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MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED KILLED

CLEVELAND SCHOOL DISASTER GROWS MORE TERRIBLE AS FACTS DEVELOP

Children Caught in Narrow Doorway, Some of Which Are Barred, and Are Crushed to Death. Brave Teachers Attempt Vainly to Stop Panic. Little Ones Cornered in Upper Floor, Leap to Street and Many Are Injured. Police Struggle With Frantic Parents.

Cleveland, March 4.—At 2 o'clock this afternoon it was estimated that 125 persons lost their lives in the North Collinwood schoolhouse fire. Of the number burned to death five were teachers. There are 110 bodies at the North Collinwood morgue.

Cleveland, March 4.—Ohio is horrified today at the terrible consequences of crowding children into wooden schoolhouses. Over one hundred little ones lost their lives in the burning of the North Collinwood school in this city this morning.

Scores of homes are in the direst sorrow. The city is somber in its sadness. Nothing like the disaster has occurred since the terrible Iroquois theatre disaster in Chicago six years ago.

The fire started from an overheated furnace at 10:30 o'clock. There were three hundred children in the building at the time and all were engaged in class work or studies when the alarm was sounded. The fire drill was executed with order until a panic started and in the crush that followed Carry Wiley and Grace Fisk, teachers, were crushed to death by the

frantic scholars before the fire had gained full headway.

Bodies Recovered.

Forty bodies have been recovered and they are stacked up in front of the North Collinwood school lot, and it is requiring the full strength of the police department to hold back the grief-stricken mob of parents who struggle fiercely with the patrolmen and hremes in a vain endeavor to reach the charred remains of their loved ones. The sight is pathetic in the extreme.

There were many acts of heroism during the time the flames encircled the encaged children. One man, Wallace Upton at great personal risk, saved 18 children before overcome by smoke and fire and fatally injured. Herbert E. Chelberger, a scholar, aged 12 years, saved four of his companions and then as if in frenzy dived headlong into the cellar from whence he was saved by firemen a few minutes later.

When the alarm was sounded part of the fire department responded, but three successive alarms brought the entire department to the scene. In the meantime the police were notified

and four patrol wagons loaded with men hurried to the school. They arrived none too soon, as the crowd was greatly impeding the work of the firemen and was with difficulty forced back beyond the fire lines.

Ladders Too Short.

The ladders of the trucks were too short to reach the third floor of the building where many children were entrapped. While the aerial ladders were being brought into service many children, panic stricken, jumped into the raging furnace of flames as if gone mad from terror. The firemen rescued scores with the aerial ladders and showed great bravery in carrying on the work, seemingly caring little for their own lives in their desperate endeavors to get at the children and drag them from their places at the windows.

The awful scene of the Iroquois fire was re-enacted when the panic threw the school into confusion. The children made a concerted rush for the doors and in many cases these were found to be securely locked. The narrow exits were choked with the struggling mass of humanity and scores were trampled to death.

EVERY NEARBY HOME TURNED INTO MORGUE

Miss Carry Wiley, who was killed during the crush at the doors, displayed great bravery. She was standing near the exit about three yards away from Grace Fisk, another of the teachers who was killed. In a loud voice Miss Wiley commanded her charges to keep their heads and not to crush. "Keep cool, children, keep cool," she shouted. "Move quickly, but don't get excited."

Panic in Classroom.

At this moment the children in another classroom broke ranks and started the panic. The teacher struggled madly to keep her feet and with the full power of her voice tried to stem the panic. No use, the densely packed crowd of scholars flung her against the wall and in the fight for life that followed she was crushed to death.

The stairways caught fire and about 100 children were seen to get down from the third floor. Before the firemen could raise the aerial ladders the little ones began to jump from the windows toward the roadway. Many were injured in this manner but their lives were probably saved by the leap. Homes in the immediate vicinity were turned into temporary morgues and hospitals. The entire emergency hospital force of the city with every available ambulance was sent to the scene. The building was burned to the ground within an hour after the fire started. Men from nearby factories who were ordered by their foremen to stop work and go to the assistance of the children, helped search the debris for bodies. The exact number of lives lost could not be ascertained as the school records were burned and in the confusion of the disaster it was difficult to check the names of the dead. The men working in the debris alternated in two-hour shifts and by 1 o'clock many bodies had been removed. Few of these could be identified, as they were burned beyond recognition. Several firemen were injured in attempts to search for bodies, presumably by falling walls.

Suburb of Cleveland.

The town of Collinwood is a suburb of Cleveland and within its city limits. It is six miles from the business center of the city and is populated largely by men in the employ of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railroads. One section of the town is built up of palatial mansions, homes of wealthy Clevelanders, so that the families afflicted by today's disaster are equally divided between the rich and the poor.

The homes of the wealthy were thrown open and every effort made to assist and comfort those who, among the poorest classes, had suffered through the fire. There prevailed a following feeling, brought strongly out by the calamity which had deprived so many homes of their little ones.

Principal Frank P. Whitney estimates the number of dead at 125. He says that most of the pupils were young, ranging in years from 9 to 12.

Whitney's Statement.

Mr. Whitney said: "The fire started soon after the children had begun their work for the day. It was discovered in

the basement and an alarm was at once communicated to the teachers on all the floors of the building. Efforts were made to employ the fire drill in getting the pupils out, but the flames shot up through the halls and the children were thrown into a frightful panic.

There were but two exits in the building that were available. One of these was used freely by the children, but the other soon became choked with pupils who madly dashed for the open air. Those who fell in the doorway were trampled on by those behind.

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 rooms. The building was of wood and the walls of brick. In a few minutes the lower floor fell, precipitating scores of children to the basement, among the burning embers. The scene about the building was heartrending. Quickly the news of the catastrophe spread throughout the village and hundreds of parents were crowding about the building in search for their girls and boys.

"In a few minutes 30 bodies had been taken from the ruins. Plainly the fire was of a terrible nature, either by fire or being trampled on.

CAPTAIN DUDLEY ON TRIAL

Charged With Inflicting Cruel and Needlessly Humiliating Punishment on Enlisted Men, While Commanding at the Boise Barracks.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Boise, Ida., March 4.—Captain Clarke D. Dudley, fourteenth United States cavalry, was court-martialed here today on the charge of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline. Officers from Vancouver barracks, Fort Walla Walla and other posts in the northwest are here sitting as a court-martial.

The specific charge against Captain Dudley is cruelty to enlisted men. It is alleged that while he was commanding officer of Boise barracks last year he caused a private to be locked up for 48 hours in a cell so small he was compelled to stand up, depriving him of food and water; that he forced men to stand before the public gaze with the placard, "I am a bad boy," about their necks, and that he otherwise ordered unwarranted punishment.

Captain Dudley's counsel is Captain Carter, a personal friend. The taking of testimony began this morning.

It is believed that the United States will make demonstration against Republic unless Castro agrees to arbitrate differences.

VENEZUELAN FEAR AMERICA

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Caracas, Venezuela, March 4.—It is reported here today that the United States may make a display of force against Venezuela unless President Castro agrees to arbitrate the differences which have arisen over the claims of American capitalists that they have been mistreated here and their property taken away from them. Castro remains silent refusing to discuss the matter.

Decisions adverse to the Americans are expected to be handed down immediately by the Venezuelan courts. Castro's advisors believe that he is pursuing an unwise course in offending the United States but he refuses to listen to them.

FIREMAN INJURED IN WRECK

O. R. & N. Passenger Train Number Six Derailed at Pilot Rock Junction Early This Morning—Dave Graybill Hurt.

Locomotive and Baggage Car Leave Track—Passengers Escape Uninjured. Wrecking Crew Engaged in Clearing Away Debris.

(Special Correspondent of The Journal.)

Pendleton, March 4.—Fireman Dave Graybill was seriously injured when O. R. & N. train No. 6 was derailed at Pilot Rock Junction, four miles west of here this morning. The engine was thrown upon its side near the track and the baggage car rolled down an embankment. The passenger cars remained on the rails and their occupants received no more serious injury than a severe shaking up. The cause of the wreck has not been learned.

Number 6 is due here at 2:25 a. m. It was about on time at the time the accident occurred, running at its usual speed. It is believed that a spread rail may have caused the wreck. Fireman Graybill was injured internally and badly bruised about the body. He was brought to St. Anthony's hospital here. The physicians believe that he will recover.

Engineer George Hillman was thrown from his cab when the engine left the rails, but escaped without injury. The passengers were brought to Pendleton, and will be taken on east this afternoon. Owing to the track being blocked No. 7, the Pendleton-Portland Walla and Wallula to Umatilla, which will make it several hours late at Portland. A wrecking crew is now at work clearing the track.

HOPKINS FAVORS ALDRICH BILL

Illinois Senator Says Depositor Should Not Be Guaranteed Money.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, March 4.—Senator Hopkins of Illinois championed the Aldrich financial bill in the senate today. He called the attacks on the bill carping criticism. He said "Had it been a law it could have checked the recent panic in its incipency. There is no more reason that a man should be guaranteed the return of his funds piled in a national bank than a farmer should be guaranteed his crop."

REBATERS WILL PLEAD GUILTY

Officers of San Francisco Railroad Did Not Know of Law Violations.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
St. Louis, March 4.—It is intimated that the officers of the San Francisco railroad, who were indicted on 13 counts for rebating, will plead guilty. The maximum penalty is a \$20,000 fine on each count. It is declared that the rebaters were granted without the knowledge of the officers, who stopped the practice as soon as they learned of it.

SAFE BLOWERS SCARE GUESTS AT HOTEL

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Mt. Orab, Ohio, March 4.—Blowing up the safe of the bank here last night, crackmen secured \$5,000. The charge of dynamite used to blow the safe was so heavy that it awoke guests in a hotel half a block away. The robbers escaped.

One New Notary.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Salem, Or., March 4.—A notarial commission has been issued to F. G. Eby of Portland.

COMMERCIAL BODIES WIRE TO WASHINGTON URGING THAT THE CRUISER SQUADRON STOP HERE

MRS. ROBLEY D. EVANS WHO WILL VISIT THIS COAST



Mrs. Robley D. Evans has signified her intention of visiting Pacific coast cities during the stay of the battleship fleet in western waters. Mrs. Evans will join her husband at San Francisco and will from there proceed to Puget sound. In this event Mrs. Evans will probably stop off at Portland for a few days' rest.

CHICAGO SUSPECTS JAILED

Police Capture Alleged Anarchists Whom They Believe Were Implicated in Plot to Assassinate Chief Shippy — Watch for Emma Goldman.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Chicago, March 4.—Samuel Wexelbaum, a jeweler, and Charles Yoniflis, an Indian, suspected of complicity in anarchist plots, were arrested this morning. After a thorough examination Wexelbaum was released but will be kept under surveillance. It is believed by the officers who are conducting the investigation into the attempt to assassinate Chief of Police Shippy, that the two men are members of the Edelstadt group of anarchists. Symptoms of blood poisoning are showing in Chief Shippy's wound and his physicians fear that it may prove far more serious than they anticipated. The police are watching all incoming trains to make sure that Emma Goldman, the notorious woman anarchist, does not stop here.

HARTJE IS FREED BY COURT

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Pittsburg, March 4.—Augustus Hartje, the millionaire, John Welshons, the attorney, and Clifton Hooe, Hartje's colored coachman, were acquitted of conspiracy today. The court instructed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty. The trial of the three men was the result of the notorious Hartje divorce scandal. It was charged by Mrs. Hartje's attorneys that Hartje attempted to blacken his wife's character by inventing stories derogatory to her reputation. They declared that Hooe, who told the witness stand of undue intimacy with the woman, was hired by Hartje and Welshons to aid them in the divorce proceedings. After the divorce suit was settled the prosecuting attorney brought charges of conspiracy against the three men. The state's case failed and Justice McHanda took the charge out of the hands of the jury by instructing a verdict of not guilty.

WOULD AID ROSE SHOW

Big Fleet Goes to Bremerton and Part of It May Be Detailed to Visit Portland. Prompt Action Taken by Festival Committee.

Acting upon The Journal's suggestion a committee from the Rose Festival association is visiting the heads of the commercial bodies of the city government of Portland today and enlisting them in the plan to have the cruiser and torpedo-boat fleet come to Portland for the first week in June.

Realizing that all that is needed to assure the finest naval display ever seen on inland waters is for the commercial bodies to unite and telegraph the Oregon representatives in congress asking their aid, the committee is certain that prompt and concerted action will be taken.

Mayor Lane will be asked to speak for the municipal government in extending the invitation.

The Manufacturer's association was the first to act and early this morning Fletcher Linn, president of the association, sent the following telegram to Senators Fulton and Bourne:

"The Manufacturer's association urges you to make representations to the proper persons to secure a portion of the battleship fleet for Portland during the Rose Festival, June 1 to 6.

(Signed) FLETCHER LINN, "President."

Other organizations will undoubtedly send similar telegrams during the day.

Some time ago the Commercial club asked the delegation to see the navy officials and ask their cooperation. At that time the matter was left largely in the hands of Admiral Evans. It has been learned since, however, that although the battleships will probably go direct to Bremerton the cruisers and torpedo boat flotilla can easily be secured for Portland's festival.

OLDEST INDIAN WOMAN IS DEAD

Julia Ruby of Rainier Almost Equals the Wonderful Grandma Wood.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Rainier, Or., March 4.—Mrs. Julia Ruby, the old Indian woman, famous for her age and endurance, died here yesterday at the age of 111 years. Mrs. Ruby belonged to the Tumwatha and Canasota tribes. She married a white man in her early years, and was the mother of 14 children. Mrs. Ruby was active up to her last moment, and at the age of 110 years suffered a broken arm, which when set knitted perfectly. The funeral will be held in Rainier.

LANE BOOTLEGGER FOUND GUILTY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Eugene, Or., March 4.—The grand jury yesterday returned an indictment against Andrew Bertucci of Cottage Grove on the charge of soliciting to immorality, and against Clyde Workman of Eugene for a statutory crime. Both will plead today. Fred Lemley, now a resident of Eugene, was found guilty by a jury yesterday of selling liquor at Springfield in violation of the local option law. He was arrested only last summer, but could not have a trial before the opening of the bank holidays during the fall and winter. He will be sentenced Friday.

FOR SENATE, NOT ON STATEMENT NO. 1

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
The Dalles, Or., March 4.—Henry L. Kuch, former mayor of The Dalles and now a member of the Republican county central committee, declined himself to be a candidate for the state senate opposed to Statement No. 1.