

had been crushed out by the weight of their schoolmates who trampled and fell upon them. Burning tongues of flames had claimed others.

REPORT OF EXPLOSION UNCONFIRMED.

With arms extended toward the door, cries to the sisters and to their parents on their lips, the little ones were virtually roasted in the hall of the building, now turned into a roaring furnace.

Various causes were assigned for the fire. Some persons reported hearing an explosion, but this evidently was incorrect.

MOTHERS RUSH TO SCENE.

Hundreds began arriving at the scene of the fire within a half hour after the first alarm was sounded. Mothers were frantic as they searched for their little ones. They ran from one group to another almost as wildly and hysterically as did the children.

building went as they saw these pitiful scenes enacted over and over again. "I never saw anything like it in my life, and I hope I never will again," one man said, as he staggered away from the burning building, his face drawn and haggard. "It was too much for me, and after I had done all I could I left. It was terrible."

School Fire Tragedy Recalls Collinwood Disaster of 1908

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Oct. 28.—The St. John's school horror at Peabody, Mass., today recalled to Cleveland the burning of the North Collinwood school, March 1, 1908. In the Collinwood fire 32 children were crushed, suffocated, or burned to death. Two teachers also perished.

Find Huddled Mass of Mites.

A score of mothers were forced to continue their search after hearing cries which they thought might come from their children. For them the search did not end until they came upon a huddled mass of mites of humanity in a nearby building that had been hastily turned into a morgue.

EPISCOPALIANS BAR RELIGIOUS CRUSADE

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—High Church will keep up its fight on the Protestant Episcopal board of missions, which at its adjourned meeting yesterday officially appointed delegates to attend the Panama Congress on Religious Work in Latin America.

The five bishops and clergymen who had resigned the day before, after the board refused to rescind its action in arranging for representation at the congress, consulted with the eight others who had opposed the action but had not withdrawn.

The delegates who are to visit Panama are to pay their own expenses and are to do nothing to cover with others at the congress, but the opponents of the project see strongly that even that limited participation endangers church unity and wishes the ban between Protestants and Catholics.

MASON SAYS SPLIT MAY PRESAGE PEACE

By J. W. T. MASON.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—The sudden cabinet crisis in France may be the beginning of the end of the war. It is an acknowledgment of France's dissatisfaction with the progress of events and is a final effort to put things to rights before the end is reached. If a new ministry cannot bring about radical improvements in the military and diplomatic situation, France must begin to consider terms of peace.

The immediate cause of the crisis is the loss of prestige in the Balkans. But, deeper than this, is the growing dependency over the inability of the diplomatic situation to drive the Germans out of France or to force forward in Alsace and Lorraine. With the war in an unsatisfactory state at home, French public opinion does not favor the dispatch of an expeditionary force to the Balkans. The Viviani cabinet has laid itself open to serious criticism because of the Balkan expedition.

The French people unquestionably believe that the responsibility for taking over the responsibility of leading the Germans in the Near East, and there the Viviani has not got as much effective assistance from the British as he himself became. "Britain's ally in France," French statesmen are now intimating that the British are guilty of hesitation and inaction since the period of recrimination among members of any kind of coalition which is almost inevitable after persistent defeats, but France is not concealing her dissatisfaction at the character of the assistance she has received from her allies.

By changing her ministry, France will be in a position to ask for a new basis of understanding among the allies. This new basis, indeed, in its first meaning, must relate to the kind of peace acceptable to all the allies. That being so, the Balkan situation may, in the end, work out favorably to France. The German threat against Egypt and other British eastern possessions makes the British empire for the first time really dependent on the assistance of the allies. France, therefore, can now talk more convincingly to the British government than at any other time since the beginning of the war.

YOUR SICK CHILD IS CONSTIPATED! LOOK AT TONGUE. Hurry, Mother! Remove poisons from little stomach, liver, bowels. Give "California Syrup of Figs" if cross, bilious or feverish.

CONFESSIONS IN BOMB CASE ARE EXPECTED

Attorney Knox intimates, Belief That Full Disclosures Are Coming.

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Lamb, this squad has combed the water-front, places where sea-faring men gather, and has collected a vast amount of information, from which the Secret Service department was enabled to make the arrests.

Boy Accidentally Shot Is Taken to Hospital

Morgan Pollin, fourteen years old of Great Falls, Va., was brought to Thirteenth and M street on an Old Dominion car yesterday afternoon and sent to Georgetown University Hospital. He is suffering from a shot wound in the shoulder. He was playing with a gun near his home today.

Bulgars Prepare to Halt Russian Advance

PARIS, Oct. 28.—Bulgarians, now in possession of the Serbian side of the Groze Danube bank opposite Roumania are defending their positions, as well as along the stretches of the river which serve as the Bulgarian-Roumanian boundary, according to Bucharest reports this afternoon, apparently with a view to retarding a Russian advance through Roumania.

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Supplied With Data.

According to a new story from Fay, he went from the Marne battlefield direct to Herr Jannerson, of the German secret service, in Berlin. There he said he was supplied with a wealth of data regarding American munitions plants, railroads, and shipping centers, a detail which, according to his confession, he was to direct his efforts after consulting with Captain Boyer and Captain von Posen, German military representatives in this country.

FATIMA The Turkish Blend Cigarettes 20 for 15¢

AVIATOR KENDRICK OFF FOR HATTERAS

Leaves Rensselaer, N. Y., on Attempt to Make Long-Distance Flight.

RENSSELAER, N. Y., Oct. 28.—Aviator Beryl H. Kendrick took the air shortly before 9 o'clock today on an attempted 75-mile flight to Cape Hatteras.

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Woodward & Lothrop New York-WASHINGTON-Paris Victor Records For November On Sale Today

Friday Reduction In The Boys' Own Store Clearance prices on small lots and incomplete assortments.

Friday Clearance of Men's Pajamas and Night Shirts Several small lots of Pajamas and Night Shirts in seasonal weights and materials.

Friday Clearance of Women's Silk Blouses 13 Blouses, of Georgette crepe, crepe de chine, messaline and Japanese silk.

Friday Special Values In Women's Undergarments Lot 1—Women's Drawers, made of good quality nainsook and cambric.

Friday Clearance of Odd Pairs of Lace Curtains About 50 odd pairs in Scrims, Madrases, and Nets, in one-of-a-kind designs.

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