

WALLS FALL ON SEARCHERS; 23 MORE VICTIMS

Ruins of Burned Missouri Athletic Club's Building Topple Over on Firemen and Adjoining Building.

18 FIREMEN CAUGHT WHEN RUIN CRUMBLES

Groans and Cries Come From Spot and Number of Dead Not Learned.

St. Louis, Mo., March 17.—Firemen, digging in the debris of the Missouri Athletic club's fallen west wall, came about 4 o'clock upon Herman Cobb, salesman for the St. Louis Seed company. He was alive and 20 men worked to save him.

St. Louis, March 17.—The west wall of the burned Missouri Athletic club building, in collapsing this afternoon upon a force of men who were searching the ruins for more victims of the recent fire, also crashed upon the St. Louis Seed company's building, adjoining and partly crushed it, burying a number of employees.

Those it seemed certain were under the wreckage were Misses Hazel and Mildred Conderman, sales girls for the seed company. Herman Cobb, a seed company salesman.

Miss Mae Mullrine, a stenographer for the company. Henry Strathmore, the company's bookkeeper.

Fourteen members of the searching party were working in the ruins of the club building. These were in addition to the four injured men taken out.

According to spectators in Washington street, the men were massed about the swimming pool on the first floor level trying to clear the wreckage.

As the workers tugged at the mass of charred timber, twisted steel work and crumbling masonry, just at 2 p. m. the wall collapsed. It was so unexpected that but a few of the men were able to jump from under the mountain of bricks and mortar.

A stifling cloud of dust arose, and as the spectators rushed forward, groans and cries could be heard from under the wreckage.

A fresh search for the latest victims was begun at once.

Ocean Sled Trip Is Stefansson's Plan

Letters From Explorer Say He Will Venture Out on Ice of the Arctic for at Least 150 Miles.

Ottawa, March 17.—Letters to the naval department from Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the explorer, written last January, were received today in the mail from the Royal Northwest Mounted Police at Fort McPherson.

Lad Is Scratched—Wound Proves Fatal

Mother Morely Breaks Skin With Scissors, But Blood Poisoning Develops; Medical Aid Proves of No Avail.

Walla Walla, Wash., March 17.—A month ago Mrs. Melvin F. Turner of this city accidentally scratched her 2-year-old boy, Archie, with a pair of scissors.

Liner Goes Ashore; Passengers Saved

City of Sidney Aground on Sambre Rocks, Nova Scotia, and Probably Total Loss; Tugs Get Passengers.

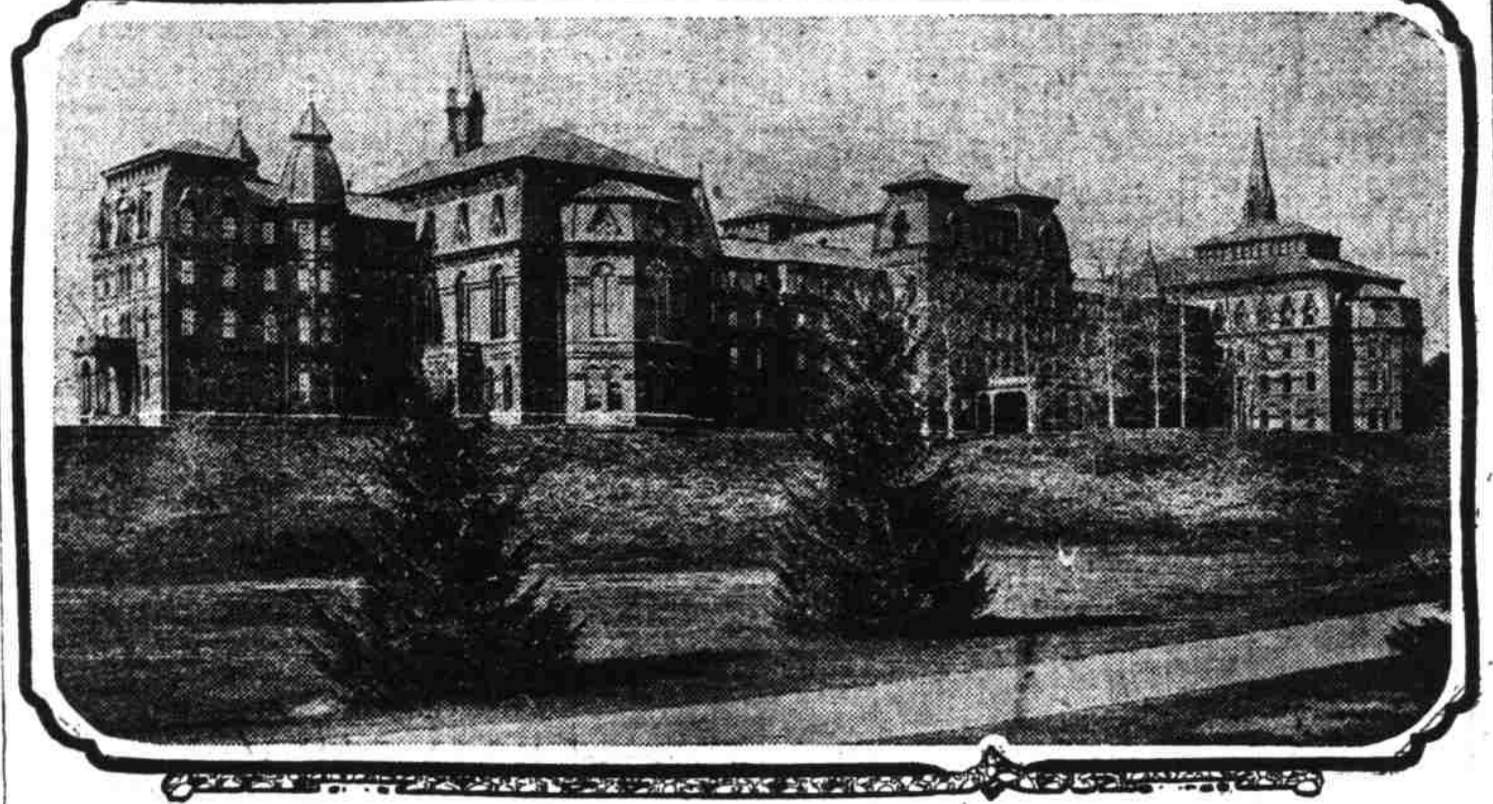
Halifax, N. S., March 17.—The steamer City of Sidney is aground off Sambre Rocks. Tugs have removed the passengers and are bringing them here.

CANDIDATES MUST SHOW

Washington, March 17.—The house elections committee today started investigation into campaign contributions.

400 Wellesley Girls Escape Dormitory Fire Flee From Burning Building in Light Attire

College Hall, Administration Building of Wellesley College, Which Was Destroyed in Early Morning Fire Today With a Loss of \$1,000,000; Students Form Fire Brigade; No Fatalities Reported.



Blaze Starts in Fourth Floor Laboratory at 5:30 and Girls Flee for Their Lives, Emptying Building in Three Minutes; Must Close Temporarily.

Wellesley, Mass., March 17.—Few of them clad in anything more than their night dresses, 400 girl students were driven by fire from the main dormitory in the administration building of Wellesley college at 5:30 a. m. today.

The structure was completely destroyed with \$1,000,000 estimated loss. The college fire brigade, composed of girls, with Miss Mary O'Mahoney as chief, aroused the students, directed the rescues and saved what little property they could.

Wellesley college is situated at Wellesley Mass., 16 miles from Boston, on the Boston & Albany railroad. Its grounds embrace 320 acres. Its president, Dr. Ellen Fitz Pendleton, was present a guest in this city at the house guest of Mrs. Vincent Cook at 426 North Fifth street.

Mrs. Cook, who is president of the local Wellesley alumnae society, stated it appeared that the fire swept away the most treasured building on the Wellesley campus.

There are a number of Wellesley alumnae in Portland. Miss Frances Bales, daughter of F. W. Bales, of the firm of F. W. Bales & Co., printers, of Portland, is a member of the freshmen class at Wellesley.

Hallowed by tradition and recollections of pleasant associations, the destruction by fire of the main building at Wellesley college early this morning

King's Attendants Eject Suffragettes

Throw Them Out When They Interrupt Matinee at Which King and Queen Were Guests; One Gets in Commons.

London, March 17.—King George and Queen Mary attended a matinee at the Palladium this afternoon. During its progress several militant suffragettes arose and attempted to address the gathering. They were ejected.

Later another suffragette arose near the royal box and tried to speak. King George was roundly applauded when his bodyguards and attendants ejected the woman. A dozen others who tried to speak also were carried screaming from the scene.

Lack of Primaries Surprises Wilson

President Writes Senator Kern Expressing Wonderment That So Wide-awake State Should Be So Backward

Washington, March 17.—President Wilson today wrote Senator John W. Kern expressing surprise at the lack of statewide primaries in "so great and wide-awake state as Indiana." He said he hoped they would be adopted there soon.

Wearin' o' the Green Was for Men Only

St. Patrick's Day Celebration Committee Refuses to Allow Women in Parade, Fearing Suffragettes.

New York, March 17.—The St. Patrick's day celebration committee refused today the applications of all women's organizations to take part in the parade, intimating that it was because the committeemen were afraid it would be turned into a suffragette demonstration.

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Alleged Confessions of Two Boys Are To Effect That Beating Was Given Victim in Taking Valuables.

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CAILLAUX QUILTS CABINET PLACE OVER SHOOTING

French Minister of Finance Resigns as Result of Killing of Editor Calmette of Figaro by Mme. Caillaux.

VICE PRESIDENT OBJECT OF ATTACK BY WOMAN

Entire Ministry Threatened With Overthrow Through Dramatic Shooting.

Paris, March 17.—Joseph Caillaux, whose wife Henriette yesterday shot Editor Gaston Calmette of the Figaro, wounding him so badly that he died a few hours later, today retired as minister of finance.

His fellow members of the cabinet made a decent show of objecting to his resignation, but popular feeling against him was at such a pitch that it was obvious he could not continue in office, and finally it was accepted.

That the rest of the cabinet could survive seemed doubtful. The members were in conference with President Poincare this afternoon, considering whether to surrender their portfolios or reorganize the ministry.

Political excitement was intense and public men generally hesitated to venture into the streets without guards. An unidentified woman, indeed, attempted an attack on Vice President Auzaneur of the chamber of deputies.

A detective who was with him saved him from violence. The cause of the attack was unknown.

Shooting Was Over Letter. Mme. Caillaux, who shot Calmette because he published a love letter written to her by her present husband before her divorce from a previous partner and his from a previous wife, went in her cell at St. Lazare prison when told her victim was dead.

"I'm sorry he died," she sobbed. "I only intended to frighten him, not to kill him. But his persecution had been such that I trembled daily when I opened a newspaper. My heart bleeds for my husband in the merciless campaign the Figaro was waging against him. The attacks on him were frightful, unrelenting, unfair. He is the most honest man on earth. He couldn't and wouldn't deceive."

Public opinion was intensely hostile not only to Mme. Caillaux but to her husband as well. The newspapers denounced them in unmeasured terms. Only strong police protection saved the finance minister from mobbing as he emerged from the St. Lazare prison after an interview with his wife last night.

Crowds March the Streets. Until midnight crowds marched through the streets, shouting: "Down with the assassin! Down with Caillaux!" The minister spent a sleepless night at a friend's house.

Caillaux has been considered one of France's most brilliant men. He was ambitious to become president and would have been likely enough to have

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Mexican Bandits Are Blamed Action Is Up to Washington

General Murray Gets Report

Major General Arthur Murray, United States Army, in Command of the Western Department, Who Discussed Mexican Situation, Following His Inspection of Ports at the Mouth of the Columbia River and Arrival in This City.



Shortage Found in Quartermaster's Department at Seattle, Wash., According to Information Received; Captain Griffiths Is Held in Detinue.

In the opinion of Major General Arthur Murray, U. S. A., commander of the western department, the burning of a general store at Tecate, Cal., containing the United States postoffice and custom house and the murder of San Diego in regard to the outrage, indicates that the raid and murder was the work of Mexican bandits and not of troops of either side engaged in internecine strife south of the border.

The general returned from inspecting the forts at the mouth of the Columbia river this morning and when seen at the Multnomah, said that reports already received by him from San Diego in regard to the outrage, indicates that the raid and murder was the work of Mexican bandits and not of troops of either side engaged in internecine strife south of the border.

Although the investigation, which is being made by Major W. C. Davis, commander of Fort Rosecrans, is not completed by any means, the information I have already received indicates that Mexican bandits are responsible," said General Murray.

Shortly after his arrival here today General Murray received a report from army officials at Seattle that a shortage had been discovered in the quartermaster's department there.

The general admitted that Captain Griffiths, who had charge of the funds, had been placed in detinue pending a full investigation. It is said the alleged shortage amounts to approximately \$800 and was discovered by Lieutenant Colonel Gallagher.

General Murray declined to state just what the alleged shortage was.

"The feeling between the Mexicans and Americans along the border is strained, I understand, on account of Johnson's murder, and Major Davis has been instructed to see that no trouble occurs. Whether we shall detail a permanent border patrol is a question that will be considered after the investigation has been made."

Accompanied by his aide-de-camp, Captain Mayne, he said that Murray spent yesterday inspecting the forts at the mouth of the Columbia. He visited both Fort Stevens and Columbia and said he found them in much better condition than he expected.

"The coast defenses are well prepared, in fact," was his comment. General Murray has now completed the inspection of the forts of the Pacific coast up to December, 1913. He was assigned to the local quartermaster's office of the United States army, serving in this city for about two years.

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SIZE OF ALASKA TRADE AMAZES BUSINESS MEN

Importance to Portland of Opening Great Northern Territory as Result of Enactment of R. R. Bill Told.

"GET MINDS OFF TOWN LOT TRAFFIC," ADVISED

Vigorous Effort to Extend Commerce Declared This City's Chief Necessity.

One of the most important meetings from a trade extension viewpoint ever held in the city was that called by the chamber of commerce last night to celebrate the signing of the Alaska railroad bill and to consider the possibilities of the Portland-Alaska steamship line.

Major J. J. Morrow, government engineer, showed what revolutionary influence a thousand miles of government built railroad will have on the fortunes of Alaska.

Norman F. Titus, manager of the Pacific Steamship company, amazed the business men present with his showing of the business that is opening before the Portland-Alaska line, and his fact based prediction of what the line may mean to Portland upon the building of a railroad and the real opening of the country.

At the close of the meeting which was held in the assembly room of the Commercial club, A. H. Devers, the chairman, said that a bill of \$20,000 had been required by the owners of the Wand, Stetson and Quinalut, vessels chartered by the Portland company, that it was proposed to divide the amount between 100 men, making the individual liability \$100 for each of the three vessels, that less than half the number desired had been secured, and that it would be very satisfactory if the entire number could be completed from among the business men at the meeting.

Bare Half Dozen Respond. Half a dozen responded to the invitation; the remainder rose and with one accord went out, saying that the talk had been very interesting.

Those who have not when given opportunity, subscribed to the capital stock of the bonds, have had before them the fact that the opening of action and interest they serve Seattle and align themselves with Seattle interests.

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"Hold cargoes will pay the expense; deck loads will make the profits," said he, adding:

"The lumbering interests here get into the game and try to sell as much as possible of the 60,000,000 feet that will be shipped into Alaska this year; if the Portland line will send their representatives into the territory to get orders; if the canneries and fishermen support us we feel sure they will, in support of the Alaska line is guaranteed."

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