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# PERISH IN CONVENT

Fourteen Women and Girls Are Burned to Death.

## NO HELP WITHIN THEIR REACH

Way freight leaves Estacada at 7:10 a. m. Sisters Give Up Their Lives in Effort to Save Children and Helpless Old Women.

> Montreal, April 22 .- The little village of St. Genevieve is in mourning tonight over the loss of 14 lives in a fire which destroyed the convent of St.
>
> Anne there early today. One nun,
> nine children, ranging in age from 10
> to 19, and four aged women, perished
> in the flames. Two nuns were so senine children, ranging in age from 10 to 19, and four aged women, perished in the flames. Two nuns were so severely burned that it is feared they

In their grief over the catastrophe, the villagers find some comfort in relat-ing the heroism displayed by Sister Marie Adjuteur, who gave up her life, and Sister Marie Therese and Marie Robertine, who were perhaps tatally burned in their efforts to save the lives of the children and helpless old women.

Bucket brigades were hurriedly formed by the villagers, but the fire had gained such headway that it was soon apparent that there was no chance to save the building from destruction.

Sister Ragettera, in her efforts to save the lives of the children in her charge, succumbed to the smoke and The pupils who perished were in a portion of the building where the fire had obtained too much headway before the alarm was given to enable those who responded to effect their res-

An effort was made to get Point Claire by telephone so that assistance could be had from Montreal, but for some reason no response was received from Point Claire.

The fire started about midnight in the old ladies' hospital, and the smoke was so thick that the children on the floor above were unable to get down. The convent was called Ste. Anne's,

and was a branch of the convent of the Sisters of Ste. Anne's of Lachine. building was a gray stone structure.

British Engineer Named.

Washington, April 20. — Sir Morti-mer Durand, the British ambassador, today informed Secretary Taft that the British government had, at the secretary's invitation, selected Chief Engineer Hunter, the builder of the Man-chester ship canal, to act as one of the consulting engineers of the Panama ca-

#### Move for Municipal Gas.

Chicago, April 25 .- Agitation to establish municipal ownership of gas works as well as street railways in Chicago was inaugurated in earnest today by a public meeting in the city counced chamber which took steps to hasten the passage of the Chicago gas bills.

#### PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat — Club, 83@84c per bushel; bluestem, 89@90c valley, 88c.

gray, \$27@28.

Hay— Timothy, \$14@16 per ton; clover, \$11@12; cheat, \$11@12; grain, \$11@12.

per pound. Potatoes - Oregon fancy, \$1@1.50; hwa. The enemys'

common, 80@85.

choice, \$1@1.25.

18c; mohair, choice, 31@321/2c.

PASS INTERNATIONAL LAWS.

Congressman Bartholdt Will Present Plan to Peace Conference.

Kansas City, Mo., April 24. — Congressman Richard Bartholdt, president of the Interparliamentary union, the international body that seeks to bring about peace between nations through arbitration, spent today in Kansas City. Mr. Bartholdt left tonight for the East and will start tomorrow for Brussels, where a meeting of the executive committee of the union will be held, May 15, to set the date for the

international peace commission.

A new idea will be presented by Mr. Bartholdt. A resolution will be offered to have formed an international as-sembly which will be given the power by the respective governments of the members to pass laws on international questions. The members of the union questions. are members of parliaments and cones of the various signator powers

American governments to send representatives to the peace congress; second, that a general arbitration treaty be drafted for submission to the various governments that would cover all specific points so as to obviate the necessity in our own country, for instance, of the president going to the senate for advice and consent in every instance in which international questions are involved; and, third, to arrange a basis of representation for each of the nations taking part.

#### GREAT STORM IN ROCKIES.

Snow Covers Mountains and Ranges From Texas to Wyoming.

Denver, April 25 .- The storm which began early yesterday morning continued until noon today. The downpour changed from rain to snow about midnight, and the plains of Eastern Colorado were covered with about six inches of snow this morning. The precipitation in Denver was 2.30 inches, and has been exceeded only four times since 1876. Telegraph wires north, west and south of this city were generally unserviceable this morning.

The storm extended from the panhandle of Texas to Central Wyoming. Livestock on the ranges is in good condition, and, as the temperature is not low, there will be little loss. The benefit to grass on the range is incalculable.

Even if the storm is followed by frost, as is usual in April in Colorado, the fruit trees are safe, for the cool

weather of the past two weeks has kept back the buds from opening. Little damage is reported so far to railroads. Trinidad reports a dangerous rise in the Purgatoris river, which last fall went on a rampage and washed out all the bridges for miles up and down the stream. Pueblo is looking for a rise in the Arkansas. The storm abated during the forenoon and the snow melted rapidly.

Train service on practically all roads in Colorado is delayed by the storm. Of the fi A slide in the Royal gorge, on the main line of the Rio Grande, covered the track and delayed traffic for several hours. In the Crippie Creek district the snowfall was extremely heavy and Oats-No. 1 white, \$28@29 per ton; trains were operated with great diffi-

#### Small Force of Russians.

Tokio, April 25 .- It is officially an-Eggs-Oregon ranch, 18@181/4c per nounced that a force holding Tunghwa has reported that a small body of the Butter — Fancy creamery, 17 1/2 @ 20c enemy is still stopping at Laoling and Makoulou, twenty miles north of Tungstrong, attempted an attack on April Apples—Fancy, \$1.75@2.50 per box; 20 against Kingsching, but were twice hoice, \$1@1.25.

Hops — Choice, 1904, 231/2@25c per repulsed. The enemy's watch guards at Talon are increasing in strength. Thus far they have shown no activity skirmish.

# PROTEST TO FRANCE

**Broken Neutrality May Involve** Her in War with Japan.

#### WOULD MEAN AID OF ENGLAND

Russian Fleet Must Either Leave Kamranh Bay or Fight Battle in the Harbor.

Tokio, April 20. - Japan is contemplating declaring war on France and calling on Great Britain for support. This action follows the sending of a formal protest to France against the use by the Russian Baltic fleet of Kambay as a rendezvous and the coupling therewith of a statement that if France refrained from acting Japan will send a fleet of war vessels to attack the Russians in the shelter of a neutral

A conference of elders was held last night at which the entire situtaion w discussed. Immediately afterward the mikado was notified that the elders be-lieved that the time had come when France should be forced to live up to her declarations of neutrality, and the note of protest was drafted and for-

It is felt here that the situation is extremely grave, and there is no doubt that if France does not act quickly the consequences will be far-reaching.

A dispatch from Sasebo states that a Japanese squadron is getting in readiness there to sail for Kamranh bay and attack the Russians there, while Admiral Togo continues to hold the pass-

age toward the Pacific.

It is reported that an American and a British squadron is in touch with the Russians, watching for violations of neutrality or the endangering of British and American shipping. The belief is growing here that the stay of the Russian fleet in Kamranh bay was prearranged.

#### WHEAT DIRECT TO EUROPE.

Fleet of Whalebacks Will Take Big Cargoes from Chicago.

Chicago, April 25. - The Tribune says: It is reported that the "ore fleet" of ten whaleback steamers has been sold to Eastern capitalists, be-lieved to be John W. Gates and his associates in the May wheat deal, the plan being to ship wheat direct from Chicago to Europe.

The fleet, which has been operated by the Pittsburg Steamship company, one of the subsidiary corporations of the United States Steel corporation, is now in drydock at Detroit, being remodeled for ocean voyages. Some of these vessels have already crossed the ocean with cargoes of steel rails. Some

Mr. Gates declined to be interviewed

T. J. Hyde, secretarry of the Miners' Steel company, said he had not heard of the fleet but did not deem it im-

Forest Going Up In Smoke.

Duluth, Minn., April 25 .- Northeastern Minnesota and the western end of Lake Superior are enveloped in a pall of smoke from forest fires. Scores of fires are burning in the woods and slashings, and reports are coming concerning them from every line of rail communication entering Duluth. are burning close to several of the mining locations on the Messaba. country is dry, no rain having fallen for three weeks.

#### Rain Needed to Save Forests.

Cumberland, Wis., April 25 .- Forest fires raging here and spreading Wool -Valley, 20@24c, according to and there have been no exchanges with throughout Northern Wisconsin threat-fineness; Eastern Oregon, best, 17% the exception of an occasional cavalry en the loss of property unless rain stope en the loss of property unless rain stops them soon.