HUNDRED AND SIXTY CHILDREN PERISH.

Little Children Caught Like Rats in a Trap and **Burned** to Death.

Fire Drill Was of No Avail---Agonizing Sights and Heroic Deeds.

Greeeland, O., March 4.—Penned in arrow hallways, jammed up against loors that only opened inward, between Recovering the Bodies. narrow hallways, jammed up against doors that only opened inward, between one hundred and sixty and one hundred

and seventy school children in the suburb of North Collinwood to-day were killed by fire and smoke or beneath the grinding heels of their panic-stricken playmates.

The awful tragedy occurred this morn ing in the public school of North Collin wood, ten miles east of this city. At 10 o'clock to-night one hundred and sixtyfive corpses were in the morgue at Col-linwood, six children were still unaccounted for, and all the hospitals and houses for two miles around contained numbers of children, some fatally and many less seriously injured. All of the victims were between the ages of six and fourteen years.

Only Eighty Escaped Unhurt. The school contained between three hundred and ten and three hundred and twenty-five pupils, and of this entire number only about eighty are known to have left the building unhurt. It will be several days before the actual number of killed is known, as the ruins may still contain other bodies, and the list of Scontain other bodies, and the list of fatalities may be increased by a number for deaths among the children who are how lying in the hospitals in a precari-ous condition. The school house was of brick, two storeys and an attic in height. The number of pupils was more than "normally large, and the smaller children "had been placed in the upper part of the building. There were two stairways, one leading to a door in the front and "the other to a door in the rear. Both Fof these doors opened inward, and it is

Fof these doors opened inward, and it is relaimed the rear door was locked as well. Flames Barred the Way.

Flames Barred the Way. When the flames were discovered the teachers, who throughout seem to have acted with courage and self-possession and to have struggled heroically for the safety of their pupils, marshalled the lit. Is ones into a column for the fire drill, which they had often practiced. Unfortunately the line of march in its door, and the children had not been trained to seek any other exit. The fire to day 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 upon them, and so swift a rush was made of the door that in an instant a tightly-packed mass was piled up against it.

### Pushed Into the Flames.

Pushed Into the Flames. From that moment none of those who were upon any portion of the first flight of stairs had a chance for their lives. The children at the foot of the stairs attempted to fight their way back to the floor above, while those who were coming down shored them mercilessly back into the flames below. In an in-stant there was a frightful panie, with two hundred of the pupils fighting for their lives. Most of those who were killed died here. The greater part of those who escaped managed to turn back and reached the fire escape and the win-dows in the rear. What happened at the foot of that first flight of stairs will never be known, for all of those who were child in the full first of the panic were killed. After the flames had died away, however, a huge heap of little bodies, burned by the fire, and trampled into shapeless masses, told the tale as well as anyone needed to know it.

Recovering the Bodies. The gruesome task of taking out the pieces and bits of human remains was one of horror. A line of rescuers was formed, backed by half a dozen am-pled from the debris they were passed along to the stretchers and thence loaded in the ambulance. Mercifully covered with blankets, the pitful sights were veiled from the entrance to the structure. As fast as a load was ob-tained it was driven away to the morgue.

At the temporary morgue in the Lake Shore shops the scene was an inde-scribably sad one, as fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters passed up and down the lines formed by the hundred

brothers and sisters passed up and down the lines formed by the hundred and sixty corpaes. Identification was made only by means of clothing or trinkets. The fire had swept away nearly all semblance of human fea-tures in the majority of instances. The first identification was made by the mother of Nell and Tommy Thompson, aged six and nine years old, respective-ly. The hands and arms had been burned from both bodies, but the mother re-cognized the shoes on her children's feet. And so the disheartening work went on, accentuated now and then by a piereing shriek or plaintive moan as a loved one was recognized by clothing or token, such as a ring or mecklace. A Mother's Heroism.

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equal to the task. He fought on until his clothing was partly burned from him and the skin of his face and hands were scorched black. Other men at-tempted to induce him to move, but he refused until he saw that his girl was dead, and that he could not save her life by sacrificing his own. He then withdrew from the school house and although so seriously injured that he may die, lingered about the place for several hours, refusing to go to a hospi-tal or to seek medical attention. **Cellar Filled With Corpses.** Rushing across the street, Mrs. Sprung secured a step-ladder and placed it against the window. Climb-ing up, she reached for her boy. She ng up, she reached for her boy. She aught him by the hair. It burned off n her hand and the lad fell back into the flames.

### Couldn't Open the Door.

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

Cellar Filled With Corpses. The fames spread with such terrific rapidity that within thirty minutes from the time the fire was discovered the school was nothing but blackened walks surrounding a cellar filled with corpses and debris. The firemen dashed into the blazing wreckage, and with rakes, forks, shovels and their bare hands worked in the most frantic mamer with the hope of saving a few more lives. They were unsuccessful, for none was taken alive from the ruins after the floors col-lapsed. Fragments of incinerated limbs, skulls and bones were found al-most at every turn, and these things were piled together in a little heap at one side of the building. Teacher Saved Her Pupils. Leader, two of whose children were killed. As soon as the alarm was given Mrs. Kelly ran from her home, which is not far from the school house, to the burn-ing building. The front portion of the structure was a mass of flames and, frenzied by the screams of the fighting and dying children which reached them from the death trap at the foot of the first flight of stairs and behind that closed door. Mrs. Kelly ran to the rear, hoping to effect an entrance there and save her children. She was joined by a man whose name is not known, and the two of them tugged and pulled frantically at the door. They were unable to move it in the slightest, and there was nothing at hand by which they could hope to break it down. In utter despair of saving any of the children, they turned their attention to the win-dows, and by smashing some of these they manged to pulled Hig Child to Pieces Teacher Saved Her Pupils.

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Teacher Saved Her Pupils. Miss Laura Boddy, the only teacher on the third floor, formed her pupils in kine and marched them down to the second floor, where, finding the flames rushing up the stairway, she turned them around and hurried them back again to the third floor. She here broke a window with a chair, and, getting on to the platform of the fire escape, lifted out her pupils one by one and sent them down. Four or five children who broke from the kin-she had formed and ran down the stair-way were killed. One of the heroines of the catastrophe was little Marie Wit-man. She ran through the smokefill-ed halls and grasped her little brother, whom she managed to drag from the forom and take out through the window. both of them being nearly strangled with smoke. Teachers' Narrow Escape. flight of stairs will never be known, for all of those who were caught in the full fury of the panic were killed. After the flames had died away, however, a huge heap of little bodies, burned by the fire-and trampled into shapeless masses, told the tale as well as anyone needed to know it. Were the Doors Locked? Yarious and unconfirmed statements are made as to the cause of the building doorways. One big man are made as to the cause of the first and also that the doors of the building he struggled desperately with the three men who held him. Finally trance, while but one door, of the rear entry was unfastened. The janitor, Fritz Herter, himself bereaved of three children, says the doors were open according to custom. At any rate, the wand the little ones went to their death totally unable to evade the flames. The village fire department had only two engines, and neither was at tall fefetive. Burning through the eross massed upward until all three floors crashed in a smouldering pile into the basement. Within three hours from tits bodies was begun by firemen and men from the shops of the Lake Shore Rait-grad. The Janitor's Story. inscreed to the horrorstricket crowd the awful scene within was Wallace Upton. Just in front of him, as he pressed up to the building, he saw his own ten-year-old daugiter, help-less in the crush, badly burned and trampled upon, but still alive. The

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## LABOR MEN ASK FOR LEGISLATION

REPRESENTATIVE DEPUTATION INTERVIEWS THE CABINET.

objected to its becoming a business in-stitution so far as the importation of immigrants was concerned. Mr. J. Barnet urged the need for further legislation for the regulation of formilies with regard to the lessen-in their work. The proper ventilation of the shops should also be attended to. Premier Whitney, in reply, said that no doubt from time to time similar deputations would find it necessary to wait upon the Government or their successors. The broadening of public optimion and change of conditions would necessarily lead to the suggestion of changes in the law. The Government, therefore, welcomed suggestions coming from a large section of the commun-ity. With a multitudinous mass of affairs to look after it was possible for any Government to overlook im-portant changes in conditions which demanded attention. The changes were the result of new forces operat-ing and if people would look at things in that light, then they perhaps would not be so abarned, as they were now when requests were made. He did not see anything very violent or revolution-ary in the suggestions make by the deputation, and the Government would give them the fullest possible consid-erations Mr. Whitney also said he was glad that they had recognized that the end of the prison labor difficulty was in sight.



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How to Deal With Consumption

Discussed at Meeting.

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keynote of the splendid tuberculosis

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ed by the National Sanitarium Associa tion, and delegates were present from 44 municipalities and 17 counties. With

little questioning the conference passed

by a unanimous vote a resolution to

the Provincial Government asking that

the Government materially increase the

grants toward stamping out tuberculo-

sis in the Province. At 10.30 o'clock

to-day all the delegates who can will

form a deputation to wait upon Premier

Whitney and his Cabinet in order to

present the views embodied in the reso-

lution. The Hon. W. J. Hanna, Provin

cial Secretary, assured the conference

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The Janitor's Story.

The Janitor's Story. Janitor Herter could remember little "The started ter the fire started "T was sweeping in the basement," he so is the started started started of smoke curiting out from beneath the iron stairway. I ran to the fire and pulled the gong that sounded throughout the building. Then I ran, forst to the front and then to the rear doors. I don't remember what happened next, except that I saw the children started advert the same the started started some field at the rear entrance and bier stimbled over them. I saw my title Helen among them. I tried to pull lier out, but the flames drove me back, that to leave my little child to die." Herter was badly burned about the head. Teachor Lost Her Life.

doors. I don't remember what happend man gown through them screaming bome fell at the rear entrance and matched leave my little child to dia. **Teachor Lost Her Lit.** This delawe my little child to dia. **Teachor Lost Mer Little Teachor Little Teachor Little Teachor Mer Com Was on the second hoor, and when the fire alarm sounded thinking it was only a fire drift there the truth dawned upon both there the body was found an hour that the the truth, but went down under there hody was found an hour that the body to pieces will inmediately re-ter and purplis, and all control was the the rush, but went down under the body was found an hour that the body hours found hours the body hours found hour that the body hours found hours the body hours foun** 



Words Scarcely Express the Apprecia-tion of Mothers in Praising Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Tur-

Teachers' Narrow Escape. Teachers' Narrow Escape. Several of the teachers had narrow escapes, and only left their pupils when driven away by the flames. Miss Pearl Lynn was carried toward the rear en-trance by the rush of the panic-stricken pupils, and fell at the bottom of the stairs with numbers of the children on top of her. She lay there unable to rise because of the weight of the bodies on her. She was dragged from the mass of dead children just in time to save her own life.

Cellar Filled With Corpses.

The own life. Miss Gollman when the alarm gong rank started her pupils marching from the building. When they started down the front stairs they were met by a solid wall of flame and clouds of denses smoke. They retreated, and then the children became panic-stricken and the teacher could not do anything with them. They became jammed in the mar-row stairway, and the teacher, climb-ing out the window, tried to pull those near the entrance through. The pupils cried to her for help, but though she stove with all her might, she could not save a single child.

Construction of Buildings an Outrage. Construction of Burlings an Outrage. County Coroner Burke immediately after the fire said: "The construction of the school house was an outrage. The hailways were marrow, and there was practically but one mode of exit. The children were caught like rats in a tran."

The children were caught like rats in a trap." The school building was supposed to be modern. The school children had been given fire drills and were thought to be in training for just such an em-ergency. When the crucial moment 'ar-rived, however, the drill was forgotten. The building was completely destroyed, only the outside brick walls remaining standing.



Campbell, St. Catharnes, W. It. amotor, Dundas, and J. H. Cook, Lambtor, County. In response to a vote of thanks for his graciousness in taking the chair, His Excellency the Governor-General said in part: "I was glad to hear in so many speeches the note that the people have to depend upon themselves and not to lie down on the Government -even in spite of the speech from west-ern Ontario, in which the suggestion was made that the Government of On-tario should find all the money that was required to provide the hospitals. (Laughter). No, gentlemen, we have all got to depend upon ourselves, and I heard with the greatest possible plea-sure the announcement from Mr. Hanna of the intention of his Govern-ment to prepare a pamphlet which would carry information into the The building was completely destroyed, only the network walls remaining the auggestions made by the did not see anything very violent or revolution into the intention of his Government would give them the fullest possible considered that the built part of the prison labor difficulty was in sight. The law Chub. There were thirty-two bulls sold, the average price being \$67. The two highest were Old Meldrum, \$135, owned by A. & F. G. Auld, Eden Mills, purchase and Woodfield Glory, from T. G. Gibbs, St. Catharines, bought by J. Wright, Marden, \$115.

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