

THEATER BLAZE AND PANIC TAKE LIVES OF 69

All Scotland Mourns as
Full Horror of Fire
Is Realized.

By United Press
PAISLEY, Scotland, Jan. 1.—Sixty-nine children, none over 14, are dead, and more than 150 are in hospitals, some so seriously injured they will not recover, as the result of a fire and panic in the Glen motion picture theater Tuesday.

A fund, already mounting to thousands of dollars, has been started for relief of the sufferers in the worst disaster in the history of the British film business. But no fund can assuage the grief of all Scotland, where the usual joyous New Year's celebration was turned into a day of horror and mourning.

The victims had been admitted to the theater as a special treat—at 3 cents apiece—for a holiday matinee. They were crushed and trampled to death when a flaming film, throwing dense smoke through the auditorium, started a stampede for the doors.

Scores in Stampede

An assistant operator, 15 years old, discovered a blazing film, threw it into a container and hurried it into the street. But before this act of heroism had been performed, the theater was in an uproar and the auditorium was a pandemonium.

With few adults to lead them, the children rushed for exits at either side of the screen. Theater operatives tried to quiet them, but the crowd's frenzy was overpowering, and within a few minutes piles of screaming, horror-stricken children were jamming every door.

The fumes of carbon dioxide gas spread through the big hall, suffocating scores who might have escaped if the exits had been free.

The fire itself was inconsequential, but the fumes and the cry of "fire" brought bedlam. Screams filled the amphitheater as the yellow smoke of the burning film spread down.

Rescuers on Hand

Within a few minutes every agency of relief was at the scene. More than 100 children were saved by rescuers, who used ladders to effect an entrance at the upper stories of the building. Survivors were passed from hand to hand to the windows and thence to the street by ladders.

The work of rescue was hampered by crowds of parents and citizens who jammed the street, and even the ambulances and automobiles commandeered for rescue work had difficulty on approaching the scene of the disaster.

Many families lost as many as three children. Michael Arley, a volunteer rescue worker, gave the following account of the disaster. He said:

"I was standing near the theater when I saw smoke. Then the crowd rushed out. A constable lent me his baton and I broke a window and climbed inside. The first thing I saw was a pile of moaning children six feet high at the foot of the stairs leading to the balcony. I passed them out through the window."

IOWA IS AFTER TITLE

Likely to Surpass Kansas as Grower of Sunflower Types.

By United Press

DES MOINES, Jan. 1.—Kansas long has borne the nickname of "Sunflower State," but she must look to her laurels, or rather to her sunflowers, for her neighbor commonwealth of Iowa is pressing her closely for the honors of prairie botany.

At the meeting of the systematic section of the Botanical Society of America an Iowa botanist, Miss M. Rae Johns of Davenport, today reviewed the army of Iowa sunflowers and their relatives.

There is an imposing array of them. Sixteen genera, comprising scores of species, ranging from the true sunflowers down to tiny, creeping things like the introduced weed *Gallinago* and up to the towering ragweeds, hated of hayfever sufferers. In her paper today Miss Johns presented only a part of the army in detail; the remainder are reserved for a future review.

CORNER IS AUTO JINX

First Accident at Emerson and Southeastern Avenues.

Indianapolis' first automobile accident in the new year, at Emerson and Southeastern avenues, was duplicated at the same corner four hours later.

Cars driven by Nelson C. Potter, R. R. 9, Box 356, and Edward Andrews, Acton, Ind., collided there at 12:14 a. m.

John Black, 950½ East Washington street, drove into a car driven by Mrs. Jack Small, 3417 Nowland avenue, at the same corner at 4:19 a. m. Mr. Black was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated. No one was injured in either accident.

FACTORIES TO DISPLAY

Four Will Have Exhibitions at Furniture Mart.

Four Indianapolis factories will place displays at the American furniture mart in Chicago Jan. 6 to 25, when more than 700 leading furniture manufacturers in the country will display their latest designs.

Factories include the Udell works, the John J. Madden Manufacturing Company, the Kramer Manufacturing Company and the Thomas Madden Son & Co.

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WANTED: A MOTHER

Deficit Is Faced by Miss 1930



Herbert Smith and Mrs. Anna L. Griffin.

New Year asked, "You've checked the telephone exchanges?"

"Yes, but I could find no trace of her," replied Mrs. Griffin.

"Well! What do you want me to do?" blurted New Year.

"Find his mother. If we can't, I may turn him over to the juvenile authorities. And that's hard to do when you've had your arms around them, fussed over them. I've two of my own, you see."

An hour later Miss 1930 returned to her abode. Grandpa Old Year was packing his trunks.

Lazily he asked: "Didja balance my books?"

"Balanced them?" shouted the now angry Baby New Year! "I'll balance you! Say, I'm going to find Herbert Smith's mother or get a new one for him. Yeah! If it takes the next 364 days. Now you git!"

And Grandpa got!

HIGH TAX TARGET OF REALTY BOARD

Managing Head of Group
Sums Up Activities of
Past Year.

BY DONALD E. RIDER
Executive Secretary, Indianapolis Real Estate Board.

With a consciousness that it has been of service both to its members and to the public. Many of its activities it hopes in 1930 to broaden, particularly those which tend toward lightening the burden of real estate taxes.

BUILDING STYLE DUE

Present Architecture Type
Called Embryonic.

BY BENJAMIN F. BETTS
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We may count ourselves to be living in an age that permits us to see architecture in the crucible from which will emerge a new architectural style that will live and rival the classic designs of the Greeks and Romans, the Gothic of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance of intellectual France.

The efforts of our legislative committee, headed by Frank E. Gates, were reflected largely, I believe, for the defeat of the intangible tax bill. It is the opinion of the real estate board that the greatest need is for a reduction of the heavy burden of taxes on real estate, and while this bill undoubtedly would have brought in some increase in tax revenues, it would not have lightened the burden on real property. It simply would have been adding to the tax burden in another direction.

Involves Option

There are many persons today working toward home ownership through a deferred payment financing plan which involves the use of a lease with option to purchase agreement.

There was an attempt this year to tax this form of lease as personal property. Through a special committee headed by Lafayette Perkins, working with other agencies, the board was able to obtain a decision which saved these prospective home purchasers an added tax burden.

One other activity of the realty board benefiting the public directly is the annual realtors' home completion exposition. Some 100,000 home owners and persons interested in owning homes learn at this exposition each year the latest developments in building practices and materials, and are enabled to build better homes or improve the homes they have already.

WILL DIVIDE \$500,000

Churches and Hospital Share in
Miller Estate at Richmond.

By United Press
RICHMOND, Ind., Jan. 1.—Personal property valued at more than \$500,000 was bequeathed in the will of George W. Miller, late president of the Miller Brothers Hardware Company, filed for probate here.

Bequests of \$5,000 each were given to the Central M. E. church and Reid Memorial hospital at Richmond, Indianapolis, for the benefit of St. Mary's and St. Andrew's Catholic churches at Richmond.

Two trust funds were established for the widow, a daughter and granddaughter.

Appraise Big Total

Serving the public directly is the appraisal board of our organization, a group of nine realtors, selected for their knowledge of real estate values. During the year, this committee appraised eighty-six separate pieces of property having a total valuation of \$727,083.10.

Worthy of particular mention in connection with our home show this year was the miniature model house contest conducted among school pupils of Marion county. Nearly 200 children who entered houses in this contest not only had a chance to win prizes, but through their work in planning attractive models, obtained valuable training in home planning and landscaping which should prove of benefit to them when they achieve homes of their own.

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The real estate board enters 1930

INDIAN AFFAIRS CHANGE NEEDED, CONGRESS TOLD

Legislation Suggested to
Remedy Present Evils
of Policy.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Sweeping changes in this country's policy of dealing with its Indians have been proposed to the Senate Indian affairs committee by C. J. Rhoads, commissioner of the Indian bureau, and Ray Lyman Wilbur, secretary of interior.

The frequent misuse of the term "prairie" was corrected today at a meeting of the Ecological Society of America here by Dr. P. A. Rydberg of the New York botanical garden, who has made a lifetime study of the plains of the west and knows both the prairies and plains.

The real prairies, he said, are gentle rolling hills of the central Mississippi valley, of which Iowa and eastern Nebraska are good examples. These prairies are blessed with an annual rainfall of thirty inches or more, and originally supported a vegetation of long grasses. They are the best corn lands.

Four letters, discussing evils in the present system of administering Indian affairs and suggesting remedial legislation, have been sent to the committee within the past two weeks.

When congress reconvenes they will be the basis of the most far-reaching study made of the Indian problem in many years.

Most important of all is a suggestion made of all reimbursable loans by the government, which become a lien on Indian lands, be discontinued.

Indian allotted land nowis burdened with a lien in excess of \$25,000, according to Rhoads, although the general allotment act provides that at the end of the trust period the United States will wish to the land to the Indian or his heirs free of all encumbrance.

Indians Had to Repay

Until 1914, all expenditures by the government for irrigation and other improvements on Indian reservations were gratuitous. In 1914 Congress provided that all moneys spent "herefore or hereafter" shall be made reimbursable. The Indians had to repay sums spent by the government many years ago. In 1914, Professor George S. Duncan of American university, Professor Duncan, discussed the newest contributions, which archeology has made to knowledge of the Bible, in an address before the Society of Biblical Literature and Egesis, meeting here.

The inscription, found by Professor T. L. Shear on the tombstone of a lady named Makedonia, stated in Greek that "if any opens her grave, the curse of Annas and Calaphas shall be visited upon him." Annas and Calaphas were the two high priests before whom Jesus was tried.

The curse seems to refer to the fate of these characters. Professor Duncan said, in the Apochryphal New Testament it is stated that Annas and Calaphas were among several others who were arrested. On the way to Rome, Calaphas died in Crete, but the account states that the earth would not receive his body and he was covered with a cairn of stones. Annas' fate was to be sewed into a fresh bull's hide which, contracting as it dried, squeezed him to death.

Rhoads questions constitutionality of liens thus put on the land, and points out that the courts have never passed upon it.

The second problem discussed is this: Under the law, Indian allotted lands must be sold at death of the allottee. The result is that second and third generation Indians are landless.

Rhoads suggests that land might be made to revert to the tribal estate subject to reallocation, or that the government might loan an heir who wished to buy the rights of other heirs to a piece of land, enough money to make the property his.

Would Keep Control

What to do with the indomitable tribal estate of Indians is the third problem. Unless existing law is changed, the government will still have paternalistic control over these lands a hundred years from now, Rhoads says, and Indians will be prevented from taking part in the business life of the nation. Rhoads asks the committee to study the possibility of incorporating Indian tribes or vesting tribal councils with a greater degree of responsibility for managing their own affairs.

In the fourth place, every congressional bill deals with a great number of bills involving Indian claims, because Indians have no right to take their claims into any court. Rhoads asks if it would not be possible to create an Indian claims commission with power to reach final settlements in these matters.

Lastly, Rhoads discusses the difficulties of Indian irrigation under a number of conflicting laws passed at various times.

SHAKEUP UNDERGONE BY DRUG INDUSTRY

1929 Sees Mergers and Combines
for Volume Buying.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The drug field during 1929 went through the most revolutionary year in its history. The most pronounced changes took place among wholesalers. Sixty-three formerly independent service wholesalers, representing about 30 per cent of the total number of service wholesalers, were merged into the McKesson & Robbins organization.

Nearly half the nation's annual \$23,000,000 food bill is paid to restaurant and hotel diningroom cashiers, making the public serving of food the third largest retail industry in the United States, Stoddard said.

Basing his report on telegraphic information from restauranteurs in Boston, Detroit, Columbus, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Des Moines, Kansas City, Denver, San Francisco and Los Angeles, the association president stated that gross sales of the industry increased 5 per cent and the number of persons served 4 per cent in a period of observation just ended.

"We believe business generally will reflect this prosperity," as regard our industry as basic," Stoddard said. "Things not only look fine, they actually are fine."

Over a hundred independent wholesalers aligned themselves more definitely with the Druggists' Supply Corporation, organized for the purpose of volume buying.

The new organization has announced its intention of offering their mutual system to independent service wholesalers.

Drug, Inc., the largest manufacturing unit in the industry, added materially to its holdings by acquiring Bristol-Myers. Several less important mergers occurred, although a few of large proportions, pending for many months, were dropped as a result of the break in stock market values.

In the retail field, chain stores made the greatest progress, increasing their volume and number of outlets.

He Got the Exercise

By United Press

WALSALL, England, Jan. 1.—A one-legged man of Exeter City walked 200 miles, taking more than nine days for the journey, to see his team beaten by Walsall in a football match.

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