

# THE FIRE HERSELVES TO SAVE CHILDREN FROM FIRE WHICH DESTROYS A GREAT CONVENT NEAR MONTREAL

## DEATH IN A CONVENT

### Thirteen Lose Lives in Flames at St. Anne's Near Montreal.

## YOUNG GIRLS AND OLD WOMEN PERISH IN FIRE

### Sister Superior Dies Rescuing Children—Many Acts of Heroism by Villagers—No Way to Fight Flames.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Montreal, April 21.—St. Anne's convent at St. Genesieve, near Montreal, one of the oldest and largest in Canada, was completely destroyed by fire early this morning. Thirteen lives are known to have been lost, and several others are missing. The known dead are:

- SUPERIOR, SISTER RAGHARIA.
- MARCELINE VILLEMARIE.
- IRENE BERTRAM, aged 11.
- EMMA TERRAULT, aged 15.
- MRS. ROBERT, aged 22.
- MADAME CARDINAL, aged 24.
- MISS GARAND, aged 25.
- MISS SIMBLER, aged 14.
- LEONARD D'COUST, aged 15.
- MISS DUGAS, aged 14.
- MRS. MARGARET OLIVIN, aged 22.
- MARIESE LALONDE, aged 22.
- ELIZABETH BROUX, aged 11.

The convent was an immense structure, built a century or so ago, standing on a hill that commanded a view of the country for miles. The villagers were aroused at an early hour, just before daybreak, by the alarm from the convent, which was soon in flames. A hundred inmates were rescued from the burning building in their night clothes and taken to the surrounding homes which were all thrown open to the sufferers.

The night was bitterly cold, and a fierce wind fanned the flames which soon mantled all the buildings, and resulted in their complete destruction. The village had no fire brigade, there was no system of water works, and before help arrived from Montreal the big structure was in ruins.

The cause of the fire is not known but it is presumed that it started through carelessness of the employes in connection with the kitchen. As soon as the fire alarm was sounded panic immediately broke out among inmates and scenes of the wildest confusion ensued. Children and old people struggled fiercely with sisters to make their escape from the burning structure.

In connection with the convent was an old ladies' home in which there were about 20 aged women, some of them nearly 100 years old. All but four of the old ladies were rescued, but all sustained a severe shock and it is feared that in some cases the nervous excitement will prove fatal. Many of the aged inmates were paralyzed and absolutely unable to aid themselves in escaping, dying in their quarters.

Nearly 100 young girls were pupils of the academy ranging from 10 years old to 18. The girls fought and struggled with one another to reach the exit and some of them became excited and leaped from the windows of the upper floors to the ground suffering severe injuries and a few of them fatal injuries.

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Mrs. Carrie C. Van Orsdall, Who Was Yesterday Re-elected Grand Adviser of the Women of Woodcraft.

## FOUND ROOSEVELT IN FINE PITTLE

### Delighted at Having Killed His Bear and Saved Dog's Life.

## CAMPERS TO BE MOVED TO GREGOR RANCH SATURDAY

### President Signs Appointment of Atkinson to Be Judge of Court of Claims.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Glenwood Springs, Colo., April 21.—Secretary Loeb after his return from the president's camp has settled down for another three days' wait for news. He said that he found the president in fine fettle, delighted at having killed his bear, and proud of his second shot which broke the bear's backbone, and put an end to its killing the dogs.

Saturday the camp will be moved to Gregor ranch, on the west divide. The third camp will be made still further over toward Redstone. May 14 the president will come here, remain over night, and the following day start for Denver.

Loeb said that the dogs had several times caught up with the bear and annoyed him until he was in a vicious mood when the president and other members of the party came up with the dogs. One dog had been killed and several others wounded when the president shot hurriedly to save a dog from the grizzly's paw. The first shot struck the animal in the shoulder. Firing again he killed his game.

## ALL CHICAGO TEAMSTERS TO JOIN STRIKERS' RANKS

(Journal Special Service.)  
Chicago, April 21.—In response to an invitation from Mayor Dunne to hold a conference this afternoon regarding the strike, leaders agreed to meet the members of the party came up with the dogs. The wholehouse leaders planned for today. The sentiment among union teamsters is for a general strike unless something tangible comes from the conference. The vote of the 25,000 members of the teamsters' union will be taken tonight on the proposition to quit work. Such a move would paralyze the city's industries.

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## DEMAND A RECEIVER

### Policy Holders of Equitable Life Ask Court for Relief.

## GROSS FRAUDS CHARGED TO PRESENT MANAGERS

### Alexander and Hyde Accused of Misappropriating Funds and Mismanaging Business of Concern.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Chicago, April 21.—Charging gross fraud and unlawful manipulation of the funds of the society, six policyholders of the Equitable Life Assurance society today filed a petition in the United States circuit court for the appointment of a receiver of the big insurance company.

President Alexander and Vice-President Hyde are made subjects of scathing accusations for misappropriation of funds, mismanagement of business, and the sensational controversy now going on among the factions, which is declared ruinous. The complainants express the fear that the request for the receiver will be destroyed by the tremendous loss of policyholders. The decision to ask for a receiver was made at a meeting of policyholders held at the office of D. J. Schuyler, in the New York life building. The complainants are John C. Sandia, Abraham Sitron, Julius Hittelson, Max Etelson, Louis Neuman, Samuel Lyons and Edna Lyons.

The special committee appointed by the general agents of the Equitable Life Assurance society is in Albany today, where it waited on Superintendent of Insurance Frank Hendricks in regard to the actualization of the Equitable. An interview was held with Governor Higgins this afternoon relative to the investigation of the Equitable now being made under state auspices, and the plan laid out for the mutualization of the concern.

E. T. J. Farrell has been requested to resign his position as second vice-president of the Equitable and to withdraw as a member of the board of directors. He has about \$100,000 in the company. The committee of investigation, headed by H. C. Frick.

In an attack issued on President Alexander, Hyde accuses the chief executive of employing his relatives at fat salaries and submits a list of the members of the Alexander family who draw a total of \$198,000 a year from the Equitable treasury. James W. Alexander, president, salary \$100,000. William Alexander, a brother, secretary, salary \$30,000. Henry M. Alexander, a son, of the law firm of Alexander & Colby, retainer, \$25,000. Frederick D. Alexander, a son, of the brokerage firm of Alexander, Thomas & Davis, about \$10,000. Dr. Arthur Pell, a brother-in-law, medical director, \$10,000. Mr. Gilchrist, a nephew, head of the securities department, \$5,000. The amounts received by relatives of Mr. Alexander, it is said, were exclusive of the fees paid to Alexander & Colby, as counsel for the society. Mr. Thomas A. Alexander, Thomas A. Davis, a nephew of Mrs. J. W. Alexander.

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## REQUESTED TO DEPART

### French Government Asks Rojstvensky to Leave Kamranh Bay.

## JAPAN IS ASSURED OF NEUTRALITY OF FRANCE

### Russian Admiralty Notifies Fleet That Prolonged Stay Off Cochinchina Will Result in War.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Paris, April 21.—(Bulletin).—Premier Rouvier stated to the chamber of deputies today that the government had sent a request to Rojstvensky to leave the Indo-China waters which come within France's jurisdiction.

(Journal Special Service.)  
London, April 21.—A Central News dispatch from Paris states that the French government has formally requested the Russian fleet to leave Kamranh bay. There is no official confirmation here of the report that the fleet has already left Kamranh bay.

It is stated on high authority that the Russian admiralty has notified Admiral Rojstvensky of the grave danger to peace which will be entailed if the stay of his squadron off the coast of Annam is prolonged contrary to the laws of neutrality. Confidence is expressed in Russian official circles that the admiral will carry out his instructions.

The French minister at Tokyo has assured the Japanese government of France's neutrality. The Russian minister of finance has received a telegram from a confidential agent at Shanghai giving a rumor that the Russian admiral Rojstvensky has already passed the straits of Pormosa without encountering Admiral Togo. There is no confirmation to French advices from the according to the Russian fleet sailed from Kamranh bay yesterday, its destination is unknown, but it is believed that Rojstvensky has been joined by Nebogatoff with the third Pacific squadron and that the Russians are now ready to face the Japanese with eight first class battleships, three second class battleships and numerous cruisers. Large quantities of ammunition are also believed to have been received by the Russians who also replenished their coal supplies during their halt at Kamranh bay.

A Shanghai dispatch states that five Chinese warships are now ready to face the Russian cruiser Agaid, which was reported disarmed after she took refuge in the harbor last winter. It is stated that the vessel has been secretly made ready for sea.

Foreign Minister Delcasse has assured Japan that France will observe neutrality laws. It is stated that the size of Kamranh bay permits ships to enter and anchor without being in French territory waters. It is furthermore stated that France had no previous knowledge that the Russians intend going to Kamranh bay and therefore had no opportunity to foresee or guard against their visit.

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L. I. Boak of Denver, Who Will Doubtless Succeed Falkenburg as Head Consul of the Woodmen of the World.

## TEMPTING FARE AT PENNY RATES

### What the Young Woman's Christian Association Will Do at the Fair.

## WORK HAS BEGUN ON THE EXHIBIT BUILDING

### Will Be Fine Clubhouse and Home for Women With Every Convenience.

Work has been begun on the new Y. W. C. A. building at the fair grounds, and full plans have been made for its arrangement and management. The building will serve to illustrate the principle on which the association is conducted—to provide for women comfort and good companionship at the lowest rates possible. Its motive remains philanthropic.

The site is directly northeast of the Liberal Arts building. Downstairs will be a huge dining-room, where dainty and appetizing luncheons will be served at the usual penny, instead of nickel rate. Commodious kitchens will be on this floor also to provide room for sanitary cooking. Offices and exhibition rooms will complete the first floor. On the second floor will be parlors, prettily furnished, clean, and commodious lavatories, with bath, several rest rooms, one of which will be fitted up as a hospital or emergency room, and a well equipped nursery where parents may leave their children during slight soiling. A trained hospital nurse will be in attendance at the building. Reasonable rates will be charged for these conveniences, but members of the association bearing their membership tickets from any part of the world will receive rates.

Miss McCorkle, the general state secretary of the association, will have charge of the building, and will be assisted by committees of women. Some have already begun their work. An information bureau where oral and printed information will be given concerning the exposition grounds, the city or any other point of interest, will be run in connection with the office downstairs.

## MULTNOMAH CAMP WINS THE MEDAL

### Captures Honor in Competitive Drill at Los Angeles Against All Comers.

## PORTLAND'S CRACK TEAM SURPRISES BIG CROWD

### Other Teams Do Excellent Work and Are Recipients of Much Praise.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Los Angeles, Cal., April 21.—In the competitive drill between the uniform rank teams Woodmen of the World, held here last night in the presence of the hundreds of delegates and visitors attending the head camp convention, Multnomah team won the first prize, a gold medal valued at \$100.

The competing team that carried off the honors for Oregon is from Multnomah camp, No. 77, of Portland. Although nine states participated in the contest, the winning team scored high, the judges grading it 92 per cent, only one point of being perfect.

It is claimed by the prosecution against Rumelin that there is evidence to prove that practices in the handling of many contracts permitted "grafts" by contractors after contracts had been let, by altering specifications that allowed the use of less material than was called for, the price of the work remaining unchanged. It was in this, it is claimed, that the California company expected to make a profit, after having paid \$2,000 to Maney to withdraw the work for \$25,000.

## CALLS IT PERJURY

### Councilman Rumelin Says He Was Indicted on False Testimony.

## DENIES HAVING TRIED TO BRIBE ELLIOTT

### In Trial of the Case Against Official Much Light Will Be Thrown on Manner of Letting Contracts.

"William C. Elliott and George Scoggin perjured themselves when they swore that I ever offered them any consideration for an adverse report on the Marquam gulch first street viaduct," declares Charles E. Rumelin, who was indicted last evening by an information filed by District Attorney Manning, charging him with having attempted to bribe Elliott to report against the \$55,000 bid of J. Maney for the contract to construct the bridge.

Mr. Rumelin was vehement in his statement, and declared that he had been unjustly dealt with by the men who were on record under oath to the effect that he tried to pay them money to influence their official acts. However, he refused to make any statement when asked to say something about the indictment.

"I positively will not say anything," said he, in answer to numerous questions, "but will wait until I am in court, before uttering one single thing on the subject."

Later it was stated by him that he had not yet retained a lawyer to defend him. It is learned that he has discussed the matter with several personal friends and political associates, and has been vehement in declaring his innocence. This morning at 10 o'clock a bench warrant was issued from the circuit court for the arrest of Mr. Rumelin, and he was expected to appear in court this afternoon to be arraigned.

Irregularities in Contract.  
Now that the matter of the Marquam gulch viaduct has been brought into court, the expectation is that all the facts will be laid bare that affect in any manner the letting of the contract in connection with the letting of the contract.

Certain facts have already been learned. One of these is that there was some hidden reason for the desire to have the Maney \$55,000 bid withdrawn, in order that the \$45,000 bid of the Pacific Construction company of San Francisco might remain as the lowest to be accepted by the executive board.

## A MILLION DOLLARS IS LAWSON'S GAIN

(Journal Special Service.)  
New York, April 21.—Thomas W. Lawson yesterday took advantage of a psychological moment in history, by a raid on Wall street, carrying off profits amounting to almost a million dollars.

Seldom, if ever, in the history of the street have conditions been more propitious. The signing of the stock tax bill by Governor Higgins, the near approach of a decisive battle in the far east, the closing of the exchange for Friday and Saturday, the possibility of trouble over neutrality between Japan and France, which might drag in England, the heavy selling of life insurance

interests, the already marvelously high prices of stocks, all contributed an opportunity which Lawson was shrewd enough to turn to advantage.

Prices of stocks broke on an average of four points. Wall street, which, since the memorable day last December when Lawson made his first bear raid, had laughed and joked about the Bostonian, went to bed trembling under the blow which he had struck, feeling that he had made good his threats.

## WOULD BORROW GALLOWES TO HANG CRIMINAL UPON

(Journal Special Service.)  
Leviaton, Mont., April 21.—Two floors being on good neighborly terms, the sheriff of Meagher county applied to the sheriff of Fergus county, Slater being the name of the latter official, for a loan of his gallowes. The Meagher county sheriff wants to hang H. H. Metzger. Sheriff Slater wants to accommodate his colleague but cannot find the gallowes.

Some time ago a malefactor, William Calder by name, was executed in the old county jail. Soon afterward the jail was sold to Tubbs Bros., contractors, the edifice to be converted into building materials and removed. With the building the gallowes seems to have been carried away.

## FIRST CHERRIES OF SEASON COME HIGH

Ten dollars a pound is the price Chicago and other cities of the east paid a few days ago for the first cherries to arrive in the markets. This is at the rate of \$100 a 10-pound box.

The first cherries of the season arrived in the Portland market today from California. The shipments consisted of five boxes of 10 pounds each. The first cherries that came to this market today were not quite so high as those sold during the week in Chicago, but they were high enough for most people.

## RUBINIAN MINISTER DEAD

(Journal Special Service.)  
Pekin, April 21.—M. Paul Lessner, a Russian minister to China, whose foot was recently amputated, died last night.

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## FINDS AT 90 HE'S WORTH A FORTUNE

(Journal Special Service.)  
Chicago, April 21.—A tale of the finding of lost treasure rivaling Alexander Dumas' description of the good fortune of Monte Christo, is told by John P. Foss, who a few days ago found in an old safe in the cellar of his residence three certificates of stock in the People's Gas, Light & Coke company, which the lawyers declare are worth approximately \$500,000.

Foss is 90 years old. Action has been commenced in the circuit court by Foss to secure an accounting of the affairs of the People's Gas, Light & Coke company and the return of its proportionate shares of stock, with accrued interest, which he claims he is now entitled to by virtue of the original stock certificates, which he stored in a safe at the time and lost trace of during Chicago's big fire. Recently the son of Foss became curious as to the contents of the old safe in the basement and forced it open, finding a great quantity of the certificates were found.

## JEFFERSON STILL IMPROVING

(Journal Special Service.)  
West Palm Beach, Fla., April 21.—Jefferson passed another good night and his condition this morning shows a slight improvement over yesterday.

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