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150 SCHOOL CHILDREN LOSE LIVES IN FIRE

Panic Occurs in School Building in Suburb of Cleveland, Ohio., With Appalling Result

EXIT BLOCKED BY HEAP OF BODIES

Doors Swinging Inward Responsible For Many Deaths By Stopping One Exit

FLOORS CARRY OTHERS DOWN

Many Precipitated Into Blazing Ruins Before They Could Escape — Dead May Exceed Seventy-five and Scores of Others Are Injured—Some Fatally Hurt and Hospitals Are Overflowing —List of Dead and Missing.

Cleveland, March 4.—At 1:45 o'clock seventy-one bodies had been removed from the ruins, including Miss Fisk, one of the teachers. The list of missing numbers 108.

Cleveland, March 4.—At 2 o'clock 121 bodies had been recovered. The missing number fifty-eight.

Cleveland, March 4.—It is now believed the loss of life will reach, if not exceed 150. At 2:20 146 bodies had been taken out of the ruins.

Cleveland, March 4.—In a fire which completely destroyed the common school building in Collinwood, a suburb, today, seventy-five and perhaps 150 children are thought to have lost their lives.

The fire started by an overheated furnace. The flames quickly spread, and a panic ensued when the building became filled with smoke and 400 children attempted to escape.

There were but two available exits in the building.

One of these was used freely by the children, but the other soon became choked with children, who madly dashed for the open air. Those who fell in the doorway were trampled upon by those behind and soon the doorway was impassable.

Children in a Panic.

The frightened and panic stricken children turned to escape by the windows and any other means that could be found. Escape was cut off by the flames, which, by this time, spread throughout the rooms. The building was of brick, yet this did not retard the progress of the flames. In a few minutes the lower floor fell, precipitating scores of children to the basement, among burning embers.

The scene about the building was heart rending. Quickly the news spread throughout the village and hundreds of parents crowded about the building in search of their girls or boys. In a few minutes twenty bodies were taken from the ruins.

Plainly writing forms of dozens of children could be seen in the basement. Nearby factories dismissed their men and instructed them to assist in the rescue. They braved the fire and made heroic efforts to save those not dead.

Partial List of Dead.

Among the dead are: Edna Eahner, aged 12 years. Bernice Schubert, aged 10. Willie Welsbarth, aged 7. — Meyers, aged 6. Two Buschman girls, aged 10 and 12. Hugh McClrath, aged 10. Thomas Thompson, aged 9. Eddie Kehl, aged 11. — Rostock, aged 10. Two Woodmeyer girls, aged 10 and 12.

Harold Anderson, aged 12. Mary Ridgeway, aged 10. Anna Roth. Gertrude Davis. Walter Herter. Helen Herter. Martha Herter. Warner Herter. Kelly Boy, aged 10. Kelly Boy, aged 7.

Katherine Weiler, teacher. Harry Zingelman, aged 10. Lucy Zingelman, aged 8. Mable Sigler, aged 10. Don Rush, aged 12. Irene Davis, aged 14. Angelino Zupan, aged 11. Edward Myer, aged 6. Frank Widmar, aged 6. Shaefer boy, aged 9. John Widman, aged 10. Lillian Rostock, aged 6. Emil Rostock, aged 14. Missing and injured. Among the missing are: Lizzie Lyon. Emma Heinge. Peter Heninger. A partial list of injured follows: Glen Barber, aged 10. Mildred Schmidt, aged 10. Twenty-five Bodies Recovered. At 11:30 twenty-five bodies had been recovered from the ruins and taken to the shops of the Lake Shore railway, where the company's physicians were attending the injured. Practically every ambulance in the eastern part of Cleveland was called, as well as every available physician.

Many of the children rescued are believed to be fatally injured. Scores of children have been taken to city hospitals. Three little girls met instant death in attempting to jump to safety from the third floor of the burning building. They are Mary Ridgeway, Anna Roth and Gertrude Davis. A man named Dorn, who arrived upon the scene early, and at the time the children were crowded in front of the door, discovered his little girl among the mass of injured and crushed. He caught the girl by the hands, and, in a frantic effort to save her, pulled her arms from her body.

Dead May Exceed Seventy-five.

Four children of the janitor of the building lost their lives together in the fire. The greatest loss of life was caused by one of the exits being closed, to which point scores of children rushed. Their escape was blocked by the door that opened inward. In this manner they were delayed in reaching the outer doors and windows. It is said that as a result of this stampede alone scores of children lost their lives.

Reports as to the number of dead vary.

The first estimates placed it as high as 200. Reports are conflicting at this time. In the excitement it is impossible to form a reasonable estimate. Judging from the number of bodies recovered and the number of missing, together with the number that can be seen in the basement, it is safe to say that at least seventy-five have perished. This list may grow as the truth is revealed.

Dead May Reach 150.

Of nine teachers of the school, seven are accounted for. Principal Frank P. Whitney estimates the number of dead from seventy-five to 150. The pupils are mostly very young children, ranging from 9 to 12 years.

Up to 1 o'clock this afternoon sixty bodies had been recovered from the ruins. Thirty-two have been identified. The bodies of twelve boys and eleven girls are at the morgue at the Lake Shore railway shops, burned beyond recognition.

Declares Door Was Locked.

The panic that had worked such fearful results inside the building spread to the helpless crowd outside, but only for a brief time. Organized efforts at rescue were under way. Firemen played streams upon the piles of bodies in the doorways and tried to drag out bodies with rakes and other implements.

After the fire had been reduced somewhat piles of charred little bodies were still visible in the doorways. In the rear door the bodies were burned beyond recognition and lay piled five feet deep. A man who reached the building shortly after the fire broke out declared the back door was locked. He attempted to break down the door but failed to do so. He then smashed in windows and with the aid of other men rescued a number of children by dragging them out.

No Method in Dismissing.

Those who are familiar with the building and who were early at the scene, believe that the most loss of life was due to the fact that all the rooms were dismissed at once. The pupils poured downstairs and made for the doorways already full of children escaping from the lower floors. The exits were soon choked. The desperate ones behind pushed and struggled for their lives, driving the human wedges tighter in place.

A fearful scene was enacted around the burning school house. Fathers and mothers raved, cursed and prayed. Many tried to break through the crowd, and some got so far as to dash toward the flaming doorways. One big man in overalls and jumper was restrained by force. Explaining in broken English that his "kinder" were in the building, he struggled desperately with the three men who held him. Finally they threw him to the ground and sat on him, forcing his great form down in ankle deep mud.

TAFT BOOMED BY OHIO REPUBLICANS

Delegates Instructed to Vote For Him Until Nomination is Accomplished

DECLARES FOR TARIFF REVISION

Convention on Record in Favor of Protection Only to Legitimate Industries and Labor — Platform Adopted One on Which Taft Will Prosecute Campaign.

NEWS OF AUTO CARS

American Driver Given Enthusiastic Welcome at Council Bluffs — Italians Praise Iowa But Roast Indiana's Treatment — Military Auto Reaches Ft. Leavenworth.

Special to Times-Republican.

Council Bluffs, March 4.—The American car, with Monty Roberts smiling and happy, the mud bespattered, reached here at 11:15 this morning. A stop was made in front of the Non-parcell office, where a squad of photographers secured photos of the car and the pilot car. The car was received by a great throng. American flags decorated the store fronts for blocks on Broadway, thru which street the car passed on its way to Omaha.

Italians Roast Indiana.

Special to Times-Republican. Boone, March 4.—The Italian car arrived here at 8 this morning, took on thirty-five gallons of gasoline, repaired the mud chain, and was out again at 8:37 for Omaha, piloted by Will Johnson of Boone. The car was brought to Boone by E. J. Beebe, of Marshalltown. The men spoke in the highest praise of their treatment in Iowa and roared the Indiana treatment.

Stop School to See Auto.

Special to Times-Republican. Grand Junction, March 4.—The Italian car passed here at 10:25, without stopping. School was dismissed, and great interest was shown.

Italians Have a Mishap.

Special to Times-Republican. Boone, March 4.—A message just received says the Italian car lost a wheel on the prairie between Ogden and Jefferson. Several hours were required in making repairs. The occupants of the car had narrow escapes from death or serious injury.

Details of the Accident.

Special to Times-Republican. Jefferson, March 4.—The Italian car just, met with a serious accident as they were coming into this city at 10:30 this morning, with the result that they will be laid up here for three or four hours for repairs. The car is a seven thousand pound machine with six cylinders. They were going at a high rate of speed when by some means mud got into the right hand wheel, forcing it off. The occupants of the car received a severe jolting and the driver was thrown to the ground, but no one received serious injuries. The driver of the car expressed his opinion that had not this accident happened they would have overtaken the American car which is now delayed some place in Nebraska, within forty-eight hours. The local automobilists met the car at Grand Junction and will pilot them thru Greene county this afternoon. They will take dinner in this city.

NEGRO IS DESPERATE

Murderer of West Virginia Shoots Three of Posse Who Have Surrounded Barn Sheltering Him — Company of National Guard to the Scene.

Clarksburg, W. Va., March 4.—Frank Johnson, a negro, after having murdered Mrs. Carl Martin, colored, at Gypsy yesterday, because she refused to clope with him, today shot and seriously wounded three members of the posse who have the negro surrounded in a barn nine miles from here. There are 500 persons around the barn. A company of the West Virginia National Guard will arrive at the scene this afternoon.

GET \$3,000 FROM BANK.

Safe Crackers Make Successful Haul at Mount Orab, O.

Cincinnati, March 4.—Safe crackers early today raided the Mt. Orab bank in Mt. Orab, O., forty miles east of Cincinnati, of \$3,000, and escaped.

Mining Company Dividends.

Beacon, March 4.—The directors of the Cabnet and Hecla Mining Company today declared quarterly dividends of \$5 a share against the last quarterly dividend of \$10.

HYPOCRISY SHOWN IN ALLISON PLEDGES

Endorsement of Senator By State Delegates Not in Keeping With Situation

SENATORSHIP NOT INVOLVED

Conventions Being Held Not Indicative of Gains or Losses — Standpatters Working to Control First State Convention — Senators Coming to Allison's Aid.

Special to Times-Republican.

Des Moines, March 4.—The hypocrisy of the standpatter press in Iowa in preaching against factional politics and lamenting the division of the republican party in Iowa was never more glaringly exposed than during the past few days in the columns of the leading standpatter newspapers and by the action of the standpatters in many counties adopting resolutions endorsing Allison's candidacy for the United States senate at conventions called solely for the purpose of selecting delegates to the first state convention when delegates to the national convention will be selected and at which the senatorial fight has no place.

BRYAN CENTRAL FIGURE.

Leaders Say There Will Be No Contest in Nebraska Convention. Omaha, March 4.—The advance guard to the democratic state convention, which meets here tomorrow, began arriving today. Bryan will be the central figure. His influence will dominate the spirit of the platform. Bryan is expected to reflect to a certain extent the ideas he will present to the national convention at Denver, in July. The convention is considered for reasons, to be of extraordinary importance, especially in the democratic party. There will be no contests of any kind, say the leaders.

KANSAS FOR TAFT.

Delegates Instructed to Support Him on Every Preliminary Test.

Topeka, Kas., March 4.—The republican state convention met here at noon today, to name four delegates-at-large to Chicago. The resolutions strongly endorse Taft, and instruct the delegates to stand by him on every preliminary test, and every ballot. The administration of Roosevelt is enthusiastically approved.

MARSH AND MILLER SCORED.

Democratic County Convention at Dubuque Declares for Bryan.

Special to Times-Republican. Dubuque, March 4.—The democratic county convention today declared for Bryan in a strong resolution and scored Marsh of Waterloo, and Miller of Waverly, to whom they referred as "corporate influences opposed to Bryan." Louis Murphy, editor of the Telegraph-Herald, heads the delegates to the state convention.

HARTJE ACQUITTED

Judge MacFarlane Gives Jury Same Instructions Regarding Welshons and Hoce, and Places Charges Upon County.

Pittsburg, March 4.—The Hartje conspiracy case was brought to an abrupt end today, when Judge MacFarlane instructed the jury to acquit Hartje, Welshons and Tope, the three defendants, and place the charges upon the county.

FIGHT TO A DRAW.

Los Angeles, March 4.—Jimmy Britt of San Francisco, and Battling Nelson of Hesperwich, Ill., fought ten rounds last night with Britt slightly the victor. In the fourth round Nelson somewhat stronger at the close, but unable to overcome the cleverness of his opponent. The fight seemed ended in the sixth when Britt appeared to have received a knockout blow, but was saved by the song. Nelson showed to advantage in only three rounds because of the telling blows landed when the men were sparring openly. Time after time Britt escaped the leads of Nelson always coming at Nelson, and awaiting his opportunity to send in hard fists that finally tired the Dane and rendered it improbable that he would be able to land a knockout blow. Nelson did not land a dozen blows that figured in the result, while Britt always giving whenever possible and frequently straightened Nelson up with the left. In conformity with the law no decision was rendered.

VIDAVER UNDER ARREST.

Was Prominent in Recent New York City Banking Investigation.

New York, March 4.—Nathan Vidaver, special deputy state attorney general, was arrested today by detectives from the district attorney general's office, charged with accepting \$500 in marked bills from William B. Montgomery, former president of the Hamilton bank. Vidaver had a prominent part in the recent banking investigation in this city. Recently he was a candidate for election to the court of general sessions bench.

T.-R. BULLETIN. NOTICEABLE NEWS OF TODAY

The Weather.

Boomed in Ohio. Increasing cloudiness, with rain, possibly late tonight or tomorrow.

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Iowa News: Progressives Win in Dallas. Iowa Hospitable to Italians. Hoodlums Punished. Johnson's Hearing On. Diphtheria in S. U. L. Fair Circuit Formed.

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General News: Ruland Says Just is Square. Denies Hansen's Statement. Movement of Auto Race Cars. Professor Wilcox on Japan. Democratic Convention Called. German Tutor Will Sing Pinkerton. Bowling and Other News.

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City News: Additional Charges Against Bankers. Serious Allegations Made. Johnson's Hearing On. Petersen Charged With Wife Desertion. Cast for Grand Opera Selected. Rena Vivienne as Madam Butterfly. Asks Abatement of Nuisance. General News of the City.

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Markets and General: Inactivity in Hogs. Cattle Rather Dull. Strong Corn Market. Advance in Wheat. Kansas Loses Fight.

BUY BANKRUPT STORE.

Harris, Emery Company, Des Moines, Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, March 4.—The Des Moines department store, which closed after being in operation only a few months, was bankrupt, was today bought by Harris, Emery Company. The purchase price was \$74,500.

BOONE PIONEER DEAD.

Bernard Brady, Reputed to Be Oldest Man in Central Iowa. Special to Times-Republican. Boone, March 4.—Bernard Brady, aged 98, the oldest man in central Iowa, and father of the well known Brady boys of this city, died last night of blood poisoning. He was actively engaged in farming until his last sickness.

STRIKE IS AVERTED

Arbiters in Des Moines Street Car Controversy Decide Men Shall Have Increase of Wages of Twelve Per Cent. Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, March 4.—The arbiters in the street car wage scale case granted an advance to the motormen and conductors averaging 12 per cent. Rev. Monsignor Slavin, the Catholic priest named by the street car company as third arbiter in the case, decided the vote in favor of the men.

IOWA CITY TRAMP OUTRAGE.

Unkempt Man Attacks and Robs Little Girl, Who Escapes From Him.

Iowa City, March 4.—The local police and other people are still scouring the environs of Iowa City in the hope of coming upon an unknown man who Monday night attacked Anna Helman, aged 11 years, on the River road near the city limits. The man who was rough and unkempt, seized the girl, robbed her of 50 cents, and attempted to drag her toward the woods. The girl fought her assailant furiously and finally succeeded in breaking away from him, escaping uninjured. The girl is almost hysterical as a result of her fright.

LAW'S EFFECT IN LOUISIANA.

About 25 Per Cent of Southern Pacific's Telegraph Offices Closed.

New Orleans, March 4.—The nine-hour law affecting railroad telegraphers, caused about 25 per cent of the Southern Pacific telegraph offices in Louisiana to be closed today.

Military Auto Reaches Goal.

Leavenworth, Kas., March 4.—The military automobile, which left New York February 18 for Fort Leavenworth, carrying a message from Major General Frederick D. Grant to the commanders of the army posts, was received here, with great enthusiasm, when it entered the post here today.

THREATEN KING'S LIFE.

Starting Placards Posted Throughout Barcelona, Torn Down by Police.

Barcelona, March 4.—Placards posted throughout Barcelona announcing that an attempt would be made upon the life of King Alfonso, on his visit to the city March 12, were torn down today by the police.