

DEAD

Daniel Phalen, foreman, badly burned and jumped from third-story window, crushing skull.

INJURED.

Carl Meyer, superintendent, 'burned about head and hands in rescuing five girls

August Zaconi, burned about head and body. The building, a six-story structure,

contained a large number of employes, but all except the three named escaped without severe injury.



CATAKKII

The mayor tonight sent the following letter to all theatrical proprietors in

Chicago: there shall be were no sprinklers in sprinklers. There were no sprinklers in the Iroquois theater, and, when this was called to his attention, Mr. Stan-hope said. "There was no sprinkler "Nov. 2, this year, I transmitted to the city council a report on the theaters of Chicago, calling the attention of the council to the failure of all the theaters to comply fully with the terms of the building ordinances relative to places of amusement. The council sent the communication to the committee on judiciary for consideration, and, pending a report from that committee, directed the commissioner of buildings to sus-"The Iroquois had fire alarm connec. tions. I did not see the box, but that, is my information." City Electrician pend enforcement of the ordinance.

EMPLOYED NO FIREMEN.

"The city ordinance, among other things, requires each theater to employ a fireman, to be approved by the chief of the fire department, to look after the fire protection of the house. I am ad-vised by the chief that several theaters tumes and the women had not even time to wash the paint off their faces. We tried to force the door open, but the crowd was banked up too tightly argained it. visions. In view of the terrible disaster superior the auditorium in just such action of the city council, I have di-sergencies as arose yesterday. The against it. "Then came a volume of smoke and Inquois possessed no such ventilating to assign one regular member of the defar in the rear of the crowd we could partment to each theater not complying see the illumination from the flames. I had a number of small tools in my with the ordinance relating to the em-I had a number of small tools in my pocket and immediately proceeded to remove the metal attachments which held the door in place. This was ac-complished with some difficulty and then we managed to force the crowd back reachably an inch the door then ployment of a fireman. "The firemen now employed by the theaters should be assigned to the front of the house, while the fireman assigned by the chief should be assigned to the stage. I have further directed the chief then we managed to force the crowd back probably an inch, the door then dropped from its place and one by one the imprisoned players were assisted into the alley. I walked in upon the stage and found it a seething furnace. The players had been rescued just in time." in cases where the ordinance has not been obeyed to assign two regular firemen to the duty of protecting the public against fire. The wages of these firemen will be billed direct to the theaters to which they are assigned, and the service time will be continued until the council has Employes of the theater place the ter-rible loss of life to the "jamming" of the asbestos curtain. At every perfinally acted on the ordinance." After dispatching this letter the mayor said: formance of the show the asbestos cur-formance of the show the asbestos cur-tain has been raised and lowered. It has always run smoothly, according to the employes. It was so arranged that should one of the cables holding it MUST EMPLOY FIREMEN "If any one of the theatrical managers refuses to pay the wages of these men, as several of them have refused in the past, I will close the doors of the break the curtain would descend by its own weight. The asbestos curtain was held by theaters and keep them closed until they agree to act as they should." All during the day telegrams of sym four steel cables. It slid up and down on and was guided by two others, one on each side. These four cables ex-tended above the gridiron, the framepathy to the people of Chicago and of-fers of aid poured in by telegraph on the mayor. He announced tonight: work which supported the tackle by which the scenery is raised and low-ered to the side wall. There they were "I have received many offers of aid. It may be that before we get through

"The massive stage door of the Iro-quots," said Mr. Quinn today, "is like many others of its kind. "The two main swinging doors are used when scenery is taken to or from the theater and built in the swinging structure likelf is a small trap deer used by the barres a small trap door used by the players in leaving or entering the stage. This trap door opened inwardly. As I passed it I heard a commotion and saw the door was slightly open and peering into the opening I curiously asked what was the trouble.

"Then for the first time I and others who had arrived outside about the same time, learned that the theater was on fire. The players who had rushed for the trap door got caught in a solid mass

and were so firmly wedged together that they could not move. They were banked solidly against the little door and it could not be opened. Nearly all the players were in their stage cos-

loors to exits were locked.

CHILDREN

F YOU HAVE ANY THIS WILL IN TEREST YOU.

"So many little boys and girls come

into our store who are weak, thin-legged and hollow-cheeked," said Mr.

Druchl of Druchl & Franken, our well

would see a great difference in the ap-pearance of the younger generation of

cods' livers, and is the most wholesome and best medicine for children we ever

health, and even life, to Vinol. following letter from Mrs. C. Allen of

them and to have them gain flesh.

much for other children."

this city.

You know, Vinol is not a

appliances, or else they failed to work and does not believe that in this country any theater management would be

so "utterly helpless." "The scheme of exit," says the Pall Mail Gazette, "appears to have been partilcularly worthless.

The St. James Gazette says: "The ghastly holocaust at least teaches the wisdom of the local ordinance which requires the fire-proof curtain to be low ered once every evening to insure its good order.

The Westminster Gazette points to the terrible regularity with which Christmastide coincides with a great disaster and thinks it only shows how necessary to public security are theater regulations which so often are deemed oppressive.

To the lord mayor's message of sympathy, which was also transmitted to the United States embassy by which it will be forwarded to the state depart-ment at Washington, Ambassador Feb. 1, 1904, bearing 4 per cent interest.

Chicago has aroused the most painful interest and the utmost sympathy everywhere, the Viennese having a keen recollection of the disaster at the Ring theater in 1881, when many peo-

ria, sent the following cablegram to Mayor Harrison:

lost, its warmest sympathy and heartfelt condolence

Philippine Bond Subscriptions. Washington, Dec. 31 .-- Clarence Edwards, chief of the insular bureau the war department, today made public circulars calling for subscriptions for \$7,000,000 Philippine land purchase bonds, the proceeds of which are to be



ple lost their lives. Dr. Lueger, mayor of Vienna, Aus-

"The city of Vienna expresses to the city administration of Chicago, on ac-count of the terrible theater fire, through which hundreds of lives were

seat. An inspection was made of the exits leading to the fire escape at the north end of the building. "These doors are much too small; they should have been three times as

large," said Juror Finn. The iron doors were closed and locked and it was then seen that the inner

doors were so close to the steel shut-ters that they could not be opened when the shutters were fastened. This ex-it is not sufficiently high for a man to walk

walk through without stooping and when the jurors learned this fact by personal experience there was much comment among them. The jurymen then ascended to the top gallery, where

the greatest loss of life occurred. Coroner Tracger pointed to the bal-cony rail, which was bent in several places, and said that a number of spectators had jumped through these open ings to the lower floor. An inspection was then made of the exits leading to the fire escapes and the jurors were told

The law provides that there shall be vestilating shaft at the rear end of

there shall be a system of automatic

system in the theater, but the provision

about the iron doors made it unneces-

Section 189 of the ordinance provides

that theaters be equipped with fire alarms connected with the city fire

Hyland said: The Iroquois had no fire alarm con-

petion with the city alarm system. No

application is on file for any such con-

section." The alarm of fire was turned is from a box more than half a block

sary for the theater to have them."

alarm system. Mr. Stanhope said:

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from the theater.

ALDERMEN INSPECT.

Twelve aldermen today inspected the theater and returned to the city hall, and called on the building department. They asked to be shown the plans of the theater, and Mr. Stanhope prodaced them How about sprinklers?" demanded

Alderman Jones. "The way the theater is built they

Mr. Stanhope replied. And, anyhow, the flames spread so apidly that no sprinkler system would have availed anything." Alderman Alderman ones then remarked that the ordinance ulres all exits to be marked.

"That will be looked into," Mr. Stan-ope said. "Remember, however, that ope said. be lights were out, and that many peoe were killed in their seats."

ARKNESS A GREAT HINDRANCE.

ting to the diagram of the thea-Alderman Herman said: "Here is on the south side of the balcony, which looks as though it d to a stairway. But in the darkness mple scrambling through it were aught like rats in a trap. They could The confusion of get eitho its was such that no one could find s way in the dark. If those things as way in the dark. regarded as exits, I do not know that constitutes an exit that would be

It Stanhops told the aldermen that had made an inspection of the thad made ading, and that structurally it was

convince me," declared demaa Herman, "If you talk for 100 people could get out of that what they called did not work; there was them open, and the peoald not get out. These plans at the end of the first floor, e over there and saw the up against the railing, le at all. Now, what I is, did these people in theater live up to the mitted to the city build-Here there seemed to on paper, but a number ne got badly scorched

ASBESTOS WAS INFERIOR.

just the same

floor they got out,' said

on the first floor,

d burns on their backs Alderman Herman re-Friestedt declared and balcony there was um when the seats allow any one to walk Alderman Scully and took from the floor of curtain, none of than the palm of a of an asbestos comwere shown to be of the examiner pro-

VANTED A CHEAP CURTAIN.

cheap curtain and incautious clerk re-instantly hushed up mbers of the company, they did not wish to er, inasmuch as they ving the curtain of the bid had been rejected

of a committee of lects of Chicago today



this trouble a few persons will be found to be in need, but Chicago will be able to give that aid herself. Most of those killed and injured, now identified, can be abundantly cared for."

WHAT THEATRICAL MEN SAY.

Chicago, Dec. 31 .- Among many the theatrical men employed in the other Chicago theaters, the responsibil-ity for the Iroquois theater fire was as-cribed today to the careless placing of electric arc light apparatus too close to one of the hanging borders of the scen-ory. The checklan of a leading Chiery. The electrician of a leading Chi-cago theater expressed great surprise on hearing that this was considered a

on hearing that this was considered a possible cause of the fire. "There never would have been any fire," he said, "if proper care had been exercised in handling the lights. The electric plant of the theater was in-stalled, as I happen to know from per-sonal observation, in accordance with every modern requirement for safety. The plant was not to blank. If the facts I have given are correct, the whole blame rests on the person who blaced, or who was operating, a light

placed, or who was operating, a light so close to the curtain." The failure of the expected fire pro-tection is attributed by insurance men to trouble with the asbestos curtain. The stage is always recognized as the danger point in the theater and the de-

danger point in the theater and the de-sire is to have it cut off from the audi-torium as thoroughly as possible. The insurance men declare that the curtain at the Iroquois never had worked per-fectly, and that the mechanism had not been remained. been repaired. E. R. Wetmore of the insurance firm which placed the Iroquois theater, de-

which placed the frequency theater, de-clared today that the loss would not ex-ceed \$20,000. He also asserted that the spread of the flames to the auditorium was due to the failure of the asbestos curtain to work properly.

curtain to work properly. Early last summer a prominent trade journal of Chicago criticised the con-struction of the Iroquois theater be-cause it lacked a shaft or flue at the back of the stage for carrying the flames and smoke upward and away from the auditorium in the event of fire. Such shafts were built in Madison Square Garden and the Metropolitan opera house in New York and a similar provision is made at the Chicago Au-

ditorium. The method of fire-proofing the balcony and gallery was also declared by this magazine to be defective because

this magazine to be detected because metal lath was used in what is known as exposed construction where heat would easily affect it. In modern fire-proof buildings this lath is buried in concrete. It was the buckling out of this metal lath and iron rods giving the impression that the galleries them-selves were falling that is believed by some contractors to have been partly responsible for the panic. There was no criticism of the strength of the gal-lery and balcony arches, which were built in the usual manner.

at Washington, Ambassador Choate replied: I have received your tender message

of condolence in behalf of the citizens of London, to the people of the United States in the tragic calamity at Chi-cago, and thank you most sincerely. I have transmitted it to Washington. "CHOATE."

Sir Thomas Lipton says he believes sympathy is best evidenced by helping the sufferers and that if a fund is opened in Chicago to assist those who have been deprived of their bread winners, he will gladly contribute \$500 or \$1,000.

> MESSAGE FROM LONDON. Washington, Dec. 31 .-- The following

payable at the United States treasury United States gold coin. The bonds the Philippines of in the United States. Subscriptions will be payable at the "The exits are too small another in the states." New York sub-treasury, where bonds will be delivered.

An Editor Speaks.

Editor Lynch of "Daily Post" Philips-urg, N. J., has tested the merits of oley's Honey and Tar with this result: "I have used a great many patent reme-dies in my family for coughs and colds, and I can honestly say your Honey and Tar is the best thing of the kind I have used and praise of it." F. J. Hill Drug

that the bodies of the dead were pile 10 feet high in front of these doors when the police reached the theater. "If those doors were locked some

"The exits are too small, anyway," said Juror Meyer, as he measured the doors leading to the fire escapes.

Injurious drug. It is quickly sorbed. At the conclusion of the inspection of the theater it was decided to continue

the inquest until next Thursday. A few of the questions to which the jury will endeavor to obtain satisfac-

tory answers at the inquest are: passages. Were the steel doors leading to fire escapes on the first and second balconies locked when the fire broke If they were locked were opened promptly by the attendants

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