

FIFTY GIRLS AND WOMEN BURNED TO DEATH OR KILLED BY JUMPING WHEN BIG FACTORY WAS DESTROYED

Eighty Were Working on the Fourth Floor of Overall Factory in Binghamton When Fire Broke Out and Only a Few Escaped.

Some Stopped on Only Fire Escape and Were Overcome by Smoke, While Others Jumped and Were Killed on the Pavement.

When Fire Gong Sounded the Girls Thought It Was Only a Fire Drill and Did Not Hurry—Financial Losses Nearly Half a Million.

(Special to The Toronto World).
BINGHAMTON, N.Y., July 22.—From 55 to 75 girls and women were burned to death or were killed by jumping from windows when the overall factory of the Binghamton Clothing Co. was burned this afternoon.

The five-story building of this company was totally destroyed, the Federal Building, next door, was partly burned and the saddlery warehouse of Simon O'Neil was gutted, and two other buildings were damaged by the spread of the flames.

The fire was almost a repetition of the Triangle shirtwaist fire in New York. The clothing company used the entire five-story building, located on Wall street, next to the Federal Building. It was built of wood except the outside walls, which were of brick. The fire started from an unknown cause at 2.30 p.m. on the first floor at the rear of the building. Persons nearby said it seemed to spread like a train of powder from one pile of cloth or garments to another. An alarm was sent in within a minute of the first sight of smoke, but by the time the firemen arrived flames were leaping from almost every window in the building.

One Fire Escape. One hundred and twenty-five persons were employed in the factory and all but a few were girls and women. The largest number, about 80, were at work on the fourth floor. They had three ways out, the front and rear stairs and one narrow fire escape in the rear of the building. The flames leaped up the rear stairs and up an elevator shaft. About twenty of the girls ran down the front stairs to safety. The rest ran to the rear stairs and the fire escape. About a dozen climbed down the fire escape to the second floor, but stopped there because the last ladder was held up by the ground and they did not know how to lower it. A man employed finally dropped it down, but was knocked off the escape by the upper end of the ladder.

While the women were imprisoned on the escapes, the flames began to roar thru the windows beside them and several jumped to the ground. Others were made unconscious by the smoke and flames and were burned to death, the bodies remaining on the escape until the wall fell.

Meanwhile the great majority of those on the fourth floor had rushed back from the rear stairs and the fire escape to the windows, which lined both sides of the building, and a moment later, as the flames reached them, they jumped to the ground, a distance of forty feet.

SHREWD DIPLOMACY IS DEMANDED TO AVERT EUROPEAN CONFLAGRATION

LONDON, July 22.—(Can. Press).—The European concert is faced by the most delicate and difficult situation, requiring the exercise of the utmost diplomatic tact, if Europe is not to be plunged into a general war by the Turkish reconquest of Adrianople and Kirk Killisch. Bulgaria, helpless, sees the fruits of her victories snatched away, and while negotiations for an armistice are proceeding, the Greeks and Servians push their advantage.

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BURIED IN SAND BOY SCOUT DEAD

Victor Plant, Fourteen Years Old, Caught and Killed by Cave-In at Scarborough Bluffs.

Climbing along the edge of the bluffs at Birch Cliff, Scarborough Bluffs, in search of birds' nests, more than 300 feet above the surface of Lake Ontario, Victor Plant, boy scout, 14-year-old son of Herbert Plant, of 73 Macpherson avenue, Toronto, was struck at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon by an avalanche of earth and sand, which caved in above him and buried him to his death 30 feet down the side of the precipice. The boy's neck was broken in the fall and his body was almost buried.

Plant and another boy scout friend, Percy Dunk of 71 Macpherson avenue, were camping at the bluffs, having gone there with Scoutmaster A. W. Geddes last Saturday. Mr. Geddes was in the city in the day time and knew nothing about the accident. Percy Dunk, the dead boy's friend, however, states that after dinner yesterday the two boys left their camp and went to the bluffs to look for birds' nests. Plant was about six feet down the side of the bank and had no warning that the bank was falling away, forcing the boy on his head. Dunk yelled, and just escaped from falling in behind. He then called for his friend a second time and when he received no answer he peered over the edge, but saw nothing but his friend's feet sticking out of the earth.

Dunk ran towards Birch Cliff, Frank C. Gaved of the Robert Simpson Co., who was summering with his family at 50 Lakeview avenue, heard the boy's shouts and ran back with him to the bluff to rescue his friend. He was some time in removing the earth from Plant's body, and the moment he touched the lad he knew he was dead.

Percy Dunk then went to W. A. Scott's, Kingsbury Crescent, and phoned for County Constable Burns and Coroner A. F. Demary of 2 Lyall avenue. Nelson B. Cobble's motor ambulance was also summoned, and in it the Plant boy's body was taken to his home at 73 Macpherson avenue.

Coroner Demary decided that nothing could be gained by holding an inquest.

Mr. and Mrs. Plant heard the news of their son's death in Muskoka, and he died scarcely believe the message. Three brothers and two sisters of the boy were at the Toronto home when phoned about the accident. Their parents left for Muskoka last Saturday.

U.S. GOVERNMENT FOREIGN POWERS URGED TO ACT IN MEXICO

Strong Denunciation of Policy of Inaction While Lives of American Citizens Are Jeopardized Marks Speech of Senator From New Mexico.

(Special to The Toronto World).
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 22.—United States intervention in Mexico was discussed in both branches of congress today, and as a result thereof it is thought that the president may receive authorization to take drastic steps in quelling the disorders in the warring republic.

In the senate the resolution offered by Senator Fall, quoting the protection plank of the Baltimore platform, came up automatically for action. It declares that the constitutional rights of an American citizen follow him to the border of his country, and that his life and property must be protected in any foreign country.

The effect of the debate on this resolution was an unofficial agreement that a plan, unequivocal declaration, that the lives and property of Americans in foreign countries must be respected, should be made by this government.

Should Use Force. In the house of representatives Murray of Oklahoma introduced a resolution calling on the president to use the land and naval forces of the United States to correct existing conditions in Mexico.

The nearness of a crisis in the relations between the United States and Mexico was frankly admitted in the senate. The prospect did not cause dismay. On the contrary, there was a disposition to serve official notice on all factions in Mexico that American citizens and their property must not be molested.

In a heated debate the Taft and Wilson administrations were criticized with equal vigor for hesitation and inaction.

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EUROPEAN POWERS DETERMINED TO TEACH TURKEY SHARP LESSON FOR CLEAR-CUT DEFIANCE SHOWN

Official Announcement of the Recapture of Adrianople Sends Diplomats Scurrying to Discover Best Plan of United Action—Russian Occupation of Both Sides of Bosphorus in Prospect.

LONDON, July 22.—(Can. Press).—The official announcement made at Constantinople today that the Turkish troops had recaptured the citadel of Adrianople created the worst possible impression in diplomatic circles, and no time was lost by the powers in starting an exchange of views with the object of finding the best means of checkmating Turkey's action, which is looked upon as a clear-cut defiance of all Europe.

The next few hours are likely to decide whether or not forces hitherto unengaged shall enter the Balkan cockpit. Russia is understood to be ready to accept the mandate of Europe to compel the Porte to respect the treaty of London, which the Ottomans are now tearing up, and the British cabinet meets tomorrow to consider whether this government shall consent to active intervention on the part of Russia.

Russia to Step In. Premier Asquith's speech at Birmingham on Monday evening was intended to warn Turkey against the possibility of such a development, which would involve Russian occupation of both sides of the Bosphorus and the gripping of Constantinople both in front and rear.

Austria-Hungary thus far has held aloof, being unwilling to consent to active measures against the Turk. Should coercion be attempted by Russia without her consent, however, little doubt is expressed by close followers of the Balkan situation that Austria-Hungary immediately would occupy the sanjak of Novi-pazar.

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"We hope to have the specifications finished by next spring," said Mr. Wilson, last night. "In the meantime there is a mass of detail to be worked out, which will take a great deal of time."

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Sir Wilfrid Laurier In Toronto Today

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Hon. George P. Graham of Brockville, Ont., ex-minister of railways and canals, and F. P. Pardee, Liberal whip, are also in the city. Mr. Graham is staying at the Prince George Hotel.

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GEN. HAMILTON VISITS LINDSAY

He and Hon. Sam Hughes Popular Heroes at Laying of Cornerstone of New Armories.

LINDSAY, July 22.—(Special).—Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton, G.C.B., D.S.O., this afternoon handled the trowel in the laying of the cornerstone of the new government armories at Victoria Park. The ceremony in connection with the laying of the heavy cornerstone in the west tower was witnessed by hundreds of Lindsay citizens and was graced by the presence of Hon. Sam Hughes, minister of militia, this being his home town. Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways and canals; Col. Bick of Cannington; Dr. R. M. Mason, M.L.A., Fenelon Falls; Major Smith, M.P.; Major Sam Sharpe, M.P.; Col. John Hughes of Newville; J. H. Burnham, M.P.; J. H. Sexsmith, M.P.; W. H. Bennett, M.P.; Senator Taylor of Gananoque, and others.

Gala Day in Lindsay. Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton, who was a guest of the minister of militia overnight at his summer cottage on Cameron Lake, was escorted to Victoria Park by a bodyguard of honor from the 45th Regiment, under command of Col. F. H. Hopkins and Major Pees, accompanied by the 45th Regimental Band. The streets were in gala attire while the townspersons enjoyed a half holiday, and as Hon. Sam Hughes and the British general passed thru the streets with the regimental godguard they were heartily greeted on all sides. Victoria Park, where the new armories are located, was also thronged with citizens. Excellent addresses were delivered by Major Beal, Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton, Hon. Sam Hughes, John Carey and others. Major Beal remarked in the course of his address that "there was only one man fit for the position of minister of militia and defence, and the government picked on that man."

Gen. Hamilton and Col. Hughes were given a guard of honor of 100 men, and the regimental band of the 45th. Gen. Hamilton remarked that Canada was well served by an excellent and steadfast minister of militia, who knew his business.

J. P. JAFFRAY IMMIGRATION AGENT.

GALT, July 22.—(Special).—Mr. J. P. Jaffray of The Daily Reporter since his birth in November 1895, has accepted the position of Dominion immigration agent, with headquarters at Philadelphia. He will leave about the middle of August.

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