

ONE-HOUR DEFENSE IS DECLARED LIMIT

House Flooded With Oratory, Pro and Con, by Assertion of Unpreparedness.

PRESIDENT IS CRITICISED

Notoriety Seeking Charged to ex-Members of Cabinet and Agitation Is Laid to Ammunition Makers by Some.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, precipitated military discussion on the House floor today with a speech...

Fitzgerald Promises Statement. This speech in support of the bill upon the House. Representative Fitzgerald, of New York, replied briefly...

Representative Sisson, of Mississippi, charged the "war propaganda" to the manufacturers of war material...

Gardner Dissects Army. Mr. Gardner spoke of the President's reference to defense by the citizenry...

Does the President realize that there are only 120,000 militiamen in this whole Nation? Does he understand that 23,000 of them did not even show up last year...

Where is this citizenry to get the weapons of war? According to the latest report of the Chief of Staff, we are short 218 field guns and 1,322,284 rounds of ammunition...

Ammunition Would Last Only One Hour. "I will not say that we have only enough field artillery ammunition to last for a single day's battle...

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SUGAR INTERESTS BOUGHT

Utah Capitalists and Mormons Take Over American Refining Holdings.

OGDEN, Utah, Dec. 10.—Utah capitalists, including the David Eccles interests and leading officers of the Mormon church, have bought all of the holdings of the American Sugar Refining Company...

The announcement was made by Charles W. Nibley, presiding bishop of the Mormon church, and by Le Roy Eccles, general manager of the two companies...

ABSENT BRITONS ORGANIZE

League of Subjects Outside Dominions May Provide Warship.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—An organization called the "Patriotic League of Britons Overseas" composed of British subjects residing outside British dominion, has been formed under the patronage of King George...

Parents and Teachers Organize

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Patrons of the Franklin, Columbian and Central schools held a meeting last night at the Franklin school and organized a Parent-Teacher Association...

Mrs. Eva Vincent, Actress, Dead

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Mrs. Eva Vincent, formerly a widely known actress, died tonight at Bellevue Hospital from bronchial pneumonia. She was 65 years old and had been on the stage for 30 years.

IRVINGTON SCHOOL PUPILS BURNED IN CHRISTMAS-TREE FIRE AND PRINCIPAL AND VISITOR WHO HELPED PREVENT PANIC.



1—Zelda Mosessohn, One of Those Most Severely Burned on Face, Neck and Arms. Photo by Hushack. 2—Basil Burke. 3—Bernice Manning. 4—Jack B. Seabrook. 5—Mrs. Walter M. Cook, Who Helped Prevent Panic and Cared for Injured Children. 6—Harvey Dick, To Extreme Left, at Bottom—Elmer Brown, Principal of School, Who With Miss Ella Williams, One of the Teachers, Did Heroic Work in Preventing a Panic and Smothering the Flames.

10 INJURED IN FIRE

Irvington School Pupils in Christmas Tree Blaze.

TEACHERS ACT HEROICALLY

Flash From Electric Wiring, Apparently, Spreads Sheet of Flame to Tinselled Tree and Costumes. Investigation Is Sought.

(Continued From First Page.) fourths over. Fourth grade, B, numbering 24 pupils, had just finished its performance and was marching from the stage. The school authorities have no idea which child brushed against the tree.

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Hugh Kyle, a 15-year-old student in the fifth grade, rushed to the stage and assisted in keeping the children from the crowd. Mrs. Mosessohn rushed from the audience to find her daughter. In the confusion she was unable to locate her, but threw two others to the floor and rolled them in coats.

Several of the mothers present stated that Mrs. Sidney B. Vincent also displayed rare presence of mind and bravery in rolling the Phillips child in her coat and in putting out the fire on his legs and later in helping to save several other children from serious injuries.

The Phillips child was the only one who broke into the crowd. He was immediately thrown and carried from the room. All the injured children were taken part in the performance except Kyle.

Boys Do Wiring for Tree. The lights for the tree were furnished by a drop extension from the ceiling. Miss Williams, the teacher of the class, says the wires were installed by boys at the school yesterday. The drop wire, declares Mr. Brown, was nearly new. Mr. Brown attributes the fire to a defective light bulb.

Members of the School Board say that the lights were installed without consulting them. As a result of the fire, Superintendent Alderman says he will prohibit installation of light wires without permission of the school electricians. Only principals of schools, he says, will be allowed to install wires hereafter.

We used an extension cord to light the tree," said Mr. Brown. "I can use them there every day. I don't know what the cause was, but believe it was a defective electric light bulb."

Mosessohn Wants Investigation. "The wires were so fixed that the children could not touch them. The whole occurrence was unavoidable. There was no one in particular to blame."

David N. Mosessohn, whose daughter was burned, declares that the fire should be investigated thoroughly. "I think the whole affair should be thoroughly investigated," he said. "It reflects on the methods of the school authorities. Our children deserve better protection than this."

In the East they have a fireman present at these affairs. As far as I can determine, the children jumped into the audience and ran around in flames. There was no man present except the principal."

Woman Saves 20 Children. Mrs. Walter M. Cook, 436 East Eighth street, was one of the many mothers in the audience who showed great presence of mind. She carried out 20 small children after placing her own daughter in safety.

Mrs. Cook sat near the door with her daughter. When the fire started she carried her own child down two flights of steps. Then she ran back to get her other daughter, Margaret, and her protegee, Edna Gill.

Mrs. Cook is enthusiastic in her praise of Mr. Brown, the teachers and the older boys. She took one little girl to her home. The child was burned on the lips, hands and neck. Mrs. Cook

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physician gave heart disease as the cause of death. Last night Wynkoop retired apparently in good health. Adjoining room-ers heard a noise in his room about 2 o'clock this morning, but supposed that the man was suffering from nightmare. He was 45 years old and leaves a family in Tacoma, to whom the body will be sent. Australia has nearly 300,000 acres of untouched forests.

STARVING WAIT LOAN

Chinese Reclamation Work Would Save District. SUFFERING NOW INTENSE. Whole Families Commit Suicide in Desperation—Red Cross Asked to Persuade Bankers to Advance Five Millions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The Chinese government, through American Minister Reisch, is urging the American Red Cross to influence American bankers to advance an immediate loan of \$5,000,000 on the proposed Hual River project, so that sufferers from the late flood in that district may be kept from starvation through employment on the great reclamation work.

Minister Reisch, in a dispatch to the State Department, said today if the work could be begun immediately "a vast additional benefit would be gained by affording work and relief to the million or more people who would otherwise be exposed to suffering and death."

Miss Ellen Williams, teacher of the fourth B grade, was the heroine of the day. To her great praise should be given. She was badly burned, but didn't spare herself one instant. I never saw such nobility and bravery as she displayed.

Mrs. Mosessohn put out the fire on three children who, but for her presence of mind, would have been much worse than they now are. Her own child was brought to my home and bathed in oil, and, after being wrapped in blankets, was taken home in a taxi-cab.

"I hope that this will be a lesson to everyone who gives a Christmas tree to look to the wiring. We thought that we had everything so safe, but evidently we hadn't. I feel that this should be a warning for those who are planning festivities to look to the wiring."

Mrs. W. J. Hofmann said: "The coyness of the principal was indeed praiseworthy. There was very little panic. Of course some lost their heads, but the example of Mr. Brown and the teachers soon helped to quiet everyone."

Other witnesses also praised the teachers and Mrs. Vincent for their presence of mind and action in the crisis. "A family of 11 persons, women and men, young and old, tied together by a rope died unseparated. Some persons hung onto the tails of oxen and died, while their hands tightly clasped the tails. All houses were destroyed. No pen could depict the distressing conditions of the pitiable natives."

Michigan Society Meets Monday. The Michigan Society of Oregon will meet in the Masonic Temple Monday night at 8 o'clock. Cards, dancing, refreshments and a social hour, including the first appearance of the newly organized Michigan Society Orchestra, will follow a short business session.

Tacoma Is Found Dead. CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—At noon today the body of U. G. Wynkoop, a well-known Tacoma traveling man, was found in his room at the Hotel St. Helens in Chehalis, a

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