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## CHICAGO FIRE PANIC COSTS FOURTEEN LIVES

### Mother Jumps With Her Child Which Escapes Injury—Night Watchman Is Arrested.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—A fire broke out at 6 o'clock this morning in the Lincoln hotel in the downtown district and caused a loss of 14 lives and the serious injury of three persons with the less serious injury of 10 more.

It originated between the second and third floors, presumably from gas ignition either through a jet left open or a leak in the fixtures. One hundred and twenty guests were registered at the hotel, largely farmers, visitors to the livestock show, and cots had been placed in extra rooms and in the hallways for their accommodation.

The fire got a good headway between the second and third floors, and soon extinguished. Fourteen bodies were removed and laid on the pavement outside for identification.

Many of the victims had been smothered in their sleep and were found lying in their beds. Others had evidently groped through the smoke until overcome. Ten of those now in the hospitals were injured by jumping.

#### SOLD WHISKEY TO INDIANS.

Deputy United States Marshal Ide returned from Seattle this morning. The object of the hurried trip to Seattle was for the purpose of transferring to the United States court now in session at Seattle the cases of T. R. Jordan and J. Brooks, who are accused by the United States of selling whisky to Indians in this city. The prisoners will be taken to Seattle tomorrow.

#### GOES TO JURY.

The case between James Brown and the Great Northern railway will go to the jury today. It hinges on a decision as to whether the accident is due to the carelessness of the Great Northern or the Spokane Falls & Northern company.

## MINISTER TO JAPAN DIES SUDDENLY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Japanese Minister Takahira notified Secretary of State Hay this afternoon that Hon. Alfred Buck, United States minister to Japan, had fallen dead of heart failure while shooting ducks yesterday near Tokio.

Mr. Buck's home was in Atlanta, Ga., and he was one of the most prominent politicians in the south. He was an intimate friend of the late President McKinley and received his appointment from him.

## HEARTBROKE OVER HUSBAND'S DISGRACE

A heart-broken wife and two sorrowing little children was the pathetic sight that greeted the reporter when he called on Mrs. Bennett, wife of J. C. Bennett, who is charged with criminal assault upon Miss Preston, a girl 16 years of age.

Mrs. Bennett. "To much has already been said and I can not assist in prosecuting my husband," she continued between sobs.

#### OHIO MOTHERS IN SESSION.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 4.—Drawn together by their common desire to develop better parenthood, childhood and home life, representative men and women have gathered in Columbus from many parts of the state to take part in the proceedings of the first Ohio Congress of Mothers.

#### POLICE COURT.

Three cases came up in police court today. That of J. C. Bennett, criminal assault, was continued until next Tuesday. H. B. and Cora Loyd, charged with larceny, demand separate trials and the cases will be heard tomorrow.

## TALES OF PERSECUTION TOLD THE COMMISSION

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 4.—The insidious persecution suffered by union employes in Pennsylvania colleges was brought out today before the anthracite commission's strike inquiry.

Regarding inspectors' methods, Matty said that if the miners made any complaints when the inspectors were around the usually found themselves discharged a few days later.

#### BECOMES INSANE.

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—William Henderson, whose name is Jack Frazer of Montreal, a society man and athlete, who was arrested for complicity in the murder of Po-

liceman Robinson, has been sent to the emergency hospital to be examined as to his sanity. He became violent last night.

#### RECOVER BODIES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—Two bodies have been recovered from the wrecked steamer Progress, those of Charles Gleason and Howard Dowe, both seamen. They were blown overboard from the deck, their eyes were blown out and they were horribly mangled and burned.

#### ON TRIAL FOR MURDER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Thomas Kelly, alias Tobin, was put on trial this morning, charged with murdering Captain Craft.

## OKLAHOMA STATEHOOD BEFORE THE SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—When the senate assembled today it was agreed that when adjournment was made that it be until Monday.

Resolutions ordering the preparation of exhaustive statistical matter pertaining to the trust laws was passed.

## TO CONTROL HALIBUT FISHING INDUSTRY

BOSTON, Dec. 4.—The Atlantic Halibut company of Gloucester, which is interested in the halibut fisheries of the Pacific, has decided to increase its western business, with an idea of controlling the trade

in western fish in the eastern markets. The International Fish company has just been organized for this purpose.

## SECRETARY WILSON'S REPORT SUBMITTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The report of Secretary Wilson says that the amount invested in agriculture in this country was \$20,000,000,000 in 1900, and that more than half the population are engaged therein.

He commends the work of the weather bureau and suggests that its reports should be extended equally with free postal delivery.

## ROADS INAUGURATE PENSION SYSTEM

SALT LAKE, Dec. 4.—Notice was posted at the Oregon Short line headquarters, signed by General Manager Bancroft, announcing that on January 1 a pension system

for its employes would be established. The same system goes into effect on the Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company.

## REED'S DEATH IS EXPECTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Former Speaker Thomas Brackett Reed passed a comfortable night. Drs. Gardner and MacDonald hope to avoid an operation, as they say the distinguished patient's condition is such that he might not survive the shock.

His condition is critical and there may be a change for either better or worse at any time. The most serious feature of the case is Bright's disease of the kidneys, of which Mr. Reed is unaware.

#### LAY CABLE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—The cable ship Silvertown arrived this morning from London and will commence laying the Hawaiian cable December 10.

#### BOTKIN DIVORCED FROM PRISONER.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—William A. Botkin was today given a divorce from Cora Ellis Botkin, who was convicted two years ago of sending poisoned candy, thereby causing the death of Mrs. John P. Dunning.

#### RATHBONE WANTS INVESTIGATION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Major Rathbone has arrived here to push his claims for vindication. He will appeal to the senate for an investigation.

#### FAST FURNACE BUILDING.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 4.—All records in the history of furnace building will have been broken by the Carnegie Steel company tomorrow, which is the day set for the blowing in of the new "J" furnace with the Edgar Thomson plant at Braddock.

## WILL DEPORT THE THREE FRENCH GIRLS

United States Special Officer Lavin, Judge Hanford and the deputy United States marshal held a conference this morning concerning action to be taken in the disposition of the Carron case.

"There are two charges against the Carrons—one can be tried in New York city, covering the violation of the immigration laws, and Spokane can prosecute the other case, which was the act of bringing to this country girls for immoral purposes."



"Hal I will die with my boots on!" hissed Kiute Pete of the Skinnedpup Ranch.

#### LEAD TRUST.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The announcement was made that the merger of the lead manufacturing concerns of America completed as the National Lead company becomes operative today.

#### ROAD TO SUCCESS.

There are many people that have learned the right road to success, but many have it still to learn. One known fact is that a man will not succeed financially as long as he has to pay out large sums of money as rent and interest.

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### Sale of Men's Shirts.

Men's best quality percale and madras shirts; two pairs of detached cuffs; very pretty patterns in small dots, figures and stripes; sold everywhere at \$1.50; on sale Friday at, each . . . . . **98c**

### Special Sale of Ladies' and Children's Hosiery and Underwear.

Ladies' heavy cotton ribbed vests and pants, fleece lined; colors, natural gray and cream; worth 50c garment; on sale Friday at . . . . . **29c**

Boys' and girls' heavy cotton fleece lined underwear; colors, tan, gray, turquoise blue and cream; worth 50c per garment; on sale Friday at . . . . . **29c**

Ladies' and children's all wool cashmere hose; double sole, heel and toe; warranted fast black; regular price 35c pair. On sale Friday at . . . . . **23c**

Ladies' and Children's medium weight cotton hose; double sole and high spliced heel and toe; warranted fast black; regular price, 15c pair; on sale Friday at . . . . . **11c**

Sale of pillow tops in our art department; regular 50c, 65c and 75c pillow tops; on sale Friday at, each . . . . . **39c**

### Skirt Supporters.

The Always Ready Ladies' Skirt Supporter, with belt and buckle; will not rust or corrode; for golfing, bicycling or outdoor sports it is indispensable; regular price, 25c; special price . . . . . **15c**

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#### FOR DIVORCE.

Judge Kennan has a divorce case which will occupy his court until Saturday afternoon. Lucy A. Newman sues her husband, M. A. Newman, for divorce and the husband contests the case.

#### STROBE GONE.

The county commissioners gave James Strobe of Chicago, but recently from the county poor farm, \$17 with which a ticket was purchased in the direction of the Windy City.

O. M. Stine, deputy sheriff of Columbia county, is here in charge of William McDonald, sent to the asylum.