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## NEARLY 170 LIVES WERE SACRIFICED

**PENNSYLVANIA THEATRE HOLOCAUST GROWS MORE APPALLING.**  
Only One Half of Those Who Perished Will Never be Identified—Horror of Calamity Stagnates the Entire Community.

## ONLY IN NAMELESS GRAVES

Watertown, Pa., Jan. 15.—With the passing today of the four improved methods in which lay the victims of Monday night's theatre holocaust, the inhabitants of this little borough began to realize the awful extent of the disaster. The hand of sorrow has touched probably every family in town and neighboring villages. Where families were not directly affected by the terrible panic and fire through the loss of relatives they were mourning for lost friends or acquaintances. The gruesome scenes following the disaster bring a shudder to the stoutest heart, and many of the thousands who have come as curiosity seekers have gone away declaring they never want to witness another sight like it.

The four buildings used as morgues contain 162 bodies. The three underlying establishments of the borough were too small to accommodate the large number of victims, so the borough officials decided to use the high school building for the purpose. The bodies were pressed into service to use for the bodies as they arrived at the morgues. To each body was attached a tag containing a number and the corpse was laid away in a casket or clothing that might have been in the possession of the victim.

Greener Strasser, who has been on duty since midnight, has been in charge of the morgues for the identification of the dead yesterday afternoon but the number of dead grew so large that the undertakers were unable to properly arrange the bodies. Most of the bodies were in such condition that few of them will be recognized by the features alone. Undertakers from surrounding towns were pressed into service to carry the bodies over to the morgues because of the difficulty of identification and the attendant confusion was closed decided to keep the morgues closed until today, and during the morning the doors of the morgues were thrown open. Hundreds of people were waiting at each morgue to get a look at the bodies in the hope of finding the remains of loved ones. Perfect order was maintained at each of the morgues as duty was performed. As quickly as identifications were made the bodies were turned over to undertakers for removal to the homes of the relatives.

John Jacobson, who was badly hurt in the burning building, died this morning. Greener Strasser is making an investigation preliminary to the official report.

It was the saddest scene I ever looked upon," he said. "No living soul could be seen in the morgues. I am sorry I shall make a thorough investigation, leading up to what I consider the most horrible affair that ever occurred in eastern Pennsylvania."

## JAPANESE CABINET CRISIS

**TOKYO SITUATION APPROACHING A POLITICAL PANIC.**  
Due to Financial Problem  
The Immigration Problem Has Nothing to Do with the Present Trouble—Believed That That Question will be Settled Amicably.

## CONSIDER ALDRICH FINANCIAL BILL

**Senate Committee Hard at Work Upon the Financial Problem.**  
Washington, Jan. 15.—Very little actual headway was made today in the consideration of the Aldrich financial bill by the senate committee on finance.

**SECY. CORTELYOU**  
Nothing Known at the White House Regarding Reported Resignation.  
Washington, Jan. 15.—Secretary Cortelyou was at his desk in the treasury department today. At the White House it was said positively that nothing whatever was known as to the secretary's reported resignation.

**MILLIONS OF CAPITAL THAT IS SIDETRACKED**  
No Occasion for a Shortage of Freight Cars—Railroads Have 206,800 in Excess of Business Demands.  
Chicago, Jan. 15.—Railroads of the United States and Canada have 206,800 freight cars in excess of business demands, according to a statement that will be issued this week by the American Railway Association. Shortages exist on only a few roads, the total number of additional cars that could be used on these lines amounting to 774. The figures are compiled from reports made to the commission by 19 railroads.

**DROWNED HERSELF IN THE BATH TUB**  
Husband's Inability to Obtain Steady Employment and Worry Over Family's Desperate Condition the Cause.  
New York, Jan. 15.—Inability of her husband to obtain permanent employment is believed to have led Mrs. McClure to end her life today. Her body was found floating in a foot of water in the bath tub in their home in West 94th street by the husband when he arose this morning. The couple were married in Canada two years ago. It was a runaway match, Mrs. McClure had told her neighbors her parents having objected to the marriage. For some time after their arrival in New York everything went well but about a year ago McClure lost his position and has not been successful in getting any regular work since that time. Mrs. McClure became deeply despondent and when she discovered her husband was unable to find work she became convinced that the family's desperate condition.

**OBONY'S NOMINATION CONFIRMED**  
Albany, Jan. 15.—The nomination by Gov. Hughes of Thomas M. Osborne of Auburn as a member of the public safety commission for the second district, for the term extending to July 1, 1911, was confirmed by the senate today, without debate.

## ADIRONDACK REFORESTING

**Cottager's Association Begins Action to Have Contract Dissolved.**  
Albany, Jan. 15.—The action of the Adirondack Cottager's Association to dissolve the contract between the Brooklyn Coopers Company and the Cornell school of forestry will be argued before Supreme Court Justice Pitts in special term here Thursday. In 1900 the state purchased 80,000 acres of timber land in Franklin county at a cost of \$165,000 which was turned over to the Cornell school of forestry, in charge of Dr. Fernow, who undertook to operate the German system of cutting and reforestation. A contract was entered into with the Brooklyn Coopers Company to clear off the land.

**RENTAL PRIVILEGES IN THE STATE CAPITOL**  
Businessmen, Clergy, Students and Express Companies Must Pay for Their Quarters.  
Albany, Jan. 15.—At a meeting of the state trustees of public buildings yesterday it was decided that a plan of providing revenue for the state for rental privileges in the capitol had been finally agreed on. Two express companies have been discovered on the first floor of the building for years free of charge. They have agreed to pay jointly an annual rental of \$900. The cigar stand privileges will yield \$400 annually and restaurant \$200. The state is to receive a percentage of the receipts of the express companies from the instruments in the capitol used as public mail stations.

**REQUEST FOR MILITARY ACADEMY NULLIFIED**  
Capt. Hooker's Will Leaving His Estate to the United States, Set Aside.  
Rochester, Jan. 15.—Surrogate Brown has handed down a decision, setting aside the will of the late Capt. James H. Hooker, who died Feb. 25, 1897, leaving all of his property with the exception of one piece of \$1,000 to his nephew, Frederick Benjamin, and \$20,000 for the erection of a monument to himself in the United States to be used in the building of a military academy at Gettysburg. Ill. President Theodore Roosevelt was named as executor.

**BROWN UNIVERSITY TO FORM A HUGHES CLUB**  
Rhode Island Educational Institution to Boon the Governor's Candidacy.  
Providence, R. I., Jan. 15.—At a smoker held by the senior class of Brown university in the Brown union, last night, the first steps toward the formation of a Hughes Club were taken. The president of the class was authorized to appoint a committee to study the purpose of which will be to boom Gov. Charles E. Hughes of New York as a republican candidate for president of the United States. This action was taken in

## TELL STORIES OF ECCENTRICITIES

**MANY NEW WITNESSES TESTIFY IN THAW TRIAL.**  
Three Cigarettes Wrapped in Tin Foil Given to Club Steward to be Placed in the Safe—Jury Influenced by Jerome's Comment.  
New York, Jan. 15.—Dr. Horatio C. Wood of Philadelphia was called to the stand as the first witness in the Thaw case today. Dr. Wood said he was called to the stand as the first witness in the Thaw case today. Dr. Wood said he was called to the stand as the first witness in the Thaw case today.

**WANT A PURE PAINT LAW**  
New York State Association of Painters and Decorators in Session.  
Rochester, Jan. 15.—The 26th annual convention of the New York State Association of Painters and Decorators is in session here today. One of the matters up for discussion will be the report of the committee sent to Washington in the interest of a pure paint bill on the same lines as the pure food law. Should it not be possible to secure a national law the New York association will endeavor to have a state law passed.

**TRAVELED 5,000 MILES TO GET OUR SYMPATHY**  
Leader of the Russian Liberty Talks to Large Audience in New York on Popular Government in Russia.  
New York, Jan. 15.—Having traveled more than 5,000 miles to present a single address in the cause of popular government in Russia, Prof. Paul Militskiy concluded his remarks at Carnegie Hall last night with the declaration that all he sought on the American side of the ocean was human sympathy. Judging by the applause which greeted his words, the mission of the distinguished Russian was filed so far, at least, as the cause of Russia is concerned.

**TERSELY TOLD**  
Detroit, Jan. 15.—Members of the Lake Carriers and the Lumber Carriers associations are arriving for the annual meetings.  
Boston, Jan. 15.—The stock brokerage firm of Dana Smith & Co. members of the Boston stock exchange, announced its suspension yesterday.

**HOW TO AVOID PLAGUES**  
Fancy Malaga grapes, Florida grape fruit and oranges at Thompson's. Ca's.

**THE NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION CONVENTION**  
Closing Session in Boston—Officers to be Elected—Los Angeles Sets the Next Meeting.  
Boston, Jan. 15.—The delegates to the convention of the National Guard Association of the United States, which has been in session here since Monday opened their last meeting in Faneuil Hall today with expectations of a short session and few important results. The day's program was practically depleted of all live questions or other matters by the convention's consideration yesterday of the important report of the legislative committee, the question of the association's financial condition, the election of officers and the selection of Los Angeles as the place of meeting next year.

## ARE ROYALLY ENTERTAINED

**THE PROGRAM CONSISTS OF AN ENTERTAINING PERFORMANCE OF EVENTS—THE SAILORS BEHAVE AND ARE GIVEN A GOOD TIME.**  
Rio Janeiro, Jan. 15.—The evening of the official program today for entertainment of the visiting American officers was a breakfast at the residence of President Pinares at Petropolis at noon, and in the afternoon garden party at the American embassy in the same suburb. Rear Admiral Thomas, Sperry and Emory will represent the fleet at the president's function. In addition to these official guests of Dr. Pinares will be the American ambassador, Irving Dudley, and Mrs. Dudley, Adm. Alencar, the Brazilian minister marcelo, Marshall Hermes Fonseca minister of war, the chief of the staff and the members of the president's personal staff.

**NEWS EPITOME**  
Rome, Jan. 15.—The Pope has appointed Cardinal Francesco Sagna prefect of the index.  
New York, Jan. 15.—Dirrings the United States Coast Iron Works Foundation company yesterday voted defeat on the quarterly dividend.

**THE WEATHER**  
The Times' thermometer registers 11 degrees above zero last night. At 5 yesterday afternoon the mercury stood at 16, at 8 this morning it was at 13 and at 1 this afternoon it was at 14. The wind was changed from S.W. to N.W. in the evening. An extensive depression was over this morning over Lake Superior and temperatures have risen over the central states and the great lakes. The cold wave is moving in from the north. Heavy snows are reported and the northwest. Light precipitation has occurred along the northern border and over the Rocky mountains and westward, but the weather has prevailed elsewhere. The eastward advance of the Lake Superior storm will cause snow in rain in this vicinity.

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## A HARVEST FOR THE TRADESMEN

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