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TERRIBLE HOLOCAUST IN QUEBEC CONVENT

Fifteen Perished in the Flames of Burning Building

One Sister, Four Old Women Boarders and Ten Pupils the Victims--Several Badly Injured--Fire Broke Out After They Had All Retired to Their Beds, and Some Miraculous Escapes Were Made--Father's Frantic Effort to Break into Window and Save Daughter.

Montreal, April 21.—(Special)—The picturesque little village of the St. Genevieve on the Riviere des Prairies, in the county of Jacques Cartier, a distance of about fifteen miles from Montreal, was the scene during the night of a fire which destroyed the beautiful Roman Catholic convent of St. Anne, and resulted in the loss of fifteen lives.

One of the sisters, ten of the pupils—all girls ranging from twelve to seventeen years of age—and four old women, boarders of the institution, perished in the flames, while a number of the inmates were injured in escaping from the burning building.

Owing to the lack of communication between the village and outside points it was impossible to secure any help from Montreal and the news of the terrible fatality was not received in the city until today. The people of St. Genevieve were helpless to prevent the destruction of the building and the loss of life.

The convent was a stone building, constructed in old-fashioned style, with solid walls and heavily timbered. It was four stories high and built on a slope. It was used as a school and was the property of the teaching order of the Sisters of St. Anne. The order conducts about twenty establishments in the province of Quebec, and also has institutions in the New England States. At the time of the fire there were thirty-seven pupils boarding in the building, a total of fifty-eight pupils receiving instruction at the convent.

The sisters also maintained a small hospital for old women. There were five old women in the hospital, of great age, none being less than eighty years, while one had attained the venerable age of 99 years.

The old people were sleeping on the first floor and had two means of egress, but as the fire had originated in these quarters they must have been overcome early or else became so confused that they could not find the exits. The sisters and the pupils slept in two dormitories, one being on the third and the other on the fourth floor, and it was among the pupils in this portion of the building that the greatest loss of life occurred.

The monetary loss will be about \$25,000. The dead.

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Madame Lavigne, one of the five old ladies who existed upon the bounty of the good sisters, was the only one alive yesterday, and she told an incident story that old Madame Potvin had arisen from bed in search of a pipe and tobacco, and then threw away the match which she had held. The sisters think the old woman's story rather improbable.

One of the other sisters was the first to notice that there was something wrong. About 11 o'clock she was awakened by some one unknown. She noticed that the room was heavy with smoke, and arose to seek the cause of this. When she reached the hallway she was met with a volume of smoke, and at once realized that there was fire in the building. Her cries awakened other sisters, and presently all were awake in the building.

The quarters of the convent were divided. Some were downstairs and others were located on the upper floor, the convent being three stories in height. Those on the lower floor attempted to ascend the stairs to the floors above, but were met with such a rush of smoke that it was beyond their physical capacity to mount the stairs in the face of it.

A Brave Sister. Those sisters who were on the upper floors appear to have been quickly aware of the fire. Sisters Marie de Jesu sounded the alarm. With a bell she sounded a warning, and calling upon the pupils who slept in the dormitories to arise, she went among the beds, saying: "Children, get up, dress quickly; there is a fire in the house."

This sister then warned the pupils in the other dormitory. She then realized the great danger that confronted the children, and hastened to send them down the stairs. By now thick streams of choking smoke poured from below, rendering the passage difficult and hazardous. Some ran down the stairs, others went half way and then retreated. The sister went part of the way down stairs and then turned back to the second floor. Here she found her retreat cut off. Making her way to one of the windows, she found one of the pupils, Miss Paiement, breaking the glass the pair took the only chance that remained, and jumped to the ground. The sister broke an arm and was bruised and shaken up. Miss Paiement escaped without serious injury. In the upper floor there remained Sister Marie Adrienne, and with her fell the pupils whose lives were sacrificed in the holocaust.

Just what happened on the third floor it is impossible to tell. Doubtless the sisters and the pupils found themselves near the stairs. The story told here of how they were awakened too late and were caught in the clutches of the death-dealing smoke and asphyxiated. It may be, too, that even if they were awake they were blinded by the enveloping flames and prevented from reaching the windows. Had they known it there was escape without doors, they would have taken that way, but only two found their way so close at hand.

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The father, awakened from his sleep by cries from over the roadway, discovered on the third and the other on the fourth floor, and it was among the pupils in this portion of the building that the greatest loss of life occurred.

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HE TAUGHT NANCY TO RIDE ASTRIDE

Many Stories About Miss Carnegie's Infatuation for Hever--Her Brother Once Tried to Horsewhip Him and Was Worsted.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 20.—Pittsburg was simply left with gossip today regarding the announcement of the marriage of Miss Nancy Carnegie to James Hever, the family coachman, and it is a matter for speculation as to whether or not the marriage would have been made public had not persons from Allegheny traveling in Europe a month or so ago stumbled across the couple, living abroad.

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BIRTHS

CLARKE—At Halifax, April 16, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Walker Clarke, a son.

CHESLEY—This city, April 20th, at 127 British street, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Chesley, a daughter.

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MARRIAGES

BRVING-SMITH—At Truro (N. S.) on April 20, by Rev. J. W. Aikens, Harry Brvng, of St. John West, to Elizabeth Smith, of New York.

TAPPER-BENSON—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 20th inst., by the Rev. D. Henderson, William Tapper, manager Bank of Nova Scotia, Chatham, to Miss Benson, daughter of Dr. John S. Benson, Chatham.

DEATHS

DUNLOP—In this city, April 19th, Ann, wife of the late James Dunlop, aged 83 years.

WILLIAMS—In this city, April 19, Honor, 63 years, leaving three daughters to mourn her loss.

LARKIN—At Roxbury (N. S.), April 19, Mary, wife of Philip Harris, aged 45 years.

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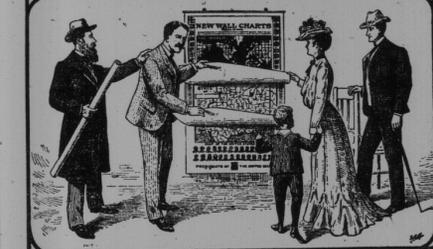
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SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived. Thursday, April 20. Schr R. D. Spear, 229, Deliza, Captain, J. A. Gregory, bal.

Schr Charles, 350, Brown, Perth Amboy, Geo J. Holder, com.

Schr Adelaide, 138, Williams, New York, Geo J. Holder, com.

Coastwise—Schr Ella Mabel, 14, Lee, St. John, N. B., com.

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96TH ANNIVERSARY

Successful Year of Queen Square Methodist Sunday School.

Sunday was the 96th anniversary of the Queen Square Methodist Sunday School. There were no particular services of worship at the evening service of worship.

The reports of the treasurer and secretary showed a successful year. The year was a very successful one.

The average attendance during the year was 135 and the largest attendance on any one Sunday was 197.

Temperance has been kept prominently before the school and there is now a pledge class of 142.