

CRY OF FEAR CAUSES DEATHS OF TWENTY SCHOOL CHILDREN

Panic Ensues Among Pupils of Peabody, Mass., Parochial School When Safety Was Near.

VESTIBULE JAMMED WITH BODIES AND RESCUE EFFORTS ARE FRUSTRATED

Sisters Marshal Charges When Fire Breaks Out and Orderly March From Building Is Suddenly Turned Into Mad Scramble For Exits—Frenzied Parents Rush to Scene and Hamper Efforts of Firemen and Police—Victims Range in Age From 7 to 17 Years—Six Hundred Students in School.

Peabody, Mass., Oct. 28.—Twenty pupils of St. John's parochial school lost their lives in a fire that started in the basement a few minutes after the morning session opened today, swept thru the three stories of the brick and wooden school building in less than five minutes.

Nineteen of the boys and girls, none of whom was out of their teens, were burned or crushed to death while attempting to escape. A score of others were injured, some dangerously. Of the latter one died after having been removed to a hospital.

The bodies of the dead were frightfully burned, and of the nineteen at the morgue only two had been identified this afternoon. Other bodies were believed to be in the ruins and it was thought twenty-five or more were killed.

There were 700 children in the building when the fire started.

Angus McDonald, of the state police, thinks the fire originated in a closet near the stairway and was caused by a hot air explosion.

Peabody, Mass., Oct. 28.—Fire swept thru the three story brick building occupied by the St. John's parochial school today, burning or driving to death in the panic that followed the alarm, twenty of the 700 boys and girls who in a few moments before had assembled for their daily lessons.

An hour later twelve bodies had been removed from the vestibule, where the jam of terrified little ones had resulted in the greatest loss of life. Twenty bodies had been recovered at 11 o'clock.

The police had estimated the dead as high as fifty. Many others were injured in their flight down the stairways and a few jumped from windows of the third floor.

The students, who ranged in years from 7 to 17, were in charge of sixteen sisters. When the fire broke out the sisters marshaled their charges for a fire drill and started them from the building.

The processions were orderly until those from the third floor joined others pouring from the class rooms on the second floor.

Suddenly there was a cry of fear from one of the throngs. It was taken up by a hundred others and a panic ensued.

The sisters made a frantic effort to stop the struggling mass but to no purpose.

Vestibule Jammed With Bodies.

The smaller children fell under the feet of those behind them and soon the vestibule was so jammed that the firemen could not force an entrance. The sixteen sisters escaped.

The flames, it is supposed, started in the basement, and according to reports were caused by the explosion of a steam boiler. There is doubt, however, as to the exact origin of the fire.

The large percentage of the children were of foreign parentage.

The firemen fought the fire from ladders raised to the windows while the police cleared the vestibules.

Francis Mob of Parents.

The bodies of the dead generally were burned beyond recognition.

Mary Leeds and Marion Hayes were found in the crushed mass badly burned but alive, and were removed to the hospital.

The first alarm brought a hundred distracted mothers to the school yard, where soon they were joined by other relatives of the pupils until the school was soon surrounded by a great crowd of hysterical men and women who rushed the police lines in a wild effort to reach their children.

The police were powerless to stop the rush but what they failed to do was later accomplished by the flames.

Origin of Fire in Doubt.

At noon only two of the bodies—those of Lizzie Nolan, aged 17 years, and Mary Sullivan, 16, had been identified. Both girls were to have been graduated this year.

The origin of the fire remained in doubt. Michael Dunn, who lives near the school, said he heard a muffled explosion in the school building just before it was enveloped in flames.

Building Inspector A. H. McDonald and W. S. Murrell, of the state police, made an investigation in the basement, and later reported that the steam boiler which was reported to have exploded was intact.

The school building was erected a few years ago at a cost of about \$100,000.

There were sixteen class rooms on the three floors. At each end of the building wooden stairways led from the upper floors.

PRESSURE ON SERBS LESSENS

Situation in Southern Portion of Kingdom Somewhat Improved.

PLAN OF CAMPAIGN MAY BE CHANGED

Efforts May Be Directed Towards Cutting Communications With Constantinople—Fighting on Franco-Bulgarian Front at Standstill and Bulgarian Army Moves Elsewhere—Austro-German Advance Continues.

London, Oct. 28.—Unofficial reports from Greek sources represent the situation in southern Serbia as somewhat more favorable to the entente allies. A dispatch from Athens, which has not been confirmed, states that the Bulgarians had withdrawn from Uskup. Advances from Salonica tell of a fierce battle along the Velez-Komanovo front, with the Bulgarians retreating. Hope is being revived in London that the Serbians will be able to reform their lines along the Monastir front.

The Germans having effected a junction with their Bulgarian allies, it is possible that the campaign will be shifted from an effort to relieve Serbia to an attempt to cut communications with Constantinople.

To Hold Saloniki.

In this connection several critics harbor the guess that the entente allies are not likely to withdraw from Saloniki, no matter what happens to Serbia.

There has been a great increase in recruiting throughout the country during the past week, according to a number of newspapers. The local recruiting office says recruiting is now going on at a higher rate than any reached since the early months of the war.

Bulgarian forces aiming toward Nish have occupied the strongly fortified town of Pirov, says a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Saloniki.

Bulgar Troops Disappear.

Paris, Oct. 18.—The Saloniki correspondent of the Havas News Agency, says the fighting on the Franco-Bulgarian front has subsided, calm having prevailed for twenty-four hours.

A squadron of French aeroplanes has been assembled at Saloniki and is soon to proceed by air to the front.

The Havas Agency correspondent at Athens sends word that railway communication between Salonica and Velez has been re-established and that a military train going a long distance northward from Velez encountered no Bulgarian troops.

AUSTRO-GERMAN ADVANCE.

Army Invading Serbia Pushing Way Southward.

Berlin, Oct. 28.—The Austro-German invasion of Serbia has been pushed farther to the south. Army headquarters announced today that more ground had been gained and that the army of General Gollwitz had taken 2,635 prisoners since Oct. 23.

The Bulgarians have captured Zajecar and Knjaevats, having crossed the Timok over a large ford.

Zajecar and Knjaevats are on the railroad from Negotin to Nish, against which the Bulgarians are now marching. Knjaevats is about thirty miles from Nish.

The heights of Krenovaclava, about fifteen miles northwest of Pirov (east of Nish), has also been occupied by the Bulgarians, who have captured several guns.

General Von Gollwitz's army has taken a number of machine guns from the Serbians.

WILL NOT REPAIR F-4.

Damage to Ill-Fated Boat Too Extensive to Make Restoration Practicable.

Washington, Oct. 28.—Submarine F-4, in which twenty-one officers and men of the navy lost their lives last March at Honolulu, will not be repaired. Navy officials said today the vessel's injuries were so extensive that it was not considered practical to repair and refit the boat.

The other three boats of the F class will be towed to San Francisco for refitting, and have already been taken out of commission until this is done.

Congress will be asked this winter to provide for new engines and batteries for the boats.

The report of the board of officers which examined the F-4 has been sent to all submarine commanders in the navy in order that they may be warned to watch for signs of conditions such as those which resulted in the loss of the F-4.

BISHOP SCHULER INSTALLED.

Archbishop Pitaval Officiates at Impressive Consecration Services.

Denver, Colo., Oct. 28.—The consecration of Father A. J. Schuler as bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of El Paso, Tex., was celebrated here today.

Archbishop A. C. Pitaval, of Santa Fe, officiated, assisted by Bishop Henry Granjon and Bishop Patrick McGovern.

Many distinguished bishops, and laymen of the Catholic church in the west witnessed the ceremonies which took place at the immaculate Conception cathedral.

RUSS ATTACK BULGAR COAST

Ships Begin Bombardment of Black Sea City of Varna.

OLD WAR HORSE IN NEW CAMPAIGN

General Dimitrieff to Have Charge of Russian Army Operating Against Bulgaria—Formerly in Command of Bulgarian Army During Part of First Balkan War—Turks Demolish Forts on Bosphorus and Move Guns.

Rome, via London, Oct. 28.—A Bucharest dispatch to the Stefani News Agency, filed yesterday, says that the Russians have begun an attack on the Black sea coast of Bulgaria.

"A Russian fleet arrived at 4 o'clock this morning off the Bulgarian coast," the correspondent wires, "and immediately began a bombardment of Varna. Shelling was still proceeding at 11 o'clock. Considerable damage has been done to the town."

DIMITRIEFF TO COMMAND.

Experienced Fighter to Take Charge of Campaign Against Bulgaria.

Milan, Italy, via Paris, Oct. 28.—The Corriere Della Sera learns from a diplomatic source that Gen. Radko Dimitrieff will command the Russian forces sent against Bulgaria. He is a Bulgarian by birth, but has served the Russian government to permit the passage of Russian troops thru Roumania.

General Dimitrieff at the opening of the war was the Bulgarian minister to Russia. He at once resigned and offered his services to the Russian war office. His offer was gladly accepted for he had been commander in chief of the Bulgarian army in the last part of the first Balkan war.

The general had a stormy and picturesque career. In the war between Serbia and Bulgaria in 1885 he was chief of staff of the eastern Bulgarian army corps. For his services in the battles of Dragomir Pass, Tsibrod and Pirov, he was decorated by Prince Alexander with the order for bravery.

Bosphorus Forts Disarmed.

Paris, Oct. 28.—The entire armament on the Bosphorus has been transferred to Tchatalja and Adrianople, while the Turkish garrison has been sent to the Bulgarian frontier. The Havas correspondent at Athens says he has the news from reliable sources.

For fear of raids by Russian aeroplanes, Constantinople is plunged into obscurity.

Riga and Dvinsk German Objective.

London, Oct. 28.—Riga and Dvinsk remain the chief German objectives on the eastern front. The direction of the German assault against Riga may have changed. Fighting is reported west of the city, the main attacks against which hitherto have been directed from the southwest and southeast. Lake Babite, where minor engagements have occurred, is west of Riga, running parallel with the shore of the Gulf.

On the other fronts comparative inactivity prevails.

BOMB PLOT INVESTIGATION.

Five Germans Held to Grand Jury—Search For Men Higher Up.

New York, Oct. 28.—Federal grand jury consideration of the cases of the Detroit bankers charged with conspiracy in plotting to destroy trans-Atlantic ships laden with munitions of war for the allies will begin next month. This was announced today by United States Attorney Marshall after a conference with William J. Flynn, chief of the secret service, and detectives who arrested the men.

Go After Instigators.

With the voluntary surrender to the authorities yesterday of Max Breitung, nephew and business associate of E. N. Britton, bankers, all five defendants charged in warrants with conspiracy to blow up ships sailing from American ports with munitions of war for the entente allies were in the hands of the federal government.

What it is understood that officials in charge of the case do not expect other arrests immediately there is reason for believing that the men at the head of the alleged conspiracy have not yet been reached and that the secret service is working on leads which may result in the arrest of others who are further up in the social and financial scale and nearer the headquarters of the intrigue than the five men arrested.

William J. Flynn, chief of the federal secret service, is still conducting an investigation into the activities of the German plotters.

District Attorney Talks.

Meantime District Attorney H. Snowden Marshall is preparing to present to the grand jury evidence against Robert Fay, Walter Scholz, Paul Daech, Dr. Herbert Kienzle and Breitung. He is not convinced that all implicated in the plot have been arrested.

"Have any more warrants been issued?" Mr. Marshall was asked.

"There may be further arrests later," he replied. "We do not believe those most responsible for the conspiracy have yet been found."

"We have much material gathered, as evidence which still has to be digested. One of the acts of the conspiracy was the actual fixing of a bomb for experimental purposes. Our inquiry has not disclosed that any bomb was placed on a ship with intent to blow up the ship. Nor does our information indicate that Fay, who says he was a lieutenant in the German army,

TYPHOON DAMAGES HEMP.

Serious Loss to Philippine Crop as Result of Storms.

PLAN OF CAMPAIGN MAY BE CHANGED

Washington, Oct. 28.—Governor General Harrison of the Philippines cabled to the insular bureau today that the typhoon which passed over the provinces of Albay, Ambos Camarines, Sorsogon and Taybas in southern Luzon, the principal hemp producing district of the islands, on Oct. 23 and 24, caused serious damage to the hemp crop and some loss of life. Full details as to the loss of life and property were lacking, but as communication has been interrupted, press reports said more than 100 people lost their lives and many were injured.

FUNSTON ALONE MAY ASK INCREASED FORCE

Additional Troops For Texas Border Will Be Dispatched Only on Recommendation of Commanding General.

Washington, Oct. 28.—No additional troops will be sent to the Texas border except on recommendation of Major-General Funston, who has been assured repeatedly by Secretary Garrison that any additional troops he might need would be sent promptly.

Secretary Garrison has been directed to give every possible aid to the state of Texas in suppressing bandit raids. As yet he has made no request of additional forces.

General Funston transmitted a report today telling of the situation at Brownsville and at Douglas, Ariz., where a battle between Carranza forces and Villa troops is impending. He told of precautions taken to guard the border against Carranza raiding parties from Laredo, Texas, to Douglas, where they will cross the border to join General Calles in Agua Prieta.

Alleged Revolutionaries Arrested.

San Angelo, Tex., Oct. 28.—Four Mexicans charged with attempting to start a revolution, were brought here last night from the James Wilson farm, near here. Considerable unrest has been reported lately among Mexicans of this section of west Texas.

Hill at Agua Prieta.

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 28.—Gen. Benjamin J. Hill, formerly Sonora chieftain of the Carranza forces, now attached to the constitutional forces in the south and east, arrived here today enroute to Agua Prieta.

Held Cars Destined For Villa.

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 28.—Two hundred eight cars of the National Railways of Mexico, some loaded, intended for transportation from the United States to Villa territory, were today held under action brought by Council Garza of the Carranza government. The proceedings were directed against the El Paso Southern and the Rio Grande & El Paso railroads.

AMNESTY DECREE IN MEXICO.

Carranza to Remove Charges Against Many Citizens of All Factions.

Galveston, Tex., Oct. 28.—The Carranza government has appointed a commission to unify the issuance of notes and to regulate specie reserves. This commission also will have supervision of banks and other institutions and will have power to recommend liquidation or bankruptcy proceedings when found necessary. This information is contained in a cablegram received by the State Department from the constitutional council today. The message adds that General Carranza will shortly issue a decree granting amnesty to all Mexicans, regardless of political affiliations or class, except those implicated in the death of President Madero and Vice President Suarez and certain bandit leaders.

The order permitting coastwise shipping to be conducted free of taxation has been extended until next February.

KENDRICK ON LONG FLIGHT.

Attempts Flying Boat Journey From Albany to Cape Hatteras.

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 28.—Beryl H. Kendrick left this city at 8:30 a. m. today, in a flying boat in an attempt to fly to Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. He was reported as having passed Castleton, forty minutes after the start, and to be headed toward Poughkeepsie.

Passes Over New York City.

New York, Oct. 28.—Beryl H. Kendrick, in a hydro-aeroplane, arrived here at 11:00 a. m. today, completing the first stage of his intended flight from Albany, N. Y., to Charleston, S. C.

He had followed the Hudson river and was flying about 3,600 feet above the river when he reached here. He soared over the statue of liberty, and headed for Staten Island.

Previously Kendrick had descended near the pier on the Edwin Gould estate at Ardsley-on-the-Hudson, where he took on gasoline and made some adjustments.

CABINET CRISIS IN FRANCE.

Ministry Resigns and Briand is Asked to Become New Premier.

Paris, Oct. 28.—The Viviani ministry resigned today. Aristide Briand has been asked to form a new cabinet.

Wilson to Receive Messengers.

Washington, Oct. 28.—President Wilson announced today that he would receive on Dec. 6, Sarah Bard Field and Miss Frances Jolliffe, representatives of the women's voters' convention recently held in San Francisco, who will present a petition urging nationwide suffrage for women.

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was acting in a way other than on his own responsibility.

Hints Arrests Premature.
At police headquarters there was dissatisfaction with the implication that the secret service thought the New York police had been too precipitate in rushing the arrest of Fay and Scholz. It was pointed out that the police knew there was much risk in waiting with the apprehension of persons implicated on evidence sufficient for arrest in the case of a somebody higher up. It was necessary, according to the police theory, to catch Fay and Scholz at once or run the risk of everybody getting away. The secret service, however, is understood to be disgruntled over the part played by the police.

Breitung was the only one of the five alleged conspirators who obtained liberty on bond. He appeared before a United States commissioner and furnished \$25,000 bond for his appearance Nov. 4. Breitung, Kienzle and Daech are charged in the complaint with having furthered the conspiracy in aiding Fay to obtain explosives for bombs.

GOVERNMENT FILES APPEAL.

Bill of Exceptions Filed in U. S. Steel Anti-Trust Suit.

Trenton, N. J., Oct. 28.—The government petition for an appeal to the United States supreme court in the Sherman anti-trust suit against the United States Steel Corporation was filed here today in the federal court. The appeal is taken on the matter of right and inures a hearing of the case by the highest federal court.

The appeal is from the recent decision of the district court dismissing the complaint of the government in which the steel corporation was charged with being a combination in restraint of trade and which sought its dissolution. Accompanying the petition the government filed a bill of exceptions giving twenty-three distinct reasons why that court is said to have erred. It is upon these so-called errors that the government will rest its case in the supreme court.

The bill of exception charged that the court erred in failing to find that the steel corporation was a combination in restraint of trade and that most of the units of which it was formed were themselves combination in violation of the Sherman act.

WOULD ABSOLVE NEW HAVEN.

Testimony Offered to Show Trouble Made by Goldsmith Heirs.

New York, Oct. 28.—How the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad was troubled by the heirs of M. F. Goldsmith, the man who brought suit against the New York & New England Railway Company, and caused its closure, was brought out in testimony at the trial of the eleven former directors of the New Haven road today.

Prior testimony had indicated that the suit was brought at the behest of the New Haven, which then acquired the New York & New England in the foreclosure proceedings. Charles S. Mallen, former president of the New Haven, concluded his testimony today.

Testimony disclosing that the late Gen. Charles R. Brayton, the "blind beggar of Rhode Island," was employed by the New Haven to block the passage of bills in the Rhode Island legislature, authorizing the construction of trolley lines which would compete with the New Haven, caused a sensation at the trial today.

CONVICT STRIF IN HOSPITAL.

Escaped Prisoner Receiving Surgical Attention at Huron, S. D.

Fort Madison, Oct. 28.—A telegram received at the penitentiary here today announced that Albert Strief, a convict who escaped recently from the Cherokee prison camp, was in a hospital at Huron, S. D., suffering with a broken leg.

MRS. KEYSER HEADS O. E. S.

Cedar Rapids Woman Elected Worthy Grand Matron For Iowa.

Des Moines, Oct. 28.—Mrs. Maude Keyser, of Cedar Rapids, was today elected worthy grand matron of the Iowa Order of Eastern Stars, and Cedar Rapids was chosen for the location of the next session of the grand chapter.

MUST DIVORCE COAL COMPANY

Ownership of Lehigh Company by Jersey Central in Restraint of Trade.

NINETY DAYS TO DISPOSE OF STOCK

Decree Based on Deal Last June in Government's Trust Suit Against Reading Company, Jersey Central and Subject of Separation No. 1000 When Case Was Heard.

Philadelphia, Oct. 28.—The United States district court today decreed that the ownership of the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal Company by the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey, is a combination in restraint of trade and that the Central company must dispose of its interest that concern.

The decree filed today is on the decision of the court last June in the government's anti-trust suit against the Reading company, Jersey Central and others. The court at that time suggested that the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Company, be divorced from the Jersey Central.

As the subject of this separation was not argued when the case was heard, the court in its decision last June suggested it for consideration for counsel when the scope of the decree came to be determined. There was difference of opinion as to what the form of the decree should be and the court today finally decided that the union of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company and the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal Company, thru the instrumentality of the Reading company, is a combination in restraint of trade, and violates the anti-trust act of 1890. The Reading company, a holding corporation, owns all the stock of the coal and iron company and a majority of the stock of the Jersey Central, the last named in turn owns a majority of the stock of the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal Company.

Ninety Days to Sell Stock.

The court decreed that after ninety days from date the defendant must submit a plan for the disposal by the Jersey Central of all the stock and other securities of the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Company, now owned by it, unless an appeal is taken to the United States supreme court. If the defendant fails to present a plan, the court will take such further steps by receivership or otherwise as may then seem necessary.

Pending the disposal of the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre stock, the Jersey Central, the Reading Company, and any other corporation controlling such stock are enjoined from voting it.

FIND GIRL'S HEADLESS BODY.

Mystery in Death of Daughter of Former Mayor of Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, Oct. 28.—The headless body of Miss Sophia McCallin, daughter of the late William C. McCallin, former mayor of Pittsburgh, was found late last night on the Pennsylvania railroad tracks at Roup, a passenger station within the city limits.

The body was so badly crushed that identification was impossible until this morning when her absence from the office of the city comptroller, whose secretary she was, started an inquiry. Identification was established by a diamond pin bearing her name.

The circumstances leading to her death are unknown.

BOTHA CHARGES SLANDER.

Last Days of South African Republic Figure in Trial at Johannesburg.

Johannesburg, South Africa, via London, Oct. 28.—The last days of the South African Republic figured in a trial that opened here today. Premier Botha is proceeding against Mannik, a national candidate for parliament, charging that during the recent political campaign, Mannik slandered him, asking what the premier did with 154 bars of gold, valued at 750,000 pounds sterling, left in possession of Botha and two others, on the departure of Paul Kruger, late president of the Transvaal, and never accounted for.

CAMPBELL TRIAL BEGINS.

Negro Accused of Murdering Warden Allen's Wife in Joliet.

Joliet, Ill., Oct. 28.—Joseph Campbell, the negro convict accused of the murder on June 20, of Mrs. Maile Odette Allen, wife of Edmund M. Allen, who was at that time warden of the state prison here, was placed on trial today before Judge Hooper.

GENERAL DODGE STRONGER.

Condition of Aged War Veteran Much Improved—Is 89 Years of Age.

Council Bluffs, Oct. 28.—The condition of Gen. Greenville M. Dodge is today said to be much improved. He was yesterday reported to be in a critical condition. He is over 84 years old and has been in impaired health for some time.

Drowned in Park Lagoon.

Special to Times-Republican.

Council Bluffs, Oct. 28.—Two boys, aged 4 years each, wandered away from their homes near Fairmont park today and while playing about the lagoon, a son of Thomas Green, a real estate dealer, fell into the water and was drowned. His companion was a son of J. J. Hughes, Ninth district democratic national committeeman.

Tree planting on the sandhills of Nebraska has been successful. Jack Nixon planted there ten years ago are now fifteen feet in height.