

THEATRE

Horror of Year

hundred and Sixty Lives Sacrificed in a Fire at Boyertown, Penn.

WAS AMATEUR PERFORMANCE.

Was for the Benefit of the St. John's Lutheran Sunday School.

Building Soon a Mass of Flames, Aud. Became Panic-Stricken, Then Supervened Distressing Scenes.

Boyertown, Pa., Jan. 14.—Estimates of the number killed in last night's theater horror at from 125 to 160. Town officials think at least 150 lives were lost.

Only a few were injured. It is estimated that there were 400 persons in the playhouse when the explosion of the gas tank occurred. The tank was being used in connection with the amateur performance of "Scottish Rites," for the benefit of St. John's Lutheran Sunday school was being produced. Instantly after the explosion occurred, some one yelled "fire!" and in almost less time than it takes to tell, the center of the opera house was a blazing furnace. The rattle with which the flames spread was caused by the upsetting of the gas lamps used as the footlights. Some of the persons on the stage endeavored to allay the frightened children and quiet the audience. But the men seemed to lose all control of themselves and fought with the women and children who composed the rear part of the audience to gain escape. In this manner many women and children who might otherwise have escaped the flames, were forced back and trampled upon. Paralyzing was this the case of those who were caught on the stairways.

Pandemonium reigned and the mad scramble for the exits is simply indescribable. The weakest were trampled aside. In many instances women and children were killed.

Scores of persons on the second floor seeking the awful jam on the stairways, were killed by jumping from the balcony. In this way several were badly injured that they died before reaching any of the numerous temporary hospitals.

A SURVIVOR'S STORY.

Boyertown is a town of about 2,500 persons, and there is scarcely a house in the little town that has not been affected by last night's visitation of fire. When the explosion occurred there were at least 30 boys and girls on the stage, while many more were behind the scenes. In the first moment there was a terrific explosion which seemed to shake the entire building. Immediately thereafter was a wild rush for the exits. The people on the stage jumped over the balcony and rushed toward the exits. The flames first consumed the scenery and then came the crowd. A great wave and the suffocating smoke swept down the aisle. Every one seemed to have lost control of themselves. The flames first consumed the scenery and then came the crowd. A great wave and the suffocating smoke swept down the aisle. Every one seemed to have lost control of themselves. The flames first consumed the scenery and then came the crowd. A great wave and the suffocating smoke swept down the aisle. Every one seemed to have lost control of themselves.

The fire was not brought under control until early this morning, after assistance had arrived from Reading and Pottsville.

For several months the Sunday school of St. John's Lutheran church had been rehearsing the "Scottish Rites" which was being staged by H. E. Monroe of Washington, the actor, and when the curtain rose at 8 o'clock the opera house was thronged with spectators. The play was a tragedy. The drama was well played and the piece worked smoothly for the first half of the play. The second half of the play, in which the students from the Sunday school were to appear, was not reached. The people, making part in the performance, moved to them to keep back and resume their seats. But the frightened spectators attempted to climb on to the stage. The young people on the stage, who were excited than the others, made a dash for the exits. In the excitement overturned a coal oil lamp. It fell with the crowd in the auditorium and exploded. In an instant the stage floor was ablaze and frightened people rushed toward the rear again. The flames toward the stage and the audience. The flames toward the stage and the audience. The flames toward the stage and the audience.

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SECRET

JAP CABINET

The Premier, Saionji, Tendered His Resignation, Which Emperor Refused.

OTHERS WERE ACCEPTED.

This Leaves Government Without Any New Element—Budget Is Cause of Trouble.

Tokyo, Jan. 14.—The resignation of the entire cabinet was narrowly averted today.

The premier, Marquis Saionji, tendered his resignation to the emperor this afternoon at 4 o'clock, but his majesty declined to receive it, while the alternative resignations of Yoshio Sakatani, minister of finance, and of Isaburo Yamagata, minister of communications, were accepted.

Meanwhile the flames which had broken out on the stage were spreading rapidly throughout the building, seemingly eager for their prey. Those who had fallen in the rush and who were so badly maimed that they were beyond all power to struggle, were walling in anguish, their cries adding to the horror of the situation. They could do nothing but wait helplessly for their fate, to be roasted to death in the roaring, raging furnace.

Many who had reached the outside in safety dashed back into the burning building in a mad and fruitless desire to save the lives of their loved ones.

HARD TIMES FINES.

Eighty Push Cart Men Are Fined the Sum of One Cent Each.

New York, Jan. 14.—Fines of 1 cent each were imposed by Magistrate Walsh yesterday on 80 push cart men who were fined for obstructing traffic in the Essex Market court. The strictly nominal amount of the fines, the magistrate explained, was in consideration of the hard times. Most of the prisoners were mechanics, it was learned, who had taken up peddling because of inability to get work at their trades.

MONTH'S TIME GRANTED BALTIMORE & OHIO.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—One month more has been granted to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad company in which to raise \$1,625,000 and buy the 65,000 shares of the Chicago & North Western. The company held by the minority stockholders. This decision was reached at the adjourned meeting of stockholders in the terminal company yesterday. Another adjournment was accordingly taken to Feb. 17.

BOY GLOBE TROTTERS.

Adventures of Three Berkeley Youths Ends in Death of One of Them.

Berkeley, Cal., Jan. 14.—The globe trotting adventure undertaken by three Berkeley youths who left this city on the first of the year has ended in swift disaster. The youths, who were known as the "Berkeley Trio," were Arthur M. Harris, a brakeman, near Soledad, about 20 miles south of Salinas. The man killed was Edward W. Danne, a native of New York, about 25 years of age. The third youth, who was named, was killed by the brakeman, Arthur M. Harris, a boy of 18 years, who had borrowed a revolver and had fired it when he ordered the men from the car.

A TELEPHONE GIRL.

Falls Heir to a Fortune and Resigns Her Position.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—"I guess I won't work any more," remarked Miss Rose Strantz to the resigner of her position yesterday as telephone operator at the Palmer House.

RABIES BECOMING EPIDEMIC.

WOOL

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Denounced in Unmeasured Terms What He Called "Obnoxious System of Surveillance."

Helena, Jan. 14.—The first day's session of the annual convention of the National Wool Growers' association was characterized by a most bitter tirade against the government regulation of the public range by Thomas J. Walsh, a Helena stockman, lawyer, and late Democratic candidate for Congress.

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A few minutes later Samuelson discovered the loss of the gems and then discovered the absence of the clerk. He immediately began a search for the man, but no trace of him could be found. Samuelson could not state positively the amount of the diamonds stolen but is sure that there was more than \$1,500, and believes that fully \$2,000 worth went with the thief.

The pawnbroker at once hurried to police headquarters where he reported his loss. He gave the officers a good description of the thief, and every effort is being made to locate the man. It is believed by the police that Feinberg successfully made his way out of town without being observed and is now in hiding watching his chance to put a safe distance between him and the scene of his crime.

Feinberg had been working at the pawnshop only a week. He had no references when he applied for a position, but told Samuelson a hard luck story, and the latter took him on. Samuelson told the police this morning that he learned that Feinberg had a brother in the Joliet prison for a felony, and that another brother was shot not long ago in Utah for the murder of a police officer.

Immediately following the report of the big robbery, the police got busy and sent out descriptions of the man to the authorities of surrounding towns. It is thought the man heading for Murray to go into hiding there until a sharp look out for him and the detectives working on the case are confident he will be captured before long.

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President Fisher Harris Completes Plans for Convention Program.

TWELVE BUSY SESSIONS.

Three Will be Held on Each Day Culminating in Election of Officers Saturday.

Of Social Features a Tabernacle Concert Thursday Evening and a Trip to Logan Are Planned.

With the exception of a very few speeches the general program for the second annual Dry Farming congress, to convene in Salt Lake City Jan. 22, has been completed. Today it is given out by President Fisher Harris in its final form, and it calls for four days of the most strenuous activity.

On the morning of the first day, the opening exercises will be an invocation by Rev. P. A. Simpkin, following the call to order by Vice President Donohue of Colorado, and this in turn to be followed by an address of welcome by Gov. Cutler, another by Mayor Bransford, and a response by Hon. Bryant B. Brooks, governor of Wyoming.

The great scope of territory embraced in the dry farm movement is suggested by the fact that delegates come from 15 states, each one of which has a report to make on progress during the afternoon session of Wednesday.

SOCIAL FEATURE.

Thursday evening, the second day of the convention, the first social feature will be given. This will consist of a grand concert in the tabernacle, with seats specially reserved for all visiting delegates.

Again, on Sunday, following the adjournment of the congress, an excursion to Logan is planned, but not fully prepared yet for final announcement. The excursion features will reach a climax in the eleventh session, to be held Saturday afternoon. At this time the election of officers will be held and the place for holding the next meeting will be decided.

The program in full is as follows: Morning—Call to order by Vice President J. L. Donohue of Colorado. Invocation by Rev. P. A. Simpkin, pastor Phillips Congregational church.

Address of welcome by Hon. John C. Cutler, governor of Utah. Address of welcome by Hon. John S. Bransford, mayor of Salt Lake City.

Response to address of welcome by Hon. Bryant B. Brooks, governor of Wyoming.

Appointment of committee on resolutions.

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Afternoon—Report of committee on credentials.

Annual address by Vice President John L. Donohue of Colorado.

Reports from members of the executive committee on the progress of dry farming development during 1907, in the following states: Arizona, Idaho, Nebraska, North Dakota, Texas, Wyoming, California, Kansas, Nevada, Oklahoma, Utah, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, South Dakota, Washington.

Evening—"The Range and Dry Farming," by Prof. Gordon H. True of the University of Nevada.

State Aid in Dry Farming," by Dr. E. D. Bell, director, Utah experiment station.

To be announced.

THURSDAY, JAN. 23.

"Dry Farming—Past and Future," by Prof. E. C. Chilton, in charge of office of dry land agriculture, bureau of plant industry, U. S. department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

"The Fall Plowing of Dry Land," by Dr. E. R. Nichols, president Kansas State Agricultural college, Manhattan, Kas.

"The Relation of the Railroads to the Dry Farmer," by Mr. D. Clem Deaver, passenger department C. B. & Q. Ry., Omaha, Neb.

Afternoon—"Drouth Resistant Grain Crops," by Prof. W. M. Jarvis, assistant collector, office of grain investigations, bureau of plant industry