

## CHICAGO THEATERS

Many of Them May Never  
Reopen Their Doors to  
the Public.

### FAR-REACHING ORDERS

They Would Have to Be Practically  
Rebuilt to Conform to New  
Fire Regulations.

Investigation of the Coroners' Jury  
Into Iroquois Fire Horror Will  
Begin Tomorrow.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—The special committee composed of members of the city council appointed to investigate the condition of the local theaters and to report upon what alterations are necessary to make them conform to the building ordinances has held its first meeting.

According to the statement of Alderman Priest, one of the members of the committee, it is doubtful if 35 per cent of the theaters will ever reopen their doors. Strict adherence to the building laws would require that every one of the playhouses in the city be of fireproof construction, and this would require the demolition and rebuilding of the majority of theaters.

Alderman Jones, chairman of the committee, said: "We will first revise the building ordinances. Then we will visit the theaters and decide what alterations will be necessary to make the construction of the houses conform to the law. Of course the owners of theaters will do nothing until they know just exactly what the amended ordinances will demand of them, but they will be obliged to reconstruct their theaters to conform with the ordinances we are going to prepare." Alderman Priest also declared: "Some of the leading theaters in Chicago cannot conform to the ordinances unless they are entirely rebuilt, and they may find it too expensive to make the changes. I do not believe over 35 per cent of them will ever open again, anyhow."

Late yesterday afternoon the attorneys of the fire department caused the arrest of four employees of the Fuller Construction company, David Jones, a masonry foreman, Angus McKay, Otto Rausch and John Kingston, iron workers. Attorneys for the Fuller company took Jones, who had been sought by the police for several days, to the fire department. It had been charged that Jones and his men broke the skylights on the theater after the fire in order to destroy possible evidence. It developed after the arrest of Jones and his men that the skylights were blocked by scantlings and tied with wire to prevent their opening and that neither of them had been opened since the theater was built.

Coroner Traeger said that he was almost ready for the inquest, which will commence tomorrow morning. "I wish it understood," he said, "that this is not a trial, but simply an inquiry to determine the facts of the fire as far as we can. The coroner's jury will not attempt to fix the blame of the fire upon anybody, nor will it recommend the punishment of anybody. It will simply report on the facts as it has been able to gather them, and the rest of the work will be left for the state's attorney, if it is found that there is anything for him to do."

According to the managers of the local theaters, the closing of the playhouses in this city has disarranged the theatrical business of the entire country. Companies that have been booked for this city for the next fortnight are either suspended or they are being sent to other cities, thus forcing other companies to change their routes.

Life insurance companies object to the statement of the coroner that no verdict will be rendered at the inquest, claiming that large money in insurance on the lives of those who perished in the theater fire depend for their payment on the verdict of the coroner's jury. And attorneys for the relatives of those who died declare that a verdict should be given in each

particular case of death in order that the collection of insurance may be possible.

### FRAUD IS CHARGED

Prominent Chicago Brokers in Trouble  
With Uncle Sam.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Frank Jager and John Jager, well known throughout the United States as mining stock brokers and promoters, were arrested yesterday afternoon on the complaint of Postoffice Inspector Wm. M. Ketcham, on the charge of using the mails in a scheme to defraud. Upwards of \$800,000 is involved in the case and the federal authorities declare that sensational revelations will be made when the prisoners are arraigned in court. The brothers were taken before United States Commissioner Foote where their bonds were fixed at \$3,000 each and they were released on bail.

### Serious Loss to Village.

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 6.—Fire which broke out last night at Corbin, Ky., a little town on the Louisville & Nashville railroad, destroyed four residences and a general store, causing a loss of \$15,000.

### SOME COLD WEATHER

Thermometer Pretty Near Hits Bottom  
in New York.

New York, Jan. 6.—Dispatches from every section of the state tell of record breaking cold weather. At a number of points within twenty miles of this city, the thermometers marked 20 to 30 degrees below zero. The coldest weather in many years was reported throughout the Adirondack region. At Saranac Lake it was 40 below and Lake Placid 41 below. For the past four nights the thermometer has registered not less than 12 below anywhere and as low as 41 below at some points in Northern New York. An average temperature of 30 degrees below zero prevailed throughout the central and western part of the state.

### The Coldest Point.

Utica, N. Y., Jan. 6.—All regular schedules have been abandoned by railroads in this section of the state. Twenty-five locomotives on the Mohawk division of the New York Central are "dead" on side tracks or in yards and little can be done to get them started till the weather moderates. Telegraph wires have snapped by the dozens. At several points north of here the mercury went to 50 below.

### Just Like Old Times.

Philadelphia, Jan. 6.—Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware have experienced the coldest weather in years, in many places thermometers registering a lower temperature than at any time since 1855. In some of the mountain regions temperatures as low as 36 degrees below zero were recorded.

### Harbor Frozen at Annapolis.

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 6.—As a result of the cold weather which has prevailed here for the past four days, the Annapolis harbor is frozen out into the bay. The Severn river is frozen solid from shore to shore.

### STATIONARY ENGINEERS

Strike at Chicago That Promises to  
Cause Trouble.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Seventy-six John Doe warrants were sworn out by the officers of the engineers' union after a special meeting last night against that number of engineers who took the places of strikers in the office buildings and who, it is claimed, have no city licenses. President Godfrey of the engineers' union says that every available inspector in the city will be placed in the downtown district looking after the licenses of the newly hired engineers, and where the men are without them, pulling the fires and shutting down the plants. He says that unless a settlement is made with the hotel managers the engineers in the hotels will be called out.

### International Arbitration Conference.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The international arbitration conference is to meet here next Tuesday, and on the afternoon of that day at the Lafayette theater, a mass-meeting will be held in furtherance of the arbitration idea. Prominent persons from all over the country are expected to speak on that occasion.

### Bunau-Varilla Will Resign.

Washington, Jan. 6.—M. Philippe Bunau-Varilla, the minister from Panama, will resign his office after the exchange of ratifications of the treaty between the Washington and Panama governments. It is said his successor will be Mr. Arosemena, a prominent lawyer of Panama.

### MARKET REPORT

Prevailing Prices for Grain, Provisions  
and Livestock on Jan. 5.

Indianapolis Grain and Livestock.  
Wheat—Wagon, 80c; No. 3 red, strong, 83c  
Corn—Strong; No. 3 mixed, 42c.  
Oats—Strong; No. 3 mixed, 38c.  
Hay—Clover, \$7.50@8.00; timothy, \$10.50@11.00; millet, \$3.00@3.50.  
Cattle—Steady at \$4.50@5.50.  
Hogs—Strong at \$2.75@3.50.  
Sheep—Steady at \$2.00@3.00.  
Lamb—Steady at \$3.00@4.00.

### Grain and Provisions at Chicago.

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