

DOOR IS BARRED AND PEOPLE BURN

Crowd of Dancers in Hungarian Village Trapped in Burning Barn—Vain Effort to Escape Thought a Single Exit

WOMEN AND MEN TRAMPLED TO DEATH

Blazing Roof Crushes Down on Helpless Victims—Three Hundred Are Dead and Many Others Injured

MATE-SZALKA, Hungary, March 28.—More than three hundred persons were trampled to death, and one hundred others seriously injured, in a disaster in the village of Osekowitz last night.

A public ball was announced to be held at the hotel of the village, where the coach house had been fitted up as a ball room. It was a great ballroom structure, decorated with under-wood June branches from a previous entertainment, to which were added, for the occasion, their decorations and Chinese lanterns.

The festivity attracted pleasure-seekers from the whole country side, and the building was so packed just before the ball began that the slight door which afforded entrance and exit was nailed up to keep out scores who clamored outside.

While the dancing was in full swing, a pine branch caught fire and fell to the floor. It blazed furiously, and almost instantly the flames leaped up to the women burst into flames, which spread with astonishing rapidity.

Many of them, their garments ablaze, rushed towards the barred exit, where a surging mass of people, including women and men, fell, and were trampled under foot. Those in front door, but were unable to get out.

Soon the room crashed in, the blazing wreckage falling upon the helpless victims, so that many of those who had hitherto escaped the flames were struck down by beams of buried under the debris. When the door was broken open, some few escaped, but many of these collapsed before they got far.

Inside the building were heaps of charred bodies, and screams and groans still were audible from the smoking piles.

Bound for Portland Canal

VANCOUVER, March 30.—The Camosun, on her initial voyage, will carry a number of mining men and others bound for the Portland Canal district, where a season of extraordinary mining activity is expected.

U. S. STEEL COMPANY

Prosperity Shown by Annual Report of Directors—Stays in Nova Scotia.

NEW GLASGOW, N. S., March 30.—At the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal company today, the report of the directors was adopted.

MORE BODIES FOUND

All But One of Crew of Wrecked Freighter Arthur B. Are Now Accounted For.

VANCOUVER, March 30.—Last evening word reached W. R. Lord of the body of his son, the second officer of the lost tug Arthur B. which had been found near Bellingham.

SHEARWATER WAS IN COLLISION

Bumped Into the Steam Freighter Stratitany When Lying in Bay at the Golden Gate.

H.M.S. Shearwater, which left San Francisco on Monday and is about due at Esquimalt, returning from the south American coast, was in collision with the steam freighter Stratitany in the Golden Gate.

REFUSES CONCILIATION

Representative of American Federation of Labor Refuses Conciliation Paper Company.

LIVERMORE FALLS, Me., March 28.—A statement charged by the International Paper Company refused to receive representatives of the boards of trade of towns where there are strikes in the company's mills for the purpose of arbitration and conciliation.

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GALT, Ont., March 28.—The police here are looking for a man with a gun, who was shot in the thigh, struck by a large sweater carried by Warner Rutherford, and narrowly escaped hitting two other men, while all four were wading across from an island in the Grand River.

SHIP PARNASSOS IS PROBABLY SAFE

Report of Foundering of the German Sailer in South Pacific Based on Misread Signals.

The German ship Parnassos, from Portland for the United Kingdom, which was thought to have foundered in the South Pacific ocean, is, according to reports, on the coast of the island of Pohnpei, probably well along on her voyage to England by this time.

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CANADIANS WHO GO TO BISLEY

Sergt. Richardson Is Victoria Rifleman Nearest to Place on Team—Capt. Forrest and Hart-McHarg in Line

It is hardly probable that Victoria will be represented on this year's Bisley rifle team. The local marksman who has the best chance of going is Sergt. Richardson, who ranks first among the Victoria marksmen.

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RAILROAD MEN VOTE TO STRIKE

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Moorefield Magistrate Says "Days of Miracles Are Passed"

His cure seems a wonderful thing, and all his friends are amazed. Mr. Henry Moorefield, of Moorefield, Ont., has been suffering for two years with Chronic Intestinal Dyspepsia, which brought on a serious heart trouble, and away until he was nothing but a skeleton. Two physicians had up to date failed to cure him.

Then his son made him try "Fruit-A-Tiv" and now Mr. Moorefield is well. As he says "The miracles are not passed and I have proved that 'Fruit-A-Tiv' is a stomach and heart trouble cure, and everything else falls away from it. For \$2.50 a trial size box, or from Fruit-A-Tiv Co., Ottawa.

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