington arrived in Des Moines today to ascertain the cause of many cases of typhoid fever in different sections of Iowa. The dry fall is generally ascribed as responsible.

WOULD DEBATE ON BALLINGER.

Congressman Hittcock of Nebraska Wants Chance at Reports.

Washington, Dec. 22.—A resolution calling for a rule to bring the Ballinger-Pinchot committee's reports before the house of representatives for a debate in January was offered in the house by Representative Hittcock of Nebraska. It provides that all reports shall be placed before the house on the last Tuesday in January for debate and action, with the recommendations they contain.

The three reports in the hands of the agricultural committee are those of the majority committee who sustain Secretary Ballinger; the democratic minority who find Mr. Ballinger worthy of censure; and of Representative Madison, republican, who presented an independent report also adverse to Mr. Ballinger.

The Hittcock resolution proposes to have the house act first on the democratic report, then on the Madison report and finally on the majority report sustaining Secretary Ballinger, provided both of the other reports are voted down. The resolution was referred to the rules committee.

Religh News.

Neligh, Neb., Dec. 22.—Special to The News: Arch Fletcher is home from the Creighton medical college for the holidays.

M. C. Remington and wife have returned home from Wiesport, N. Y., where the latter had been ill for some time.

Invitations have been issued for a dance at the Auditorium next Wednesday evening. It will be the closing function of the year, and it is expected that a large crowd will be present and a royal good time is assured.

George Grow of Brunswick was transacting business at the county seat last Friday and Saturday.

C. L. Wattles and wife returned from Omaha last Friday, where the former attended the Masonic gathering at that city.

Sam Davis of Cottonwood, S. D., is in Neligh visiting his parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Davis.

George H. Romig and wife went to West Point last Sunday for a short visit with relatives.

James and Will Reeve of Royal attended the funeral of Mrs. John Maybury last Sunday.

Carl Krebs of Alton visited with Neligh relatives and friends the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Romig left this morning for Tuscola, Ill., where they will spend the holidays with the parents of Mrs. Romig.

Mrs. Lee Wood of Ewing is assisting during the rush at the Atlas bank of this city.

The Neligh public schools close tomorrow afternoon for a two-weeks' holiday vacation.

Mrs. Edna Tinker is reported as rapidly improving at the home of her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Tegarden.

Deputy County Clerk Alvin Graybiel has resigned his position to take charge of the Carl Roben Store that he recently purchased half interest in connection with Henry Van Kirk. They will assume charge the first of the month.

Dr. Frank Bartley and wife left on Tuesday morning for different points in Iowa, where they intend spending Christmas.

The last meeting of the old board of county supervisors was held on Tuesday of this week, and finished up the business of the year. The new board will convene at the regular meeting in January.

Dr. Parker of Norfolk visited the first of the week with his sister, Mrs. O. S. Hauser.

Cash Ellington of Brunswick was in Neligh Monday.

John Lamson, county clerk, says that he has not appointed a deputy to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Graybiel, but will have Walter Frady assist in the office.