

20 CHILDREN DIE IN BURNING SCHOOL

Catholic Institution at Peabody, Mass., Destroyed. Pupils Choke Exit.

TARDY PUPIL GIVES ALARM

Mother Superior and Several of Her Charges Injured—Building Emptied Recently at Practice Drill in Two Minutes.

PEABODY, Mass., Oct. 28.—Twenty children, most of them girls ranging in age from 7 to 17 years, lost their lives today in a fire which destroyed St. John's Parochial School. Another girl has injuries which are regarded as probably fatal, while others were less severely hurt.

Six hundred children had entered their class rooms for the morning session when the fire was discovered, and although a majority of them were guided to safety by sisters of the Order of Notre Dame, who were their teachers, panic seized a large number as they neared the front door and in the rush to escape the children just footing and their bodies blocked the exit. It was in the front vestibule that nearly all the bodies were found.

Twelve Victims Identified.

Of the 19 bodies at an undertaking shop tonight ten had been identified as follows: Mabel Beauchamp, 11 years; Nellie Burns, 7; Florence Bourke, 12; Elizabeth Comeau, 10; Helena Brennan, 17; Ann Eolesky, 14; Ida Eismore, 6; Mildred Fay, 13; Helen H. Keefe, 11; Annie M. O'Brien, 11; Patrick Chebator, 6; Florence Doherty, 11.

All of the sisters escaped, but Mother Superior Marie Carmelita was seriously burned. At the convent house tonight it was said that her injuries probably were not fatal, although she is prostrated by the disaster and the suffering of her charges.

How the fire started may never be known. An early theory that a boiler explosion caused it having been dismissed, the state police officials tonight were of the opinion that a storeroom in the basement, where a gas meter was located, was its source, but investigation of the theory was difficult, as the place where the storeroom had been was destroyed.

Tardy Pupil Reports Fire.

The first word of the fire is believed to have come from a tardy pupil, who smelled smoke and reported it to the Mother Superior. The children had just finished morning prayer when the gong sounded for fire drill.

Mother Superior Marie Carmelita hurried to tell the sisters of the actual danger, and the movements of the fire drill were started.

A few days ago in a practice drill the building was emptied in two minutes.

It would have been cleared in almost the same time today, in the opinion of Rev. Nicholas J. Murphy, pastor of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, but for the falling of a child, believed to be a cripple, in the front vestibule. Over her body child after child, fearful of the flames and pressed on by the crowd behind, stumbled and fell. The opening was choked and further escape was in this way stopped.

Trouble at the rear door, which became jammed for a time, also impeded the movement of the children through the building. This exit was reopened, however, and many children escaped through it.

Cries Cause Panic.

The classes of pupils, marshaled by the sisters in the rooms and halls, fled through the corridors and opened down the stairs in orderly procession, notwithstanding curling plumes of smoke, until the block occurred at the doors. Then, with cries from those below in their ears, the children in the rear of the lines scattered on all three floors of the building. From the second floor most of the children supervised by the sisters, and many bystanders which were held out to catch them.

Many of those who went to the windows of the upper stories were taking against risking the long jump and escaped from windows below.

Some of the braver and more resourceful slid down water spouts among them Morris Harris, a boy of 14 years, who assisted his friend, Tom Shea, with one leg over a shaking spout.

Jump Fatal to Girl.

Two girls who were dropped to the ground sustained serious injuries, one, Marion Hayes, dying at a hospital tonight.

The sister-teachers controlled the situation until the mishap at the front door which proved so fatal. Mother Superior Marie Carmelita said during the fire that she had made certain that all the children had left the upper floors before she did. No bodies were found above the first floor.

The building was a three-story brick structure of 11 rooms, nine of which were used for classrooms.

The interior was finished in wood, and the flames ran entirely through it, so that tonight only the outer walls were standing.

LA GRANDE BUDGET IS CUT

\$18,000 Paying Debt Causes Levy to Be Fixed at 19.2 Mills.

LA GRANDE, Or., Oct. 25.—(Special.)—In order to meet \$18,000 by general taxation to pay for North Second street paving because the city had improperly assessed abutting property, City Manager Lefky and the Commission have slashed \$17,000 from last year's budget.

Albany Club to Give Luncheon.

ALBANY, Or., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—Believing in the old adage that the way to reach a man is through his stomach, the Albany Commercial Club is preparing to serve frequent luncheons in the clubrooms to attract business men there and get them interested in the work of the organization. A kitchen is being installed in the clubrooms with a dining apartment adjoining. Manager Eastburn is making plans for many club activities the coming winter.

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ARMY IS DISCUSSED

Chamberlain Has Half-Hour Talk With President.

OPINION NOT YET FORMED

Senator Approves Continental Army Plan in General Way, but Says It Must Not Detract From Efficiency of Militia.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 28.—Senator Chamberlain, after half an hour's conference with the President today, said he generally approved the Army legislative program as outlined to him, but that until he had had further opportunity to study all its features he would not commit himself as to details.

He believes the regular Army should be increased to 150,000 men and approved in a general way the plan to create a continental Army. He is decidedly not in favor, however, of continental Army legislation that will be detrimental to the militia, but on the other hand declares that Congress should enact legislation for building up the militia in the several states.

The Senator will reintroduce his militia pay bill of the last Congress and endeavor to have it passed, together with the general military program. He is strongly hopeful that this bill can be enacted into law, especially since Representative Hay, chairman of the House committee, has recently been converted to the idea of strengthening and improving the militia.

Senator Chamberlain said the President did not discuss with him the recommendations made by the Army War College and the General Staff of the Army, but talked of the program as it has been approved at the White House. He thought, however, that the reports of the War College and General Staff should be made public and sent to Congress, in order that Congress might have the ideas of Army officers as to the kind of legislation they believe should be enacted. The Senator said that in his opinion the country would not approve a regular army of 225,000 men, such as the War College recommended.

86 CHINESE ARE CAUGHT

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMER "ALIVE" WITH STOWAWAYS.

Immigration Authorities Drag Struggling Orientals From Hiding Places on Vessel at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28.—United States immigration inspectors raided the Pacific Mail steamer Mongolia at night and captured 86 Chinese stowaways, who arrived from the Orient yesterday on the boat's last trans-Pacific voyage. Sharp questioning of the Chinese to uncover the identity of Americans, who, it is believed, were cadets of a wholesale smuggling ring, was fruitless.

The raiders crawled into every nook of the big boat and dragged struggling Chinese from a great steel bucket buried in the coal bunkers, from the fire-room, from beneath benches in the dining saloon, from the bunks of the Chinese crew and out of hiding places in the steerage.

The raid was made on advices from Washington that the Mongolia was "alive with stowaways."

The stowaways will be sent back at the expense of the steamship company.

POPULAR TARIFF IS PLAN

WILSON WOULD TAKE QUESTION OUT OF POLITICS, SAYS MADDOX.

Efforts Extend to Other Fundamental Matters, Secretary of Treasury Tells Montanans.

HELENA, Mont., Oct. 28.—Efforts of the Administration at Washington to prevent certain fundamental questions, such as the tariff, from being the battleground and shuttlecock of party politics, were emphasized here today by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo at a breakfast tendered him by state officials and prominent citizens of Montana.

"We are trying," said Mr. McAdoo, "to take certain fundamental questions out of politics so that they may not be party questions in the future as they

STEEL SALES GAIN

Demands on United States Factories Cannot Be Met.

PLANTS RUN NIGHT AND DAY

Prices Are Steadily Rising and Will Reach Point of "Fair and Reasonable Profits," Predicts Judge Elbert H. Gary.

USE FOR EASTLAND FOUND

Government May Buy Fatal Vessel for Naval Training Ship.

CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—The Eastland, which tipped over in the Chicago River July 24, with the loss of 812 lives, may be used as a Government naval training ship, it was announced tonight.

Captain Edward Evers, of the Illinois Naval Reserves, said Governor Dunne had approved of the plan and that an investigation is now in progress to satisfy naval authorities at Washington as to the seaworthiness of the boat. Alterations are to be made in the hull to remove all danger, it was said.

The ship is to be sold at public auction under an order of the United States District Court, and unless unforeseen obstacles develop, the Government, it was said, will buy it and remodel it into a training ship. It is planned to station the ship in the Chicago harbor.

SHERIFF WILL NOT ACT

Cooks County Official Thinks Sunday Law is Obsolete.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—Sheriff Alfred Johnson, of Coos County, in reply to numerous inquiries and letters relating to his attitude towards the Sunday-closing law, which recently was upheld by the State Supreme Court, has issued a letter to the public. In his opinion the law is obsolete and unfair, and if the latter stands for his attitude, Sheriff Johnson will not interfere with any business house which opens its doors on Sunday, barring saloons, of course.

The letter holds there are many new lines of business houses in these days which were not in existence 50 years ago, when the law was passed, and he believes if any stores are to be closed on Sunday, all should be treated alike.

Albany Plays Eugene Tomorrow.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 28.—Orders for 175,000 tons of steel rails were placed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company today. In addition, an order was placed with the Baldwin Locomotive Works for the construction of 75 heavy freight locomotives for immediate delivery.

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