

### N. J. SCHOOL BURNS, DAMAGE \$350,000

Sunday Blaze at Belleville Leaves Only Walls of Large Building Standing

#### FIRE STARTED IN CLASSROOM

Belleville, N. J., Dec. 18.—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed public school No. 4 here yesterday, causing damage estimated at \$350,000.

The blaze started in one of the classrooms opposite the boiler room, it was learned, and rapidly made its way through the building. Despite the determined efforts of firemen the building was doomed and today nothing but the bare walls remain.

The school, which houses more than seven hundred pupils, was the largest of the seven in the city.

James J. Turner, clerk of the Board of Education, said last night that he believed some one was in the school at the time the fire started.

"I don't see how the fire could have started unless some one was in the building," said Mr. Turner.

The janitor made the fire start, said in order to keep the building partly heated. Everything was in good condition then.

The fire started around the teacher's desk in that particular classroom. Opposite this room is the boiler room. There were no electric wires or anything else that might have started the blaze.

An investigation will be made by the school board in which they will be aided by representatives from insurance companies.

#### CONTRADICTS KAISER'S BRIDE

Berlin, Dec. 18.—Franz von Rosen issued a statement denying she ever aspired to become the Kaiser's wife, indignantly repudiating Princess Hermine's references to her as "Kaiser's bride."

### THREE BURNED TO DEATH

Trapped in Cottage Which Takes Fire While They Are Asleep

Alton, O., Dec. 18.—Trapped in a cottage, three Massillon men, one of them the center of a political fight which has been raging for several months, perished, and four others, three of them attorneys in that city, were injured, one seriously, when the cottage in which the seven were sleeping was destroyed by fire here last night.

The dead are Harold Howard, city engineer of Massillon; Frank Wagner, foreman machinist, and Letoy Hodgson, a truck driver.

A fire had been left burning in the fireplace when the men retired and Coe-mer Kent held that the blaze was caused by a defective flue.

### BOY SCOUTS FIND TEMPLE

Armenian Troop of American Relief Unearth Ancient Ruins

Beirut, Syria, Dec. 18.—(By A. P.)—The foundations of a large Roman temple, probably an ancient sanctuary of Adonis, have been uncovered near Kessaba by Armenian Boy Scouts from the American Near East Relief Orphanage at Jebel, twenty-five miles north of this city.

In the same district the boys found Babylonian and Phoenician relics, mostly in tombs, which had been buried in the sands for centuries.

A small museum has been established at the Jebel orphanage to accommodate the treasures, but it is expected that the Near East Relief will send the more important objects to American museums.

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