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Year for Chicago.

THE LIST OF THE DEAD

The Most Accurate Estimate Makes it Five Hundred and Thirty.four. Others are Expected to Die of Injuries Received in Theatre.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Dec. 31 .- For the first time since Chicago has possessed bells to peal, whistles to shriek, and horns to blow, the Old Year was allowed silently to take its place in history and the New Year permitted to come with no evidence of joy at its birth.

In an official proclamation, issued this afternoon by Mayor Carter H. Harrison, he made the suggestion that the usual omitted. The idea found a ready response in the hearts of the people and the mayor's words in fact only gave utterance to the unexpressed thoughts that had filled them all.

Ordinarily, on New Year's eve the streets of the city are filled with merrymakers, but tonight the only throngs to be found were those around the morgues; ordinarily, numbers of fashionable restaurants in the heart of the city are filled with light-hearted revelers who toast the have no consideration. year that passed and hall the year that comes. Tonight these places were com-paratively deserted, and some of them closed entirely, with doors locked and curtains drawn. Usually among these gay people are found many members of the theatrical profession. Tonight not a single one of them was in evidence.

The list of dead continues as it was given last night, in the neighborhood of 560. It is generally accepted at this time that the most accurate estimate is bo This number will be increased somewhat as there are people in the hospitals who cannot survive for any length of time. It is believed, however, that the total number of dead will not in any event exceed 575. Including the missing, it is estimated that the total number of casualties at the present time is approximately

There are among the missing the names of many who are at their homes and of who were not at theatre at all. In the first excitement following the calamity these people were reported by their relatives as among the missing and numbers of them have since returned to their homes and no report of this fact has been made to police headquarters. Their names however still swell the list of the missing. When the names of the dead who are still to be identified have been subtracted from the list of the missing, it is probable that the extent of the catastrophe will be fully revealed.

There was animated discussion today among firemen, employes of the theatre and architects as to the cause of the fire. Accounts differ today as widely as they varied last night. The theatrical people are practically a unit in declaring that the fire started with an explosion, and in this they are flatly contradicted by scores of people in the audience who declare they saw the fire creeping along the edge of the curtain for several minutes before the explosion took place. These statements are substantiated by the their seats after seeing the blaze, and were well on their way to the street when overtaken by the frightened rush of those they had left behind them.

The best evidence obtainable is to the effect that the fire was caused by sparks from an arc light striking the edge of the drop curtain, but the actual fact, however, will not be known until after the conclusion of the coroner's inquest. There are so many statements at present and they differ so widely that it is impossible to ascertain the exact truth of the mat-

Although the Iroquois Theatre was undoubtedly the safest theatre in Chicago, it became evident today that the city City Hall will be closed on Saturday, building department had not strictly enforced one or two sections of the building

William Curran, a building inspector, was in the theatre only a few moments that day. before the catastrophe and went away saying that everything was in good condition. Deputy Building Commissioner the city hall he said:

"The theatre and its management were strictly within the law. I will not go in- fathers, mothers and more distant relato details until I have completed my re-

Section 18 of the local building ordinance provides that in buildings of the fruitless search for their loved ones or class to which the Iroquois Theatre belonged, there shall be a system of automatic sprinklers.

There were no sprinklers in the theatre, and Mr. Stanhope when this was called to his attention replied:

"There was no sprinkler system in the theatre, but the provision about the iron doors made it unnecessary for the theatre Section 189 of the ordinance provides at 8 a. m.

that theatres be equipped with fire alarms connected with the city fire system. City Electrician Hyland said:

"The Iroquois had no fire alarm con nection with the city alarm system. No application is on file for any such connec-

The alarm of fire, in fact, was turned in from a box over half a block distant from

The law provides also that there shall There'll be No Joyous New stage which will conduct flames and smoke The President Will Apaway from the auditorium in just such emergencies as arose yesterday. The Iroquois Theatre possessed no such ventilat-

> From the action of a committee of prom ment architects of Chicago, at a meeting tonight, may result a recommendation to Mayor Harrison to close every theatre in the city until its exits and construction have been examined. The idea was suggested to President Beaumont, of the Chicago Architects Association today by W. A. Pridmore, an architect who lost some relatives in the fire. President Baumont refused to personally make the recom mendation to Mayor Harrison, but called an informal meeting of the association at which it was decided that a larger gathering of the members would be held tomorrow and action at that time would be decided upon.

Mayor Harrison said tonight:

"I see no more reason for closing all the theatres than for stopping all rail-There is no necessity of getting hysterical about this matter, although this horrible disaster has taken place in probably the safest theatre in Chicago.'

Possibly nothing could better typify the depth of the sympathy which is felt for those who suffered directly by the calamity than the action of the striking livery drivers. By a vote, which was New Year's eve celebraton this time be without a dissenting voice, it was decided man Thomas S. Rollins, to whom is ento establish a truce of ten days. President Albert Young, of the Union, following the meeting, issued the following decree which was distributed broadcast:

lic caused by the fire at the Iroquois Theatre, I do hereby declare a truct in the present strike of undertakers and livery drivers for ten days, and do further request that every man now on strike applicant for the office is to be given a report at once to their respective places of employment, and do everything in his power to assist his employer in caring for the wants of the public. Wages are to

(Signed.) "ALBERT YOUNG."

affiliations with any and all organizations," and promising to protect them in at once.

failure of theatres to comply with the quiring them to employ a firemen. The for these offices. mayor directs the chief of the fire department to assign regular firemen to the theatres.

After dispatching this letter the mayor

several of them have refused in the past, I will close the doors of the theatres and keep them closed until they agree to act as they should."

All during the day telegrams of sym pathy to the people of Chicago and offers of aid poured in by telegraph upon the tion?" was asked. mayor. He announced tonight:

few persons will be found to have been abundantly cared for."

Among the telegrams of condolence received from abroad by the mayor were "Berlin.

'Mayor Harrison:

"Wish to express deepest sympathy on account of terrible catastrophe at Iroquois Theatre. Please let me know of missing and if some of my acquaintances stories of a number of people who left among them. What a terrible beginning of the New Year many good citizens of chicago will have.

(Signed) "HENRY OF PRUSSIA." From E. S. Willard, the actor, London, was received the following:

"Deepest sympathy with citizens mourn

Telegrams of condolence were also re-Mayor Collins, of Boston, and from dozens of the chief executives of cities between St. Louis and New York.

In addition to his proclamation issued during the afternoon suggesting that the Wallace, will more than likely be reusual New Year's festivities be abandoned, Mayor Harrison tonight made the annoncement that all departments of the January 2, on account of the calamity at the Iroquois Theatre.

He made the request that all business houses throughout the city also close on

On every train which arrived in Chicago during the morning came the rela tives of persons who were thought to Stanhope went to the theatre today to have been killed or injured in the fire. before going to Burlington, where he has make an inspection. Upon his return to The lobbies of the downtown hotels were the scenes of many happy meetings as well as anxious inquiries on the part of tives of whom no trace could be found. Many of these people returned to the hotels late in the evening after either a after finding a charred and disfigured body lying in the morgue-all that re- see any shutting down of factories in mained of the relative or friend for wh they had searched.

Feast of the Circumcision.

Today is the feast of the circumcision, natural processes has been thought of any a holy day of obligation in the Catholic account. church. Mass at the Sacred Heart Church

point Mrs. Russell.

A TALK WITH ROLLINS

Faith Imputed to Him by Miss Darby. Mrs. Shipp to be Given Clerkship in Raleigh.

(Special to News and Observer.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.-When the Senate convenes next Monday, the Presiway trains after a disastrous wreck. dent will send in the nomination of Mrs. tary-treasurer; W. W. Willoughby, Johns Russell, wife of ex-Governor Daniel L Hopkins University. Russell, as postmaster at Wilmington, to succeed Miss Darby, whose term of office has expired.

Mrs. Russell's appointment was agreed on this afternoon at a conference between the President and Republican State Chairtrusted the duty of selecting Federal officials in North Carolina.

Another result of this afternoon's con-"Owing to the great disaster to the pub- ference was an agreement by which Postmaster Barclay is to be continued in the postoffice at Lincolnton, and Mrs. Shipp, widow of Lieutenant Shipp, who was an clerkship in the office of Revenue Collec-

The mayor tonight in this connection and Windsor. Mr. Rollins will be in the ed the church with a holy Bible and a letter to all theatrical proprietors sent a letter to all theatrical proprietors city till Monday, and he said tonight that complete list of the published works and building ordinances relating to places of the President between now and that time amusement, especially that provision re- at which appointments would be made lowed by prayer from the church manual.

Touching the appointment of Mrs. Ruseach theatre, their wages to be paid by sell, as postmaster at Wilmington, Mr. Rollins said: "I recommended her on Hampshire, the home of Mrs. Eddy, this strictly personal grounds and I believe granite being used as a token of love for "As you are now, so once was I; every Republican in the State will endorse "If any one of the theatrical managers the appointment. When she was in the refuses to pay the wages of these men, as executive mansion at Raleigh she treated the Republicans of the State in such delightful manner as to make them, and it was because of this that I decided to recommend her for the office to which she was today appointed."

"Was she an applicant for the posi-

"No," replied Mr. Rollins, "She was in "I have received many ofers of aid. no sense an applicant. I originally sug-It may be before we get through this a gested her and neither she nor her husband knew I had made the suggestion till put to need, but Chicago will be able to Governor Russell came here in behalf of give that aid herself. Most of those Miss Darby. Then he was told at the killed and injured, now identified, can be White House that I had recommended Mrs. Russell, and that I would, under no consideration, consent to the re-appointment of Miss Darby.'

"It is not true, then, as Miss Darby claims, that Governor Russell played her false, accepting a fee to come here for her and then secured the appointment for his wife."

"It is not true," replied Mr. Rollins. 'Governor Russell knew absolutely nothing of the recommendation in behalf of ers. The new firm will begin business in boro and has gone there. His location his wife, or of my opposition to Miss a few days at the stand which has been Darby, till he reached Washington. made the recommendation without his wards, who conducted a saloon, and who knowedge, and I secured the appointment will have to retire from business today

without his assistance in any way." Asked what truth there was in the reported offer to Miss Darby that if she would give up the fight for re-appointment, she should become assistant, Mr. ceived from Mayor Low, of New York, Rollins said he had no knowledge of any such offer. He said no arrangement as to an assi ant had yet been made. It is learned, however, from an authoritative source that the present assistant, Mr. tained. It is expected that Mrs. Russell will be confirmed at once and take chrage of the office some time next week.

When Mr. Rollins called at the White House this afternoon, he was accompanied in the terrible catastrophe which has beby Judge Pritchard and his two sons, Arthur and George. Judge Pritchard called simply to introduce the boys, who are at home for the holidays. He took no part in the conference regarding appointments, said Mr.

Mr. Lawrence Holt, who resides here, milling interests, said:

"It is a fact that a great many of our Southern mill men are scarce of raw material. Very few of us have as much year: cotton on hand as we would like, but still I do not take a gloomy view of the situation. Somehow we have always before this managed to get a supply, and so we will not suffer. I do not look to Treasurer, Lucius Perry Hills, Atlanta. nev section.

"The high price of the product and the sharp demand have brought about some unusual conditions. In the past only the cotton that has opened in the boll by

"This season in some of the States the frame house on North Harrington street, farmers have even gathered the unopened \$300.

bells, those that never would have burst apart, owing to the lateness of the season, and placing them in a threshing ma-chine have extracted from them an inferior grade of cotton, which, in spite of its off-colore and short fiber, commanded a fair price, and was a consider able addition to the regular crop." FRED L. MERRITT.

The Economic Association.

(By the Associated Press.) New Orleans, Dec. 31 .- At the third day's session of the American Economic Association the trust problem was treated in an elaborate paper by Prof. Henry C. Adams, of the University of Michigan The following officers were elected President, Frank W. Taussig, of Harvard; First Vice-president, Irving Fisher, of Yale; Second Vice-president, John H. Garry, of Northwestern University; He Says Russell is Guiltless of Bad Third Vice-president, Dr. John Graham Books, of Cambridge, Mass.; Secretary and Treasurer, Frank A. Fetter, of Cornell. Members attending the American Eco nomic and American Historical Associa tions have formed the American Political Science Association. Its object is the study of politics, public law, administra-

tion and diplomacy. These officers have been elected: Prof. F. J. Goodnow, Columbia University; President Woodrow Wilson, Prince ton; Paul S. Reinach, University of Wisconsin; Simon E. Baldwin, Yale, secre

Christian Scientists Lay the Corner Stone at New Berne.

(Special to News and Observer.) New Bern, N. C., Dec. 31 .- Today the Christian Scientists laid the corner stone tor Duncan at Raleigh. An arrangement of their new church. The exercises were to this effect was made by Chairman Rol- conducted at 1245 o'clock by Miss lins with Collector Duncan some weeks Mary Hatch Harrison, C. S. B., first ago, and it today received the approval reader of the First Church of Christ In their turn the employers issued a of the President, who wants an excuse Scientists. They consisted of Scripture call to their striking employes to return to do something for Mrs. Shipp. She will second Corinthians 4, 1-7. Silent prayer to work, "irrespective of any previous enter upon her duties in the revenue office was followed by audible repetition of our affiliations with any and all organiza-Lard's Prayer. Miss Harrison then made the dispensary officers, and not for pub-Two other postmasterships that will be a wappropriate remarks, ending with lie inspection. current publications of the society for the

The stone was then laid. This was fol. the dispensary will be allowed. The foundation of the church is to be of Concord granite. The corner stone is of Mr. John Swenson, of Concord, New her. The location is on the corner of Middle and Broad streets. .

Small Wreck, Small Damage.

(Special to News and Observer.) Goldsboro. N. C., Dec. 31.-The Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad had a small wreck today just as the morning passenger train was approaching the usual stopping place in front of the Hotel Kennon. Just after passing the Mulberry street crossing the front wheels of the hindmost truck under the second-class coach jumped the track at the switch and bumped along on the crossties for one hundred yards. No damage of consequence was done, but the passengers on that car were very much frightened and shaken up considerably. The slow speed at which the train was running prevented very serious

trouble. The Higgins Drug Company has recent ly been organized in this city with a full paid up capital stock. Several prominent location is now part of the dispensary. business men of Goldsboro are stockhold-I occupied for years by Mr. John W. Edon account or prohibition which goes into effect tomorrow.

Roosevelt Wires Sympathy.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Dec. 31.-The following message was received today: Washington, December 31.

'To Hon. Carter H. Harrison, Mayor, Chicago:

"In common with all our people throughout this land, I extend to you, to the people of Chicago, my deepest sympathy fallen them.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

The "Spouters" Flect Officers.

(By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 31 .- The Southern Association of Elocutionists have elected the following officers for the ensuing

President, Fran K. Stowe, Lebanon, Tenn.; Vice-president, Miss Alice May Youse, Baltimore; Corresponding Secretary, Dr. A. E. Nooth, Huntington, Tenn.;

Building Permits.

The following building permits were isued during December: Mrs. J. W. Woodard, one room frame house on East Hargett street, \$138. W. A. Wyatt, repairs to four-room

Night at Midnight.

PLANS FOR FUTURE

Some Saloonmen Will Remain Here in Other Lines of Business---Some Go to Farming and Others Will Conduct Saloons Elsewhere.

The dispensary begins its operations in Raleigh at seven o'clock this morni At midnight last night the twenty-three iquor houses in the city went out of business because of the law.

Many of them closed before the day was over, as the proprietors had disposed of all their stock. In some of the saloons there were crowds during the afternoon and late last night, while in others the counters had been torn out and the busi-

tA the dispensary all was activity yes terday and last night in the way of preparation for the opening today. The brick walls between the three stores rented on Exchange Place had been cut through and the rooms made practically one. Two of these, with a long counter running through are to be used as the general salesrooms, while the third will be used for storage and filling rooms, the cellars and the rooms overhead being set aside for the same purpose.

The shelving is in place as is the counter, on the shelves are the various brands bought by the Dispensary Commissioners and on the counter there is fastened a book in which the sales are to be recorded as they are made, the name of the buyer, the brand, and the quantity bought each to be written in this book, which is for This morning the first sales will be made

business will be conducted withou screens, and no drinking or loitering in

One saloon man, in the closing day of the business yesterday, took to poetry plain, marked A. D., 1903, and is the gift and prophesy. The following original verse has been posted in window: TO THE DISPENSER.

As I am now, so you must be; Remember two years, and look for me.

(Signed) S. T. SMITH. Being asked as to the meaning of his verse Mr. Smith said that in two years he expected that there would be either prohibition or high license in Raleigh.

The men who go out of the liquor business by the incoming of the dispensary, and their plans, so far as learned, are as follows: ED. V. DENTON .- Remains here. Will

look after his farming interests and will conduct a restaurant and billiard parier at his present location on Fayetteville S. T. SMITH .- Will locate in the saloon business in either Richmond or Baltimore.

His store on Exchange place next to the

dispensary will be used either as a drug

store or a dairy lunch. JOHN U. SMLTH .- Will conduct a saloon on Broad street in Richmond. His MACK DIXON .- Has a saloon in Tar-

now part of the dispensary. R. W. YOUNG .- Will conduct a billiard and pool room in Charlotte. His location is now part of the dispensary.

A. L. BAILEY.-Will open a bar in

Spring Hope, Nash county. His store on Wilmington street will be occupied by Dewar and Wilder, wholesale grocers. L. N. WHITE.-Will remain in Raleigh and has not determined as to nis plans. His place on Wilmington street will be used by the Prince Hardware Company. W. H. BROUGHTON .- Goes to Charlotte in charge of the Buford Hotel Saloon. His place on Fayetteville stret known as the Acme Wine Company, will be used by the Western Union Telegraph Company. No arrangement has been made about the Capital Club Saloon. MILLER AND WEST .- The Yarborough

the saloon business in Greensboro. R. C. BATCHELOR.-Will go to Rich BENSON AND KELLY .- Have not deeided on any plans yet.

House bar is closed and a cafe will be in-

stalled. Messrs. Miller and West are in

A. G. DENTON .- Will look after his farming interests in Wake. NICK DEBOY .- Will engage in farm ing. Has bought a farm from Col. T. M.

ing in Virginia afternoon papers today. W. D. BRIGHT.-Will go to Chatham and engage in farming. His place will be made a clothing store. C. W. HOOVER .- Not decided as to his

plans. His place will be used as a dry C .F. SHEEK.-Will go to Hamlet where he has a distillery.

A. O. WADFORD.-Has not decided May loo after farming interests. J. D. CARROLL .- Will conduct a restaurant at his present place on Wilming-

P. B. GRIFFIS.—Has not decided, but adopted by a vote of five to three.

will first seek work here and may go to some other place later.
GADD & PENNINGTON.—Will conduct

a restaurant at their place on Hargett street.

J. E. HAMLIN.-Will conduct a restaurant and pool-room for colored people at his place on Wilmington street.

The representative of the Robert Portner Brewing Company, T. J. Fuquay, will remove his headquarters to Rocky Mount. Barrooms Closed Last Messrs. Rosenthal and Ferrall, will eliminate the sale of liquors and continue their

grocery business. Many people who buy liquors have laid in a supply from the firms going out of business, and it is expected that for some time the dispensary sales will be light.

THE SOUTHERN CONSOLIDATES.

Eastern and Western Districts. Office at Greensboro Wiped Out.

(Special to News and Observer.) Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 31.-It is announced here that the eastern and western district of the Southern Railway have been consolidated. C. S. McManus, present General Superintendent of the western district, with office at Birmingham, Ala., becomes Superintendent. The genera loffices will be transferred to Atlanta. S. J. Collins, General Superintendent of the eastern district, office at Greensboro, retires.

The news created surprise an dregret here. A large force of office men and women will lose employment unless work is provided elsewhere.

DR. McIVER SPOKE.

Southern Educational Association in Session at Atlanta.

(By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 31.-Matters pertaining to the advancement of schools throughout the South were discussed at today's session of the Southern Educational As-

sociation. President Charles D. McIver, of the North Carolina State Normal and Industrial College, spoke on "Local Taxation." The subject of school attendance was discussed by J. H. Phillips, of Birmingham,

Pennypacker Still Holds Back.

(Special to News and Observer.) Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 31.-When Governor Pennypacker, of Pennsylvania, refused some time ago to honor the requisition of Governor Aycock for William Ingram, a negro in jail there charged with committing a murder here several years ago, he gave as his reason that there had dispensary will be closed at sundown. The been no bill of indictment found. Soliciexplaining that no bill of indictment was sent before the grand jury because, among other things, the prisoner had fled, and it was a great saving of costs to the county to keep it off the docket until there was some probability of the alleged murderer benig captured. Today an answer came fro mthe Governor, stating that the explanation is not satisfactory; that he must have affidavits showing why no bill of indictment was found, and that he still fails to understand anw how, for three years after a murder was committed no bill of indictment was ever sent before the grand jury. The chief of police of Harrisburg writes Chief Scott that he will hold Ingram until court meets in January.

Two Killed, a Third Mortally Hurt.

(By the Associated Press.) Roanoke, a., Dec. 31.-News was received here today of an accident on Tuesday of Fugate's Lumber plant, in Tasewell county, this State, which resulted in the death of two men, the fatal injury of another and the serious injury of three others. Six men were in a car on an incline railroad when the car broke loose and dashed down the mountain-side to the rocks below. The dead:

JOHN CARTER, aged 22, married. RILEY HOUCHINS, aged 21, unmarried. The injured: Walter Kennedy, aged 28, narried, will die; Edward Burke, Ed. Houchins, Matthew Low.

Had a Narrow Escape.

(By the 'Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Dec. 31.-M B. Florseim, of Richmond, had a narrow escape from death in the Iroquois theatre fire. He left the building, leaving behind his overcoat, hat and gloves.

Mr. Florsheim is in Chicago on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Florsheim, and his brother-in-law, I. Flegenheimer, both of whom formerly lived in Richmond.

One of the Victims.

(By the Associated Press.) Newport News, Va., Dec. 31.-Miss Minnie Overlook, of Middlesex county, Va., whose escape from the Iroquois theatre wa sreported in today's Associated Press story from Chicago, is well known in society of Saluda, Middlesex county, Va. mond and open a bar on Main street. Before going to Chicago she wrote to her His place on Martin street is for rent. friend, Mrs. T. J. Chewning, of this city. friend, Mrs. T. J. Chewning, of this city, that she would pay her a visit here before returning to her home in Middlesex. Miss Overlook was reported among the missing in Wednesday night" report of the disaster and to this probably is due the erroneous report of her death appear-

Disbandment of Negro Troops.

(By the Associated Press.) Savannah, Ga., Dec. 31.-At a meeting of the executive committee of the Officers' Association of Georgia State troops, a resolution was adopted recommending the disbandment of the colored troops of this

State. The introduction of the resolution was attended by bitter argument and was