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### LITTLE CHILDREN DIE IN FLAMES

#### Fire in School of Cleveland Suburb Claims 170 Pup- pils' Lives

#### CROWDED AGAINST DOORS Many Needlessly Sacrificed Through Faulty Ar- rangements

Cleveland, O., March 4.—Pinned in narrow hallways, jammed up against doors that only opened inward, between 160 and 200 school children in the suburb of North Collingwood, today were killed by fire and smoke or panic-stricken playmates. The awful tragedy occurred this morning in the public school of North Collingwood, five miles east of this city. At 10 o'clock tonight one hundred and sixty-five corpses were in the morgue at Collingwood, six children were still unaccounted for, and all the hospitals in the suburb were crowded with the bodies of children, many of whom died fatally and many less seriously injured.

The statement that the back door of the building was locked was made by Walter C. Kelly, the editor of the sporting department of the Cleveland Leader, two of whose children were killed. As soon as the alarm was given Mrs. Kelly ran from her home, which was near the school, to the burning building. The front portion of the structure was a mass of flames, and frenzied by the screams of the children, she ran to a window, where she reached them from the death trap at the foot of the first flight of stairs and behind the closed door. Mrs. Kelly ran up stairs, hoping to save her children. She was joined by a man whose name is not known, and the two tugged and pushed frantically at the door, but they were unable to open it. There was nothing at hand with which they could break it down. In utter despair of saving any of the children they turned their attention to the windows, and by smashing some of these they managed to save a few of the pupils. They could have saved more, Kelly testified, if the door had not been locked. Nobody knows how many of the children might have made their way out if the door had been unlocked. Only a half dozen men had been there when my wife and her companion arrived at the schoolhouse perhaps they might have broken down the door, but the two eagles being left there, in consequence of a smallpox patient being found on that vessel, which was fumigated and released after being held for two days. The buildings would have been crowded if the Shinano had added her several hundred Asiatics to the large number already detained, and it was considered desirable to allow the steamer to proceed to Diamond Head for fumigation and disinfection.

#### Death Trap

The schoolhouse was of brick, two stories and an attic in height. The number of pupils was more than normally large, and the smaller children had been placed in the upstairs part of the building. There was but one fire escape, and that was in the rear of the building. There were two stairways, one leading to a door in front and the other to a door in the rear. Both of these doors opened inward, and it is alleged that the rear door was locked.

When the flames were discovered, the teachers, who throughout seemed to have acted with courage and self-possession, and who have deservedly been heralded as heroes, marshaled the little ones to the rear for the fire drill, which they had often practiced. Unfortunately the line of march was so narrow that the children had not been trained to seek any other exit. The fire today came from a furnace situated directly under this part of the building. When the children reached the foot of the stairs they found the flames close up to them, and so swift a rush was made for the door that the school was tightly packed mass was piled up. From that second none of those who were upon any of the first flights of stairs had any chance of escape, while those who came down showed them mercifully back into the flames.

#### CAUSES HARDSHIP TO MANY CHINESE

#### Pelho River Changes Course and Afflicts Large Dis- trict

Pekin, March 4.—The Chinese government has been informed by some American engineers who worked in the district that the Pelho changed its course for a distance of sixty miles following the inundation of last August and September. This was the first the government knew of the occurrence, its own officials having failed to detect the matter. The floods in the Pelho valley have impoverished tens of thousands of people, and foreigners have expended and are still expending considerable sums of money to relieve the winter famine in this region.

#### Undesirable Immigrants

Ottawa, March 4.—The department of the interior issued a report today made by Bruce Walker, which sweepingly condemned the methods of some of the charitable societies promoting emigration. He stated that a greater portion of the assisted immigrants were not of the agricultural class, and were liable to prove undesirable citizens, said the report.

### SHINANO MARU IN QUARANTINE

#### Japanese Liner Arrives With Case of Smallpox on Board

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#### Ontario Bank Directors

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#### Under Minister's Displeasure

Ottawa, March 4.—Chief Accountant A. W. Owen, of the marine department, has been suspended by Minister of the Interior, for neglecting to respect certain statements which he is alleged to have made which are construed as reflecting on the minister.

#### "Fortune Telling" Fraud

Hamilton, Ont., March 4.—Apathy on the part of the police is given by William Huckle, chief of the International Detective Bureau, as his reason for making public some facts in regard to fortune tellers, palmists and others of that class, who, it is said, have been reaping a golden harvest here. Sixty-eight homes have been wrecked in Hamilton, according to Huckle, through fortune telling, and he further claims that the grossest sort of frauds are being committed under the guise of psychic mediums and such things.

#### Vermonts Vote on Liquor

Montpelier, Vt., March 4.—In the city of Montpelier, Vermont, today a state special election was held for "no license" vote. The "no license" party may be said to have secured a victory in the city, for while one city, Burlington, swung from no license to license, two others, Barre and St. Albans, changed from "wet" to "dry." Rutland sustained her license position, while Vergennes and Montpelier continue "no license" towns.

#### TO EXTEND TERMS OF SETTLERS' RIGHTS ACT

J. H. Hawthorthwaite Intro-  
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#### BRITT AND NELSON DRAW Fight Did Not Show Class on Part of Either Fighting and Audience Howled

Los Angeles, Cal., March 4.—Jimmy Britt, of San Francisco, and Battling Nelson, of Chicago, fought ten rounds here in the Pacific Athletic club in this city last night, with Britt a slight victor in point of blows landed and Nelson somewhat the stronger at the close, but unable to overcome the cleverness of his opponent. The fight was by no means a savage affair, and at times the audience howled at the men to fight. Time after time Britt escaped the leads of the always confident Nelson. In all, Nelson did not land over a dozen effective blows, but Britt, always giving ground, stepped out and raised his knees, and frequently straightened Nelson up with the left. In conformity with the law, no decision was rendered.

#### Wanted Olympic Grant

Toronto, Mar. 4.—A deputaion representing the Canadian Olympic games committee asked Provincial Treasurer Matheson this morning for a grant of \$50,000 toward expenses of the Canadian team to London. Matheson appeared favorably impressed.

### ASIATIC IMMIGRATION

#### Deputy Minister King to Urge Upon Imperial Authorities Restriction

Ottawa, March 4.—Deputy Minister of Labor King leaves tomorrow for London to urge upon the Imperial, Indian and Colonial authorities the advisability of restricting the immigration to Canada of Asiatics from British possessions.

#### Took Carbolic Acid

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The representatives of the Canadian sealing industry, which has been broken up by the agreement by reason of the operation of Paris award 1893 are making a last appeal to the Imperial government for the purchase of Russia's rights in Washington to take some action which shall prevent the complete destruction of the seals in Behring sea, says the Ottawa Free Press.

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