

ed burning to death attempting to re-enter the building. He said he stumbled over a dozen unconscious persons lying just inside the street door.

H. T. Conner of Ellinwood, Neb., who was asleep in a room on the second floor, was awakened by a woman's scream. He found the hallway choked with men and women. He rushed to the rear, and found a window near a fire escape. He made his way to the street unhurt. Conner says it was impossible for any persons in the hall to have escaped.

Many of the rescued persons declared doors were locked, and the fire escapes were inadequate, resulting in the penning of the guests in the halls.

Late this afternoon, while the fire was still smoldering, firemen began searching the debris for bodies. Police were forced to battle with the crowd which gathered around the hotel, fearing relatives had perished.

The hotel register was destroyed. Some of the dead will never be identified. Police say that some of the persons who escaped have gone to their homes. Many women were taken to stores when rescued, and later disappeared.

The hotel at various times accommodated guests who remained for but one night, and sought to avoid publicity.

During the last eight months Japanese have been coming into the U. S. at the rate of 800 per month.

NEW WITNESS IN PLOT AGAINST LABOR

New York, Feb. 28.—New witnesses were taken before the district attorney today and backed up Harry Wagner's story of how the four clothing manufacturing contractors now in the Tombs hired him to "get" Abraham Steinberg, business agent of the Buttonhole Workers' Union.

Officials of that union said today that when the full details of the plot to murder Steinberg were known that plot would be revealed as one of the most hideous in history.

They say that the manufacturers first planned to get Steinberg months ago, and that the murder only was delayed for lack of an available tool, who afterward appeared in the person of Wagner, whom the contractors had in their power.

Long before the present garment workers' strike was called Steinberg was the object of the manufacturers' hatred. They blamed him for the activity of factory inspectors, who forced them to make radical improvements.

Boston, Feb. 28.—Nine thousand dress and shirtwaist workers—mostly women and girls—went on strike today. They were called out by Pres. Rosenberg and Vice Pres. Mitchell of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

Michael Hargarden, bartender, 3112 Prairie av., found dead in his room. Gas.