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## A CHICAGO HOTEL DEADLY FIRE TRAP

**Terrible Scenes in the Crowded House With Flames Cutting off Means of Escape.**

### FOURTEEN PERSONS KILLED BY THE FIRE AND SMOKE

**Majority Were Suffocated—Heroic Work of Firemen Amid the General Panic.**

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Fourteen persons, among the scores crowded into the Lincoln hotel at 176 Madison street, met death shortly before 6 o'clock this morning in a fire which will pass into local history as one of the most horrible Chicago has ever experienced.

Death came suddenly to a few, but with awful slowness to others who were penned in the death trap and suffocated, or burned to death. Some died in their rooms, some chanced all in jumping and lost, while others were found in the hallways where they had expired with their fingers dug into the cracks of the floor. All of the bodies were recovered, as the hotel was not destroyed.

Three of the victims including one who died on the way to the hospital, have not been identified.

The victims were taken to Ralston's morgue and all day the place was filled with anxious people interested in the dead, or seeking to assure themselves of the safety of friends or relatives.

The building was a fire trap of the worst kind, according to experts. There were but two exits, a narrow stairway leading down the four floors of the building, and an uncompleted fire escape in the rear.

The fire started on the second floor,

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from a lighted cigar dropped on the carpet. Guests occupying upper rooms in the front part of the hotel, aroused by the screams of a woman, were able to escape down the stairway, and about thirty people reached safety by means of the fire escape. To add to the horror, however, this gave way while others were attempting to escape and three men were dashed to death on the pavement of the alley below.

### BARRICADE OF FLAMES.

For the people in the rear there was no escape, save by jumping. The stairway was in flames and the fire escape gone. Horror stricken faces appeared at the windows and cried frantically for help. Firemen cried back at them to wait until nets or mattresses could be brought, and those who did it most cases escaped with slight injuries. But some, crazed with fright, jumped to the pavement and were either killed or badly hurt.

With great difficulty the fire although comparatively a small one, was subdued, but it was some time before the rescuers could penetrate the dense smoke which filled the place. It was an awful scene which met their gaze. The dead or unconscious lying stretched on the floors, and in some cases, on their beds. Some had attempted to slip on a garment before making for the street, but had been overcome, but most of them were in their night clothes. Every store and other hotels in the vicinity were filled with men and women who escaped only in their night gowns. An investigation will be made. A fire wall around the freight elevator and other precautionary alterations had been ordered some time ago, but the matter had been neglected.

### NO CHANCE OF ESCAPE.

The persons sleeping in the rear of the building on the top floors had no chance for their lives. A narrow stairway leading to all floors of the structure was afire and the escape of the lodgers in the rear of the building was cut off. Firemen and policemen were not reticent in speaking of what they witnessed at the catastrophe. They condemned the building as a fire trap. Ambulances and patrol wagons from all parts of the city were called to the place and the dead and injured were quickly attended to.

All but fourteen of the guests at the hotel were out of town people. Most of them came to Chicago to attend the International Live Stock show. Up to 10 o'clock last night guests were taken in at the hotel and in every room or place in which a cot could be occupied it is said they were accommodated. The hotel was filled. At that time a large number of stock men, with their families were turned away. Shortly after the fire broke out the firemen rushed up the stairway into the place and began the work of rescue. Men, women and children were carried down ladders, fire escapes and smoke filled halls. In one instance a fireman of engine company No. 2 saved a woman from running to the rear of the building to certain death on the fourth floor, only to be forced to drop her from the third floor to the roof of the building at No. 17 Madison street. The woman held her seven year old son in her arms. She was Mrs. J. Sheppard, and her son is named Frederick. She was then carried from the roof of the building to the Brevoort house where a physician was summoned. It was found that their injuries were slight.

The building is constructed of brick, with but one stairway leading to the upper floors and a fire escape in the front of the building.

E. C. Weber, the night clerk, was one of the first persons to discover smoke on the second floor. It is believed that the fire began in this section of the building. Weber refused to make any statement, and after he had secured possession of the register he was taken to the central station, where he is being detained.

### A GENERAL PANIC.

A short time after the fire was discovered consternation reigned on the upper floors. Mrs. Sheppard's son was one of the first to be awakened by the presence of smoke. He awakened his mother and both began screaming. Many persons were thus warned of the danger and their escape. The woman was so panic-stricken, however, that she was not among the first to attempt to get out of the hotel, and she was making her way into the most

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## NAVAL WAR GAME TO BEGIN TODAY

**Program of Mimic War in West Indian Waters Was Given Out Yesterday**

### FIRST GAME TO BE THE SCOUTING PROBLEM

**Fleets Under Admirals Sumner and Higginson Will Participate—The Rules.**

### THE TWO SQUADRONS ENGAGED DESIGNATED AS "WHITE FLEET" AND "BLUE FLEET" RESPECTIVELY.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The war games to be played by the war ships of the United States in the West Indies will commence tomorrow. The first game will be a search or scouting problem, program for which was announced this afternoon by the navy department. It will be a similar search problem to that enacted off the New England coast last summer. The South Atlantic and European squadrons, combined under the command of Admiral Sumner is designated as the White fleet and the North Atlantic squadron, under command of Admiral Higginson, as the Blue fleet. The object of the white fleet will be to secure a base in Porto Rican waters. If the white fleet enters the port selected and has worked an hour planting mines before the arrival of the blue fleet it wins. The white loses if it is interrupted at sea by the blue.

## MANY WOMEN TRIED IN UNITED STATES COURT

**For Being Involved in Illicit Whiskey Traffic.**

In United States court yesterday "moonshine" cases occupied the entire session. The court room was filled to its utmost capacity, and when the witnesses were called it took several seconds for them to reach the stand owing to the crowded condition of the room. One peculiarity of the proceedings in United States court for the past week has been the number of women involved in the illicit whiskey traffic.

In a case of retailing yesterday a one-armed man was being tried. During the trial Judge Boyd remarked that it was frequently the case for "moonshiners" to employ crippled persons for retailing because the courts, it was expected, would not deal so harshly with an offender of this kind if caught.

Judge Boyd made the routine of examinations and speeches less tiresome and monotonous by relating several humorous stories.

### GROUNDS ON WHICH MRS. MOLINEUX SUES FOR DIVORCE

Sioux Falls, Dec. 4.—It is stated that the grounds upon which Mrs. Molineux is suing for divorce are that while Molineux was in prison he employed detectives to shadow her, and by his distrust of her and in consequence of being followed by detectives she was caused such great mental suffering as to constitute cruel and inhuman treatment. The complaint also gives as the cause the wife's quarrel with the family of her husband in which the latter was involved. The courts here have granted divorce on less grounds.

### PROMINENT SOCIETY MAN WEDS

Bordentown, N. J., Dec. 4.—H. Archie Pell, the well known New York society and club man, was married here today to Mrs. Sara Cromwell Bent. The ceremony, which took place at the home of the bride, was an extremely quiet affair and was attended only by the relatives and a few close friends of the bride and bridegroom.

An eight-pound ten-ounce rutabaga was brought to the Gazette office yesterday. The huge vegetable was raised by Mrs. J. M. Lee of South Washington, N. C., and is a rare specimen of its kind.

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## AGRICULTURAL BOARD RETRENCHES

**Will Discontinue Soil Survey and an Topographical Work, on the Score of Economy—Work Too Big for Income.**

Special to the Gazette.

Raleigh, Dec. 3.—The agricultural board adopted the policy of retrenchment this morning and made some marked cuts in the budget for the next six months. The work has been extended, the board decided, beyond the scope of its income. The budget for the next six months foots up \$31,111. This includes everything. The last budget was \$47,000, nearly \$16,000 greater than the one adopted today. However, the other budget included expenses for the Charleston exposition exhibit and other outside things. It was decided to discontinue the soil surveys and topographical work in connection with the national government on the score of economy, it being stated that the work was too broad for the finances of the board.

## FIELD OFFICERS OF THE FIRST REGIMENT

**N. C. S. G. Elected at Statesville Yesterday—Armfield Re-elected.**

Capt. H. C. Chedester received a message from Captain Lindsey yesterday afternoon which contained the result of the election of field officers of the First regiment at Statesville yesterday.

The election is somewhat of a surprise to members of the Asheville military companies. According to the old rules of election, the number of votes taken by Captain Lindsey to Statesville would have made the election for the major of the first battalion a tie at least, if the votes had not secured the office for Captain Chedester.

The following is the result of the election: Col. J. F. Armfield of Statesville, re-elected colonel; Major Robertson of Charlotte, elected lieutenant colonel; Major Butler of Clinton, re-elected major of the first battalion; Major Flannigan of Statesville, former major of the third battalion, elected major of the second battalion; Captain Bessent of Winston, elected major of the third battalion.

Captain Bessent has been captain of the Forsyth Rifles for 22 years.

## M'CALL VS. ZACHARY AND JOHNSTON VS. CASE

**Two Interesting Cases Pending in Supreme Court**

Frank Carter returned yesterday from Raleigh where he represented the plaintiff in the case of McCall against Zachary, which is now before the Supreme court. The plaintiff seeks to recover from the defendant fees contracted while solicitor.

Judge Shuford and J. M. Gudgeon, jr., are counsel for the defendant and Frank Carter appeared for the plaintiff.

Another case of interest to Buncombe which is now before the Supreme court is that of Johnson against Case.

A large and valuable tract of land is involved in this litigation and its trial has recently consumed nearly all of two terms in the Superior court.

## Important Engagements

Should always be kept to the minute. Such an opportunity to get a high grade watch at cost prices should not be overlooked.

### Waltham, 18 Size

Vanguard, 21 jewels... \$25.00  
Crescent St., 21 jewels... 20.00  
A. T. & Co., premier, 17 jewels... 18.50  
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## THE CONDITION OF THE MINERS

**And Mine Inspection, Subjects of Testimony Before Commissioners Yesterday.**

### DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS IN LOWER LUZERNE DISTRICT

**According to the Testimony of a Minister—Mine Situation Is Simply**

**STORIES CIRCULATED BY AN AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED OUTSIDE OF COMMISSION HAVE NO FOUNDATION IN FACT.**

Seranton, Dec. 4.—Today's session of the strike commission was wholly devoted to hearing testimony in regard to inspection of the mines, remuneration of the miners and the condition of the miners' families.

Rev. Hussie occupied the stand most of the afternoon and told at length of the conditions prevailing among the miners' families in the lower Luzerne district. He asserted that the conditions in the county were deplorable, and declared but for charity and the system of insurance the miners possessed the miners would be unable to bury their dead.

He denounced newspaper stories of violence in the Luzerne district during the strike as exaggerations. Lenahan, for the independent operators, rigidly cross-examined Mr. Hussie, but failed to draw from him any damaging admission.

During the morning session evidence was adduced which pretty well established the fact that the present inspection of the mines was, to say the least, farcical.

Stories were circulated today that agreement would probably be reached outside of the commission, but it can be authoritatively stated that there is not the least chance of a settlement without the assistance of the commission.

## SHAMROCK HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM DESTRUCTION

London, Dec. 4.—So much of the cup challenger Shamrock as is finished narrowly escaped destruction by fire tonight. Fire destroyed the fitters shop of Deny Brothers at Dumbarton, where the yacht is being built.

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Narcissus Bulbs... \$2 for 50  
Crocus Bulbs, per dozen... \$1.00  
Calla Lily Bulbs... \$1.00  
Easter Lily Bulbs... \$1.00  
Potato Onion Sets, quart... \$1.50

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