## SCORES OF CHILDREN PERISH IN FLAMES

SCHOOL HOUSE AT COLLINWOOD, O., IS SCENE OF HOLOCAUST.

#### BUILDING WAS A FIRE TRAP.

More than 160 Children Were Burned or Trampled to Death-A Majority of the Victims Were Less than 12 Years of Age.

Cleveland, O.—The worst disaster that has ever befallen Cleveland is the fire which destroyed the Lakeview school in the suburb of Collinwood, causing the death of 163 boys and girls and two teachers. Nothing in any way approaching this

Nothing in any way approaching this disaster has ever happened in Ohlo.

This fire, which began at 10 a. m. Wednesday in the basement of a school building that proves to have been a fire trap, quickly shut off the egress of the children by the stafrways, and they were burned or trampled to death in the panic which ensued. Even the cool-headedness of the teachers failed to stem the panic alteachers failed to stem the panic, although they succeeded in directing many of the children to the fire escapes, by means of which they left the building in safety.

The school building is on Collamer

avenue, north of the Lake Shore rail-road track.

The flames shot up the stairways

and shut off that means of escape

A panic ensued among the pupils and all rushed for the doors. A large number of them became wedged in the doorway at the steps leaving the building. The pupils were mostly very young children, ranging in age from 9 to 12.
When the egress of the panic-stricken little ones was blocked at the door,

en little ones was blocked at the door, most of them fell in their efforts to escape. Many of these were trampled upon and many of them were killed in that way. The others pressing on behind walked over their dead bodies.

The halls were filled with smoke and flames were bursting up from the basement. The scared children poured from their rooms into this great furnace where many of them pet terrible

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The exits were soon jammed. Though the double doors were opened, the doorways were stopped by wedges of struggling children. Men who ran outside tried in vain to dislodge the

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A man named Dorn, recognizing his daughter's body in the jam, tried to pull it out, only to have the little arm tear loose in his hands.

Three children, Mary Ridgway, Anna Roth and Gertrude Davis, were among those who jumped from third-story windows and were killed.

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

other implements.
Grace Fiske, a teacher, was burned to death. She was 26 years of age.
When safety lay within reach Miss Katherine Weiler, third grade teacher, turned back into the burning building to save the lives of others and lost her own. Her mangled body was pulled out of the smoking ruins at nightfall. Around her lay the corpses of many of the little ones who called her "teacher," and had looked to her not in vain in the hour of their extremity.

vain in the hour of their extremity The dead were mostly of two grades, ranging from 8 to 10 years of age. These were in rooms on the two lower floors. Most of the pupils from the

noors. Most of the pupils from the third floor escaped practically unhurt.

Those who were familiar with the building and were early on the scene believe that most of the loss of life was due to the fact that all of the

was due to the fact that all of the rooms were dismissed at once. Rumors that the doors were locked in some cases, or that they opened inward only, were denied.

The building was of brick, three stories high and built in 1901. Most of the pupils were children of workmen employed in the Lake Shore shops, Kuhlman car works and other plants in the big industrial suburb. In all, 355 children were in attendance. children were in attendance The building was completely de

#### SHORT ILLNESS PROVED FATAL Senator Redfield Proctor of Vermont Dies in Washington.

Washington, D. C.—United States Senator Redfield Proctor of Vermont died at his apartments here Wednes-day afternoon after a short illness following an attack of grip. The sen-ator's son, Gov. Fletcher Proctor of Vermont, who was summoned to the city, was at the bedside when the sen-

city, was at the bedslie when the sen-ator passed away. Senator Proctor was 77 years old.

Senator Proctor had been a conspic-uous factor in the politics and business interests of Vermont for many years, and was reputed to be one of the wealthiest members of the United States senate. He was largely inter-ested in the marble industry and was identified with other commercial puridentified with other commercial pur-suits. He was a civil war veteran on the staff of Gen. William A. ("Baldy") Smith, was secretary of war during President Harrison's administration and had been in the senate since 1891, when he left the cabinet to succeed George F. Edmunds

### A Pencil Swallower Is Relieved.

Rhinelander, Minn.—A lead pen l seven inches long was on Wed esday removed from the body o August Peterson, who was operated on a local hospital. Peterson swallowed the pencil while playing cards and keeping score Christmas day.

Hartje, Welshons and Hooe Go Free. Hartje, Welshons and Hooe Go Free.
Pittsburg, Pa.— The Hartje conspiracy case was brought to an abrupt end Wednesday when Judge McFarlane instructed the jury to acquit Hartje, Welshons and Hooe, the three defendants, and place the charges upon the county.

A Double Lynching in Georgia.
Hawkinsville, Ga.—Two negroes, Gurry Robertson and John Henry, were lynched Thursday near here and their bodies burned. They were charged with the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hart.

## WAS SHUNNED EVEN IN DEATH

MAN WHO TRIED TO KILL SHIPPY BURIED IN POTTER'S FIELD.

Rabbis and Undertakers Refused to Officiate at the Funeral of Lazarus Averbuch.

Chicago, Ill. - The body of Lazarus Averbuch, the young Russian Jew who tried to take the life of Chicago's chief of police on Monday, was buried last night in the potters' field. The assassin's sister, Olga Averbuch, her re-sources exhausted, gave reluctant con-sent to interment by the county and in the darkness, with a dreary rain pour ing down, unaccompanied by friend or relative, the body of the youth was taken to Dunning, the site of the county poor farm, and there by the light of lanterns placed in the grave that had been presented for it.

been prepared for it.
Following her release from custody at noon Thursday Averbuch's sister made vain attempts to have her brother's body given burial according to Jewish rites. A number of undertak-ers were communicated with, but all declined to tack charge of the body. declined to tack charge of the body. Appeal was made to several rabbis with like result. Coroner Hoffman then arranged for the disposition of the body. Before it was taken from the morgue Miss Averbuch was permitted to have a photograph taken of herself with her arms about the neck of her brother's body. This done, she was led away sobbing and taken to her home.

One of the first results of the at-One of the first results of the at-tempt to suppress anarchy was the cancellation of all engagements for Emma Goldman to speak here. Own-ers of halls where she was to speak were notified that such meetings would were notified that such meetings would not be permitted and acted according-ly. All day the police searched for Miss Goldman, who was reported to be in the city, but up to a late hour last night she had not been located. As-sistant Chief Schuettler said he had no intention of arresting her, however, unless she violated the law, which it is believed she will not attempt to do.

#### A GRUESOME FIND

#### Dismembered Corpse of a Murdered Italian Is Discovered in the River at Moosup, Conn.

Moosup, Conn. - By the finding dismembered body of an the Italian, believed to have been Dina Pietro of New York, in the Moosup river Thursday, a brutal murder was discovered. Salvatore Capagello, also Italian, 20 years old, accused by his wife of connection with the murder, is under arrest. Capagello's wife caused his arrest on a charge of non-support, and told the authorities she thought her husband had been concerned in the doing away of Petro, who came to their house about two months ago, and

that there might be some "Black Hand" connection.

Acting on this information, officers went to the Capagello house and there, it is said, found a blod-stained ax, pillow and sheet.

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They then turned their attention to the river and the body was found. The severed parts were wrapped in wire to keep them together, and the whole bundled in a woman's undershirt and a sheet. The legs were missing and the features unrecognizable. Later Capagello is said to have admitted throwing the body into the water, and told the authorities the legs would also be found at the mill legs would also be found at the mill dam. He explained, it is said, that he found the body at his house and took that method of removing it.

## GOES INTO A RECEIVER'S HANDS.

#### Western Maryland Railroad Is Unable to Meet Its Obligations.

Baltimore, Md. - After the close of court Thursday a bill was filed in the United States circuit court by the Bowling Green Trust Co. of New York asking the appointment of receivers for the Western Maryland railroad. Judge Morris appointed President Ben-jamin F. Bush, the railroad having filed an answer admitting the allegations in the bill of complaint and assenting to the receivership. The allegation of the Bowling Green Trust Co. is that the Western Maryland will be unable to meet fixed charges due April 1 amounting to \$1,250,000.

Mr. Bush succeeded Winslow S Pierce as president of the road about

a year ago.
The Western Maryland was purchased in 1902 by what was known as enased in 1902 by what was known as the Fuller syndicate, acting for the Gould interest, the price paid being \$8,000,000. At that time the road was indebted to Baltimore city on account of mortgages and accrued interest to the extent of \$12,000,000.

At the time of its purchase the road ran from Baltimore to Cherry Run, about 60 miles from Cumberland. At Cherry Run it connected with the Bal-timore & Ohio railroad. Since that time the Western Maryland has been extended to Cumberland to connect at that point with the West Virginia Central railroad, previously acquired by the Gould interests, thus tapping very rich coal territory.

### Fire Drill Prevented a Horror.

Philadelphia, Pa.—More than 100 small children in the public kindergarten at Lansdowne, a suburb, were marched safely from the building Thursday in fire drill, while the girders and partitions in the basement burned flercely and the halls were filling with smoke from a fire that was started by crossed electric wires. started by crossed electric wires.

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Birmingham, Eng.—Repeated efforts of various rescue parties provided with oxygen apparatus to reach the entombed miners, now believed to number 21, at Hamstead colliery have failed. The fire in the mine is still raging and there is no hope that a rescue can be effected.

## Picked Up in 沙岭 沙岭 \*\*\* Pennsylvania

PHILLIPSBURG.—Milton Muschlitz of Raubsville, lost both of his hands by a delayed explosion in the quarry Twining & Lawrence, Carpenter

WILKESBARRE .- John Young Pittston, who had no faith in banks, is mourning the loss of \$400, which thieves stole from his house while he

LATROBE.—Harry Carney, working on the new tipple of the Latrobe-Con-nellsville Coal and Coke Co. at Bra-denville, fell 50 feet, receiving proba-bly fatal injuries.

SHARON.—The United Iron and Steel Co. has posted a notice at its furnaces in West Middleton and Leetonia of a reduction in wages of 10 and 15 cents a day

ERIE. - In a clash between gangs of unemployed men at the Erie Gas Co.'s plant at the foot of Peach street, one man was instantly killed and the murderer escaped.

GREENSBURG .- Miss Elizabeth Mc Cracken, a 17-year-old girl of Bagga ley, was ground to pieces by a pas senger train at the Pennsylvania sta-

WASHINGTON - Jumping from an upper window in their home, which was destroyed by fire, Harry and Lee Lesh of Oak Grove, near here, were cut and bruised.

WILKESBARRE .- The annual port of T. D. Davis, inspector of the Ninth anthracite district, shows an increase in the production of coal over

BRADFORD. — Brakeman Fox and Thomas E. Powell, both of Bradford, were killed and their bodies burned to a crisp in a wreck on the Erie railroad near Brockwayville, Pa ALTOONA. - Thomas Greely and

Boyd White, both of Baltimore, Md., while walking on the railroad about eight miles east of this city, were run over and killed by a fast express train.

UNIONTOWN.—Walter I. Williams was held up near Uniontown by two negroes. One leveled a revolver at him, but Williams knocked it from the negro's hand. The footpads then fled. CORRY .- At Quaker Hill, Willie Brown was reprimanded by his father for some trifling act he had committed earlier in the day. Later the lad was

found hanging from a rafter in the HARRISBURG .- Death warrants for two men convicted of first degree mur-der in Philadelphia have been issued

Joseph Talrico is to

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to weeding them out.

hang on April 7, and Warrick Brooks on March 9. HARRISBURG. - Dairy and Food HARRISBURG. — Dairy and Food Commissioner Foust believes that there is a clique of illegal oleo sellers in Philadelphia and he will devote considerable time this coming month

GREENSBURG .- Signs of renewed production in the gas belt at Grape-ville, which 29 years ago was famous, have led the Carnegie Steel Co., the Philadelphia Co. and the Standard Oil Co. to take options on farm land.

FRANKLIN.—Judge George S. Criswell and Sheriff Frank Williams have received letters threatening them with death unless they use their influence to save Mike Holka, the condemned Austrian murderer, from the gallows.

BROCKWAYVILLE .- A freight engine running wild for half a mile through the Eric railroad yards here crashed into the rear of a freight train at the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg railway intersection, killing

BUTLER .- John Ljubec, Hungarian banker, walked out of Butler jail reclaims against the International Bank of Lyndora, which was closed last October. Ljubec was proprietor

BUTLER.—Leaving a message to the public to refute the idea that the infidel dies a miserable death Charles H. Snively, a Valencia real estate dealer and broker's agent, shot him-self through the temple in the kitchen of his home

WASHINGTON. — The development of a big coal field in Greene county on the south fork of Ten-Mile creek follow the extension of the new Pittsburg & Southern railroad recently completed from the Monongahela river to Clarksville.

HUNTINGDON.—The extreme cold and deep snows have caused the wild animals in this section to become exceedingly dangerous. Bears, wildcats and catamounts are devastating farmand catamounts are devastating farmers' stock and in several instances attacked pedestrians on the roads. Russell R. Henry, a veteran of the civil war, who resides five miles from this city, was terribly injured in a fight with a catamount which he finally killed

PHILADELPHIA -- Senator George A. Vare, of the First district of Phila-delphia, one of the well known mem-bers of the legislature, is dead. The senator was a native of South Phila-delphia, born in 1859, and one of Philadelphia's most influential Republican

GREENVILLE.—Frank Pauley and is wife were instantly killed and his wife vere instantly killed and Benjamin Eckenrode was probably fatally injured at Transfer, near here, when a carriage in which they were riding was struck by a train on a grade crossing of the Erle railroad during a blinding snowstorm.

CANONSBURG. - William Pilking. on, a miner living at Westland, was ound dead in the front yard of Joseph Taylor of South Canonsburg, where he

ECONOMY.—Burned over the entire body as the result of a gas explosion, Mrs. George A. Campbell is dead. Her was horribly burned, but is expected to recover.

BEAVER FALLS .- Clarence Barker a painter, was discovered dead in his room. The room was suffocatingly hot and he had evidently been asphyxlated by fumes from a gas stove.

HARRISBURG .- The activity of the agents of the state dairy and food department caused a boom in receipts of that division of the state government in February. The total was \$5,849.59

NEW CASTLE.—Mrs. W. B. Wood of this city has just received word that her husband and daughter, Bertha, were drowned off the coast of Yucatan and their bodies devoured by

MONACA .- Mrs. Nancy Henry, aged 68 years, was burned to death at the home of her son, James Henry. While she was alone in her room her cloth-ing ignited supposedly from a spark

YORK .- Mrs. Benjamin A. Wenchy YORK.—Mrs. Benjamin A. Weneny, of Hanover, saved her 4-year-old som from burning to death. The lad fell into a bonfire. Dragging him from the flames, the mother beat out the fire flames, the mot with her hands.

WASHINGTON.—James Yoders atcher, was seized with a viol WASHINGTON.—James Yoders, a butcher, was seized with a violent paroxysm of coughing, followed by acute pain in his side. A physician found Yoders had broken a rib in two places while coughing. places while coughing.

HARRISBURG.-By a decision of the superior court, attorneys who act for clients in homicide cases who are without means to pay counsel fees have the right to collect from the county in which the trial is held.

WILKESBARRE. - Father Jacob Aust, pastor of St. Stanislaus' Pollsh Catholic church of Hazleton, has re-ceived a letter declaring that he is one of the six priests of this country marked by the anarchists for death.

HARRISBURG .- The dairy and food division has received word that Michael McDermott, who defied the state authorities in an oleo case, has received the stiffest penalty imposed on a man for illegal sale of oleo in the state.

fish fry from the various hatcheries of the state department of fisheries will begin shortly. The requisitions have been gone over and the superinhave been gone over and the superin-tendents are making up their allot-ments

HARRISBURG .- The shipments

ALTOONA.—The discovery of a man's cap and blood on the pilot of a locomotive which brought an east bound express to the city started an investigation that led to the finding of the mangled bodies of two men on the railroad track. UNIONTOWN .- Jacob Kagle drew

\$150 out of the bank, placed it in a tin box and buried it under the coal in a hod. Mrs. Kagle, not knowing the money was there, poured the con-tents of the hod into the stove. The money was burned up. SAYRE .- Between 200 and 300 botl-

ermakers in the Lehigh Valley rail-road shops struck. The strike was caused by the refusal of the company to displace a helper alleged to be doing regular boilermaker's work or to pay him union wages.

WASHINGTON, PA.—The Installment Real Estate Co. of Washington has sold to the Webster Springs Land and Stock Co. a tract of coal and timber land on the Elk river in West Virginia containing 4,500 acres. The consideration was \$160,000.

ELLWOOD CITY.-High water in the Connoquennessing river swept away the false work of the Pittsburg. Butler, Harmony & New Castle street railway bridge here and almost the whole structure, which was nearing completion, is again in the stream.

MERCER.—As a result of friction between the Cottage state hospital board of trustees and the superinten-dent, Dr. J. C. Weidman, the latter was succeeded by Dr. Paul T. Hope as surgeon in charge, and Miss Helen M. Hunt of Pittsburg as superintendent, Dr. Weidman having held both posi-tions

UNIONTOWN.—When Mrs. Charles Harvey of Dunbar responded to a knock at the door her husband, a railknock at the door her husband, a rail-road brakeman, heard a man make an insulting remark to her. Harvey seized a poker, rushed to the door and struck the man over the head. The caller, who proved to be George Rusko, a Slav, was knocked from the porch and in falling broke his neck, dying instantly. Harvey was placed in jail.

HARRISBURG .- The balance in the was \$13,671,818.82. The balance in the state treasury at the close of February was \$13,671,818.82. The balance in the general fund was \$11,167,218.12, with \$9,757,565.92 at the close of January. The sinking fund balance when the February books were closed amounted to \$2,504,599.70.

IRWIN .- The jury in the case of Antonio Cambruzzie and Bernardo Delpratto against the United Coal Co. of Pittsburg, asking damages for \$25,000, brought in a verdict for the company. The men were burned in an explosion of gas in Edna No. 2 mine. They settled for \$450.

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