



Identifying Bodies of 162 Victims of Theatre Fire Cortelyou Denies He Has Resigned From the Cabinet Record of Insane Persons in Thaw Family Goes to Jury



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FIRE VICTIMS FROM RUINS OF THEATRE CLAIMED FOR BURIAL

In Four Morgues at Boyertown 165 Dead Lay in Rows While Relatives Pass and Repass, Identifying Bodies of Loved Ones.

BOYERTOWN, Pa., Jan. 15.—With the opening to-day of the four improvised morgues in which lay victims of Monday night's theatre fire, the inhabitants of this little village faced a new phase of the holocaust. The hand of sorrow has probably touched every family in the town and in neighboring villages. Where families were not directly affected by the awful happening through the loss of relatives there was mourning for lost friends or acquaintances.

The four buildings used as morgues contain 165 bodies, all of which were taken from the ruins. The deaths of three other persons bring the total list of known fatalities up to 168. The three undertaking establishments of the borough were too small to accommodate the large number of victims, so the borough officials decided to use the high school.

Undertakers from surrounding towns were pressed into service to care for the bodies as they arrived from the ruins. To each body was attached a tag containing a number and with the corpse was laid any article of jewelry or clothing that might have been in the possession of the victim. Most of the bodies were in such condition that few of them could be recognized by the features alone.

When the doors of the buildings were thrown open to-day hundreds of persons were waiting at each place to get a look at the bodies in the hope of finding the remains of loved ones. Perfect order was maintained. At each of the morgues a detail of the State police was on duty to keep the crowds moving. As quickly as identifications were made the bodies were turned over to undertakers for removal to the homes of the victims.

It is probable that more than half the dead will be laid away in nameless graves, as identification is extremely difficult. So far as boys and girls and undertakers could ascertain from the charred remains and clothing the of the dead were women and girls and the remainder men and boys.

Of the bodies claimed not one of them was identified by the features, but were carried by surviving relatives by means of jewelry or clothing found on the corpses.

While public attention was directed to the morgues, considerable headway was being made in clearing out the ruins of the opera-house. It is generally believed that several bodies are still buried in the ruins in the cellar of the building.

Coroner Investigating.

Coroner Strasser is making an investigation preliminary to the official inquest. "It was the saddest picture I ever looked upon," he said. "No living soul can depict the scene. It was simply indescribable. I shall make a thorough investigation leading up to what I consider the most horrible affair that ever occurred in Eastern Pennsylvania."

The coroner's attention was called to the fact that oil lamps were used for footlights in the opera-house in place of a stationary illumination. He said he would make a thorough inquiry.

Only two of those who took part in the entertainment, so far as can be learned, were killed. This is due to a precaution taken by Mrs. Della Mayer. She had a premonition that something would happen. At a luncheon given to the members of the cast in the hall several days ago she said she feared something. There ought to be a means of escape, she said. The rear entrance was spoken of, and at her suggestion the doors were taken off the hinges so that in case of accident egress could easily be accomplished.

Henry W. Fischer, of Carlisle, Pa., the operator of the calcium light, which was the original cause of the theatre disaster, made his escape from the burning building, although sustaining severe burns. Mr. Fischer said: "The accident to the calcium light was caused by a gas leak. Just as I was blowing out. This caused a sharp report and flash which startled the people in the audience. I ducked to my apparatus, and finally got the leak repaired and succeeded in quieting the alarmed people. Just as I had them calmed the foolish action of some thoroughly frightened and wild person on the stage caused the over-enthusiastic approval of the flames, which nothing could avert. Not until then did I desert my post and seek my own safety in flight."

ARREST CRANK AT THAW TRIAL FOR THREATS TO THE JUDGE

W. R. MONTGOMERY HAMILTON BANK HEAD, IS INDICTED

Charged in Two Counts With
Having Overdrawn
His Account.

The Special Grand Jury impaneled at the beginning of the year by Justice Dowling to look into conditions in some suspended banks returned two indictments this afternoon against William R. Montgomery, president of the Hamilton Bank. Mr. Montgomery is accused of overdrawn his account in the bank in violation of Section No. 63 of the Penal Code.

The overdrafts occurred while Mr. Montgomery was vice-president of the bank and in charge of the Bronx branch. The indicted bank president had been waiting around the Criminal Courts Building for several hours in company with his counsel, Howard Gans, in anticipation of an indictment. He lost no time in giving himself up to the District Attorney.

Charge of Overdrafts.

On Sept. 6, it is alleged in the indictment, Mr. Montgomery overdraw his account \$21,000. On Oct. 29 he made an overdraft of \$12,550. A number of witnesses were examined in connection with the Hamilton Bank suspension, among them Mr. Montgomery. He thought he had explained the overdrafts until he received word to-day that the Grand Jury would take action against him.

It has not been long since a crowd of Mr. Montgomery's neighbors in the Bronx, headed by a brass band, serenaded him at his residence one night and lauded him to the skies. With tears in his voice Mr. Montgomery made a speech in which he pledged his own honesty. Not long after the serenade the Grand Jury began to sift the dealings of Mr. Montgomery with the Hamilton Bank, and the indictments are the result.

Mr. Montgomery's alleged overdrafts happened while E. R. Thomas was connected with the Hamilton Bank.

Montgomery Arraigned.

Proceedings in the Thaw trial were halted when Mr. Montgomery was arraigned before Justice Dowling this afternoon. Through his counsel, Mr. Gans, he entered a plea of not guilty, with the usual reservation of rights. Bail was fixed at \$2,500 on each indictment. William H. Bekirnie, of No. 336 Broadway, a director of the Hamilton Bank, furnished the \$5,000 bond.

COURT APOLOGIZES TO MAN HE HAD ORDERED FROM ROOM

Judge Rosasky to-day declared from the bench of General Sessions that he had been misled yesterday by Deputy Attorney-General John Palmieri in regard to the alleged facts which caused him to order Isaac Alexander, a spectator, from the courtroom. Mr. Palmieri stated that Alexander had made signs to a juror sitting in the case of Anderson Lewis, charged with colonizing in the Seventeenth Assembly District during the last election.

"I have sent word to Mr. Alexander and will apologize for ordering him out," said Justice Rosasky. "The facts did not warrant the assertions of the Attorney-General's representative." Mr. Palmieri's charge of signaling caused Justice Rosasky to discharge the juror. After an investigation the juror to whom Alexander was said to have motioned was reinstated and is again in the jury box. His name is Max Schiff. The case was on trial to-day.

CAPT. LANTRY SAVES HIS MOTHER FROM DEATH IN FIRE

Carries Her Through Flames to Roof of Nearby House and Then to Street—She Refuses to Go to Hospital.

Police Capt. John J. Lantry rescued his mother, who is eighty years old, from death by fire in a blaze which started mysteriously in her apartments, at No. 250 East Fifty-first street, to-day.

At the head of the police reserves of the East Fifty-first street station, where he commands, he rushed to the building, mounted the three flights of stairs, picked up the unconscious woman and carried her two flights to the roof and over to safety on a nearby building. He then brought her to the ground floor and called for an ambulance.

Mrs. Lantry regained consciousness and began to moan pitifully.

For the first time the heroic captain and son noticed that his mother was severely burned about the face and hands.

One of the captain's men telephoned for the Flower Hospital ambulance. Mrs. Lantry refused to go to the hospital, saying that her burns were not serious. She was taken to the apartments of friends, where three doctors treated her burns.

Her Clothing Burning.

Lantry is the brother of Fire Commissioner Francis J. Lantry. He was standing at his desk when the alarm rang. Ringing for the reserves, he was off like a shot toward his home. Two blocks away he saw smoke coming from the apartments occupied by himself and mother.

Several maids were running down the stairs when the Captain entered the building. As he opened the door a cloud of smoke almost knocked him off his feet. He saw his mother prostrate on a chair.

The flames from the burning carpets and curtains were creeping near her feet. The fringe on a shawl which touched the floor had ignited. The aged woman was too frightened to speak.

Lantry picked his mother up tenderly, wrapped her in a blanket and started his trip to the roof of the adjoining building. His men stamped out the blaze and saved the apartment.

Alone in Apartment.

Mrs. Lantry was alone in the apartment when the fire started. It is thought that she was enjoying an afternoon nap when the heater in the room became too hot and ignited the carpet and tassels of a curtain nearby.

A crowd collected in front of the building, and when the aged woman refused to be removed in the ambulance the Captain and mother were roundly cheered.

PRISON OFFENSE TO GAMELE ON RACE TRACKS

Fine Would Amount to Nothing, Says Gov. Hughes, Who Has Turf Bills Revised.

(Special to The Evening World.)
ALBANY, Jan. 15.—The anti-race-track gambling bills have finally been put in shape to meet the ideas of Gov. Hughes. The provision for a fine has been eliminated, in order, as the Governor explained this afternoon, to make the bills effective.

NOTTER IN THE SADDLE AGAIN AT NEW ORLEANS

Gets Telescope Home in First Mount After Two Weeks' Suspension.

(Special to The Evening World.)
NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 15.—With a stake event at one mile and a six furlongs sprint that enlisted the services of horses that belong in stake company to feature it, the programme at the Fair Grounds to-day was far above the average for midweek racing. The stake number was the magnet, which is for three-year-olds and upward, under selling conditions. In the matter of weights the pitch was low, and as a result some who would have been heavily burdened were in with light imposts.

In the matter of actual weight carried, Grimaldi was at the top, with 10 pounds, simply because his owner valued him more highly by \$50 than did the owners of any of the others.

The company engaged in the race was of first class and as it stood over night the race was good enough to attract an extra following to the course.

The spirit was for three-year-olds and upward, under selling conditions. In consequence the attendance showed improvement and the betting rink a corresponding amount of business.

Weather conditions were much improved and this was recorded as one of the very few really good days that have been served for racing at the Fair Grounds this season.

PIRST RACE—Purse \$100, four-year-olds and upward, selling, seven furlongs—Telescope, 108 (Notter), 5 to 2, over and 1 to 2, won by two lengths; Hambley, 108 (J. Lee), 5 to 1, 6 to 1, and 3 to 1, second; Gambirva, 108 (S. Haged), 6 to 1, 5 to 1, and 3 to 1, by a head; 1302-5 Donna Elvira, Beatrice, N. Moya, Lady Vincent, Husted, Rebo, Lady Ethel, Topsy Robinson and Dr. Nash also ran.

SECOND RACE—Purse \$100, for four-year-olds and up; five furlongs—Colony, 119 (S. Haged), 4 to 5, 1 to 4 and out won by fair length; Toy Boy, 103 (V. Powers), 11 to 5, 3 to 5 and out, second; Momentum, 100 (Brussell), 5 to 1, 2 to 2 and 6 to 5, third; Time—1:02 High Class, Oceanomeo, Frontenac, Pitty, Gilpin, Allowmaine, Eldorado, Suffolk, Combs, Sam, Pustide and Morales also ran.

THIRD RACE—Purse \$50; three-year-olds; six furlongs—Angelus, 106 (Notter), 8 to 5, 7 to 10 and 4 to 1, by a head; Penasco, 105 (A. Notter), 5 to 1, 2 to 1 and 4 to 5, 2, Apache, 102 (W. Ott), 4 to 1, 8 to 5 and 7 to 10, third; Time—1:40-45. Has Dancy, Hawaiian, Mikko, Zingaro, Sally Preston, Pasadena and Grimaldi also ran.

FOURTH RACE—Purse \$50, added; the Michael Sells Stake, three-year-olds and upward; one mile—Padro, 109 (J. McCahery), 5 to 1, 2 to 1 and 4 to 5, 1, by a head; Penasco, 105 (A. Notter), 5 to 1, 2 to 1 and 4 to 5, 2, Hyperion, 2d, 107 (J. Lee), 7 to 5 and 1 to 4, 3, Time—1:40-45. Has Dancy, Hawaiian, Mikko, Zingaro, Sally Preston, Pasadena and Grimaldi also ran.

BROKER KIMBALL DEAD.

Samuel F. Kimball, who had been a member of the New York Stock Exchange since 1853, died last evening after a long illness at his home, No. 24 West Seventy-fourth street. He had for a number of years made his office with Charles E. Quinby & Co., No. 40 Broadway.

CATARRH CONQUERED.

Directors of Big Laboratory Make New Discovery.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—The phenomenal success which attended the new famous drug, has accomplished in curing the catarrh, bronchitis and catarrh of the throat, has brought to this country has resulted in the decision by the directors of the Austrian Lab. Co., at No. 33 West Twenty-fifth street, New York City, to place acetate on sale for fifty cents at all the leading drug stores in New York and Brooklyn, including Riker's and Hugenana's. The full month's treatment of acetate may be obtained at the regular price of \$2 at the stores also.

It is universally admitted that acetate is the only positive permanent cure for asthma known in this country. It is safe and no other remedy has so large a number of cures to its credit.—Adv.

Writer of "Black Hand" Missives, Who Also Sent Them to Counsel and Jury, Is Captured in Court.

COUSIN OF PRISONER TELLS OF INSANITY IN FAMILY.

Three of Father's Blood Kinsfolk Died in Asylum—Doctors Put Records Into Evi- dence—Witnesses Tell of Thaw's Er- ratic Acts With Climax in Tragedy.

Justice Dowling ordered the arrest this afternoon of a man who said he was Cole White, and who has been sending threatening letters to the Judge, jury and lawyers in the Thaw case. White was arrested by Lieutenant Detective Peter Berry as he was about to send in a missive, impressed with a black hand, to Justice Dowling.

The following are two of the letters sent by the crank to the Court: "New York, Dec. 30, '07."

"Judge V. C. Dowling,
"Dear Sir: Nobody in the world knows why Stanford White lost his life. I, Cole White, must know, or lose my life. Will you send me a card of admission to the trial, and send it to Cole White, care of General Delivery, New York City, at once, and oblige."

Inside the folded sheet was the inky imprint of a hand. The second letter read:

"Judge V. C. Dowling,
"Dear Sir: I am the man, Cole White, who wrote you two letters and have received no answer. I am the Cole White who must find out why Mr. White lost his life or lose my own life, and will you see me and let me speak for a few minutes, and then you will know whether I am right or wrong."
"Respectfully,
COLE WHITE."

After the man was taken to the Tombs he was arraigned in the Centre Street Court and committed to Bellevue Hospital by Magistrate Harris.

Thaw's Cousin Tells of Three In Family Who Died Insane

Counsel for Harry K. Thaw managed this afternoon to get before the jury in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court verbal and written record of insane ancestors of Stanford White's slayer.

Alfred D. Thaw, second cousin of the prisoner, brought from Richmond, Va., to testify, was the first witness of Thaw blood who has appeared in the case. He told of the insanity of Horace Thaw, his father's brother, and of the direct examination.

Previous to this, testimony was given tending to show that White's murder was the climax of a long succession of erratic acts, which became most eccentric just before the shooting.

One important witness was the steward at the White Club, where Thaw played cards in the afternoon immediately preceding the shooting.

And there was a telegraph operator who formerly was at a hotel where Thaw lived with Evelyn Nesbit before he married the chorus girl. Their testimony dealt mainly with seemingly froliclike things the young Pittsburger had done and said.

Delaying Evelyn's Appearance.

Mr. Littleton admitted that he was simply filling in the gap with comparatively unimportant evidence while waiting for the arrival of material witnesses from other cities and other countries.

He doesn't want to put Evelyn Thaw or Mrs. William Thaw on the stand, and he doesn't want to start in with his allegations until he has thoroughly traced Harry Thaw's life through all its erratic chapters to the point where he heard the story which, according to his law-

The Ailment:
"What You Want—When You Want It—It Is"
The Symptoms:
A desire to go to work. Longing for a competent worker. An anxiety to make money. An idle search for a better home. Skirmishing about for bargains. A futile search for lost articles. Asking people where to borrow money. A vain effort to sell Real Estate.
The Remedy:
The best recommendation of a medicine is its universal usage, which means its proven effectiveness.
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separate advertisements have been printed in The World during the last year—1907.
292,747 More
than in the Herald or any other newspaper in this or any other country.
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NEW YORK WORLD:
We recently had occasion to require the services of copyists in our office and we placed an advertisement in The World and in two other papers. We were simply deluged with answers to The World Adv., receiving something like 900 replies, while the TOTAL number of answers from the TWO OTHER PAPERS COMBINED was less than 25 per cent. of that number.
This conclusively proves to our satisfaction that The World is the greatest advertising medium extant.
Very truly yours,
CAPRICORN CHEMICAL CO.,
14 Lexington Ave., New York.

**READING DECLARES
PREFERRED DIVIDEND.**
PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 15.—The Board of Directors of the Reading Company at a meeting this afternoon, declared the usual semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent.