

STORY OF HORROR GROWS EACH HOUR

Fire in Collinwood School Claims One Hundred and Sixty- Five Victims.

MANY OTHERS ARE MISSING.

When Ruins Are Searched Incinerated
Bodies of Fifty Little Children May
Be Found Burned.

Cleveland, O., March 4.—Pinned in narrow hallways, jammed up against doors that opened only inward, 170 children in the suburb of North Collinwood today were killed by fire, by smoke and beneath the grinding heels of their pan-stricken playmates. The awful tragedy occurred this morning in the public school of North Collinwood, 10 miles east of this city. At 10 o'clock tonight 165 corpses were in the morgue at Collinwood, six children were still unaccounted for, and all the hospitals and houses for two miles around contained numbers of children, some fatally and many less seriously injured.

All of the victims were between the ages of 5 and 15 years. The school contained between 310 and 325 pupils, and of this entire number only about 50 are known to have left the building unharmed. It will be several days before the exact number of killed is known, as the ruins may still contain other bodies and the list of fatalities may be increased by a number of deaths among the children who are lying in the hospitals hovering between life and death.

SCHOOL WAS OVERCROWDED.
The school house was of brick, two stories and an attic in height. The number of pupils was more than normally large, and the smaller children had been placed in an attic of the building. There was but one fire escape, and that was in the rear of the building. There were two stairways, one leading to a door in front and the other to a door in the rear. Both of these doors opened inward, and it is claimed the rear door was locked, as well.

ESCAPE CUT OFF.
From that second none of those who were trapped had a chance for their lives. The children at the foot of the stairs attempted to fight their way back to the floor above, while those who were coming down shoved them mercilessly back into the flames below. In an instant there was a frightful panic, with 200 of the pupils fighting for their lives. Most of those who were killed died here. The greater part of those who escaped managed to turn back and reached the fire escape safely. When the children reached the foot of the stairs they found the flames close upon them, and so swift a rush was made for the door that in an instant a tightly packed mass of children was piled up against it.

FIREMEN HELPLESS.
Within three hours after the start of the fire it had burned itself out, and the work of recovering the bodies proceeded. The village fire department had only two engines, and neither, upon arrival after the alarm was given, was at all effective in stemming the flames.

JANITOR'S PITIFUL STORY.
Janitor Herter could remember little of the burning. He was on duty at the time the fire broke out, and he saw the flames coming from the rear door, which finally was opened by men from the Lake Shore shops, who hurried to the scene.

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of what happened after the fire started, was sweeping in the basement and saw a wisp of smoke curling out from beneath the front stairway. I ran to the fire alarm and pulled the gong, that sounded throughout the building. Then I ran first to the front and then to the rear doors. I cannot remember what happened next, except that I saw the flames shooting all about and the children screaming, some fell at the rear entrance and others stumbled over them. I saw my little Helen among them. I tried to pull her out, but the flames drove me back and I had to leave my little child to die."

Herter himself was badly burned about the head.

Miss Catherine Weller, one of the nine teachers in the school, lost her life in a vain effort to marshal the pupils of her class and lead them to safety. She died in the crush at the rear door. Her room was on the second floor, and when found almost dead, she was carried by pupils out into the hall, thinking it was only a fire drill. There the truth dawned upon both teacher and pupils and control was lost.

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house opened toward the inside and that the rear door was locked when the children reached it. He declared that his investigation so far failed to establish the cause of the disaster.

THE IDENTIFIED DEAD.
Following is a list of the known dead: Miss Katherine Weller, teacher; William Shulaz, 9; John Rochinsky, 7; William Kanowsky, 8; Henry Loege, 11; Dorothy Hart, 8; Clayton Bell, 14; Wilfred Cook, 8; Irene Davis, 15; Gretchen Dorn, 9; Nels Thompson, 6; Thomas Thompson, 9; Robert Hunter, 6; Rose Salomon, 11; Rose Bushman, 9; Clark Dale, 7; Mildred Cunningham, 12; Catherine M. Duffy, 12; Albert Gould, 12; Walter Herter, 15; Helena Herter, 12; Edith Herter, 8; Hugh McIlrath, 14; Leda Murphy, 14; Edward Meyer, 6; John Smith, 10; Lillian Rostor, 14; Morris Sherman, 11; Bernard Schubert, 12; Harold Sanderson, 9; Mabel Sigler, 10; James Turner, 14; Norman Turner, 8; Max Turner, 8; Floyd Brown, 10; Lelia Baldwin, 12; Amelia Burton, 11; Norman Bell, 9; Claude Clayton, 8; Lester Centner, 8; Nellie Carlson, 9; Meda Depner, 12; Percy Day, 12; Mattie Dresh, 9; Arnold Depner, 9; Albert Elcheberger, 8; Lena Efferly, 7; Grace Fiske, teacher; Ray Gould, 6; Emma Gervic, 9; Ruth Gordon, 9; Catherine Glassmire, 12; Mary Grunwald, 12; Edna Hecker, 12; Henry Kubat, 13; Edward Kohlen, no age; Walter Kelley, 8; Richard Kenney, 7; Fannie Knapudsky, 8; Herbert Leonard, 11; Leo Leonard, 8; Elmer Leonard, 11; Otto Markosch, 10; Edna Markosch, 12; Katherine Messing, 11; Gladys Miller, 12; Russell Newsbury, 12; Paul Newbaker, 7; Frank Parah, 8; John Pank, 6; John Phillips, 5; John Potisky, 6; Norman Quirk, 10; Louis Quirk, 8; Daniel Rush, 14; Fern Robinson, 12; Harry Reeves, 8; Mary Saper, 11; Mildred Schmitt, 10; Norman Schoepel, no age; Madge Skelly, 12; Harry Skelly, no age; Gilbert Skelly, 8; Glenn Sanderson, no age; Morris Spear, no age; Albert Sprung, no age; Tony Sampson, no age; Mary Sampson, 10; Edwin Schwan, 12; George Schaefer, 10; Ella Stewart, 14; Fred Swanson, no age; Edwin Swanson, no age; Edward Scholl, no age; Julius Scholl, 8; Clara Wendt, no age; Mary Schwan, 12; Mary Wachaus, no age; Henry Weichert, 11; Annie Woodman, 12; Robert Wiethe, no age; Emma Yankel, no age; Louis Zimmerman, 14; Margaret Zorn, no age; Harry Zingelman, no age.

FIREMEN'S HEROIC WORK.
The flames spread with such terrific rapidity that within 20 minutes from the time the fire was discovered the school house was nothing but a few blackened walls surrounding a cellar filled with corpses and debris. The flames drove in the blazing wreckage and, with rakes, forks, shovels and their bare hands, worked in the most frantic manner with the hope of saving a few more lives. They were unsuccessful, for none was taken out alive from the ruins after the doors collapsed.

THIRTY STILL MISSING.
It is possible that other bodies may be found in the ruins, as at least 13 children are still missing and have not been heard from since the fire.

Miss Ethel Rose, a teacher on the first floor of the building, whose pupils were the youngest, had been removed to get her pupils out of the building in safety. Two of the smaller ones she carried in her arms.

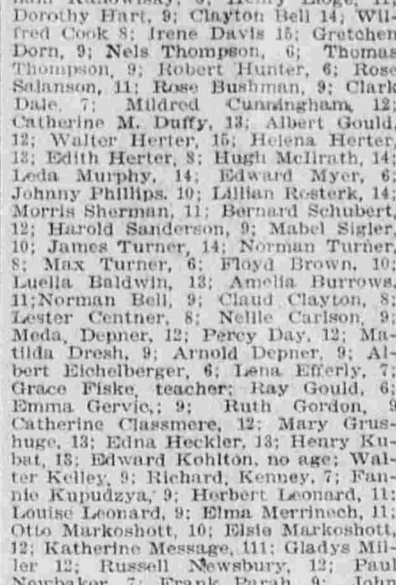
Miss Anna Moran, principal of the school, and two of the teachers, Miss Golmer and Miss Rowley, escaped by one of the windows in the rear. They remained with the panic-stricken children until they could no longer stand, then they sought their own safety.

TEACHER SAVED LIVES.
Miss Laura Bodey, the only teacher on the third floor, formed her pupils in a line and marched them down to the second floor, where, finding the flames rushing up the stairway, she turned them around and hurried them back again to the first floor. She here broke a window with a chair, and getting on to the platform of the fire escape, lifted out her pupils one by one and sent them down. Four of five children who broke from the line and ran down the stairway were killed.

CHILDREN IN PANIC.
Miss Golmer said: "It was awful. I can see the things in my own mind holding out their tiny arms and crying to me to help them. When the alarm gong rang I started the pupils marching from the building. When we started down the stairway we were met by a solid wall of flames and clouds of dense smoke. We retreated, and when we turned the children became panic-stricken and I could not do anything with them. They jammed into the narrow stairway and I knew that the only thing for me to do was to get around to the rear door if possible and help those who were near the entrance. When I got there, after climbing out of a window, I found the children so crowded in the narrow passageway that I could not pull even one of them out. Those behind pushed forward and as I stood there the little ones piled up on one another. Those who could stretch out their arms to me and cried for me to help them. I tried with all my might to pull them out and stayed there until the flames drove me away."

NEW STATUE OF EDWARD.

The picture shows the new statue of the British king which has been unveiled recently at University College.



school, Hampstead. It is the gift of the architect of the new school building, and the king is reputed to be especially pleased with it.

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Globe, Ariz., March 5.—Owing to the bravery of his sister, Dalzi Lowthian, Deputy City Marshal Dick Lowthian escaped death at the hands of a would-be assassin last evening. Jim Walters, recently released from jail where he had been confined for "gun play," entered the marshal's office where Lowthian was writing on a typewriter. His sister and another young lady were present. Walters had a gun in his hand, and pointing it at Lowthian said: "I have got you now, Dick."

JAPAN MAY APPEAL FOR AID.
Tokio, March 5.—The Japanese government while maintaining the firm attitude concerning the seizure of the steamship Tatsu by the Chinese at Macao on Feb. 7, entertains no idea of resorting to force for the recovery of the vessel.

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