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Washington Shocked By Terrible Fatality

Persons Killed and 134 Injured by Collapse of Picture Theatre Roof. Social Functions Postponed by President.

(Special to The Guardian)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—One hundred and twelve persons are reported to have lost their lives in the Knickerbocker Picture Theatre, New York, when the roof of the building collapsed last night. The list of injured persons is not yet complete, but it is estimated that more than 134 persons were injured. The disaster occurred during a performance of the play "The Sign of the Cross" and the audience was in the midst of a scene when the roof fell. The building was a modern structure, built in 1918, and was one of the largest and most ornate theatres in New York. The collapse was caused by a combination of factors, including the weight of the roof and the failure of the supporting structure. The disaster has shocked the nation and has led to a re-examination of building codes and safety regulations. Social functions in Washington have been postponed by President Harding in view of the tragedy.

Turks Want to Go to Genoa Conference

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, Jan. 30.—It was learned in official circles today that Turkey has officially applied to the Allies for an invitation to the Genoa conference in March.

Seat for Mr. Stewart In Alberta Province

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WINNIPEG, Jan. 30.—Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior, will be found a seat in Alberta. This information was given today by high officials in the Progressive Conservative government. Mr. Stewart is reported to have the opportunity in Lethbridge constituency, the member elect Lincoln H. Jellie, it is claimed will be found a seat on the Board of Railway Commissioners. As far as the Progressive Conservative party in Ottawa, should be represented in the Senate and the fact that Hon. T. W. Crothers was appointed, when the Ottawa vacancy occurred, caused some comment. When the new Government took office it appointed A. R. McCreary to the vacant seat created by the death of Mr. Crothers. In view of this fact it is suggested that an Ottawa member should get the Ontario appointment.

Crashed Without Warning

The disaster, which brought so heavy a toll of human life and limb, occurred without the slightest warning, the roof, buckling in the middle and falling practically intact to the floor below where an audience of several hundred were watching a reel of "The Sign of the Cross." The accident was generally attributed to the weight of snow which had accumulated under one of the severest storms Washington had experienced in more than 20 years.

Pinned Under Wreckage

The roof crashed, as one woman described it, with a sound "like thunder" and in falling, shepherded the audience and carried them to the floor the cement and steel balcony. Under the compression of air many of those near the edge were thrown forcibly to the floor but scores were pinned under the wreckage, not to be extricated for many hours.

Long Rows of Bodies

Meanwhile those who had escaped rushed out, screaming in many cases, some covered with blood from wounds, while many women fainted. Inside the groans of the injured could be heard rising from the tangled mass of concrete, steel and wood-work. The roof had fallen on almost flat on the floor, being supported to some extent by the many chairs, and to this fact many undoubtedly owe their lives.

Albert Beuhler a Hero

When the balcony was carried down by the roof, throwing many of its occupants headlong to the floor, Albert Beuhler, a young man of 21, was in the place of refuge for some, as it was bent down to the floor rather than completely detached. From this small triangular space, several stepped forth uninjured. One man, however, was removed from there this morning. His foot had been caught and he lay there all night beside the body of his wife who had been almost instantly killed.

Rescued People Below

"It wasn't until I got outside that I noticed blood falling on my face and hands. I got out myself. No one helped me. I crawled over the broken seats and plaster and snow to the door. On the way I saw a young fellow lying half covered in moaning and crying for help. I leaned over to lift him and then everything went black. The next I remember I was at the door trying to get out. I didn't know how I got out. I didn't see any other injured ones as I crawled out. I can't remember that part of it. My only thought then was to get home before I should die. My chest pained me, my back seemed broken, my face was dripping with blood. All I wanted to do was to get home and tell my wife and how it had happened and how I was going. I thought I was going to die."

Graphic Story of Disaster

An avalanche of broken plaster, bricks, snow, splintered wood and twisted steel, beams catapulting upon the audience while the orchestra played and a comedy film ground out is the description of the Knickerbocker Theatre disaster given today by Representative John Smithwick, of Pensacola, Fla.

Four Furs Remodelled

"The orchestra was playing beautiful music and comic films were running," said Mr. Smithwick, "with his head bandaged and with cuts. 'Suddenly there was a sharp crack' looked up and saw a great fissure running across the ceiling. It was right over my head. I instantly realized what was happening. The plaster began

Vacancies in Senate Are Troublesome

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OTTAWA, Jan. 28.—With two Senate vacancies to be filled, there is conjecture as to the probable appointees. One of the vacancies, caused by the death of Hon. Arthur Boyer, is in Quebec and the name of P. R. Du Tremblay, former member for Laurier-Outremont, is suggested as a possibility. Mr. Du Tremblay, like the late Senator Boyer, resides in Montreal. He was elected as member Laurier-Outremont in 1917. A delegation waited upon the Prime Minister recently on the subject of the J. E. Fontaine, member for Hull, to the Quebec appointment. Mr. Fontaine was returned with a large majority at the last election. The delegation took the ground that the countries of Hull and Wright were entitled to representation in the Senate.

Mystery Still Unsolved of Buchanan Murder

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HAMILTON, Jan. 30.—Claude McCarthy the printer who identified James Buchanan as the man who left the order for the beauty powder circulars, thinks that the whole mystery of the poisoning of Anderson Buchanan has not been solved. When asked as to what was now mysterious about the case he said: "Who composed the original sample from which we printed the circulars, Buchanan might have done actual composing of the circulars but he certainly did not do the typewriting for it was the work of an expert typist. No, there is some one else connected with the mystery yet to be discovered."

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British Troops Being Withdrawn from Ireland

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DUBLIN, Jan. 30.—The withdrawal of the military from Ireland is proceeding steadily as was anticipated giving plain proof of the adherence of the British Government to the terms of the Anglo-Irish Free State treaty. Each day sees a larger batch of troops depart not only from Dublin, but from other ports. Although the evacuation of troops is to be completed it is only from Southern Ireland for the purposes of the treaty. In this respect Northern Ireland counts as though it were England and accordingly large bodies of troops are fulfilling the promise to evacuate simply marching across the border into Ulster. The announcement by Premier Sir James Craig in Belfast that the British Government had promised him it would leave twelve battalions in Northern Ireland is regarded suspiciously in Sinn Fein quarters during the Dail Eireann's discussion of the frequent points made by Eamonn De Valera's supporters against the signers of the pact.

Swedish steamer 'Thyra' Reported Disabled at Sea

ST. JOHN'S Nfld., Jan. 29.—The Swedish steamer Thyra was reported disabled 350 miles south-east of Cape Race in a radio message received here today. The message said the steamer had lost her rudder.

Seven Cases of 'Flu' Reported from St. John Sub District

FREDERICTON, Jan. 29.—Dr. G. C. Melvin, chief medical officer, on Saturday received a report of seven cases of influenza in the St. John county sub-district. The district includes both the city and county of St. John. The cases reported are in rural sections. The type of the disease was not indicated in the report.

Schooner Said to Be Lost, Safe

LOCKPORT, Jan. 29.—Douglas Conrad, Captain Ralph MacKenzie, and two other men, last Friday, were entertained for their safety. The schooner had been fishing out of Halifax. She arrived here today and came in ice from New York, having sustained heavy injuries. She weathered a terrible storm Sunday night and succeeding days. She was battered about off the coast. Unable to get in she held on to the coast.

Young Girl Killed by C. P. R. Halifax Train

FARNHAM, Quebec, Jan. 28.—Sixteen year old Annette Beaudreau, daughter of Theodore Beaudreau, a C.P.R. engineer, was instantly killed here this morning as a result of being run down by the C.P.R. Halifax train. The little girl was crossing the tracks and did not see the oncoming train. Her father, who was at work on a freight engine, was the first to reach her after the accident.

The Weather, Temperature, Tide, Moon, Etc.

TORONTO, Jan. 31.—Northwest to northerly winds. Mostly fair and cold.
High tide this afternoon at 1:50 and tomorrow morning at 6:45.
Sun sets this afternoon at 5:05 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:21.
First quarter moon, Sunday Feb. 6th, 12:52 a. m.

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