Nebraska Republicans Pledge Support to Vice Presidential Candidate.

and Wo ds Are Loudly Cheered.

CONVENTION DECIDEDLY REPRESENTATIVE

Honor in Speech and Then Promotion Committee of Seventy-Seven is Named.

The Millard hotel lobby looked like the main political headquarters at a state convention yesterday afternoon, when more than 200 republicans, from all parts of the vice presidential committee, through which execution of the company's agreements It is planned to secure the second place with the United States. "It is under these on the national ticket for John L. Webster. Bo great was the crowd that the small room secured for the assembly had to be with the United States your definite apgiven up and the ball room obtained at proval." short notice.

Men prominent in the party and whose personalities are familiar in both state and to continue dealing with the old governnational political affairs, voiced the senti- ment of the isthmus, saying: ment that the time had come when Nebraska had a right to participate in the tion and the fitness of the candidate.

question of President Roosevelt's nominaofsdoubt but that Nebraska and the west verely arraigned the persons who had originated and circulated the report that the Webster boom was in reality an anti-Roosevelt scheme in the interests of Senator

Roosevelt and Webster,

Predictions were made by Governor Mickey and others that with Roosevelt and Webster as the national ticket the, state will go republican by a majority between 30,000 and 40,000.

Enthusiasm marked the meeting from the evation was deafening and prolonged.

Other speeches were made by Peter Janof Fremont.

and will meet in Omaha at 1:30 p. m. January 7, to plan its work and appoint subhairman and N. P. Dodge, jr., secretary, both of Omaha.

This resolution, presented by W. P. Miles of Sidney, was adopted by the general

committee:

In the last state convention the republican party unanimously endorsed the candidacy of Hon. Theodore Reoseveit for president and Hon. John L. Webster for vice president of the United States.

We most heartily accept the declarations of that convention as an expression of the sentiment of the republicans of this state.

Therefore, be it resolved. That this association being in accord with the declarations aforesaid, do hereby earnestly command to the republicans of the state and nation the candidacy of Hon. John L. Webster for their earnest consideration and support.

Chairman Jansen in opening the pro-

Speech by Chairman.

Pellow Republicans: The object for which this meeting has been called is known to all of you, and I do not intend to take up your time with talk.

Permit me to say, however, that I consider it a great honor to preside over a gathering of such stalwart representative republicans as I see before me at this hour. Gentiemen, recent sad events have once more demonstrated the necessity of windom on behalf of the republican party in its choice of a vice presidential nominee. We must nominate and elect for the second highest place in the gift of this great nation a man who is qualified and trained in statesmanship, a man who, if called upon to fill the presidential chair, can uphold the prestige of this great and growing world power with dignity and force; a man who has made great economic questions a life study and who is endowed by man who has made great economic ques-tions s life study, and who is endowed by nature and experience with gifts that will command the confidence of our own and

command the confidence of our own and the mitions of the earth in the event of a Fortunately, our great state of Nebraska has such a man to offer to the republican party of the nation in General John L. Webster. (Applause.)

I shall not here dwell upon the high qualities, both as a jurist and statesman, of our candidate. His reputation as such is acknowledged to be national, and needs nobody's laudation.

nebody's laudation.

His services to the party in his state and at large have been invaluable, and he has given them freely and without price.

It is only fair for me to say that when at our late state convention I had the honor to present the resolution designating him as our choice for the vice presidency, which was manimously and enthusiastically accented by a rising vote, General Webster knew nothing of my action, it having been decided upon without his knowledge.

having been decided upon without his knowledge.

What better pair do you want then What better pair do you want then Boosevelt and Watster?" (Applause.) Boosevelt, the impetious, assressive one, ready to act on the spur of the moment: Webster, the sage, diplomatic and careful jurist, who weighs his words and thoughts, but after forming an opinion knows he is right.

right. Fellow republicans, I predict that our battle cry in the next campaign will be "Rhosevelt and Webster." and that it will lead to certain and overwhelming victory.

Calls for Webster. soon as he had finished there were loud calls for Mr. Webster, Chairman Jansen presented him, saying that in his "present capacity" Mr. Webster needed no introduction, but he wished to introduce him as the next vice president.

Mr. Webster said that he did not accept the greeting accorded to him as an entirely said, that another member of the board personal matter, but that it represented the feeling of the republican party in the state: that it had the right and privilege to ask for a place among the men who stand at ed of the national government. He said he had no particular zest for his own candidacy other than as to how it might serve the prosperity and welfare of his

The speaker told of the transformation of Nebrasku from a mere region of prairies when he came to it thirty years ago to its present wealth, strength and malesty, de-

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BOOM FOR WEBSTER CANAL COMPANY IS EXCITED WAR NOW IN SIGHT

Recent Events at Panama Sprinkle Annual Meeting with Much Ginger.

PARIS, Dec. 20 .- Owing to the recent events at Panama the annual meeting of ENDORSE HIM IN ROUSING MASS MEETING the Panama Canal company, which began LITTLE HOPE FOR PEACE AT WASHINGTON 3 o'clock this afternoon, developed un Resolutions Name Recovered as the Oho ce of the pening, efforts were made to secure Party for President.

GOVERNOR MICKEY SPEAKS FOR THE STATE

The mater to the company, which is favora he sale of the company's property to the sale of the company which is favorable to the sale of the sale of the company which is favorable to the sale of the company which is favorable to the sale of the company which is favorable to the sale of the company which is favorable to the sale of the company which is favorable to the sale of the company which is favorable to the sale of the company which is favorable to the sale of the company which is favorable to the sale of the company which is favorable to the sale of the company which is management submitted a report of the recent events on the isthmus and the course taken by the company. The report set forth that the Republic of Panama today exercised sovereignty over the isthmus, Hon, John L. Webster Acknowledges displacing Colombia's former sovereignty, and that the United States, France, Russia, Great Britain, Germany and other countries had recognized Panama's supremacy,

and added: "In view of the accomplished fact and in face of superior force, we can only maintain and continue the existing engagements with the United States."

The report also explained that the fact that the United States senate had not ratistate, met and perfected the Nebraska fled the treaty with Panama deferred the circumstances," the report continued, "that we convoke you to give to our agreement

The report further disclosed Colombia' recent vain efforts to induce the company

"Prior to the Panama uprising the committee of the Colombian congress recom management of the national government mended action which would have extinand grew enthusiastic in declaring that no guished the company's rights. It proposed commonwealth could possibly have a better to insert an item of \$1,000,000 in the Colomright, both because of geographical situa- bian budget to reimburse the company for its losses. The agent for the company at Charles J. Greene, one of the leaders Bogota resisted and the French government In the Webster movement, took occasion to gave assurances that it would do all possideny emphatically that he had had any ble to prevent the sacrifice of French propdifferences with Governor Mickey over the erty and interests. Following the Panama outbreak Colombia notified the company, tion, and stated that there is no shadow November 35, that it would maintain the company's rights, but wou'd oppose the is unanimously for the president. He se- transfer of the concession to any government whatever.

MRS. ALLEN SEES BLOOD FLOW Member of African Gospel Mission Tells of the Hacking of Bodies.

LONDON, Dec. 30.-Mrs. Allen of the the time Mr. Webster and the governor years work among the Nanakroos in testing its adversary to the breaking point stepped forward to the platform. When Liberia. Just prior to sailing from Liberia Webster was called upon for a speech she witnessed severe tribal fighting between the allied inhabitants of the coast guspense to an epd. towns and the bushmen. Mrs. Alien's mis- The mobilization of the Japanese navy is tenant governor of Lincoln; State Senator coast towns. During the fighting Mrs. fense Charles Sigane of Geneva, Charles E. Win- Allen was not molested, but she witnessed Corea. the various towns as trophies of victory. returned to the interior.

TO BE WORLD'S LARGEST SHIP White Star Line Orders Steamer Thirty Feet Longer Than

the Baltic.

LONDON, Dec. 30 .- It is reported that the White Star line has ordered a steamer 755 feet in length, or thirty feet longer than the Baltic, the largest ship in the world. The construction of the vessel, it is added will begin immediately at Belfast, Ireland

JAPAN TOO QUICK FOR RUSSIA Gets the Two Argentine War Ships for Which the Cany Was Negotiating.

LONDON, Dec. 30 .- Japan this evening arships Morene and Rivadavia, building at Genoa, Italy, for which Russia also was

negotiating KISHINEFF NEVER MORE QUIET Russian Government So Announces in Face of General Report

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 30.-It is officially announced, in view of the reports current abroad of renewed attacks on the Americans wishing to enlist in the Japanese

of Threats.

than at the present time.

Rubonic Pingue on Ship. the mortality among the rats on the German steamer Cordoba, from Santos, Brazil, November 25, via Bahia, December 2, consickness among the crew and it is efficially clude the possibility of public danger.

Austrian Emperor Has Recovered. VIENNA, Dec. 30 .- Emperor Francis Joseph has quite recovered from his accident and is pursuing his ordinary vocaltions today, giving private and general audiences as osual.

PROBING KANSAS CITY GRAFT

Members of School Board Said to Have Taken Bribes from Many

Persons.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 30.-Further evidence of boodling on the part of members of the Board of Education of Kansas City. Kan., was presented before the grand jury today. George McL. Miller testified, it had agreed to secure for the agent of a Chicago book firm the contract for supplying the public schools of the city with books in consideration of \$700.

George Morrison is said to have testified that when he tried to sell the Board of Education a site for a school building for \$3,000, agreeing to divide his commission. that the member told him that he came too fate. Later another real estate man sold the same site to the board for \$4,000. Mr. Morrison also testified that he had paid M. G. Jones, who recently resigned as cierk of the board, rebates on insurance.

Japan Tells Foreign Countries that it is Preparing for Hostilities.

Representatives of Bo h Countries Say Sitnation is in Oritical Stage.

ASSISTANCE IS OFFERED BY AMERICANS

Neither Country Will at This Time Accept Proffered Aid.

RUSSIAN PRESS GROWS LESS HOPEFUL

For First Time Since Beginning of Negotiations Editorials Admit that Open Warfare May Begin at Any Time.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.-The Lokal Anzeiger without reserve says that the Japanese government has informed the representatives of the powers at Tokio that the situation at this moment is unbearable and that Japan must strike if Russia does not ciety have finished their session and others accept the propositions Japan has submitted, as Japan cannot longer wait for a One new organization has been formed final decision

The Foreign office says the German representatives at Tokio have not been informed in the sense which the Lokal Anzeiger says they have; and, further, that among the members of the section of the Russian government has not received an geology and geography to form an organultimatum, for that would in effect be the 'ization of geographers, to affiliate with the meaning of such a declaration. The Japanese legation says it has not re-

ceived any intelligence from Toklo confirming the statement that Japan's patience is exhausted. The Foreign office continues to assure inquirers that the German government does not believe war will issue from the Japa-

view of the press, whether derived from official source or as independent opinion. Russian Ambassador Hopeful.

nese-Russo controversy. This is also the

It does not appear that Sir Frank C. Lascelles, the British ambassador here, as prelikely unless Russia yields. The Japanese grant Japan's just requests. Count von hold over. Osten-Sacken, the Russian ambassador, has been accepting invitations in unusual numbers, appearing at breakfasts, receptions, dinners and balls, serene and confi- United States Judge in Pennsylvania dent, always taking it as an impossibility that the situation in the far east is even LONDON, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Allen of the grave. Others of the diplomatic corps seem to be without news and express general for New York today from Liverpool on the ideas, the most prevalent being that "hos-White Star line steamer Celtic, after four tilities are unlikely," and that each side is Everywhere there is anxiety for authori-

sen of Jansen, who presided; Governor sion house was the center of the first con- at least partially attributable, according on methods of doing business a railroad Mickey, Charles J. Greene, A. W. Jefferis, flict and the Nanakroo queen sought to a Vladivostock dispatch to the Cologne company is responsible for the full value of S. M. Pollard of Nehawka, C. F. Reavis of refuge there. Mrs. Allen refused to leave, Gazette, "to open acts of hostility on the goods lost in transit, netwithstanding the Falls City, State Senator Warner of Da- sithough advised to do co by the Libertan part of the Coreans toward Japanese, probkota county, R. E. Moore, former lieu-troops sent from Monrovia to support the tenant governor of Lincoln; State Senator coast towns. During the fighting Mrs. fense of Japanese interests in southern mum allowance for release, unless the

ter of Wyoming and George W. E. Dorsey remarkable scenes of barbarism. There The Cologne Gazette considers that this was no actual cannibalism, but the bodies dispatch is an admission that Japan has The executive committee which was ap- of the slain bushmen were chopped up into a good claim to defend its interests in pointed consists of seventy-seven members small pieces and the ears, heads, arms and southern Corea by force of arms and eccilegs were cut off and distributed among troverts the rumors to the effect that Russla would regard the landing of any concommittees. John L. Kennedy was elected The bushmen ultimately were worsted and siderable Japanese force in southern Corea

as a casus belli. The paper concludes: "The attitude Russia on this question may therefore be regarded as a further concession on its

Situation is Critical.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .- The Japanese minister called at the State department to day and reported that the situation in the far east is one that gives great concern and that Japan is making preparations for the worst.

It is hoped, however, that Russia will re onsider its first answer to Japan's request At the Russian embassy and at the Jap anese legation the Associated Press is in formed that the situation in the far east has entered upon a critical stage. Both the Russian ambassador, Count Cassini, and Mr. Kogaro Takahira, the Japanese minister, express the hope that war is not yet inevitable. Count Cassini goes further and is of the opinion that the situation may ompleted the purchase of the Argentine yet be saved without resource to arms, bu the ambassador has no official advices on which to base this belief and it is only his personal view of the matter. Mr. Takahira takes a more pessimistic view of the case Russia and Japan are receiving numerous letters from Americans all over the country offering their services in the event of war. The Russian ambassador and the

Japaness minister are declining all offers of assistance. At the Japanese legation the announce ment is authorized that for days Mr. Takahira's mail has contained many letters from Jews, that Kishineff was never quieter army or navy. The minister is sending a personal note to each writer, expressing the profound appreciation of the Japanese people for this evidence of sympathy and HAMBURG, Dec. 30.-The inquiry into support on the part of citizens of the United States, but saying that even if assistance were needed the laws of Japan preclude the employment of any foreign firms the report that they died of bubonic troops. Furthermore, Japan's army and The vessel has been towed to navy are adequate to meet the emergency. Strandhafen and quarantined. There is no Mr. Takahira has advised his government by cable of these offers of assistance, and announced that the precautions taken pre- the Japanese embassies and legations throughout Europe also will be made aware

of this demonstration of American sym-Count Cassini, in declining the offers which his government is receiving, also is expressing his appreciation of the spirit which prompts them. He is likewise advising St. Petersburg of the fact, that the Russian government may know of the sympathy felt for Russia in the present crisis.

France Less Optimistic. PARIS, Dec. 30 .- While still not believing that war between Russia and Japan will occur, the optimistic tone in official and iplomatic circles here was somewhat modified today by advices from Tokio and St. Petersburg. Japan, it appears, is hastening preparations for the purpose, it is sugested, of influencing Russia's action upon the Japanese note. Russia, on the other hand, has no intention to hurry. Its reply is not expected to be made before January Russia's purpose seems to be to pu the onus of declaring war upon Japan, if such be the result of the negotiations. It is learned in diplomatic circles that the Japanese government has informed the foreign diplomats that the situation with respect to Russia is desperate, but not hopeless. It is believed this information will be communicated to the French government for presentation at St. Petersburg. LONDON, Dec. 30.-In response to an quiry of the Associated Press as to whether

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Partly Cloudy Thursday, Snow at Night or Priday, Except Fair in Southwest Partlon; Colder Friday in Northwest Portion.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Hour. Deg. Hour. 5 a. m. 1 p. 1 1 p. m..... 38 2 p. m..... 43 6 n. m..... 14 7 n. m 14 3 p. m 43 8 a. m..... 15 9 a. m..... 18 4 p. m..... 40 5 p. m..... 37 10 s. m..... 23 11 s. m.... 28 12 m.... 34 6 p. m..... 33 7 p. m..... 32

BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION BORN New Organization for Scientific Work

8 p. m..... 30 9 p. m..... 29

Organized at St. Louis This Week.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 20.-This was another busy day for the members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. After meetings by the various sects, at which addresses were made, the members accepted the invitation given by officials of the Louisians Purchase exposition and visited the World's Fair grounds. A luncheon was served in the Administration building, at the conclusion of which a tour of the grounds was made.

The section of mathematics and astronomy and the American Microscopical so conclude their work today and tomorrow It will be known as the American Breeders association, and is an organization for both practical and scientific plant and animal breeders. A plan is also on foot

association. Officers will be elected Thursday, when the next place of meeting will be selected. It is stated that next year's convention will, in all probability, be held in Philadelphia. The officers of the association to be elected are a president, ten vice presidents, three fellows to the council to serve three years, a general secretary and the secretary of the council. The officers chosen at the present meeting will not take office until next year.

The elective power of the association viously cabled, said that war is not un-likely unless Russia yields. The Japanese legation believes and hopes Russia will and the secretaries of the sections will dence is Chicago:

GREATER LIABILITY

Says Way Bill Provisions Are Not Binding.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 30 .- In the United States circuit court today Judge Acheson handed down an opinion in the case of William Doyle against the Baltimore & Ohlo raffroad, which will likely be farreaching in its effect. In the opinion Judge Acheson virtually says that under the pres printing and stamping of a clause on the agreement as to value shall have been nade between the railroad and the shipper, and also agreement as to freight rate, and the signature of the shipper secured to th

agreement. The case was tried at the November term of court, and the jury found for the plain-In the sum of \$5,000, subject to the opinion of the court on a question of law reserved. The question was, "Whether by virtue of the bill of lading the liabilities of the defendant is conclusively limited to \$5 per 166 pounds, towit, the sum of \$282.50, with interest."

INGERSOLL LIEN ESTABLISHED Widow of Celebrated Orator Has

Claim on Estate in

Montana. BOSTON, Dec. 30.—The United States cir. cuit court for the district of Massachusetts today made a decision in favor of Eva A. Ingersell, administratrix of the estate of Robert G. Ingersoll, in an action against Joseph Coram and others to the effect that the plaintiff has a good lien on the property of the defendant on account of legal services rendered by Mr. Ingersoll. The case involves about \$140,000 alleged to be due the estate for services given by Mr. Ingersoll as attorney in settling the estate of the late millionaire, Andrew J.

Davis of Butte, Mont: The court finds the lien rests upon an agreement between the defendants who inherited a part of the Davis estate and Mr. Ingersoll, and not on the statutes of Montana governing attorneys' liens, as ruled by Montana courts in a previous action. Today's decision does not determine the amount due the plaintiff' but simply the question of lien. With this point settled the case will be presented on its merits be fore the United States circuit court.

IN AID OF RUSSIAN JEWS President Has Recgived Reports from

Consuls in Russin Regarding Prospective Trouble.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30 .- Simon Wolf of this city, who has been active for several days in his endeavors to induce the United States government to make representations to Russia looking to the tection of the Jews of Kishineff, had ar interview with President Roosevelt today At its conclusion Mr. Wolf said that at the request of the president himself he could not discuss the interview for publication. It is known, however, that Mr. Wolf was informed that prior to his presentation o the matter to the State department the president had directed the United States consuls in Russia to inform this government if there were any likelihood of a repe tition of the Kishineff massacres of last spring. The replies to that inquiry thus far received have been reassuring in their tone. Moreover, they indicate that the Russian government is fully alive to the reports of possible trouble at Kishineff on January 7. In view of that fact it is as sumed that the Russian authorities will take, if, indeed, they have not already taken steps to prevent a recurrence of massacre.

CASHIER TAKES HIS Aged W. C. Putnam of Lansford, N. D. Shoots Himself in the Head.

MINOT, N. D., Dec. 20.-W. C. Putnam. aged to years, cashier of the bank at Lansford, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. The affairs of the bank are said to be in good condition.

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST OVER FIVE HUNDRED DIE IN CHICAGO FIRE

DEATH'S LATEST HARVEST

Based on the closest possible estimates, over 500 lives were lost during a panic, caused by fire in the new Iroquois theater at Chicago yesterday afternoon. At 7:45 the coroner of Cook county reported an actual count of 736 dead. Later returns, however, indicate the actual number will be about 600.

The fire broke out on the stage during the second act of "Mr. Bluebeard," the great holiday spectacle put on by Klaw & Erlanger, the owners of the theater. The house was packed, when the cry of fire came from the stage. A panic ensued immediately, and a rush for the door began. Although the theater was supposed to be fireproof, there was enough Inflammable material to carry the flames through the auditorium with a terrible suddenness, adding to the terror of the women and children who were struggling to gain the exits.

In the dreadful Jam that ensued young women and children were trampled under foot, and killed by hundreds. Firemen who came in response to the alarms could not get in through the doors because of the bodies wedged in inextricable confusion on the inside. Ladders were run up to windows and hundreds were assisted to escape in this manner.

Most of those who lost their lives were suffocated by the smoke that filled the house. It will be many hours before the exact number of dead is known, as many persons are missing and the truth as to their whereabouts cannot be told until the end.

DEAD, INJURED OR MISSING THEATER FIRES OF THE PAST

Record of the Harvest of Death at the Irequois Theater.

NAMES OF THOSE KNOWN TO BE LOST

Incomplete List of the Identified Dead, Some of Those ,Who Are Hurt and Many Known to Be Missing.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30 .- Following is the 'ist of the killed, injured and missing in the rests in a committee composed of the iroquois theater catastrophe this after-council, and in addition one member from noon, so far as they have been identified.

Dead.

HORTENSE LANG, aged 16.
IRENE LANG, aged 11, sister of above.
MISS ABBLE RAYMER, daughter of Alderman Raymer.
E. A. WILSON,
MRS. W. T. MARSH.
MISS GLADYS STREITON, Alpena,

dich.
LOUISA BUSHNELL.
MRS. A. LAKE, 35 years old; identified terrible stampede. at morgue.

MISS A. DONALDSON, 18 years old; iden-tified at morgue by telegram found in her

UNIDENTIFIED BOY, 8 years old;

plumber.

MISS SPENCER.

ETHEL JONES, daughter of S. P. Jones; attended theater with brothers and sisters, two of whom are missing and three accounted for. It was reported at Vaughn's seed store, where the body of Miss Jones was taken, that the mother, an invalid, dropped dead when she received the tidings of her daughter's death.

f her daughter's death, MRS, KING, wife of John C. King, atorney, 1734 Capo D'Istria 1734 Capo D'Istria LIILLIAN PHILLIPSON, 6 years old; 1807 London, Sad'er's Wells (false intification uncertain. BOY, 17 years old; lived at Lafayette, Ind. MRS. FOREMAN.

MRS. FOREMAN.
WILLIAM RATLEY; died in hospital.
J. C. JOHNSON; died in hospital.
W. M. REED, lawyer, Waukegan, Ill.
HOYT FOX; body at morgue.
MRS. L. R. BUTLER; at morgue. MRS. L. R. BUTLER; at mag.

MRS. L. R. BUTLER; at mag.

S. WORDMAN; at morgue.

E. W. MORTON, agent Wagner Electric

Manufacturing company, St. Louis.

NEWBY,

ROKEMS.

J. A. KOKEMS.
J. S. STERN.
H. S. DONELSON, address unknown.
REV. J. HOWARD STUDLEY, paster of Il Strangers' church. MISS J. H. DODD of Delaware, O.; visitng friends at Wheaton, III. MISS V. DELEE, daughter of the late

leutenant of police.
W. W. HOOPER, Kenosha, Wis,
FIVE CHILDREN of H. S. VanIngen of
Kenosha (probable). Pather became sep-urated from them and is among injured.
MRS. JOHN MINWEGEN, wife of Alderman Minwegen.
C. W. TURBUSH AND FAMILY.
MILDRED MERRIAM. 3 years old;
cued by father; died on reaching street
MRS. PATRICK P. O'DONNELL.,
of the president of O'Donneil & Duer Br

ompany.
PO WATTMAN.
H. COULTS.
S HOWARD.
SS HOWARD.
RTY OF SEVEN HIGH SCHOOL

MISS ROSS.

PARTY OF SEVEN HIGH SCHOOL

GIRLS, in balcony.

MRS. A. M. MORRILL.

MRS. A. SULLIVAN,

MRS. MINWEGAN, wife of alderman.

MISS EDITH NORTON of Otenagon, MRS. HARBAUGH.
C. W. FORBUSH AND FAMILY.
ANNA STERLING.
THREE MEN employed in the files on the stage; names unknown. FLORLINE a German aerial performer; taken to Samaritan hospital; died in am-

ETHEL BLACKMAN, 18 years old, daughter of Harry E. Blackman, freight department Marshall Field & Co. living at ANN FITZGIBBON,
BERNICE BAILEY, at morgue.
A. M. MANDEL, identified by ring.
C. A. WINSLOW commercial traveler of

ONALD REYNOLDS. BURR SCOTT.
FURNETTA PETERSON.
HARVEY KIELEY, St. Louis.
THOMAS COUTEL.
HUMPHREY HALL.
THOMAS J. FLANAGAN, 6229 College

wenue, Indianapolta,
MRS. M. A. HENRY,
ROSE KREIGERS,
H. P. MOORE,
C. L. CROPER,
MAY CURRAN, C. L. CROPER,
MAY CURRAN.
"MARTIN." a by of 18.
H. W. WILLIAMS.
B. REGENBERG.
ELLA LINDEN. Injured.

The following is a partial list of the Winifred Litzay, 17 years old, burned or Winifred Litzay, 17 years old, burned on face and arms, taken home.

Anna Tubbs, niece of Charles Tubbs, of the Western Union Telegraph company, burned on face and hands.

Emma Tubbs, mother of Anna Tubbs; serious, taken to hospital.

Elizabeth Towbridge, seriously burned.

Emma Kingsley, serious, taken home.

Mrs. C. Kranz, Racine, Wis., at hospital, will die.

will die. Mrs. #Helen Pliash. Mrs. A. Bressen, unconscious when res Felix and Jessie Guerrisa, children, will

Felix and Jessie Guerrisa, children, will survive.
Orville Radtke, serious.
Herman Rell, hands burned off, serious.
Mrs. Wigwall, may die.
William McLaughlin, nephew of Dr.
Frank Gunsaulius, serious.
Mrs. Mailan, serious, taken to hospital.
Mrs. Bradwell.
R. A. Evans, member Hiue Beard company, playing role of Mustapha, taken out unconscious. Dorothy Marlow, pony ballet, sever Annabella Whitford, queen of fairles

M. A. Merriam of George A. Fuller com-

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List of Disasters at Playhouses in Which Thousands Have Been Killed.

Theater fires are in their very nature the most apalling of disasters, because the people are overtaken in their holiday galety, bent on amusement, with thoughts distracted by the stage spectacle and unprepared to face the terror of death as presented by the flames. This is one reason why so many lose their heads completely and thus add to the losses at tendant on the catastrophe. The present disaster is the greatest of the kind in theater fire of 1876 and the Richmond the-

ater fire of 1811 resulted in great loss of life. The Richmond fire broke out during a performance on December 26, 1811, when 900 people were seated in the theater. In the panic which ensued seventytwo people lost their lives, among them the governor of the state and others prominent in social and official life. The Brook lyn theater fire occurred on December 5. 1876, when Kate Claxton and her company were giving a performance of "The Two Orphans," and 300 lives were lost in the

One of the most terrible of the foreign theater disasters was that at the Ring theater in Vienna, December 8, 1881. This purse.

J. RATTEY, died at hospital. Before death he spoke of two boys who had been with him; boys thought to have perished.

MRS. CAVANAUGH. lived on Indiana, loss of life was greater, being estimated that marked the Brooklyn affair, but the at 600. On May 25, 1887, while 2,500 people were listening to "Mignon" at the Opera burned beyond recognition.

TWO UNIDENTIFIED WOMEN; met death jumping from rear of the fire-escape while their garments were affame.

LOUISE BUCHRANE.

MARIE WALSH, 15 years old.

MRS. JAMES D. MALONEY, wife of a plumber.

Were listening to "Mignon" at the Opera Comique, Paris; fire broke out and 100 lives were lost in the panic. On September 5, 1887, 150 lives were lost in a fire that destroyed the Royal theater at Exeter, England. The play was "The Romany plumber." Rye," and of 191 people who entered the gallery that night only about thirty es-

The following is a record of the most disastrous theater fires of modern times: No. perished.

Amsterdam 1772 Saragossa 1781 Paris, Palais Royal...... St. Petersburg 1835 St. Petersburg 1845 Canton 1846 Quebec, Royal theater..... 1847 Carlsruhe 1853 London, Coburg theater (false 1857 Leghorn 1887 Philadelphia, American Varieties. 1878 Brooklyn 1876 San Francisco, Chinese (false alarm) ... 1878 Ahmednugger, India 1881 Cronstadt, Russia 1881 Nice, France 1881 Vienna, Hing theater 1887 Madras (fair)

1883 Oporto, Portugal 1890 Lourches, France DIE IN CLUB HOUSE FIRE

Madras (fair) Paris, Theater Comique. Exeter, Theater Royal.

Prominent Eastern Lawyers Awful Death at

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 30 .- Moses T. Clough, the Nestor of the Renssellaer county bar and the last survivor of the class of '24 of Dartmouth college; William Shaw, head of the law firm of Shaw, Bailey & Murphy, and Benjamin W. Kinney, manager for the Fuller-Warren company of Boston Mass., lost their lives inja fire which partially destroyed the Troy club today. Although the doomed men were seen at the windows, nothing could be done to save them, so dense was the smoke and so rapid

the progress of the flames. Edward Carpentier of New York was taken from an upper window by the firemen and removed to a hospital, where he is recovering from the effects of smoke inhaled. He was in town preparing for his ple had remained in their seats and had not marriage with a young society woman of the city. His escape from death was re- life would have been lost. This ts, howgarded as one of the remarkable features of the fire.

All the persons killed were occupying rooms on the upper floor of the club building, which is four stories in height, and this was the part the flames stracked first. The victims had retired about 19 o'clock and were sleeping soundly when the alarm was given by the employes. An effort was made at once to reach the sleeping apartments, but the progress of the fire had been so rapid that the help at hand could not make way. The fire is thought to have been caused

by a lighted cig rette being thrown among some combustible material. The club house was built ten or twelve years ago at a cost of \$500,000. The loss by fire will reach \$55,000. Mr. Clough was 89 years of age and Mr.

Shaw was nearly 70. Both resided at the

club, at which Mr. Kinney and Mr. Carpentier were guests. The police report that while the fire was at its worst a man was discovered trying to set fire to the building at the corner of Broadway and Fifth avenue, occupied as a news stand. The man escaped. It is not believed, however, that the club house fire

was of incendiary origin. Schwab's Suit Continued,

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The taking of oral NEW YORK, Dec. 36.—The taking of gral testimony in the action brought by the New York Security and Trust company and Charles M. Schwab against the United States Shipbuilding company and Receiver Smith to foreclose the mortgage on the Hethlehem Steel company, scheduled for today, was postponed, a stay of truccedings having been obtained by the defense.

Terrible Catastrophe Oscurs in Connection with a Matines Performance.

DEADLY PANIC AT IROQUOIS THEATER

Audience of Women and Children Stampedes at Appearance of Fire.

BLAZE STARTS AMONG THE SCENERY

Spectacular Piece, "Mr. Bluebeard," Gives Chance for the Fire.

MORGUES ARE FILLED TO OVERFLOWING

Bodies of Victims of the Crush Crowd

Chicago Undertaking Rooms SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX COUNTED

Coroner Returns Terrib'e Tetal of Known Dead at that Figure.

FIREMEN'S EFFORTS AT RESCUE VAIN

Doorways and Airles Jammed with Bodies, Preventing Entrance.

HORRIFYING DETAILS OF AWFUL DISASTER Official Facts Exceed Early Reports and Add to the Extent of the Calamity Until Almost Be-

youd Belief.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30 .- About 500 people were killed in ten minutes this afternoon during a fire in the Iroquois theater-the newest, American history, although the Brooklyn the largest, and, as far as human power could make it, the safest theater in Chi-

cago. A few of these people were burned to death by fire, 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. Estimates of the dead and injured vary. The police count of dead is 536. The estimates of the newspapers is 562. Besides this there are fifty-five people missing at midnight, the majority of whom are probably among the dead in the morgue and various undertaking establishments, Eighty-six of the dead have been posttively identified and ninety-two others are

known to be injured.

police station and in the hospitals from which nearly everything that could reveal their identity to those who know them best is gone. Their clothing is torn to rags or burned to cinders and their faces have been masted into an unrecognizable pulp by the heels of the crowd that tram-pled them down as they fied for safety. The fire broke out during the second act of the play "Mr. Blue Beard," which was the first dramatic production produced in

the theater since its erection. The com-

There are bodies lying by the dozens

tonight in the undertaking rooms, in the

pany, which was very large, escaped to the street in safety, nearly all of them, however, being compelled to fiee with no clothing but their stage costumes. A few members of the company sustained minor injuries, but none was seriously hurt. The accounts of the origin of the fire are conflicting and none of them certain, but the best reason given is that an electric wire near the lower part of a piece of drop scenery suddenly broke and was grounded. The fire spread rapidly toward

the front of the stage, causing the mem-

bers of the chorus, who were then engaged

in the performance, to fice to the wings with screams of terror. The fire in itself up to this time was not serious and possibly could have been checked had not the abestos curtain failed to work. As soon as the fire was discovered Eddie Foy, the chief comedian of the company, shouted to lower the curtain and this was immediately done. It descended about half way and then stuck The fire thus was given practically a fine through which a strong draft was setting. aided by the doors which had been thrown open in front of the theater. With a roar the flames shot through the opening over the heads of the people and clear up to those in the first balcony, caught them and burned them to death where they sat. Immediately following this rush of flames there came an explosion, which lifted the

entire roof of the theater from its walls, shattering the great skylight into frag-

ments. As soon as the flames first appeared beyond the curtain a man in the hall shouted "fire" and the entire audience as one person rose and made for the doors. It is believed that the explosion was caused by the flames coming in contact with the gas reservoirs of the theater, causing them to

Will J. Davis, manager of the theater, said after the catastrophe that if the peobeen excited by the cry of fire, not a single ever, contradicted by the statements of the firemen, who found numbers of people sitting in their seats, their faces directed toward the stage as if the performance was still going on. It was the opinion of the firemen that these people had been suffocated at once by the flow of gas which

came from behind the asbestos curtain. As near as can be estimated at the present time about 1.300 people were in the theater. Three hundred of these were on the first floor the remainder being in the balconies and in the hallways back of them. The theater is modeled after the Opera Comique in Paris and from the rear of each balcony there are three doors leading out to the front of the theater. Two of these doorways are at the end of the bal-

cony and one in the center. The audience in its rush seems to have for the greater part chose to fice to the left entrance and to attempt to make its way down the eastern stairway leading into the lobby of the theater.

People Jammed at Doors. Outside of the people burned and suffo-

cated by gas, it was at these two doorways on the first and second balconies that the greatest loss of life occurred. 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. All of the corpses at this point were women and children. The fight for life which must have taken place at