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KNICKERBOCKER'S BUILDERS TO FACE CORONER'S JURY TOMORROW

DR. NEVITT TO PRESIDE AT HEARING

Panel Sworn Over Body of Mary E. Atkinson, Victim of Roof Crash.

A coroner's jury will begin its probe of the Knickerbocker Theater disaster prmptly at 10 o'clock tomorrow in the board room in the District building, with Dr. J. Ramsay Nevitt, District coroner, presiding. He will be aided by officials of the District Attorney's office in the questioning of the witnesses.

Jury Is Sworn.

The jury, consisting of William W. Riley, lumber merchant; C. J. Gilbert, of the Hugh Riley Paint Company; W. A. Winter, of the M. A. Winter Drug Company; M. W. Kelly, of the Washington Gaslight Company; H. D. Long and R. C. Brown, a paint dealer, have been sworn over the body of Miss Mary E. Atkinson, one of the victims of the disaster.

The thirty or more witnesses summoned have been instructed that they are to "testify in a matter of inquiry concerning the death of Miss Mary E. Atkinson, et al.," and are enjoined not to fail to appear.

Included in the list of witnesses aree J. P. Hacker, former District building inspector, who passed on the plans and specifications for the construction of the Knickerbocker; Reginald W. Geare, architect who drew the plans and specifications; F. L. Wagner, builder of the theater, and others who had any part in the construction of the movie house.

Assistant Engineer Commissioner Maj. Cary Brown and John P. Healy, District building inspector, who with experts probed the cause of the collapse of the theater also have been summoned, and will tell the results of their investigation.

Room for 300.

The inquest will be open to the public, but all witnesses will be excluded from the board room until called to testify. It is said that the board roo mwill seat approximately 300 people.

"The investigation by the jury will be thorough," declared Cornorer Nevitt this morning. "Every bit of evidence that will tend to show the cause and place the responsibility for the disaster will be presented for the consideration of the jury.. The members of the jury are all representative men and they will, I know, sift the testimony in a fearless manner, rendering a verdict without fear or favor."

Not only will the coroner's jury hear testimony from experts who investigated the disaster, but from many of those who escaped uninjured from the theater after the roof collapsed, causing a toll of ninety-seven deaths and serious injuries to scores of others.

All witnesses believed necessary to throw light on the cause of the disaster have been summoned by Detective Sergeants nulli and Pratt. In not one case did the detectives find any unwilling witnesses, all those served with summonses stating that they were willing to give whatever tesimony he jurors may ask. I is expected the inquest will last at leas ttwo days.

The death toll of the disaser reached niney-seven today with the death at Garfield Hospital of Miss Carolyn Upshaw, sixteen-year-old Central High School student and niece of Congressman Upshaw.

TIMES CARRIERS TO SEE JUNGLE PICTURE FREE

Sidney Lust and Max Fenske Conspire to Entertain Young Business Men.

A meeting of The Young Business Men's Club, composed of members of The Washington Times carrier force, will be held at the Y. M. C. A. tonight at 8 o'clock.

Circulation Director Fenske will distribute free tickets to "Adventures of Tarzan" as an incentive to the boys to attend.

Arrangements were made today between Mr. Fenske and Sidney Lust, owner and proprietor of the Leader and Truxton motion picture theaters, to admit 400 carriers of The Times to showings of this absorbing jungle picture in which many wild animals appear as actors. This will be the first showing of the picture in Washington.

The tickets to be distributed tonight will be good for special performances at the Leader at 9 o'clock next Saturday morning, and at 2 o'clock next Sunday afternoon, and also for the performances at the Truxton Theater, between 3 o'clock in the afternon and closing time Sunday.

Mr. Lust said today that he would show at the Leader one of the monkey actors taking part in "Adventures of Tarzan," and that all the carriers would be given large bags of peanuts to share with the simian thespian.

HEARD AND SEEN
BY BILL PRICE

THE UP-GRADE.

When we boast of our bus to our neighbors,
And brag of each marvelous deed,
How it covers ten leagues on a gallon,
And its truly remarkable speed;
They listen with never a comment,
Unmoved, they feel not a thrill
Until we have answered the question—
"How does she pull on a hill?"

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Let's not boast as we travel Life's highway
Of the distance and speed we have made,
Until we have tested our courage
By mounting at least one stiff grade.
It's a cinch to let out on the level,
Where the roadway lies flat as a sil!—
It is not how we spurt on the level that counts,
It is how we can tackle a hill.
LOOK OUT.

CONTRIB'S CARTOON.

At dinner one day in Pomona,
They served only steaming bologna;
"It looks very queer," said a maid,
"and I fear
I'll have to remove its kimona."
F. S. J.

THOSE KISS COUPONS.

Dear Bill: I hear considerable talk among the girls of adopting the idea of another Washington girl of giving kiss coupons to male callers or friends who have done kindly service sufficient to justify these priceless bits of paper.

As I gather from the girls, they don't like it because so many fellows they become acquainted with want to kiss them the first or second time after going out with them. So the idea they now have is to get out the kiss coupons and when some "freshie" wants to rush the kissing business very early in their acquaintance they will good naturedly hand over to him a printed coupon from a printed tablet:

KISS COUPON.

Good for one (1) kiss, when ten (10) coupons are presented.
Not transferable.

(Signed).....

It would not be necessary to sign the coupons with the correct name, as boys might go around exhibiting their collections.

One idea of the kiss coupon, though, is that it will be a sort of protection to a girl against those ardent birds who think they are entitled to kisses every time they do some pleasant thing for a girl. A girl, if she found she wasn't going to like a fellow at all, could refuse to issue coupons after she had given out four or five, and keep the guy from the coveted prize.

No kiss coupon should be given except for "valuable service rendered."

I am a girl who has found a too prevalent idea among young men that they can kiss girls after a short acquaintance. I think the kiss something that should never be bestowed until an engagement, and even then with care.

Let us continue to give thought to this kiss coupon idea as a thing which will enable the girls to hold off the too-loving gents that go out with them.

SUNSHINE SUE.

THEY ARE DIFFERENT.

I love a guy
Like my pal Ben;
He pours the hootch
And says, "Say when!"
But the man I hate
Is my sweetie's brother;
He thanks me with:
I'll take another!"
F. S. J.

COPYBOOK ENGLISH VS. EVERY DAY AMERICAN.

(By FRED VETTER).

"He is prosecuting the enterprise with very limited resources."

"Oh, he's working on a shoestring."

"To make this venture a success we must secure additional capital."

"Money makes the mare go."

"Good manners, sir, and the conventions forbid it."

"I'll never do it."

"I shall assist you in emptying the contents of this flask."

"I'll take a nip with you!"

"Yes, sir, she's a gentlewoman, and to the manner born even if she has one failing as to which will be silent."

"Oh, yes, she gets soused."

"Don't intrude upon us, please."

"Don't horn in!"

"Now, remember, he isn't to be trusted."

"N. G."

"I have noted a certain listlessness on your part. You don't seem to display your customary zest and acumen."

"Wake up!"

"I dislike to call your attention to this matter, but necessity compels me."

"Whack up!"

"Gentlemen, the time is getting short and it behooves us to bring this happy reunion to a speedy end."

"Let's go!"

Only a few months now until the straw-hat cleaner's bloc will be running the country.
PAUL WHITE.

FEBRUARY 30 FALLS ON WHAT DAY?

"My husband and myself have been away from Washington since last June," writes PAULINE BEHRMAN, of Morgantown, W. Va., "and we have The Times sent us to see what the other nuts of H and S have to say. On the wrappers of my paper the date given for my subscription to expire is '2-30-22.' What I want to know is what day does February 30 come on? Of course I realize that they put rubbers on lead pencils because we are not perfect.

"It may be that the august officials of the circulation department will take this query into consideration, but far be it from us to do otherwise than as herein set out."

OUR BEAUTIFUL MEN.

Artist BLADES thinks that our beauty contest would not be complete without Mr. HAM BURG STEAK.

Who, no matter what he does,
He's always late.
The day he was married
He, as usual, tarried,
Almost forgetting the date.
The preacher glanced at his head
And dolefully said:
"You'll forget you're living
And then you'll drop dead."

OH! ALICE, QUIT IT.

Sweet Alice has a motorboat;
It gives her many joys;
You often see her on the lake,
Flirting with the buoys!
F. S. J.

JUST A QUIZ.

Why does a potato have eyes and not see a single wink,
Or corn have very large ears,
And not know when on the blink?
And, too, why give a comb teeth,
When it has no food to bite,
Or a brush hair when it doesn't need it—
It's all too much for me—Good night! **OIDONO.**

MARKED BILLS CAUSE PROHIBITION ARRESTS

Ed Bell, colored, 406 Richardson street northwest, was arrested Saturday night by Sergeant Sullivan of the Eighth precinct on a charge of selling intoxicating liquor. Others arrested at the same place were Lawrence Bell, Robert Jones and George Randolph, all colored. Two gallons of corn liquor was found on the premises.

Prohibition Agent G. G. Harmon, who took part in the raid, charges he had previously purchased from Bell one quart of corn whiskey, paying for it in marked bills.

LEHLBACH BILL SUBSTITUTE IS BEFORE SENATE

Important Changes Made. Field Service Included Within Terms of Act.

Important changes are made in the new reclassification bill—intended as a substitute for the Lehlbach measure—reported to the Senate today by the Civil Service Committee.

The chief amendments may be summarized as follows:

The field service as well as the civilian employes within the District is included within the terms of the act.

Schedules for apprentices and journeymen, as well as full-fledged workers, are included.

Librarians, school attendance officers, employes of the community center department under the District Board of Education, and the commissioned personnel of the Public Health Service and the Coast and Geodetic Survey, are included.

The Civil Service Commission is made the "classifying agency" instead of the heads of the various departments.

Field Service Plan.

For the field service the Civil Service Commission "shall report to Congress all necessary new schedules of positions, grades, and salaries, which shall follow the principles and rules of the compensation schedules in so far as these are applicable."

The Civil Service Commission also "shall report the duties of positions in the graded service, and allocate to each grade or class thereof in each of the several services all existing and new positions which have substantially similar duties."

Provision is made that the Civil Service Commission may authorize a new appointment above the minimum salary paid in a certain class "if such action is clearly necessary; and in exercising this power it shall not distinguish between applicants except on the basis of their qualifications."

Another important amendment provides that certain employes now receiving a salary in excess of the salary provided in the reclassification bill shall continue to receive this excess salary as long as Congress appropriates the money.

Salary Amendments.

The following amendments relating to salary increases are placed in the bill:

"6. Increases in compensation shall be limited to once a year and to the next highest rate within the salary range of the grade or class thereof and shall be allowed only upon the attainment and maintenance of the appropriate efficiency rating: Provided, however, That the classifying agency, at the request of the head of the department with the approval of the Bureau of the Budget and on the basis of facts clearly demonstrating that the action is in the interests of good administration, may specifically authorize such increase.

"In no case shall the compensation of any employe be increased unless Congress has appropriated money from which the increase may lawfully be paid, nor shall the rate for any employe be increased beyond the maximum rate for the grade to which his position is allocated.

A new grade called the skilled trades service, comprising the supervision of apprentices, helpers, and journeymen in recognized crafts, is created. A common or specialized labor service is also created as a grade.

The so-called institutional service grade is eliminated from the bill. The other grades, including the professional and scientific grades, the subprofessional service, and the clerical service are maintained practically as written into the Lehlbach bill with only a few minor changes in salaries. In the case of the professional and scientific service, all the salary features are eliminated, for these are to be fixed by the Senate Appropriations Committee, in accordance with an agreement entered into some months ago in the Senate.

WILLIAM J. HUTCHINS IS GIVEN MORALITY PRIZE

The National Institution for Moral Instruction, reorganized under the title of The Character Education Institution announced today the winner of the $5,000 prize for the best children's code of morals to be Prof. William J. Hutchins, president of Berea College.

The institution also announced that award of the $20,000 prizes for the best method of character education for school children, offered several months ago, will be announced later. Headquarters are maintained at 3770 McKinley street, Chevy Chase.

Music Week Concert
Wilson Normal Community Center.
Tonight 8:15 o'Clock.

1. "America." Salute to the Flag. Oath of Allegiance to the Flag.
2. Instrumental number:
   (a) "The Swan" Saint-Saens
   (b) "Tone Poem"...Hubay
   Evelyn Scott, violinist, pupil of Marguerite Carter.
3. Recreational singing: Everybody.
4. Vocal solo: "One Fine Day" From Mme. Butterfly. Ruth Peter, soprano, pupil of Mrs. Edna Bishop Daniel.
5. Recreational singing: Everybody.
6. Announcements.
7. Recreational singing: Everybody.
8. Artist number:
   (a) "Waltz".....Chopin
   (b) "Scherzo".....Chopin
   Mrs. Marion May Lawson, pianist, Graduate of Peabody.
9. Study song: "America, the Beautiful." Everybody.
10. (a) Good night, Ladies."
    (b) "Star-Spangled Banner." Everybody.

Recreational singing directed by Robert Lawrence.
Accompanist for recreational singing, Helen Burkart.
Admission Free.

FORMER INMATE ASSAILS REGIME AT WORKHOUSE

Tells Senator Conditions at Occoquan May Inflame Men to Violence.

Conditions in the District Workhouse at Occoquan, Va., have reached such a point that disorder is now rampant and escapes are made nightly, according to a former inmate who filed complaint today with Senator Elkins of West Virginia.

"If something is not done very soon there will be bloodshed at the workhouse," he delared." The men are dissatisfied. There is no discipline whatever."

The informant declared he was ready at any time to appear before any investigating committee and tell of conditions.

"Runaways are wholesale," he continued. "The men have no respect for the officers. Riots are going on almost all the time. The officers are continually cruel to the men and each day the situation is growing worse.

"Men who violate the rules are being punished too severely. In several instances men have been put into solitary confinement for several months and handcuffed the entire time. They are fed on bread and water and never given an opportunity to take a bath.

"It is impossible for the officials to get the men to work. They absolutely refuse to obey orders.

"One thing that has caused dissatisfaction is the placing of prisoners in charge of prisoners.

NATIONAL FOOD EXPOSITION TO OPEN TONIGHT

Thousands Expected to Attend Great Household Show at Convention Hall.

Employes of local food manufacturers and the 700 employes of one of the city's largest department stores will be the special guests of honor at the grand opening of the National Food Show and Household Exposition at 7:30 tonight in Convention Hall, Fifth and L streets northwest.

Officers of the Retail Grocers' Protective Association, under auspices of which the show will be given, will be on hand to welcome the thousands of visitors. W. W. Benton, president of the association; Perry P. Patrick, the secretary, and Elgen J. Rowe, technical director in charge of the show, predict that the exposition will be the largest and most successful ever held in Washington.

Hall in Gala Attire.

Convention Hall is in gala attire for the grand opening. Booths lining the walls on three sides are artistically finished in blue and white, and two rows of large booths down the center of the enormous floor are decorated in gold and white. The whole floor will be bathed in a flood of soft light as the result of a uniform lighting system.

Music—both vocal and instrumental—will be furnished by Seideman's Singing Orchestra, composed of six pieces—drums, piano, violin, horn, saxophone, and steel banjo. The orchestra is under the leadership of F. W. Seideman. It will furnish music every afternoon and evening during the two weeks of the show.

Every conceivable type of food product and household appliance will be demonstrated by the sixty exhibitors. Housewives will get an opportunity to see brand-new food products, obtain new recipes and menus, become acquainted with new labor-saving devices for lightening housework, and hear lectures on home economics. Souvenirs of many kinds will be distributed free.

An army of managers, salesmen, demonstrators, lecturers, and clerks invaded Convention Hall this morning and began putting the finishing touches on the arrangements of the various displays. They also went through rehearsals of their duties.

Open Afternoon and Night.

After the grand opening tonight, the show will be open every afternoon and evening from 2 to 5:30 and from 7:30 to 10:30.

Special days have been set aside by the grocers' association for the entertainment of special guests. On specified days grocers from the various sections of the city and suburban sections will be guests of the show along with their wives and employes.

Demand for tickets is the largest in the experience of the grocers' association. Grocers throughout the city are distributing partly-paid-for tickets free to customers. Many of these grocers have found it necessary to replenish their supplies.

This Coupon Is Worth 28 Cents to You

Clip out this coupon and present it at the box office at the National Food Show and Household Exposition at Convention Hall tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon between 2 and 5:30 o'clock and it will admit you free.

The Washington Times has arranged with the Retail Grocers' Protective Association to honor this coupon for tomorrow afternoon's matinee. Visit the show as the guest of this paper.

She Predicts Death of The Toddle And Jazz

Mrs. Mae Davison, local dancing instructor, who says the day of the waltz and the long, graceful step is returning.

TODDLE CRAZE HAS DIED, SAYS D. C. TEACHER

Wiggle Dances Doomed, With Long Step "Society Walk" Taking Their Place.

Tremble, ye toddlers. But not on the dance floor.

Your day is over.

Unless you learn to do something more than toddle and jazz you will soon find no welcome on a dance floor.

The day of the short step and the "body" dancing is going.

In its stead is coming the old-fashioned graceful type, with the longer step.

This is the prediction of Mrs. Mae Davison, Washington dancing teacher, who is seeking to introduce in Washington the "society walk," which is characterized by a long, swinging step and is said to be very graceful.

"These people who can dance all evening within the confines of a barrel hoop," said Mrs. Davidson, "are going to find themselves sadly out of style. Society is beginning to frown on the toddle and all jazz dancing and music. In New York it has almost totany disappeared except in the East Side, and is absolutely barred in most places.

"Washington, strangely, is clinging to the custom longer, but it is going even here. In its place you will see the society walk and its kindred and the graceful Argentine tango, danced to slower music.

This means that a number of people who have acquired the art of twitching their backs and shoulders like a horse in fly season, are going to have a lot of patiently trained muscles going to waste.

Likewise, those who seek to preserve shoe leather by dancing without moving their feet are about due to slide like a flivver on a wet street. Go and do thou likewise.

LIBRARY PLANS BRONZE SHRINE FOR U. S. RELICS

Congressional Will Place Declaration and Constitution in Permanent Case.

A "shrine" for the originals of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States will be erected next summer on the second floor, western wing of the Congressional Library, according to Herbert Putnam, librarian. An appropriation of $12,000 for the construction is carried in the legislative bill, reported to the House Friday.

In plans prepared, the repository would be of bronze in a railed inclosure, where the documents could be seen but not touched by the passerby. They would be protected from natural light and lighted only by softly modulated incandescent lamps.

The famous documents are now kept in the librarian's safe in his private office. They were moved from the State Department last summer.

The Declaration of Independence is on one large sheet, framed behind a glass, but framed in the cheapest oak, the top of which comes down over a part of it.

The Constitution is in four very large frames, and in addition there are the Articles of Confederation and one or two other famous papers which would be placed in the proposed "shrine."

3-DAY CONFERENCE TO OPEN FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

A series of Christian life work conferences for young people will be held at the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Eighteenth and N streets northwest Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons at 5 o'clock, under the auspices of the Covenant Christian Endeavor Society.

The speakers will be the Rev. Dr. Earle Wilfley, pastor of Vermont Avenue Christian Church; the Rev. Dr. John Brittan Clark, of the First Presbyterian Church, and Dr. Charles Wood, of the Church of the Covenant; Mrs. Frank E. Edington, of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. L. Elaine Rising, of the Y. W. C. A.

NEW BUSINESS COLLEGE OBTAINS QUARTERS HERE

A new business college has been established in this city with quarters in the Brownley building, Thirteenth and F streets.

It is known as the Boyd Business College, and is a branch of the Boyd schools of Chicago and New York.

According to the present plans as related by the local manager, the Washington school is to be headquarters for Boyd schools in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Plans are being laid to make this school one of the largest and most progressive schools in the city.

MAN KILLED IN PISTOL BATTLE, YOUTH JAILED

Shot in the right shoulder and side yesterday during a fight with another negro, Benjamin Franklin Brown, colored, forty-two years old, 350 F street southwest, died almost immediately. His body was removed to the District morgue pending the coroner's investigation.

Willie Frederick, colored twenty years old, 23 O street southwest, was arrested following an investigation by Detectives Bradley, Keck, Jones, and Jackson. The negro is at the Fourth precinct charged with murder.