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## RIOT IN A CHURCH

### MEN AND WOMEN ENGAGE IN A LIVELY FREE-FOR-ALL FIGHT.

## BOOKS AND FURNITURE EMPLOYED

### WHEN POLICE ARRIVE COMBATANTS UNITE AND TURN ON OFFICERS.

## CAUSE OF THE RIOT IS NOT KNOWN

### NO ONE KNOWS EXACTLY WHO STARTED THE FIGHT—MANY ARRESTED.

Joliet, Ill., May 5.—Men and women fought hand-to-hand with each other, and then, altogether, fought hand-to-hand with the police in the Slavonic Roman Catholic church. The trouble was started by several women as the collectors were circulating through the church. There were 2,000 men, women and children in the church when the fight began. In spite of all the protestations of Father Kollar and assistants the church members fought fast and furious with pieces of furniture, knocking each other right and left. Some one ran from the building and called on the police for help. In a few minutes a patrol wagon full of police drove up to the church and the men hurriedly entered into the office, which was full of thwacks, din and turmoil. Bloody limbs and battered faces were frequent. A few men had been penned into a corner by a number of angry women, who punished them with clenched hands and books. But by the time

**The Police Arrived**  
some of the combatants had fled to the street. As the police entered the church those on the outside returned to the fight, armed with clubs, stones and revolvers. Those within left off fighting with each other and unitedly beset the police. Those from without fired into the patrolmen from the rear. Women and children cried out in terror at the sight, and many men ran from the church or leaped out of windows. Then the policemen drew revolvers and threatened to shoot unless order prevailed. The affrighted combatants ceased fighting and the policemen began to make arrests. Of all the persons injured none had to be taken to a hospital. Father Kollar, who rushed into the midst of the fight in an effort to calm his parishioners,

escaped uninjured. Many arrests were made during the day, but no one knows exactly who started the fight or what it was about.

### "BOBS" IS COMING.

**Lord Roberts Expected Soon to Visit America.**  
London, May 5.—Lord Roberts' eagerness to visit America grows upon the doughty little general, and his desires undoubtedly will be gratified before many months. During the past year all the distinguished Americans visiting London have pressed invitations upon him. Accordingly, "Bobs" has been seeking a mission to give official countenance to the visit. He is reported to have found it in a review of the Canadian militia in recognition of their war services. Roberts probably will be accompanied by his family, who are also eager to visit New York, Washington, Chicago and Boston. Roberts undoubtedly will accompany the Ancient and Honorable Artillery of London, who are slated to visit Boston in September.

### DIES FROM BEATING.

**Injured Man Names His Assailants Before Passing Away.**  
Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 5.—John Masulis, a resident of Plymouth, who was held up at an early hour on Wednesday morning by four members of the notorious Bull Run gang and beaten in a most horrible manner, died yesterday. In his dying declaration he implicated Thomas Thomas, John McDermott, David Thomas and Charles Edwards as the assassins. They were all arrested and are now in the county prison, charged with the murder.

### BIG SWEAR-OFF.

**Twelve Hundred Members of a Congregation Take the Pledge.**  
Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 5.—The entire congregation of Father Curran's church last night took the temperance pledge for a year. Over 1,200 marched to the church, the girls and women wearing white dresses and wreaths and carrying flowers; the boys in uniform, and the men wearing regalia. They raised their right hands and swore to abstain themselves and to prevent intemperance in others.

**Shoots Brother, Then Kills Himself.**  
Nelsonville, Ohio, May 5.—At Sand Run, a mining village north of here, Charles Dunkle fatally wounded his brother, John Dunkle, the result of a quarrel. Charles then shot himself in the head, dying instantly.

### Killed by Hostile Mayas.

**Mexico City, May 5.**—News has been received from Yucatan that Col. Jose Gonzales Alas, commanding the Second battalion, was killed at Bacalar by a band of hostile Mayas. No other deaths are reported.

## JOKE COSTS LIVES

### GIRL'S SHOES STRIKE A SPIKE IN LOOSE POWDER IN A FACTORY.

## AN AWFUL EXPLOSION FOLLOWS

### EIGHT PEOPLE KILLED AND MANY MORE OR LESS SERIOUSLY INJURED.

## FACTORY IS COMPLETELY WRECKED

### FIREMEN RESCUE THE MAIMED—PEOPLE BLOCKS AWAY INJURED.

**Cleveland, May 5.**—An explosion that caused death and destruction occurred in the plant of the Thor Manufacturing company. Eight persons are dead, while about thirty others are lying injured in hospitals, some fatally and others more or less seriously.

The Thor Manufacturing company is engaged in the manufacture of toy torpedoes and other explosives. The company was in the midst of its busiest season. A large stock of material was on hand. Extra girls were being employed and by the end of the week it was intended to put on the market the largest shipment ever sent out by the company. The force of the explosion was tremendous, and windows within a radius of a quarter of a mile were broken. The house on Orange street, next to the factory, was occupied by Morris Cohen, with his wife and eight children. With the

**Collapse of the House**  
simultaneously with the explosion, the woman and four children were caught in the falling ruins and horribly crushed. They were all taken out unconscious. Mrs. Cohen died on the way to the hospital. The fire originated in a peculiar manner. The torpedo caps are filled in molds and there is constant danger of some of the loose powder, supposed to be fulminate of mercury, dropping on the floor. For this reason the girls and boys who are employed in the factory are compelled to remove their shoes while at work, so as to remove the danger of striking sparks. The explosion was due to the frolicsome propensities of a new girl who had been employed at the plant less than a week. The girls had their shoes on at the noon hour, and one playfully shoved another of the girls. As the girl slid along her shoes struck a spark

**In some loose powder.** Instantly the floor was ablaze. With great presence of mind, a girl ran to a tub of water and threw the water on the floor. The fire had gained too great a headway, however, and the water did not stop it. At this juncture a painter who was working on a building next door, glanced through the open window and saw the fire. The girls did not seem to realize their great danger and were trying to extinguish the flames. The painter, however, realizing what was stored in the buildings, yelled for the girls to run for their lives. There were four girls, ten boys and one man in the factory when the explosion occurred. The flames were easily subdued by the firemen after the explosion, and there was nothing left of the factory but a pile of debris. The fire-fighters at once commenced the work of digging in the ruins for the imprisoned. The dead were removed to the morgue and the injured were hurried off to the hospitals.

### KAISER SEES THE POPE.

**William Has a Long Conference With the Pontiff.**

**Rome, May 5.**—Emperor William was received by the pope yesterday. He had a conference with the pope of forty minutes' duration and then returned to the residence of the Prussian minister to the holy see. The day was bright, and as the emperor and his suite traversed the streets of Rome, he was enthusiastically acclaimed. His majesty presented Prince Frederick William and Prince Eitel to the pontiff. At the Vatican the emperor was received with military honors by the Palatine guard and a platoon of gendarmes and he was welcomed by the high dignitaries of the pontifical court. The visit of Emperor William was returned by Cardinal Rampolla, papal secretary of state, at the Prussian legation.

### National Industrial Conference.

**Chicago, May 5.**—A national industrial conference, to which former President Cleveland, Senator Hanna, President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, John Mitchell of the miners' union and other leaders in the industrial and political life of the country will be invited, is to be called by the National Civic Federation to meet in Chicago.

## QUIET DAY FOR PRESIDENT.

**Pleasant Incident Occurs During Church Services.**

**Sharon Springs, Kan., May 5.**—President Roosevelt attended the little Methodist church at this place yesterday and listened to a most instructive sermon preached by a Presbyterian minister, Rev. William Carter, of Kansas City, who came here for that purpose. A number of pastors from this neighborhood also participated. A pleasing incident occurred at the services began. Two little girls were standing in the aisle near the president's pew. As soon as the president saw them he drew them into his pew, and during the service the girls shared the same hymn book. At the conclusion of the services the president shook hands with a number of people.

### DYNAMITE A CHURCH.

**Result of War by Negro Preachers Against "Polley."**

**Chicago, May 5.**—The war which the negro preachers of Chicago are waging on "polley" culminated in an attempt to dynamite the International church at 3325 Dearborn street late last night. A negro mass meeting called to arouse the sentiment against the evils which the game is said to work in the colored population, had been held in the church and the congregation had been dismissed but a few minutes when the dynamite was thrown. The few persons who remained in the building were not injured. The explosion broke all the windows of the church and blew a large hole in the south wall. The shock of the explosion was felt for several blocks.

### HORRIBLE BRUTALITIES.

**Atrocities in Bessarabia Are as Bad as Those of the Turks.**

**Vienna, May 5.**—Horrible brutalities are reported to have occurred during the recent riots at Kischeneff, Bessarabia. Many women and children were victims of the mob, which included even the better classes of the inhabitants. Some of the victims were thrown from windows to the pavements. The rioters also pillaged and defiled the synagogues and killed the caretakers. What the looters of houses were unable to carry off they saturated with paraffine and burned. The damage done to property is estimated at several million roubles. The Jews who escaped from Kischeneff are seeking refuge at Odessa and elsewhere.

### MOB'S DOUBLE HANGING.

**Two Murderers Taken From Officers and Executed.**

**Vicksburg, Miss., May 5.**—Bob Bryant and Will Morris, the assassins of W. H. Legg, were hanged to the Yazoo bridge at Haynes Bluff just before daylight yesterday morning. Bryant had made a confession to the officers who arrested him, implicating Morris, whom he accused of firing the fatal shot. At a point near the Legg place 200 armed farmers stopped the officers and took the two negroes into a nearby thicket. Robbery was the motive for the murder.

### POPE LEO'S VOICE.

**It Is Heard for the First Time in America.**

**Notre Dame, Ind., May 5.**—The student body had a unique experience yesterday. Dr. Zahm while in Rome was given a graphophone record of Pope Leo XIII giving his solemn benediction. This was given through a graphophone in the university hall. The words were distinctly heard by all present. This is the first time that the voice of the pope has been heard in America.

### PLANNED BY THE MAFIA.

**Italian Miner Is Stabbed Through the Heart.**

**Punxsutawney, Pa., May 5.**—Frank Carfa, an Italian miner, was stabbed through the heart at Wadston by a recent arrival from Southern Italy, who gave his name as Achille Battiste. Carfa died instantly and his slayer is in jail. The manner in which the murder was committed indicates that the deed had been planned by the Mafia.

**Battle Between Turkish Soldiers and Insurgents.**

**London, May 5.**—A dispatch to the Morning Leader from Sofia describes a battle between Turks and insurgents at Logodasch. The Turks were defeated with a loss of six officers and 200 men killed.

### Winona Man Drowned.

**Winona, Minn., May 5.**—Clemens Hofer, a well known resident of Winona, fell into the Mississippi river at Fountain City, Wis., yesterday and was drowned. Hofer was one of the oldest residents of Buffalo county, Wis.

### Fire Destroys a Tannery.

**Port Washington, Wis., May 5.**—Fire yesterday destroyed the tannery of C. A. Mueller, with a loss of \$50,000. Several other factories were in danger. The plant will be rebuilt immediately.

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## LIVES GROUND OUT

**Dequinder street.** Four policemen stood at the corner of Canfield and endeavored to keep the excursionists from crowding through the gates

Onto the Tracks.

Despite their efforts hundreds crawled under or over the gates and walked down the dark tracks to await the arrival of their train, which could be seen coming slowly up from the station. Probably 1,000 persons were scattered along the tracks for two blocks waiting to board the Lake Shore excursion train and secure seats. Suddenly from out of the darkness came the Grand Trunk Chicago and New York express known as the Pan-American flyer. It plowed through the mass of people, throwing them to both sides of the track, bruised and maimed, and found a number of them under the wheels.

Patrolman John Schulte, John Shinda, a prominent local Pole, and a number of others who were at the crossing, assert that the flyer's whistle was not blown.

A cry for vengeance went up from the Poles as soon as they realized what slaughter the Grand Trunk train had done. A demonstration was started against the engineer of the flyer. Some one shouted: "Get the engineer; kill him," and a rush was made down the track for the cab of the engine. The police had forestalled them, however, and an officer guarded each door of the cab. The angry Poles stood about and uttered threats until the flyer resumed its trip into the station.

### GROUND UNDER THE WHEELS

**CROWD CRIES FOR VENGEANCE AND STARTS AFTER THE ENGINEER.**

**Detroit, Mich., May 5.**—A day of merrymaking and celebration by 1,500 Polish excursionists from Toledo was brought to a close by a frightful catastrophe at the corner of Canfield and Dequinder streets at 8:30 last evening in which at least seven of the excursionists were killed and thirty seriously injured.

The excursion was given by the Polish Lancer of Toledo over the Lake Shore railroad. The excursionists left the train at the corner of Canfield and Dequinder streets yesterday morning and were met by a number of local Poles and Polish societies, who escorted the visitors to St. Joseph's church. An entertainment was held later at Harmonia hall. About 8 o'clock the visitors began to gather again at the corner of Canfield and Dequinder streets to take their train back to Toledo. There the Lake Shore and Grand Trunk Tracks run out from the Dequinder street station on

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