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564 PERSONS LOSE THEIR LIVES IN BURNING OF CHICAGO THEATER

DOME

ABSOLUTE SAFETY With a Whirlwind of Flame Enveloping Floor and Galleries, Holiday Crowd of Pleasure Seekers Fight Way to Exits-Awful Scenes of Horror as Scores Leap to Street or Fall from Escapes-Exits Closed and Doomed Victims Penned in Blazing Prison.

> swift death than occurred at the Iro- the floors. quote Theater at Chicago in the mat | Buttle for Life in Salennias. jured. There have been greater hor- fierce as elsewhere, but escape was furth, Helen; Dawson, Grace. rors by flood, by volcanoes, by the up- easier. It was in the balconies that rising of nature's forces, but if there | the battle for life was hardest, and was ever a more appalling chapter there, indeed, was scarcely a chance Herman; Eldridge, Mort; Espen, Mrs. Bessie; Olson, Mrs. Oscar; Owen, traced to man's band history fails to for escape. The galleries were, within Emil; Espen, Miss Rosa; Elkahn, tell it save in the records of battle no time at all, heaped with a helpless, alone. Of fire horrors, as they are struggling, insane mass of people. As commonly known, certainly nothing the flaming circle crept higher and like it ever occurred in this country or higher, choking the audience with

There an ornate million-dollar theacal, merry, holiday matinee audience. One thousand were in the galleries. There were many entrances offering the usual number of exits, all, of wave backward of human beings fightcourse, sufficient to depopulate the ing for the blessing of life. What building in case of fire. We have all heroism was shown of man for womseen that often enough on the pro- an or of woman for children will never grams. There were five men in uni- be known, for the tragedy was but of forms in the aisles, provided by the minutes.

We must go back to the convulsions | jewels were torn from the owners,

black masses of smoke, many were literally too paralyzed for movement. ter, assured, of course, as thoroughly so that at the end and after it was all fireproof. Within were 2,300 women over, there was the strange, grewsome and children, and a few men-a typi- picture of a score or more dead leaning silently over the rails as if still glancing at the play.

But down at the doorway it was a

city government. It was a pretty, hap- The details of the awful happenings py scens. There was a darkened inside have never been exceeded in the

of nature for a more dreadful story of lorgnettes and purses were tossed on Dawson, Mrs.; Diffendorf, Leandors, P.; Moore, H. P.; Mendel, Mrs. A. M.; Lincoln, Ill.; Delee, Miss N.; Dodd, Middleton, Catherine; McKee, --: Mrs. J. P.; of Delaware, O.; Donaldince hour of Dec. 30. The statistics This was the first scene. On the son, H.; Donaldson, Miss A.; Delee, show 560 humans dead, and scores in- main floor the panic was quite as Miss Viola; Dyrenfurth, Ruth; Dyren-

Eberstein, Frank B.; Eisenstead,

Fitzgibbons, Anna; Fitzgibbons, John J.; Fox, George Sydney; Flan- ton, Lillian; Peterson, Fornetta; nagan, Thomas J.; Frady, Leon; Falke, Miss Ada; Foley, H.; Folts, Helen: Folkenstein, Miss Gertrude R.: Foltz, Miss Alice; Foltz, Mrs. C. elborn, Miss Edith; Frackelborn, Ella; Frady, Mrs. E. C.

Pauline; Gerry, Miss Wilma; Gould, ter of Dr. Ross. Mrs. B. E.; Gohan, J.; Guderhaugh, Scphie.

ses, Espie; Muir, F. A.; Morehouse, H. Morton, Edmund W.

Newby, -; Norton, Edith; Norton, Edward W.; Nuir, ---. O'Donnell, Mrs. Patrick P.; Olinger, William Murray; Oxman, Miss Flor-

Page, Harold; Page, Charles T.; Pat-Poults, R. H.; Phacker, Walter; Pottlitzer, Jack, Lafayette, Ind.

Rattey, William; Rattey, J.; Reiter, O.; Fox, Hoyt; Fox, Mrs. Emile Mrs. G.; Regensberg, Hazel; Regens-Hoyt, Winnetka; Folts, Helen; Frack- berg, Miss Helen; Remington, Thomas; Ross, Ellan; Robertson, Minnic: Reed, W. M.; Richardson, Rev. H. L.; Roberts, Theodore; Rogers, Rose Gartz, Mary Dorothea; Gartz, Bar- K.; Rathey, William; Robinson, Minbara; Gerow, Mabel; Geary, Miss nie; Ross, ---, 16 years old, daugh-

Saville, Warren E.; Sayore, Carrie J.; Spring, Mrs. W. A.; Stingler, Mrs. Hall, Emperly; Harbrough, Mary J. H.; Sayre, Miss Carrie



Death Trap at Main Balcony Exit.

stage, there were a dozen singing | awfulness of sudden death in agony | E.; Haviland, Miss Lee; Haviland, | A: String. Mrs. Winthrop; Spinmaidens and a popular comedian singing a popular air, entitled "In the Pale Moonlight."

Now what happened? A fuse or two blew from the calcium light that made the pale moon. The spark struck the ginger-bread scenery; the scenery blazed to the stage.

An Urn of Fire in Five Minutes. utes this costly playhouse became a red urn of fire and a great, heartbreaking cry, such a cry as splits the stone of a Caesar's heart, arose in that building.

It was the cry of the man or woman, clinging to a storm-swept raft, who sees the others go down before him. The scene was something that no human pen can tell. A circle of flame swept from the stage around the balcony and galleries, driven into a whirlwind by six great automatic ventilators and the open doors. It moved faster than the calcium of

blazing meteor. There was a wild, mad, raging, trampling rush for life. It is not easy to fancy what one would do in such a

HIS IDEA WAS GOOD.

Newcomers to Rout.

and almost at right angles to the ex-

ceedings were complied with.

mole went on with his "heading."

But notwithstanding all his caution the engineer of the rival company sus-

pected these clandestine operations and sank a bore hole on the center

the proper level, drop into a tunnel

not to be so taken by surprise. A

lessly against its tough surface.

seventy feet below.

A well-known railway company was had bored down some ninety feet?

engaged in boring a tunner beneath | The engineer's boring tool had, it

stop the work until certain legal pro- had persisted in the tunnel after all.

confirmed.

in all the history of modern times. From the balcony and galleries, where there was no more safety from the flame heat ascending than on the floor below, people hurled themselves downward in their terror. All, or nearly all, of those in the rear met a fearful death. Firemen, the fire practically extinguished, found they were but And then! Well, then in five min- pouring water on heaps of human beings.

LIST OF THE DEAD.

Adaneck, Mrs. John; Austrian, Wal-

Barker, Miss Ethel; Barnheisel, Charles H.; Bartlett, Mrs. C. D., Bartlett, Ill.; Beurtel, William C.; Beyersloth, Helen; Bissinger, Walter B.; Birndsley, Mrs. H. G.: Bodice, N. W .: Brewster, Miss Julia: Brinckley, Mrs. Emma: Buehmann, Margaret: Bickthe pale moonlight and as fierce as a ford, C. M.; Boise, Beane; Buschwah, Louise; Beyers, ---: Butler, Mrs. Rosa; Butler, Rose; Bymfurth, Ruth.

arms of their mothers; clothes and Caldwell, A. R.

What was the surprise of the con-

tractor and the prving engineer, the

discover no tunnel, although the latter

seemed, wandered several feet to one

tool of the rival engineer, when it been guilty of assault merely, and the service. Here is the ticket."

short term of imprisonment.

lives!" all laboring under the belief most he would say:

Lee; Harbaugh, Mrs.; Hickman, Mrs. dler, Burdette; Studley, Miss Jeanette: Holmes, Mrs.; Higginson, Roger; Holst, Allen; Holst, Gertrude; Hooper, W. W., Kenosha, Wis.; Howard, Miss Helen; Holland, Leigh; Horton, Edith. Ontonagon, Mich.; Hehn, Otto.

Jones, Ethel; Johnson, J. C.

Kaufman, Alice; Kelly, Otto; Kieley, Harvey; Kennedy, Agnes, Winnetka: Kennedy, Frances, Winnetka: Kochens, J. A.; Koll, Charles H.; Kisner. Louis and wife; Ketchem, Mrs.; Kranz, Mrs. Sarah, Racine, Wis.

Lake, Mrs. Lona; Lake, Mrs. A.; Lang, Irene; Lang, Hortense; Lange, Miss Agnes; Linden, Ellen; Leatin,

Maloney, Mrs. James D.; Martin, Harold: Martin, J.: Martin, W.: Maloney, Alice, Ottawa, Ill.; Martin, Rob-Cahn, Miss Lucy; Clark, E. D.; ert; McCaughan, Helen; McClellan, scene, but all seemingly acted to Clayton, Vinton; Cohn, Mrs. Jacob; Joseph; McClelland, James; McClurg, gether. Men and women fought like Corcoran, —; Cooper, C. L.; Con- Roy; McKenna, Bernard; McKenna, unleashed hounds for the first exit; tell, Thomas.; Cooper, Helen; Coults, Bernard; Muir, Annie, Peoria, Ill.; Merriel, Mrs.; Merrien, Mildred: Mo morgues awaiting identification.

GOT THE TICKET, AS USUAL.

form Model.

Charles; Holland, John; Howard, George H.; Sutton, Harry D.; Saw-Mrs. Mary E.; Hart, E. D.; Henning, yer, ---; Sedill, Warner, 12 years old, -: Henry, Mrs. G. A.: Higginson, Kankakee, Ill.; Smithbarry, Wilma; Smith, Mrs. ---, Des Plaines, Ill.; Smith, Miss Murine, Des Plaines, Ill.; Sheppard, Lola, 12 years old; Scott, Burr: Shabbard. Myrtle: Shabbard. Lulu: Sherr, ---; Sprang, W. N.; Howard, Ray E.; Hudson, Harry; Stern, Mrs.; Sutton, Harry P.; Squier, Olive; Saville, Arthur; Spring, Winthrop; Schmidt, Rosa.

Tayson, Ruth; Torney, Edna; Turner, Mrs. Susan; Turbush, C. W.; Thatcher, W.

Vallely, Bernice; Vallely, Mrs. J. T.; arms wholly exposed. Nevertheless arms of a policeman did the enormity Vanzegen, Edward T.; Valley, Miss Bernice; Van Ingen, John; Vien, Her-

Wells, Donald; Wolf, Mrs. Leo. Hammond, Ind.; Waldman, S.; Woltmann, Otto: Williams, H.: Winslow, C. A. Three River Falls, Minn.; Wells, Dopald: Windes, Paul: Wolff, Harriet: Weiskopf, Emma.

Zeisler, Walter B.

In addition to the foregoing, there Mass of Struggling Humanity. little children were crushed in the R. H.; Curran, May; Crook, E. S.; McMillan, Mabel; Meade, Lillian; are seventy bodies at the various

ing his business suit while he was There are some women who save It takes twenty-five men nearly out of the room, telling him that the charwoman had carried it off by miseverything, every little scrap; there three weeks to shear the Quinn sheep tion felt by French women as to the take, and sending him away at the end are others who save nothing; but are at Rag Gulch, Kern county, California. laws of their country regarding mar-Orson Lowell, the magazine illustra- of the sitting in his evening rig. con- there any who save their old rub- Of the fine French Merinos, with their ried women's property, and they are tor, used to have a model he valued fident that he had no other, and that bers? Do you know that there is a heavy wrinkles, an expert shearer can agitating to get them reformed. A highly because he could wear evening he would return the next day ready market for all old articles having even dispose of sixty a day. The bucks are petition on the subject to the French isting tunnel of one or its rivals. One side, and its owner, still perplexed, clothes "like a gentleman," some to pose. a small quantity of rubber in their difficult, and the men are paid three chambers has been extensively signed, day the contractor received notice to began to doubt if the rival company thing which the professional model The hour arrived; also a messenger composition? Not long ago, in a times the regular price to shear them. which urges the right of women to cannot always do. The fellow had ap boy with this note: small town, several women combined A "cobbler," or sheep whose wrinkles control their own fortunes and earn-

Outwardly observing the legal forOutwardly observed the legal forOutwardly observed the legal forOutwardly observed the legal forOutwardle forOutwardly observed the legal forOutwardly malities, and at the same time dread- fire hose into his boring; if it failed dress suit and his ability to wear it. to you-I stand speechless, sir, aghast, at the end of the month sold the col- while on a "cobbler," then, exhausted. biens, or the common use of the joint ing delay, the contractor as quiet as a to overflow his suspicions would be He would usually turn up fifteen min- sir-but, ab, fatal but!"-but I was lection at so much the pound. The works on another sheep to rest, and fortunes of the two contracting parutes before the appointed time for the driven-forced-compelled-again to proceeds were then given to a chari- may come back three times before he ties, but the law of the land gives the He carried his idea into instant exe- sitting, wearing a shabby business pledge my evening garments as coi- table organization. The combination finishes. The average fleece weighs wife no power in the disposal of the cution; there was a panic among the suit, and after some moments' rapid lateral security for the sum of \$2. of these first few women attracted nine or ten pounds; the year's yield, property to which her dowry has contunnelers, and a cry, "Fly for your talk on any subject which came upper Redeem them and I am at your ser. other women, and now there is a rub twenty pounds. The clip from an old tributed. She is unable even to make vice. I am at the pawnbroker's, in ber-saving club in this town, and the buck was fifty pounds. The wool is deposits in a bank or savings bank line of the new tunnel, thoroughly be that an underground lake or river lieving that his instrument would, at had been penetrated.—Strand.

"Sir, I am very sorry—I regret to bed in a back room. Sir, I inclose the cured, free of charge, each month, for to five hundred pounds, and is shipped in these matters. France is very much

Success of French Woman Lawyer. sibly—I am overwhelmed with confusion—but—but, sir—but, I was Kentucky Statesman Seriously III. Mile, Dilhan, a member of the bar obliged, absolutely obliged, to seques- Former Governor John Young But the contracting tunneler was in France, has successfully defended trate—to hypothecate—in short, to Brown of Kentucky, noted in politics ally Mr. Lowell hit on the plan of hid- of his recovery.

HOLIDAY MATINEE TURNED IN FEW MINUTES TO FEARFUL TRAGEDY

564 PERSONS DIE IN FIRE IN CHICAGO THEATER

Men. Women and Children Burned, Suffocated or Trampled Beneath Rushing Feet-People in Galleries Cut Off from All Escape and Await an Awful Fate-Firemen and Police in Heroic Rescue Work-Bodies Found Piled in Heaps.

Iroquois theater by fire on the after- realized what was to come. They buildings occupied almost exclusively noon of Dec. 20, by which 600 lives | thought only of themselves and their | by doctors, and in a remarkably short were lost, is as follows:

in the second act. The stage was lighted only by the soft artificial beauty to the scene during the sing- mass of struggling humanity, with in the street or under the kindly shel-

the filmsy draperies, started by a ing, fell headlong. Those behind fell spark from the calcium. A show girl over their prostrate forms, crushing screamed hysterically. The singers and suffocating them. stopped short, but with presence of The scene was then a veritable bed-

dear ones as they pushed and strug- time a great host of physicians came The theater was almost in darkness gled for every inch as they advanced to give voluntary service to those in

ing of "The Pale Moonlight" by the scores behind constantly pushing ter of the neighboring buildings. A flash of flame shot across through in the van, unable to keep their foot-

mind the director increased the vol- lam. Women and children were in the majority in the fighting crowd, and Scores rose in their seats as the their shrieks of agonizing fear mingled stage manager shouted an order for a with the groans of the dying the praycontinuation of the song. It was ers of supplication. In those dark moobeyed with feeble hearts. The brave ments poor souls who had perhaps

Crush at Second Balcony.

Women seized their babes in their

In the last hope, born of desperation,

scores climbed to the railing and

leaped to the pit of the theater, many

feet below. Their mangled bodies

were found long afterward when the

smoke cleared away and the fremen

could grope their way with lanterns

The dense smoke quickly rose to the

top and added new horror to the

grastly spectacle. To a score of those

who had sought to jump from the gal-

death more quickly. Their bodies

were found hanging over the rail, their

faces distorted with agonies of death.

From a dozen sources the alarm

ered in front of the theater. The fire-

of bodies were already motionless

An awe-stricken crowd stood fixedly

as those who had been nearest the

doors rushed out their eyes wild with

fear. These yelled "Fire!" at the top

None realized at that minute what

had occurred. Each man asked his

In fifteen minutes nineteen dead

Many of those first brought out were

Sheep Shearing at Rag Guich.

bodies were carried out. Then they

Rapid Growth of Death List.

within the walls of the playhouse.

Firemen Quick, but Too Late.

into the grewsome house of death.

girls forced the words from their long unheeded religion called upon

from the stage into the auditorium, en- the assistance so piteously besought.

wings and made escape by the narrow lery the amoke was kind, for it brought

stopped for a brief moment, thinking the vanguard of engines wheeled into

to give aid, but the clouds of smoke, the street a dense crowd had gath-

them to flee. Their escape even then men were quick to act, but hundreds

revived in the alley in the rear of the of their lungs, and the cry was taken

theater. In a terrified and hysterical up by the crowd and carried far into

cold pierced them through and neighbor if there had been loss of life

through, for they were clad only in or injury. Not until the first blackened

their thin stage gowns, with necks and limp body was borne forth in the

they had to be dragged from their sta- of the disaster begin to dawn on those

policemen and firemen carrying limp came so fast that all count was lost.

nues of commerce.

swooned. The audience could no lon- Mothers Plead for Babes.

throats until two of their number their God.

ger be controlled.

Reassuring Words in Vain.

Eddie Foy, the principal comedian,

rushed from the wings to the foot-

lights, but his words of reassurance

were in vain. Clouds of smoke poured

veloping the struggling mass of pan-

ic-stricken men, women and children.

Behind the scenes all was confusion.

It required but a moment to perceive

that the fire had gone too far to be

conquered by the amateur fire brig-

In the dressing-rooms as high as the

sixth story were the scores of girls

of the ballet. At the first alarm the

elevator boy fied from his post and

the flames soon shot upward in the

The screams and groans of despair

from the imprisoned girls in the upper

rows of dressing-rooms came to the

ears of the more fortunate below as

they rushed to the stage doors. Some

growing denser and denser, forced

Escape from Stage Easy.

Those who had been singing on the

stage escaped easily. Two of their

number who had fainted were carried

in the arms of the others, and were

group the girls clustered in the narrow

Some had sisters and all had friends

The blackened bodies which choked

the aisles and stairways, the lines of

forms from the building, the overtaxed

in the surrounding buildings, which

Something New to Save.

the collection of rubber treasure.

Gray Horses Rank First.

brown or black ones.

tion in the alley and into neighboring in the street.

were thrown open to the sufferers, tell nessed the scene.

life were quiet, say those who live to | ing injured were laid.

in the blazing building. The bitter

ade formed by the stage hands.

stairways impossible.

was miraculous.

rassage.

The story of the destruction of the | tell the tale. Few if any in that throng | Within a block are a dozen great distress. They saved the lives of scores of women and children, frenbeams from the calcium, which lent ways leading from the balcony were a zied with pain, who would have died

The great majority of those who occupied orchestra seats had escaped with their lives, though scores were badly hurt in the rush. Some were knocked down, and, with broken limbs, were unable to rise. They had been left to die with a number of women who fainted from fright. With these bodies were found the corpose of those who had leaped from the balcony and

In the exits of the balcony and galleries the greatest loss of life occurred. When the firemen went to remove the bodies they found 100 or more piled in indescribable mass in each place. The clothes were torn completely away from some of the bodies. Here and there a jeweled hand protruded from the pile. All the faces were distorted with the death agonies. Moan from Heap of Dead.

From beneath this mangled mass of humanity there suddenly came the soul, sounding above the yells of the fremen, the moans of agony from within the smoke-filled auditorium. and the shricks of grief maddened fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers in the street without. Trembling hands plunged their way

into the tangle of human forms, and with a mighty effort pulled to the surface the woman—could such a thing be a human being?—from whose lips had come the cry. The blackened lips parted, and a fireman bent over her to catch the words.

Mother Love Is Uppermost. "My child, my poor little boy! Where is he? Oh, do bring him to

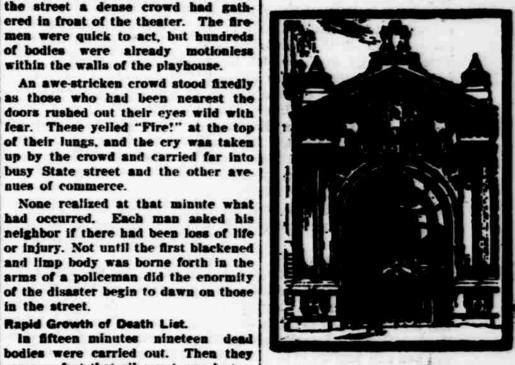
There in that awful hour, her body bruised beyond recognition in the mad fight for life that followed the frat arms and frantically clung to them, beflash of flame across the stage-there seeching ears that were deaf to enwas mother love uppermost. Again treaty to save them from the terrible | the trembling lips parted.

fate impending. Had the others been "Is he safe? Tell me he is a so disposed they could not have given can die."

"He is safe," the fireman muttered and all knew his reply was best. She died, and her body was litted tenderly with those of the hundred others in that one spot.

The calamity was so overwhelming that the firemen and the policemen who were the first to reach the upper part of the house could not realize its astounding extent. They began by dragging a body or two from the terrible piles at the head of the stairways. as if they did not know the piles were made of human bodies.

Gradually the full significance of the catastrophe dawned upon them. All the lights of the theater had been extinguished. The lanterns of the firemen cast only a dim glow over the went to fire headquarters, but before piles of dead. From the bodies arose



hospitals, the rows of dead and dying still alive. Their pitiful moans struck terror to the hearts of those who wit- drenched the piles before they knew they were made up of human corpora. briefly the tale. Only a few of the A restaurant next door was at once Through the tiers of dead and dying heartrending incidents will ever be thrown open for temporary use as a in the building all about men and hospital. The long tables offered ad- women searched with frensied faces. mirable means of service, and upon Now and again a searcher would find The first seconds of the rush for them the bleeding, burned, and moan- one for whom he looked. One could but turn the face from such scenes.

Rights of French Wemen.

There is a good deal or dissatisfac-

behind the times!

Pactor's Boggarly Salary. Rev. S. B. Dunn, pastor of the First

in its dirty state.—Sunset Magazine. Mall Transportation. The payment for the transportation

Gray horses are hereafter to be one-third to one-half.

sheet of steel was affixed to the roof a murderer in a trial at Toulouse. She hock, my evening garments for \$2. and on the turf, is seriously ill at Henof the illicitly built tunnel, so that the convinced the jury that ner client had Redcem them, sir, and I am at your derson, Ky. His son and namesake, a the Russian army. The reason given rate as it was a score of years ago. R. I. has resigned his charge because. tool of the rival engineer, when it been guilty of assault merely, and the service. Here is the ticket."

physician of high reputation, is in atcame, would merely grind away harm—
man escaped with a service to a This went on day after day till fintendance upon him, but has little hope stronger and more enduring than classes of matter has been reduced starving to death on the beggardy asary allowed him.