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H. C. LAUB INJURED.

While Enroute From Co. Bluffs to St. Louis.

HIS RIGHT HIP IS BADLY FRACTURED.

Getting off of Train He Falls Down a High Platform and is Now in Hospital at St. Joe.

Hon. H. C. Laub suffered a very severe injury last week while en route from Council Bluffs to St. Louis. In getting off the train at Langdon, on the Burlington road, it being late in the evening, he fell from a high platform and fractured his right hip. He was taken to a hospital at St. Joe, and Mrs. Laub and little son were telegraphed for and went to St. Joe on Friday. Dr. Miller received a letter on Tuesday morning in which Mr. Laub says:

"A call was made—Twenty minutes for supper. I was the last passenger that left the train. There was no light at the place they stopped, and it was as dark as midnight, and I did but fairly landed when the train pulled out and went two blocks to the ending station. I started after and had not gone three rods before I plunged off a high platform into a deep hole and fractured my right hip and shattered the palm of my left hand. My right side was paralyzed from my hip to my toes and hung to my body like a clog. The pain in my right leg was excruciating. I am under the care of the railroad company, and have the best of treatment they can command. I expect to remain here six weeks. My wounded leg is in a snell's frame, and I am harnessed to the ceiling by ropes and pulleys, and lay flat on my back. The shock was so severe that I could eat nothing for four days. This morning I ate a good breakfast, I am in good spirits and hope to be with you all in a few weeks. I send kind greetings and best wishes to the people of Denison."

Monday morning, Jan. 25, 1904, 22 degrees below zero.

BLYDENBURGH MURDER TRIAL.

Miss Ida Allshouse Gives Valuable Evidence for the Defense.

Eldora, Ia., Jan. 26.—Miss Ida Allshouse, a young school teacher, who was on the stand as a witness called by the defense in the Blydenburgh wife poisoning case, testified that she never told a girl friend that she would have been married had it not been for Blydenburgh's arrest. Miss Allshouse was a valuable witness for the defense. She testified that she was in the house on Sunday when Mrs. Blydenburgh was taken sick and that Irene Blydenburgh prepared the dinner. It has been one of the contentions of the prosecution that Blydenburgh himself prepared the repast upon that fateful day. Miss Allshouse said that she was intimate with the Blydenburgh family and that the relations between husband and wife were pleasant.

Mrs. James F. Walker of Des Moines testified that she was present at the death of Mrs. Blydenburgh and thought that she died of cancer.

Mrs. Jane Watson gave the identical testimony that she had given for the state and made a better witness for the state than the defense.

British Cabinet Changes.

London, Jan. 26.—The Daily News publishes a rumor that further cabinet resignations are imminent, saying the officers to resign are probably Lord Lansdowne, secretary of state for foreign affairs; Lord Londonderry, president of the board of education, and Gerald Balfour, president of the board of trade.

"A Royal Slave" which created a sensation among play-goers of this country for two seasons will be seen at the Germania Opera House next Thursday Jan. 28 with the same great cast and beautiful scenic effects that has made it so conspicuous and will be one of the notable events of the theatrical season in this city. It is seldom that local play-goers have such an opportunity of seeing one of the things in the world.

It is to be hoped that manager Sibber's efforts in securing this excellent attraction will be appreciated.

PEACE IN THE BALANCE

Russia's Reply to Japan Will Be Made This Week.

TAKES CHARGE OF RAILWAYS.

Japanese Government Assumes Control for Military Purposes—Interpreter for Russian Diplomat Arrested as Alleged Spy.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 26.—The exchange of communications between the foreign office, members of the commission of the far east, Admiral Alexieff and Baron de Rosen, the minister at Tokio, is still going on. There is no official indication of when a conclusion will be reached, but a diplomat close to such negotiations expresses the opinion that the Russian reply will be ready this week. An authoritative denial is given the report that Russia ever contemplated requesting the United States to explain the attitude attributed to the United States. The Korean minister has received advice that his government will soon open the port of Wiju, on the Yalu river, at the request of the United States, to the commerce of the world.

London, Jan. 26.—The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph has sent in the following telegram: "The Official Gazette publishes an imperial ordinance empowering the government to assume control of all private railways, etc., for military purposes. The situation is very grave and developments are hourly expected."

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail reports that the first reserves, resident there, have been warned to hold themselves in readiness for service. This is possibly a step taken with the object of preparing the public for eventualities and for obtaining the support of the public, which the war party has lacked. Nothing approaching a war fever, however, is yet discernible. A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Warsaw made to call out 88,000 reserves in the Kharkoff, Kieff and Odessa districts should it become necessary to do so.

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BLAME EIGHT MEN FOR FIRE

Coroner's Jury Brings in Verdict in Iroquois Inquest.

CITY OFFICIALS ARE HELD.

Ask Indictment of Mayor Harrison, Fire Chief, Museum, Building Commissioner, Williams, Manager of Theater and Several Employes.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—The coroner's jury, which for three weeks has been busily at work in relation to the fire at the Iroquois theater, today returned a verdict which the managing partners are said to regret. The coroner's jury, Carter H. Harrison, mayor of Chicago; Will J. Davis, proprietor in part and manager of the theater; George Williams, building commissioner of the city; Edward Langdon, building inspector under Williams; William Sellers, fireman in the theater; James Cummings, stage carpenter; William McMullen, who had charge of the lights, that caused the fire; Fire Marshal Musham.

The findings were as follows: "The cause of the fire was drapery coming in contact with a food or arc light; city laws were not complied with relating to building ordinances, requiring fire alarm boxes, fire apparatus, damper or flues, on and over the stage, and fly galleries; violation of the ordinance requiring fire proofing of scenery and all woodwork on and about the stage; asbestos curtain was wholly inadequate and was entirely destroyed; building ordinances violated in that bills were enclosed on each

side of the lower boxes and absence of fire apparatus on the orchestra floor; building ordinances violated in that there was no fire apparatus in the gallery or first balcony."

Will J. Davis was held responsible as president and general manager. He was primarily responsible for the observance of the laws, and was bound to see that his employes were properly instructed as to their duties in case of fire.

In relation to Mayor Harrison, the verdict reads as follows: "We hold Mayor Carter H. Harrison responsible, as he has shown a lamentable lack of force and for efforts to escape responsibility, evidenced by the testimony of Building Commissioner Williams and Fire Marshal Musham, who, as heads of departments under said Carter H. Harrison, following his weak course, have given Chicago inefficient service, which makes such calamities as the Iroquois theater horror a menace until the public service is purged of incompetents."

Building Commissioner Williams was held "for gross neglect of his duty in allowing the theater to open its doors to the public when the said theater was incomplete and did not comply with the building ordinances of the city of Chicago." Fire Marshal Musham was held responsible for gross neglect of his duty in not enforcing the city ordinances. Sellers was held for not reporting the lack of fire apparatus. McMullen for carelessness in handling the light that caused the fire. Cummings, as stage carpenter, for not providing fire protection on the stage.

It was decided by Coroner Traeger that it would not be necessary to arrest Mayor Harrison, Fire Marshal Musham and Building Commissioner Williams and no officers were sent

for them. They will be given a chance to offer bonds for their appearance when wanted.

Mitigations were made out for the arrest of the other men. A special grand jury will convene next week to decide what action shall be taken on the report of the coroner's jury. The charges as far as the city officials are concerned, which the grand jury will consider, is malfeasance in office. Convictions mean their removal from office, in addition to other penalty.

Treasurer Gets Away With \$100,000.

Nashua, N. H., Jan. 26.—The illegal manipulation of notes held by the bank during a period covering nearly a quarter of a century and subsequent attempts to make good a shortage by speculation are the causes assigned by the directors of the Nashua Trust company for the arrest of their treasurer, John P. Goggin, and the closing of the doors of the institution. Many of the notes accepted by the treasurer without the knowledge of the directors were taken for accumulated interest on other notes, dating several years back. Goggin's shortage is estimated at \$100,000, \$25,000 of which is said to have been lost in speculation.

Good Roads Movement.

Washington, Jan. 26.—A committee of the National Good Roads' association met here to present to the agricultural committees of both houses of congress resolutions adopted at the good roads convention in St. Louis last April urging congressional appropriations to aid in the good roads movement. The committee elected T. G. Harper, president of the Iowa Good Roads association, president, and R. W. Richardson of Nebraska, secretary of the National Good Roads association, secretary.

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