

Terrible Panic Responsible For Great Loss of Life.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY SCHOOL CHILDREN PERISH

In Panic Following Fire in School Building at Collinwood, Ohio, Pupils Fall Victims to Mad Rush Through Jammed Exits—Scores Fall Into Red Hot Embers When Floors Give Way—Entire Surrounding Country Turns Out to Fight Flames and Render Aid.

Cleveland, March 4.—Over 150 school children lost their lives today in a fire which destroyed the three-story brick building on Collamer avenue, in Collinwood, a suburb, just outside the city limits.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon 146 bodies had been recovered, and it was believed there were several others in the ruins. The fire started in the basement of the building about 10 o'clock just after school convened. It was caused by an overheated furnace.

The smoke from the fire quickly filled the building, and alarmed the children and teachers. A panic ensued. No fire drill was used in rescuing the children. They rushed pell-mell for the doors and windows.

REAR DOOR LOCKED.

Walter C. Kellick, a newspaper man, was one of the first upon the scene. He stated that the rear door, one of the two exits, was jammed. The children rushed for the front and rear doors. The front was soon jammed full of fighting and panic-stricken humanity. Many who reached the exit first escaped, but those who followed choked the doorway. Those who fell were trampled upon and many are supposed to have been killed in this manner. Those behind turned and made for the windows. Some upon the second and third floors jumped from the windows and escaped. The school was a complete disaster.

FEEL INTO RAGING FIRE.

Caught like rats in this manner, they fell with the lower floor amid the blazing timbers to the basement below. There the little bodies could be seen lying in the flames. Bodies were taken to the morgue at the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railway company's shops.

Those who were behind the jam at the front door.

Four minutes after the building was known to be on fire, the school was surrounded by fathers and mothers, who were frantic in their efforts to rescue their children. Very few were saved from among the children who were behind the jam at the front door.

THE DEAD.

Among the known dead are: Edna Fabner, 12 years old; Bernice Schubert, 10 years old; Willie Westbarth, 7 years old; Myers, 6 years old.

TWENTY-FIVE RECOVERED.

At 11:30 25 bodies had been recovered from the ruins and were taken to the hospital of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railway company, where the company's physicians are attending the injured.

Practically every ambulance in the eastern part of Cleveland was called. As well as every available physician. Many children rescued are believed to be fatally injured, either by fire or being trampled upon. Scores of children have been taken to city hospitals.

Three little girls met instant death in attempting to jump to safety from the third floor of the burning building. They were Mary Edgewood, Anna Roth and Gertrude Davis.

A man named Dorn discovered his little girl among the mass injured and crushed. He rushed to her, pulled her from the hands, and, in his frantic efforts to save her, pulled her arms from her body.

FOUR IN JANITOR'S FAMILY.

The four children of the janitor of the building lost their lives today in the fire.

The greatest loss of life was caused by one of the exits being closed, to which point scores of the children rushed.

Their escape was blocked by a door that opened inward. In this manner they were delayed in reaching the other door and windows. It is said that as a result of this stampede alone scores of children lost their lives.

Reports as to the number of dead vary. The first estimates placed the number as high as 200. Reports are conflicting at this time. In the excitement it was impossible to form a reasonable estimate. Judging from the number of bodies that have been recovered and the number missing, together with the number that can be seen in the basement, it is safe to determine that at least 75 have perished.

TWO TEACHERS MISSING.

Of the nine teachers of the school, seven are accounted for. The two missing are Katherine Weller, of Cleveland, and Grace Flak, of East Cleveland.

Principal Frank P. Whitney, of the school, estimates the number of dead from 75 to 150. The pupils were mostly very young children, ranging in age from 9 to 12 years.

Up to 1 o'clock this afternoon 60 bodies had been recovered from the ruins. Of these 32 had been identified.

The bodies of 12 boys and 11 girls are at the morgue burned beyond recognition.

THE DEAD.

Two Bushman girls, 10 and 12 years old; Hugh McLaughlin, 10 years; Thomas Thompson, 9 years; Eddie Keil, 11 years; Rostock, 10 years; Two Woodmeyer girls, 10 and 12 years.

Harold Sangerson, 12 years; Mary Ridgeway, 10 years; Anna Roth; Gertrude Davis; Walter Herter; Helga Herter.

STORM GENERAL OVER THE STATE

Murk and Fog Over Salt Lake Causes a General Illumination.

SNOWING DOWN AT MODENA.

However, it is colder in Montana, Where Mercury Touches 16 Below This Morning.

Wet, damp, miserable and cold; slushy, raw, breezy and sloppy—these and many other adjectives can be applied to today's snowstorm, or rainstorm, or whatever it is, without approaching hyperbole. But it was just as the weather man predicted for last night and today. Everyone was warned. "That lets me out," says Dr. Hyatt.

The storm is general over the state; reports from clear down in Modena told of snowfall. From other stations throughout the state snow or heavy rain is reported. With the temperature at 40 at 6 o'clock this morning, a drizzling rain fell, but as the day advanced, and noon drew near, a damp, wet snow came down. This melted immediately upon alighting upon anything, and those unfortunate who have to move about on the streets were "wet to the skin" before being out 15 minutes.

The valley in this territory was filled with murk, fog and smoke as a result of the moisture in the air. Lights were glowing in stores about town as if it were night or "dear old Linnon."

The local forecast (Salt Lake and vicinity) reads: "Rain and snow tonight and Thursday colder," and the same holds for the entire state for that matter. A cold wave has struck Montana and the British Northwest territory, the mercury going below zero. Salt Lake is getting a taste of the storm over the middle plateau and precipitation in the form of rain or snow is falling at scattered points between the Pacific coast and Mississippi valley. Fair weather is reported for the lake region.

Some of the extreme temperature readings at 6 o'clock this morning were: Havre, Mont., 16 below; Abilene, Tex., 64 above; and Swift Current, B. C., 14 below.

HUGHES TALKS PLAINLY

New York's Governor Sends Special Message to Legislature Regarding Gambling.

Albany, N. Y., March 3.—Gov. Hughes today sent to the assembly a message declining to give the name of the alleged gambler whose letter, published yesterday morning, implied that money would be used to prevent the enactment of the anti-race track gambling bills.

"I gave no credence to any report that the members of your honorable body would be deflected from their manifest duty by any attempt, if any such were made, on the part of those who would use state funds in the matter to corrupt their judgment," says the message.

HAS CONFIDENCE.

"On the contrary, I have implicit confidence that the legislature will carry into effect the constitutional mandate and prevent our state from this source of misery and vice which exists only because of the will of the people, flatly declared in the fundamental law, has not been carried into effect."

"At the same time," continued the governor, "stand those who would sacrifice the morals of our youth by extending the area of temptations; who would inflict needless suffering upon helpless women and children, dependent upon the cultivation of thrift and industry, and who would imperil the welfare of thousands of our people simply because of their selfish desire to make money out of gambling privileges. They fatten upon wretchedness and have the effrontery to demand that the laws of our state shall be adapted to their purpose."

DISGRACE TO STATE.

"Your honorable body knows that pool-playing and book-making at race tracks are not prevented by appropriate laws as the constitution requires but flourish substantially unrestricted under what amounts to legal protection. This is a scandal of the first order and a disgrace to the state. The bills are not aimed at racing or at race tracks or at property; they are aimed at public gambling, prohibited by the constitution, condemned by the moral sense of the people, irrespective of creed and conceded to be the prolific source of poverty and crime."

"I sincerely trust that nothing will divert your attention from this main issue and that the legislature, acting in obedience to constitutional provision, will free us from a curse of which no just defense is possible."

Without comment, the message was laid on the table.

JUDGE INSTRUCTS JURY TO ACQUIT HARTJE ET AL.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 4.—Augustus Hartje, John L. Welshons, a hardware merchant, and friend of Hartje, and Clifford Hoot, the negro coachman who have been on trial in the criminal court charged with conspiracy to blacken the character of Mrs. Mary Scott Hartje, were all acquitted today, binding instructions having been given to the jury to find such a verdict and place the costs of the case upon the county. It is now stated that Mrs. Hartje will push her action to obtain a divorce from her husband. The case is on the trial list and will be called within a few weeks.

CAPT. NELSON RESIGNS.

Capt. L. P. Nelson of D company, First infantry, at Mt. Pleasant, has been retired at his own request, and an election will be ordered later to fill the vacancy. The adjutant general has ordered an election next Tuesday in B company of Oregon for a second lieutenant.

MOB SURROUNDS NEGRO.

Murderer Shoots Three Persons In West Virginia City—Soldiers After Him.

Clarksburg, W. Va., March 4.—Frank Johnson, a negro murderer who took refuge in a barn on the Yates farm, nine miles from here early today, shot and wounded three persons at daylight. The injured: Miss Magheny, a school teacher.

Harry Cook, John Ramsey. It is not believed any are fatally injured. The barn in which the negro is hiding is surrounded by over 500 persons. Sheriff Flanigan has appealed to company K, West Virginia national guard, for aid in capturing the negro.

The soldiers are on the way to the scene.

ARMY AUTOMOBILE AT LEAVENWORTH

Makes Trip From New York to Kansas Post in Fifteen Days.

AMERICAN CAR LEADING.

Godolphin to Paris Race Attracts Attention in Middle Eastern States—Italian Machine Fast Second.

Leavenworth, Kans., March 4.—The military automobile, which left New York Friday, Feb. 18, for Fort Leavenworth, carrying a message from Major Gen. Frederick D. Grant, to commandants of army posts along the route of the New York-to-Paris race through the United States, was received with great enthusiasm when it entered the post here today.

The car, the Leavenworth Automobile club, with 40 members, was organized yesterday.

The morning early, the members ran up the road to Atchison, which was reached by the army car during the forenoon, and escorted the tourists to the fort. The trip from New York was made in 15 days.

AMERICAN AGAIN.

Omaha, March 4.—The American car, leader in the New York-to-Paris automobile race, left here at 11:15 a. m. after a five-minute stop.

ITALIAN.

Boone, Iowa, March 4.—The Italian car arrived here at 8 a. m. and left at 8:45.

JOHN H. MURPHY DEAD

General Counsel of Western Federation of Miners Victim of Consumption.

Denver, Colo., March 3.—John H. Murphy, general counsel for the Western Federation of Miners, and also general counsel for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, died of consumption at his home in this city tonight, after a lingering illness.

Mr. Murphy was born at Ottumwa, Ia., forty-eight years ago. He followed railroading for a number of years and was master mechanic of the Chicago and North Western when a strike on the road was declared. Mr. Murphy refused to return to his old position, but took up the study of law instead. He was admitted to the bar and began practicing at Ogden, always taking a great interest in the affairs of the working man. He was largely instrumental in securing the passage of the eight-hour law in Utah. Subsequently, Mr. Murphy came to this city and became prominent at the bar. His services as general counsel for the Western Federation of Miners and he has ever since been high in the councils of that organization. Mr. Murphy was given charge of the official magazine of the federation and has been its editor and principal contributor for several years.

JUMPED INTO THE RIVER.

New York, March 3.—An unknown man, said to be about 30 years of age, jumped from the Brooklyn bridge into the East river today and was killed. His body did not resurface on the surface.

TRIAL OF CAPTAIN DUDLEY HAS BEEN BEGUN AT BOISE

Boise, March 4.—Taking of testimony in the court martial of Captain Clarke D. Dudley, Fourteenth U. S. cavalry, charged with conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, began here today before officers from Vancouver barracks, Fort Walla Walla, and other military posts of the northwest.

Quality to enlisted men is the specific charge against Captain Dudley. It is charged that while he was commanding officer of Boise barracks last year he inflicted a private in a dark cell without food or water, for 48 hours, the cell being only large enough for the prisoner to stand erect; that he used as another means of punishing the placing of placards about the necks of men with the inscription "I am a bad boy," compelling them to thus submit themselves to public gaze. Captain Carter is counsel for Captain Dudley, who has entered a general denial.

ANARCHISTS MET BY ANOTHER Foe

"White Hand" Society Furnishing Police Clues on Which to Arrest Anarchists.

HARRY SHIPPY RECOVERING

Wounded Son of Chicago Police Chief Seriously Hurt by Averbuch, But Promises to Overcome Shock.

Chicago, March 4.—Continuing their efforts to unravel the supposed plot to assassinate city officials which led to the attack upon George M. Shippy, chief of police, Monday morning, the local police this morning arrested two more men who are alleged to be anarchists. The prisoners, Charles Yanias and William Stadweiser, were taken in different parts of the city and each denied knowledge of the plans to assassinate Mayor Giesse.

Harry Shippy, son of the police official and who was badly wounded while assisting his father to overcome the assassin, was held in a hospital to have passed a restful night. Despite the desperate nature of his wounds the young man is said to be improving and to have good chances for ultimate recovery.

WHITE HAND ACTIVITY.

The arrest of Yanias, which took place in the Ghetto district, was made on information given to Asst. Chief of Police Schuetter yesterday by investigators of the White Hand society, an organization formed some months ago to combat the activity of the Black Hand society. A complete list of suspected Italian anarchists now resident in the city has been furnished by the society and further arrests are expected.

Stadweiser was arrested at North Halsted street and Erie street, because he was unable to give a policeman a satisfactory account of himself. When taken to the police station a heavy revolver was found in his possession and he was held on a charge of carrying concealed weapons, while efforts are being made to trace his supposed connection with anarchistic societies.

ANOTHER CONFERENCE.

State and city officials were again in conference at Mayor Giesse's office this morning. Although no announcements were given out as to the subjects discussed, it is known that the announced intention of Emma Goldman to speak at an anarchistic meeting in West Taylor street next Friday night was one of the matters considered. It was hoped that the city officials would be able to prevent her from doing so.

SMALL CRAFT MANEUVER.

Torpedo Boat Flotilla Will Go Through Evolutions at Lima.

Lima, Peru, March 4.—The American torpedo boat flotilla will go through a series of maneuvers tomorrow off the island of San Lorenzo. The flotilla will be commanded by the American navy school, the director of the school, Commander Laistre, will give a dinner tomorrow in honor of the officers of the flotilla.

The American collier Arethusa, with coal for the flotilla, arrived today. Various dinners and entertainments have been arranged for the American officers during their stay here. Yesterday sailors from the flotilla took part in the Mardi Gras festivities on shore.

NEBRASKA REPUBLICANS WILL SUPPORT W. H. TAFT

Topeka, Kas., March 4.—When the Republican state convention met here at noon today to name four delegates to Chicago, the Nebraska Republicans declared their support of William H. Taft.

The resolutions are brief. They strongly endorse Secretary Taft as the choice of Kansas for the Republican presidential nominee and instruct the delegates to vote for him on every ballot.

The adoption of President Roosevelt's administration was enthusiastically approved. The work and the records of United States Senators Lodge, Curtis and the congressional delegation are all commended. There is no endorsement of state can state or any attempt to oust a platform or any attempt to oust a platform.

NO AUTOS IN EDEN.

Bar Harbor, Maine, March 4.—The town of Eden in which Bar Harbor is located, has voted to prohibit the use of automobiles to repeal the anti-automobile law of the town, which amounts to a practical prohibition of automobiles.

MILLER THE WINNER.

Democratic Candidates Lost in Deluge Of Republican Ballots.

Seattle, Wash., March 4.—John F. Miller, Republican, was elected mayor of Seattle by a plurality over William Hickman Moore, City Party candidate.

By a plurality of about 5,000 votes, James B. Metcalfe, the Democratic candidate, was completely lost in the running, polling about 100 votes.

Probably falls below the 10 per cent necessary to secure participation in the next primary election. The party will have to nominate officers in convention primary day, according to the new law. The Socialist vote was about 300. The total vote was 26,360, or 85 per cent of the registration.

HAIT MCKEE DIVORCE.

Paris, March 4.—The long pending suit for divorce brought Mrs. A. Hart McKee against her husband came up before the first tribunal in this city today. The hearing was not concluded.

Mrs. McKee is a daughter of George K. Baxter of Tennessee. She was the widow of Hugh McKee at the time of her marriage. Mr. McKee in Philadelphia in January 1905. Since their marriage the McKees have resided in Europe.

OHIO'S PLATFORM HAS MANY PLANKS

Employers' Liability Act and Government Regulation Stand Foremost.

LIMIT POWER OF INJUNCTION.

Also Declares for Currency Reform, Tariff Revision and Literal Enforcement of Fourteenth Amendment.

Columbus, O., March 4.—The Republican state convention was called to order at 10 o'clock by Temporary Chairman James R. Garfield. The committee on permanent organization reported that Atty.-Gen. Wade H. Ellis had been chosen for permanent chairman. He delivered a short and energetic address which was received with cheers.

The committee on credentials reported two contests involving eight candidates and recommended that all of them be seated and given one-half vote each. The report was approved.

The committee on rules declared against the motion of the unit rule and their report was adopted without debate.

THE PLATFORM.

The following platform was adopted: "The Republicans of Ohio proclaim this platform of principles of the campaign of 1908."

"In the nation, we stand for those ideals of government which mean justice, equality and fair dealing among all; a brave and impartial enforcement of the law; individualism against socialism; competition as against monopoly; government regulation as against government ownership; the re-enactment in constitutional form of the employers' liability act; a limitation in the exercise of the power of injunction, in order to prevent its abuse; a greater merchant marine and adequate navy; government ownership of the old soldiers' vanishing forces of the republic; liberal appropriations for the improvement of waterways and harbors, in accordance with the needs of the commerce of the country; and just to all portions of the country; the organization of all existing national public health agencies into a single national health department."

TARIFF REVISION.

"A revision of the tariff by a special commission, to be composed of representatives of the maintenance of the true principle of protection at home and abroad, together with a reasonable profit to the producer and the consumer; the reduction of representation in Congress and the electoral college in all states of this Union where white and colored citizens are disfranchised; the enforcement of the United States Constitution according to its letter and spirit."

THE NEGRO.

"The civil and political rights of the American negro are every day being infringed, as we do, that his marvelous progress in intelligence, industry and good citizenship has earned the respect and encouragement of the nation, and that those legislative enactments that have for their real aim his disfranchisement for reasons of color alone are unfair, un-American and repugnant to the sentiment of the land. We favor the reduction of representation in Congress and the electoral college in all states of this Union where white and colored citizens are disfranchised; the enforcement of the United States Constitution according to its letter and spirit."

FOREIGN POLICY.

"The speedy completion of the Panama canal, the development, step by step, of popular government in the Philippines, and the continued expansion of American influence and trade in the Orient, are measures of progress among the nations of the earth."

"These are the policies of the Republican party as exemplified in the administration of President Roosevelt. We endorse his splendid administration and declare that neither halt nor retreat shall be sounded in the march toward better government. We especially approve the enactment of the railroad rate law, the strengthening of the supervisory powers of the interstate commerce commission, the prosecution of illegal trusts and monopolies, the removal of evil doers, both in the public service and in the commercial world, together with the enforcement of all wholesome measures which have for their aim the guarantee of life, liberty and prosperity."

FINANCIAL CRISIS.

"We congratulate the American people that their recent safe passage through financial disturbance indicates the sound basis upon which our commercial, industrial and agricultural interests are founded; and the Republican party is now appearing of a complete restoration of business prosperity in all lines of trade, commerce and manufacture."

"In the state, we stand for an effective and compulsory primary law; election law; and efficient supervision and inspection of banks and trust companies; the abolishment of child labor; protection of employees in shops, mines, factories, and upon the railroads; local option for the people and the control of public service corporations and the regulation of their rates."

We endorse the Republican administration of state affairs and we congratulate the people of Ohio that after representation in the senate and the house of representatives of the United States maintains the state's high rank in the national legislature."

ENDORSES TAFT.

"Once more Ohio presents to the nation a candidate for the presidency. In this convention, chosen upon a call for a primary election providing for a specific choice for president of the United States, we send greetings to Republican everywhere and announce with pride and devotion that every delegate here assembled is instructed by William H. Taft. He is the man equipped for the day and its duties."

CHANGES PLANS TO AVOID FRAUD

Government Will Open No Washington Timber Tracts for Entry This Spring.

INVESTIGATING UTAH SCHEME

Neah Boy Indian Lands Were Known by Trusted Officials to Be Almost Ready to Open.

They Are Located on Puget Sound and Giving Out of Indian Allotments Had Been Completed.

If the alleged movement in Utah to send 250 entry into government timber land with the understanding that they could sell their claims actual proving up on them had any basis in fact, it concerns the Neah Bay Indian lands, located at the farthest corner of the state of Washington, where Puget Sound enters from the ocean.

This information has been gleaned by the government detectives here, who now believe that if the conspiracy to defraud the government was genuine it was participated in by government officials acquainted with this land and engaged in a present purpose to open it.

TO OPEN FOR ENTRY.

The land is an Indian reservation known as the Neah Bay country, and it extends from the headwaters of the Pacific at the point where Puget Sound comes inland, down the coast for some distance. Government agents have been busy for the past six months making Indian allotments on this section. Four days ago the reports were filed in Washington showing that this work was completed. All that now remains to do is to issue a proclamation declaring the land open for entry.

WHO LEAKED.

Information concerning the completion of the work of making allotments was confidential government information, and had no proper way of leaking to outside parties.

Some of the subscribers to the Utah proposition to exchange \$200 or \$500 for a tip as to when agents would be sent to the land to open for entry. Some of the subscribers to the Utah proposition to exchange \$200 or \$500 for a tip as to when agents would be sent to the land to open for entry.

One result is already certain. The government proclamation opening the land will not issue. A thorough investigation will precede any further move in that direction, and the detectives already have the names of government officials suspected of complicity in the conspiracy to use government information to private ends.

WHAT CAPT. HARE SAYS.

Capt. Hare of the local government field agents, said today that his office was still at work on the matter and was not ready to name any suspects, as the scheme had so many precedents that were pure bunko games that he was still uncertain whether a deliberate move was made against real government property or not. He said that he was undertaking nothing illegal, and were trying only to honestly use up their timber land rights.

UNCLE SAM IS POSTED.

The general government has been given the complete details so far as gathered and telegraphic instructions to the local officials may be received at this time directing them how to proceed.

Capt. Hare explained that all the government has to do to make entrymen's claims legal, is to remove a previous conference among them and a united action to take up land for other purposes than their own uses, so that the government could invalidate any illegitimate claims from entering the land. The crew had difficulty in calming the passengers. The woman who fainted was not restored to consciousness for minutes.

NERVOUS INSPECTOR STARTS PANIC AMONG PASSENGERS

Vallejo, Cal., March 4.—An acting government inspector, in pulling down life preservers over the heads of a funeral party aboard the steamer El Capitán this morning, just after she left south Vallejo enroute to north Vallejo, caused a panic among the passengers. Mrs. John Harrington, wife of the deceased, was the first to become excited. The funeral party was coming to this city from Vallejo, and the crew had boarded her here, called a couple of deckhands and commenced taking down the life preservers. The women became excited, thinking an accident had occurred. The crew had difficulty in calming the passengers. The woman who fainted was not restored to consciousness for minutes.

His conspicuous part in the achievement of a greater America, his broad knowledge and experience in law and government, his genius for world peace and advancement, his rare tact and steady courage, and more than all else, his steadfast devotion to the enduring policies of Republicanism make Ohio's candidate the ideal leader for 1908. We pledge him our earnest support to the national convention, this day chosen to vote for Wm. H. Taft. He is nominated.

"Upon this platform we go before the people, appealing for their support in the name of the great things doing and the greater things to do."