

ENGLAND'S POET LAUREATE WRITES A REAL POEM.

London, Jan. 1.—Alfred Austin, the poet laureate, has written a New Year's poem, entitled "Moving Onward," which was published to-day in the London Times. Two excerpts from it are:



MOVING ONWARD.

Years moving onward, onward! Whence, and whither, and why? Age after age in the self-same world, with the self-same stars in the sky; The self-same glory of light in heaven and light that is still on the way...

RUSSIA TO REJECT JAPAN'S DEMANDS; ACTION MEANS WAR

Formal Reply Not Yet Dispatched, but News Reaches Japanese Minister at London From Paris.

LANSDOWNE GIVES UP HOPE.

Russian Policy Changed by Belligerent Attitude of the Mikado's Government.

DIPLOMATS MUCH WORRIED.

Czar Will Wait, It Is Reiterated, for Japan to Break Off Relations, When Matters Come to That Point.

NINETEEN CHICAGO THEATERS CLOSED; LACKED PROPER FIRE PRECAUTIONS; POLICE MAKE SEVERAL MORE ARRESTS.

Mayor Takes Personal Interest in Inquiry—Man Carries Corpse on Street Car by Aid of Revolver—Father Takes Home Wrong Corpse—Wife of Play's Owner Blames Public.

TWO WHO ESCAPED BECOME INSANE.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Mayor Carter Harrison to-day took steps to provide, as far as possible, against a repetition of Wednesday's horror at the Iroquois Theater.

The action of the Mayor was based on one single violation of the ordinances which are intended to protect the patrons of theaters from just such an occurrence as that which cost so many lives on Wednesday.

NINETEEN THEATERS ARE ORDERED CLOSED.

The theaters ordered closed are: Howards, Sam T. Jacks, Marlowe, New American, Olympic, Academy of Music, Alhambra, Avenue, Bijou, Chicago Opera-house, Columbus Stock, Thirty-first Street, Criterion, Fiegenbaum's, Milwaukee Avenue, Garrick, Glickman's.

In addition to these, the London Globe Museum and the Clark Street Museum were also compelled to close their doors.

The Chicago Opera-house and the Olympic Theater are vaudeville houses of the highest class, and probably do as much business in point of numbers as any of the theaters in the city at single performances.

They gave, however, a matinee every day in the week, and it is seldom that seats can be obtained for any performance at the time of opening.

The inspection ordered by the Mayor to-day was carried out by Building Commissioner Williams and Chief of Police O'Neill.

The scope of the investigation included no other feature than asbestos curtains.

The Mayor instructed Commissioner Williams to report to him promptly at the conclusion of his investigation, declaring that it was his intention that no theater should be allowed to open its doors in Chicago hereafter unless it was provided with an asbestos curtain of standard quality that would work at all times and under all conditions.

"It may not be possible," said Mayor Harrison, "to prevent loss of life when audiences rush for the doorways, but I have determined to see that every precaution is taken to prevent such occurrences as will alarm the people and start them on a rush for the exits."

"It is very well to say that the great loss of life in the Iroquois Theater was due to the fact that the people lost their heads and crowded into the doorways and aisles like maniacs, but the fact remains, and it cannot be denied, that there would have been no panic if the apparatus in this theater, which, judged by all ordinary standards, was the best-equipped playhouse in the city, had been in proper working condition."

"There is no getting beyond that fact. From all the evidence now in hand, it is clear that if the asbestos curtain in this theater had been in the condition it should have been there would have been no loss of life, comparatively speaking."

The report of Building Commissioner Williams showed that the Academy of Music, with a seating capacity of 2,000 had a curtain of burlap; the Alhambra, with a capacity of 2,300; the Avenue, 600; the Bijou, 1,300; Clark Street Museum, 700; Criterion, 1,400; Fiegenbaum's, 400; Howard's, 100; Marlowe, 1,300; New American, 1,400; all had curtains of linen.

The curtain in the Chicago Opera-house was of burlap, covered with fireproof paint. In the Columbus Stock Theater and in Sam T. Jack's it was of canvas.

The Olympic Theater, which holds at least 3,500 people at two performances every day it is open, had a curtain of canvas.

"There were other glaring defects," said Building Commissioner Williams, "which were noticed in some of the houses, but we were not paying particular attention to them to-day, although I noted them, and the theatrical managers will be compelled to remedy them as soon as possible."

SUCH a day of mourning Chicago never witnessed as that which ushered in the new year. In every portion of the city almost it seemed as though there were funerals going on, or undertaker wagons arriving with dead who were being brought to their homes for the last time.

BREWER PABST DIES IN MILWAUKEE.

Millionaire Brewer Succumbs Suddenly to an Attack of Heart Disease.

ONE SON VISITING ST. LOUIS.

Colonel Gustave Pabst Charters Train and Hurries With His Wife to Wisconsin Home.

Colonel Gustave Pabst, president of the Pabst Brewing Company, died at his residence, No. 2009 Grand avenue, at noon to-day.

While the members of his family and his friends knew that he was suffering from a chronic disease, and that he could not live more than a few months longer, his death came quite suddenly and unexpectedly. He was 67 years old last March.

During the last ten days Captain Pabst had not left his home, owing to the severe weather, but his condition seemed to be improved and his family was not prepared for his death.

At 8 o'clock this morning he suffered a relapse, however, and began to fall rapidly. He retained consciousness, and was able to converse with his wife and children, who were summoned to his bedside.

Captain Pabst seemed to realize that the end had come, and talked with his family about his affairs until ten minutes before his death, when he became unconscious and passed quietly away.

At his bedside were Mrs. Pabst, his wife; Frederick Pabst, Jr., Mrs. W. O. Goodrich of Milwaukee, and Mrs. F. Schoenlein of Wiesbaden, Germany, his daughters, and Mr. Schoenlein, Colonel G. G. Pabst, was out of the city, having gone to St. Louis to spend New Year's Day.

The news that Captain Pabst was dead caused much surprise among his friends and business associates. Frederick Pabst, Jr., at once called up his brother in St. Louis and, as gently as possible, broke to him the news of his father's death.

Colonel Pabst was entirely unprepared to receive the message. With his brother and sisters he had attended a family reunion at his father's home on Christmas Day and had planned to spend New Year's Day with his father-in-law, W. J. Lemp, in St. Louis.

He had been informed from time to time during his absence that his father's condition was improving, and the news of his death came, therefore, with an added shock.

Colonel Pabst immediately chartered a special train and with his wife arrived in Milwaukee at 5 o'clock this evening.

Captain Pabst had been in failing health for the last four or five years. His physicians repeatedly advised rest, and acting on their suggestion, he took several trips abroad, spending much of his time in Carlsbad.

About a year ago last October his condition became more alarming, and in order to escape the severity of a Northern winter he went to Los Angeles in the hope of benefiting his health.

For a time he seemed to improve, but a change for the worse came in February of last year, and reports were sent out that the well-known brewer was dying of diabetes.

He rallied, however, and in June of last year Colonel Gustave Pabst went to Los Angeles and brought his father back to Milwaukee. He rallied somewhat, but was unable to make permanent headway against the disease.

Early in December Doctor William Oeler of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, an expert in pulmonary diseases, came to Milwaukee to consult with Captain Pabst's physicians. After a careful diagnosis of the patient's condition, Doctor Oeler pronounced the case without hope.

Doctor Oeler declared that the life of Captain Pabst hung by a thread, and that nothing known to medical science could help him; that he might live for a few months or that his death might occur at any time.

Mr. Pabst did not relinquish interest in his great business enterprises, but continued to visit his office and direct the operations of the enormous plant. He was a daily visitor at the brewery until ten days ago, when the inclemency of the weather caused him to remain at home.

The disease from which he died was pulmonary oedema, which filled his lungs with water. His dying words were words of cheer and encouragement to those whom he has left behind to mourn his loss.

JAPANESE SQUADRON PREPARES TO SAIL.

(BULLETIN.)

Tokio, Jan. 2.—A powerful squadron consisting of six armored cruisers and Admiral Kamimura is expected to leave Sasebo to-morrow for Masanpho, Korea.

Sasebo is a Japanese port, twenty-five miles to the west of Nagasaki.

London, Jan. 2.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister here, has been informed from Paris that Russia has decided not to grant the Japanese proposals.

This is the first intimation any one here admits having received of the Russian reply. The Baron said:

"If information from Paris is borne out by the wording of the Russian reply, and if the Japanese Government adheres to its present determination, this seems to be a small possibility of averting war."

"My information is not official, but in connection with information imparted to me by the British Government it is probably only too correct."

"If Chancellor von Bismarck's information that Russia's reply will be framed in a manner intended to satisfy Japan turns out correct it will be better news than I have dared to hope for."

It was learned to-day that Japan has secured a large additional amount of coal in the name of one of the largest English shipping firms sending vessels to the far East.

The St. James Gazette says it understands that the Japanese Government has taken over two vessels of the Nippon Line for use as hospital ships.

Foreign Secretary Lansdowne has informed one of the foreign Ambassadors that he has practically given up all hopes of peace.

At the embassies here the statement made by Baron Hayashi is regarded as being most correct, especially in view of the Minister's statement that his information comes from Paris and the fact that he permitted such information to become known at this critical stage.

The Foreign Office seems inclined to think that Russia will, if possible, avoid making a reply of any kind to the last Japanese note.

LEADING TOPICS

TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

For Missouri—Snow Saturday; much colder in south. Sunday, fair. For Illinois—Snow Saturday; colder in extreme south. Sunday, fair.

- 1. Brewer Pabst Dies in Milwaukee. Three Dead in Chicago Fire. 2. Blames Public for Calamity. Insanely Caused by Fire. 3. General Weyler's Book. Commission Favors Gold Standard. Business Prospects for 1904. 4. Exclamation Wins New Year's Feature. 5. Carroll D. Wright on Labor Prospects. Secretary Wilson Sees Much Prosperity Ahead. Enormous Growth in United States Industries. 6. Editorial. Crow's Brief Sent to Odell. Figures Show Decrease in Train Robberies. 7. Society Dispensed New Year's Hospitality in Old-Fashioned Manner. 8. Books—The People Who Write Them. Railway Experts Review Situation. Church Societies Hold Receptions. 9. Religious News and Announcements. 10. Republic Want Ads. 11. Rooms for Rent Ads. 12. Happenings in East Side Cities. Scientists Guests at Shaw Banquet. 13. Live-Stock Markets. 14. McCrellan Is Now New York's Mayor. Points Lessons of Chicago Fire. President Shakes Hands of 671. Many Arrests Follow Revelry.

FIRE AND PANIC KILL THREE IN CHICAGO HOTEL.

Three Persons Seriously Injured in Blaze Which Destroys the Fashionable Louvre Hotel at Chicago—Guests, Roused From Slumbers, Rush in Mad Terror for the Exits, the Smoke Making Their Plight Desperate.

GIRL EMPLOYE RESCUES THREE CHILDREN BY PLUCKY WORK.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Three persons were killed and four others injured in a fire to-night that destroyed the Louvre Hotel, Nos. 2511-2523 Lake avenue.

Nearly 100 guests were in the hotel at the time the fire broke out, several of whom had retired for the night.

With the remembrance of the Iroquois Theater horror fresh in their minds, every one in the place became panic-stricken and rushed madly for the street as soon as it became known that the hotel was on fire.

The dead: PATRICK RYAN, retired merchant; formerly owned a large department store at Madison and Peoria streets. MRS. FLORENCE CHAPIN. BISSSELL CHAPIN, 12 years, son of Mrs. Chapin.

The injured: M. M. Bright, guest at hotel; leg broken. William Hayden, waiter; badly burned; hands and face cut by falling glass. Doctor N. Vonschill; sustained severe injuries to back and right leg in fall on stairway. Fred Hopp, fireman, leg broken.

LOSE THEIR WAY. When the fire was discovered most of the guests were in their apartments, and all hurried to escape, but in the upper story of the building the smoke was so thick that they had great difficulty in finding the exits.

Several persons were rescued from the second story through the efforts of three of the guests of the hotel. These three men raised a plank to a window, and, breaking in the glass, held it so several women and men could slide down it.

A boy about 15 years' old was taken from the building almost suffocated. He died a few minutes after being taken to the street.

GIRL SAVES CHILDREN. But for the heroic efforts of Miss Mary Corbett, an employee of the hotel, three children of Mrs. F. O. Schaffer, one of the guests, would undoubtedly have lost their lives.

Becoming separated from their mother, the children were wandering around the upper story, almost suffocated with smoke and not able to find their way to safety. Tying a cloth about her head, Miss Corbett rushed into the burning building and in her search she discovered the three little Schaffer children.

Calling for help, Miss Corbett picked up two of the children and carried them to the street. The other child was led from the place by a man.

The building was a three-story and basement structure and was used as a private hotel. The fire started in the dining-room on the first floor. The entire building was practically destroyed.

DYING BOY SHOWS GREAT COURAGE.

Patrick Sullivan, Conscious and Suffering With Mangled Limbs, Utters No Cry of Pain.

LIVES NEARLY SEVEN HOURS.

Physicians and Nurses at Hospital Say They Never Witnessed Such a Demonstration of Self-Control.

A rare exhibition of physical courage was shown yesterday by Patrick Sullivan, 14 years old, of No. 3118 North Twelfth street, when he was taken to the City Hospital at 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning. He died at 6 o'clock last night.



PATRICK SULLIVAN. Who was run down and killed by a switch engine.

UNCONSCIOUS MAN HAD MONEY

Arrival of Sergeant Saved Stranger From Being Robbed.

John Laugle of Evansville, Ind., was found at the corner of Seventh and Spruce streets yesterday morning in an unconscious condition. Sergeant Field thought he had been drugged and Laugle was rushed to the City Hospital, where his stomach was siphoned. He soon regained consciousness and the doctors pronounced him out of danger.

When Laugle's clothes were searched \$20.00 in currency, an approved certificate of deposit for \$1,000 on the old National Bank of Evansville and a bank book showing that he had deposited \$1,000 in the People's Savings Bank were found.

Laugle, who is about 30 years old, was born and reared in Evansville and is the son of John Laugle, who for thirty years was a conductor on the Terre Haute and Evansville Railroad. He died recently and young Laugle came into considerable property from his father.

Advice from Evansville are to the effect that Laugle was in St. Louis on pleasure. He is unmarried and has one brother and one sister. He has deposits in two banks at Evansville.

Laugle declared last night that if he had been fortunate enough to get out of the hospital he would go back to Evansville to remain, and that his face would not be seen outside the limits of that municipality.

"ASBESTOS" CURTAIN WAS BURNED UP.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Chicago, Jan. 1.—"Where is the asbestos curtain?" was almost the first question asked. But the coroner and the jury could find nothing that had the least resemblance to even the remains of the fireproof drop. There were half a dozen rods that might have belonged to the curtain, but no one could find a trace of the sheet itself.

ONE THEATER FIRE VICTIM BURIED HERE

Kathleen Middleton's Grave in Bellefontaine Protected by Blanket of Roses.

MEMORIAL CHAPEL SERVICES.

Unfortunate Girl Would Have Been 14 Years Old Next March—Attending Mary Institute.

The body of 12-year-old Kathleen Middleton, daughter of John A. Middleton, general freight agent of the Frisco, who lost her life in the Iroquois Theater disaster in Chicago last Wednesday, lies in Wesleyan Cemetery, protected from the winter snows by a covering of roses.

Her funeral took place yesterday afternoon. It required a special wagon to convey to the cemetery the floral offerings in addition to those which were placed upon the coffin in the hearse from the rooms of the Wagoner Undertaking Company, No. 1127 Olive street, where the body was taken on its arrival in St. Louis Thursday evening.

Services were held at 2 o'clock in the Mary Boffinger Memorial Chapel, adjoining Christ Church Cathedral, Thirteenth and Locust streets.

The Reverend G. D. B. Miller, pastor of St. Augustine's Protestant Episcopal Church, Bruno avenue and Bienden place, conducted the services. The Middletons reside at No. 625 Mitchell avenue and are members of the St. Augustine Church.

After the services the cortege proceeded to the cemetery, which is on the Olive street road, where it is intersected by the Hanley road, in St. Louis County.

The white coffin containing the body of the unfortunate child was borne in a white hearse, drawn by two white horses. Carriages containing the girl's relatives and friends followed.

A short service, also conducted by Doctor Miller, was held at the grave, and the body was lowered to its resting place.

When the grave had been filled in, the flowers were placed upon the mound. They covered it until not a clod of earth was visible.

The grave is located on the eastern slope of a slight incline. It faces the south, adjoining a driveway. It is a beautiful spot, amid quiet country surroundings.

At the head of the grave is a potted evergreen. At the side of the evergreen to the east stands "The Gates Ajar," a design 5 feet high, made of roses, lilies and ferns, surrounded by three white doves with outstretched wings.

To the west of the evergreen is a harp 4 feet in height, also made of roses, lilies and ferns. Between the grave and the evergreen is a pillar of roses with two white doves on top.

At the south of the grave is a foot piece of roses and white flowers, entwined in a circle around a central figure.

The flowers on the grave are so compact that they appear as though woven into a mat which was tenderly spread by loving hands. The whole forms a tribute of love, which bespeaks the deep loss sustained by the Middleton family and friends.

Kathleen Middleton would have been 14 years old next March, and was attending the Mary Institute. She was spending the Christmas holidays in Chicago, visiting the three daughters of Mrs. Folts, whom she met at Sylvan Beach last summer. The four girls attended the matinee, where they met death.

Kathleen was to have returned to St. Louis in time to spend New Year's with her parents.

BURIAL OF MRS. HICKMAN.

She Was a Sister of Miss Jennie Finch of Kirkwood.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Vandalia, Ill., Jan. 1.—The remains of Mrs. Lydia Hickman, who perished in the Iroquois Theater fire, will arrive here tomorrow morning for burial. She was the wife of Mr. Charles Hickman, a former resident of this city, now with the Armour Packing Company of Chicago, and had just returned from a month's visit to her husband's relatives here.

Mrs. Hickman, whose maiden name was Finch, was born and reared at Kirkwood, Mo. Miss Jennie Finch, who is reported among the missing, is a sister of Mrs. Hickman. She resides with her uncle in Kirkwood.

C. W. FRAZEE SUCCEEDS RYAN.

St. Louis Man Is Appointed State Barber Examiner.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 1.—Governor Deberry to-day appointed C. W. Frazee of St. Louis State Barber Examiner, vice J. J. Ryan, who died recently.