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SCORES OF CHILDREN PERISH IN A SCHOOL HOUSE FIRE

Terrible Catastrophe In A Suburb of Cleveland, Ohio, In Which One Hundred and Fifty Innocents Meet An Awful Fate

EXITS STOPPED WITH HELPLESS FORMS OF LITTLE ONES

Doorways Choked With Bodies of Frightened and Panic Stricken Little Scholars Who Seek In Vain To Escape Death In Fire

PARENTS VIEW THE DREADFUL DEATH AGONIES OF LOVED ONES

Heartrending Scene at Burning Building Where Hundred's Stand Helpless Watching Little Bodies Writhing In A Seething Mass of Flames

BULLETIN.
(By Associated Press.)
CLEVELAND, March 4.—At 3:20 the 148th body was recovered.
The frightened and panic-stricken children turned to escape by windows and any other means that could be found. Escape was cut off by the flames, which by this time had spread throughout the different rooms. The building was of brick, but this did not retard progress of the fire. Soon the lower floor fell and scores of children were precipitated to the basement among the burning embers. The scenes about the building are heartrending. Quickly the news of the terrible catastrophe spread throughout the village and hundreds of parents and relatives were crowding about the building in a search for their girls and boys. In a few minutes twenty bodies were recovered. The horror of the scene was enhanced by the sight of the writhing forms of dozens of little ones in the basement, as the flames burned about them. The nearby factories were shut down and the men were instructed to assist in the work of rescue. Many heroic deeds were done, and many a child owes his life to some brave fellow who, undaunted by the flames, fought his way to the place where the bodies lay and carried out the injured.

(By Associated Press.)
CLEVELAND, March 4.—In a fire which completely destroyed the common school building at Collinwood, a suburb of this city, today, over 150 children are believed to have lost their lives. The fire was started by an overheated furnace. The flames did not spread quickly, but a panic ensued when the building filled with smoke and four hundred children attempted to escape. There were but two exits to the building that were available. One of these was used freely by the pupils, but the other was soon choked with children who immediately dashed for the open air. Those who fell in the doorway were trampled upon by those behind, and the little ones piled up in heaps, so that soon the door was impassable.

tried to break through the crowd, and got so far as to dash toward the burning doorway. Some were restrained with difficulty. As soon as the firemen and volunteers could get close enough to the flames attempts were made to pluck the bodies from the death heaps at the doors. It was found that the flames had practically incinerated the bodies. The firemen, with rakes, forks and shovels, turned up the blackened bodies, little blackened skulls and masses of charred flesh. It was awful.

Walter C. Kellick, a newspaper man, had two children in the burning building. He reached the building shortly after the fire broke out and declares that the back door was locked. He tried to force the door, but failed, and then broke the windows and rescued several children.

Pulls Arms From Body.
(By Associated Press.)
CLEVELAND, March 4.—Many of the rescued are believed to be fatally injured, either by the fire or by being trampled upon. Three little girls met instant death in attempting to jump to safety from the third floor of the burning building.

A man named Dorn discovered his daughter among a mass of injured and crushed. He caught the girl by the hands and in his frantic efforts to save her pulled her arms from her body. Four children of the janitors of the building lost their lives in the fire. The greatest loss was caused by one of the exits, to which scores of children rushed, becoming closed. The door, which opened inwardly, could not be opened against the crush, and many lives were lost. The reports of the number of dead vary, but the very best information is that at least 150 have perished. Of the nine teachers, seven are accounted for. The pupils were mostly young children, from nine to twelve years of age. Up to 1 o'clock sixty bodies were recovered. Thirty-two were identified.

HARTJE ACQUITTED.

Judge Instructs Jury in Famous Conspiracy Case.
(By Associated Press.)
PITTSBURG, March 4.—The Hartje conspiracy case was brought to an abrupt end today by Judge McFarlane, who instructed the jury to acquit Hartje, Wetshone and Hoee. The men were accused of conspiracy to blacken the character of Mrs. Hartje. It is stated that Mrs. Hartje will push her action to obtain a divorce. The case will be called within a few weeks.

CLARK'S O. N. T. THREAD GOLDEN RULE STORE - 5c

—Miss Villier will open her dancing class for children Saturday, March 7, in Redmen's hall at 2 o'clock. Parents who wish their children to attend the class will please enter them Saturday.
Today's ads. should find some desirable tenants for some desirable properties.

U. S. SENATOR PROCTOR DEAD

VENERABLE STATESMAN FROM VERMONT PASSES AWAY AS RESULT OF AGGRAVATED CASE OF THE GRIPPE.

WASHINGTON, March 4.— (By Associated Press.)
Senator Proctor, of Vermont, is dead. He had been sick with the gripple.

TAKES BATH IN CHAMPAGNE

Henry G. Moore, Millionaire, Forgets How He Invests His Money.

PAYS \$6 EACH FOR CIGARS

Rides in Cab if Crosses Street—Says He Can Not Afford Alimony for his Wife.

NEW YORK, March 2.—Henry G. Moore, millionaire by inheritance and "spendthrift" by reputation, who is being sued for alimony and divorce, does not know how he spends his money.

Attorney Abraham Snyderker said last night that Mr. Moore really couldn't remember over night where he spent his income of \$2000 a month. But he gets rid of it all and can not take care of a wife besides, the attorney declares.
"Why, Mr. Moore recently received \$150,000 in accumulated interest on his fortune," said Mr. Snyderker. "In two months he spent it all, without opening a bank account, and he does not know where it went."
"One night Moore bought \$50,000 worth of jewelry and gave it all away, and he can't remember to whom he gave it."
Moore has played checkers with his wife through three states. It is admitted that she got judgment against him in Philadelphia, where they were married, and that he moved to New Jersey so that she could collect. When she got judgment for accumulated alimony in New Jersey he crossed to New York. The alimony claim, at the rate of \$25 a month, now calls for more than \$19,000.

Says He Is Bankrupt.
Mr. Moore had himself declared a bankrupt, because he couldn't keep track of his liabilities and because he was "broke," though getting from \$1600 to \$2500 a month.
This remarkable man, who is living secluded in a big New York apartment house, the exact whereabouts of which his attorney will not reveal, has a housekeeper named Mrs. Anna Belmont. She is named by Mrs. Moore in her divorce suit.
Some of His Characteristics.
According to Attorney Snyderker his client:
Never worked in his life.
Never kept a bank account.
Spends more than \$25,000 every year and can not tell where or how he spends it.
Spends \$100 a night for wine.
Never drinks any intoxicant but wine, although his father headed a big whiskey firm.
Never walks in the city, but uses a cab if he but crosses the street.
Pays \$6000 a year for a New York apartment.
Pays \$600 a hundred for cigars "made to order".
Denies he can spare alimony to his wife, because his cab, theatre and flower bills take all of his available cash.
Always wears a boutonier, for which his florist has grown a special flower.
Can't remember when he was married or when his wife sued him for divorce or of any alimony decrees being issued against him.
Don't Remember Marriage.
The attorney said that he asked his

NORTH BEND ON THE MAP

WILL BE PLACED ON GEODETIC SURVEY—CURRY COUNTY LOSES A GEM.

Captain Westdahl, who is now on Coos Bay for the first time in several years, went to Empire Wednesday evening to consult with Captain McGee, of the tug Columbia, regarding the channel and bar. Captain Westdahl is now compiling data for the next issue of the Coast Pilot. The map of Coos Bay and its contiguous country, which is issued in conjunction with the Pilot will have some changes of importance to North Bend and Marshfield. North Bend will be placed on the new map for the first time, and the increased area of Marshfield and its additions will be noted.

Captain Westdahl took one gem from Curry county's crown yesterday when, in answer to a question, he stated that Cape Blanco was not the most westerly point of the United States. Cape Alava, commonly termed Cape Flattery, at the entrance of Puget sound, Washington, enjoys this distinction. The cape extends some little distance further seaward than Cape Blanco, but the captain was not able to state the exact distance.

LEGLESS MAN RUNS FARM IN MICHIGAN

Owens Ninety Acres and Is the Most Successful Agriculturist in the Township.

BELLEVEUE, MICH., March 4.—Myron J. Briggs, living eight miles southwest of this village, in the township of Pennfield, says he is the only man in Michigan without legs who is a successful farmer. Men who have lost legs are engaged in various occupations, but Mr. Briggs is the first one to take to farming. His legs were amputated so close to the body that he cannot use artificial ones.

Briggs owns a 90-acre farm and has the reputation of being the hardest working and most successful farmer in that township. He husked 700 bushels of corn and had the work done before many farmers had even commenced on theirs. Briggs milks three cows daily, dug several acres of potatoes, keeps a garden, etc. He has a sulky plow and does his own plowing, cuts his own wheat and grass and does almost everything that any farmer can who has two legs. He uses sulky implements whenever possible.

The hardest work that Briggs does and the different kinds is really marvelous. He walks upon the stubs of his legs, his body upright, and propels himself with his hands. He can climb a ladder with great rapidity.

client about the marriage which resulted in the separation and that Moore told him this story:
"Well, sir, I don't remember getting married. But one morning I found a young lady in my home. I was surprised, sir, and said so. 'Why, dear, don't you know that we were married last night?' said she. 'Well, if that is what you say I guess we were, but I don't remember anything about it,' I told her, and since then she has claimed me as her husband."
Last night Attorney George S. Graham, for Mrs. Moore, declared that settlement of the suit for alimony had been reached and that it would be presented in court as soon as it could be reduced to writing.

In August, 1903, James L. Deegan, a truck driver, broke into apartments occupied by Moore at 209 West Ninety-seventh street, and attacked the millionaire because he thought the latter had lured Mrs. Deegan from home. In December of that year Mrs. Moore had a jury drawn to examine her husband for his sanity, alleging that he withheld the necessities of life from her and her daughter and lavished "not only money, but costly clothes, diamonds, carriages and horses upon Mrs. Deegan." Moore won the decision in the insanity proceedings.

In a suit brought by his valet it was charged that the servant, a negro gave Moore champagne baths twice a day.

Read the Want Ads.

SAME STORY FROM SEATTLE

ELECTS REPUBLICAN MAYOR BY MAJORITY OF OVER FIVE THOUSAND VOTES.

DEMOCRAT COMPLETELY LOST

City Party Candidate Is Also Beaten by the Standard Bearer of the Republicans.

(By Associated Press.)
SEATTLE, March 4.—John F. Miller, republican, was elected mayor of Seattle over William Hickman Moore, the city party candidate, by a plurality of over five thousand votes. John B. Metcalf, democratic candidate, was completely lost, polling only about six hundred votes.
The total vote was 26,860, or 85 per cent of the registration. All charter amendments, including the one for direct legislation, carried.

STEAMER ALLIANCE WILL LAY OFF FOR A TRIP

To Undergo Inspection in Portland—Leaves There About March 14

—List of Passengers.
The Alliance sailed from North Bend Wednesday morning about 11 o'clock. On this trip the boat will be tied up in Portland for about a week undergoing inspection. She will make her next trip out of there about March 13 or 14. Following are the passengers:

Mrs. M. L. Briggs, Mrs. M. Briggs, Mrs. Olson, Empire; Mrs. J. H. Gouwick, L. Vaneil, A. C. Barnhoff, Max Anderson, W. Vivian, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Perdue, A. W. Henderson, Mrs. M. Bell, W. B. Griffith, G. E. Masters, W. R. Hurst, A. A. Jamason, Mrs. L. Knapp, A. J. Marsh, Mrs. L. J. Ludberg, Walter Sutton, A. Adolphson, S. A. Curry, E. W. Jensen, E. A. Lindberg, Carl Beckwith, W. F. Ramsey, H. Jackson, S. Werner, H. E. Bacon, D. C. Blake, A. Maghine, J. Graul, M. Kinsli, E. Judell, Charles Ellis, T. Ambrose, W. Shupp, O. Myrger, John Cerato, L. Lecard, S. Bennett, R. Allen.

BANDON BREVITIES.

News of the Week Gleaned From the Columns of the Recorder.

Mrs. C. E. Thompson left recently for Pittsburg, Pa., where her father is ill and not expected to live.

Stanley S. McCutcheon has commenced hauling lumber from Cody's for his new house at Sunset City.

Wm. Irvine and family expect to get away next week for their future home in Washington State. Mr. Irvine has disposed of all his household furniture.

The positive assurance is given that the new creamery in Bandon for the Golden State Creamery company of San Francisco will be completed and in running order by April 1st. All the building materials are being cut at Rosa's mill. The boiler and engine are due on the next Elizabeth and other machinery will later arrive. Contractor Logan continues with the wharf construction.

MYRTLE POINT MENTION.

News of the Week as Found in the Columns of the Enterprise.

Born, on Sunday, the 23d, to Mr. and Mrs. Foster Polen of Catching Inlet, a son.

E. O. Carter has cleared up his ranch on the East Fork and will run a dairy herd of forty cows Henry Ward is in charge of the ranch.

E. J. Pierson and E. J. Adams are installing a wood-cutting machine on the Grant farm south of this city and propose to work up the trees that are being cleared off for fuel.

Elder E. Keeler has sold his home in this city to Geo. Hermann and expects to leave soon for Portland, where he and Mrs. Keeler will make their home in the future, that city being more convenient to Mr. Keeler's work which is in this state and Washington for the Latter Day Saints church.

Today's ads. are full of things to when the first faint knock of a need or want is heard on your door.

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