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THE WEATHER
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WELLESLEY GIRLS MAKE ESCAPE FROM BURNING DORMITORY

Two Hundred Fifty Students, Fifty Teachers and Fifty Servants Get Out Safely.

COLLEGE HALL IS DESTROYED

Largest and Most Pretentious Building in the Group.

LOSS IS MILLION AND A HALF

School Dismissed Until End of Spring Vacation.

TWO SENIORS PROVE HEROINES

Young Women Remaining on Third Floor Sounded First Alarms and Awakened Sleeping Students—Records Saved.

WELLESLEY, Mass., March 17.—Two hundred and fifty Wellesley students and 100 other persons, including members of the faculty and servants, fled for their lives early today when fire destroyed College Hall, the largest and most pretentious of the buildings in the college group. No one was injured. The loss is estimated at \$1,500,000.

The college sessions have been temporarily suspended and special trains were made up to take the girls to their homes. Practically all of those who had rooms in the building lost their personal possessions and clothing.

The superb behavior of the young women probably prevented heavy loss of life or injury to many who groped their way through smoke filled halls and down stairways and fire escapes to safety.

College Hall had a commanding site on a hill just east of Lake Waban. The concrete was laid in 1911. The building was of brick and stone, with an interior of wooden fittings. It was five stories high with a floor space of 500 by 130 feet. The building was divided into dormitories, administrative offices and quarters for servants. Three hundred and fifty persons slept there last night—250 students, fifty members of the faculty and fifty maids, employed by the faculty and students.

Seniors Are Heroines.
Miss Charlotte Donnell of Wisconsin, Me., and Miss Virginia Moffat of Orange, N. J., both seniors, were the heroines of the fire. They occupied rooms on the third floor, under the laboratory, where the fire originated, supposedly from spontaneous combustion. Their rooms faced on the court around which the building

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WORK PERMITS SUGGESTED FOR CHILD LABORERS

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 17.—"Work permits as the basis of enforcement," occupied the attention of speakers before the Tenth National Conference on Child Labor, in its second day's session here today. A. J. McKelvey, southern secretary of the National Child Labor committee, presided, and Miss Ella Haas, an Ohio state factory inspector, Harry M. Bremer of New York, special agent of the National Child Labor committee, and Judge George Adams of the juvenile court of Cleveland, were speakers.

LIGHTED CANDLE FOUND IN HAYMOW AT YANKTON

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Three Persons Burn to Death

BRECHIN, Ontario, March 17.—Three persons lost their lives today when the Brechin hotel was destroyed by fire caused by a defective furnace. The dead were Mrs. Thomas McCauley and her son, John McCauley, and Miss Josephine Callaghan.

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NORMAL BOARD TRIES TRICK

State Treasurer Compels Members to Come Out Into the Open.

SOUGHT TO NAME PRESIDENT

Members Drift Into Town Without Notice and Plainly Apparent Are Endeavoring to Pick Thomas' Successor.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, March 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Striking straight from the shoulder, it is said that State Treasurer George at the meeting today of the State Normal board called the hand of the quartet responsible for the discharge of Dr. A. O. Thomas from the Kearney Normal school and dared them to go ahead with the same they had put up to elect a successor for the place without first giving the three minority members a chance to know anything about the qualifications of the man whom the representatives of the schoolmasters' ring were trying to put across.

That the job had been put up and would have been carried out but for the bold stand taken by the state treasurer was evidenced from the start. In the first place no meeting had been called. However, for some inexplicable reason Members Caviness of Fairbury, Viele of Norfolk and Majors of Peru, who with State Superintendent Delsell composed the quartet which fired Thomas, drifted into town, and Member Tooley of Broken Bow, secretary of the board, was also here. While no notice had been given of the meeting it was generally understood that one might be held, and so Gettys of University Place was called in and with State Treasurer George composed the full board.

Try to Attack Thomas.

After two hours had been spent by the enemies of Dr. Thomas in trying to put something over which would tend to show that Dr. Thomas while president of the Kearney school had done something he ought not to have done, and failed, the board suddenly took up the proposition of electing a new head for the Kearney school. Tooley wanted to wait until the next meeting, April 14, when the matter could be taken up in the regular way, but Caviness and Majors insisted that the board might just as well settle the thing right now.

In this contention they were joined by Delsell and Viele. Tooley then made a motion that the matter go over till the regular meeting, and it was seconded by George. Caviness then moved to amend by taking the matter up at once, and then George demanded to know what they were trying to put across.

Opposes Star Chamber.

"I am opposed to such a star chamber proceeding," said the state treasurer. "This is a public board, and I want to tell you right now that if you people pull off the kind of a stunt you are trying to do and elect a man without giving the rest of us a chance to know something of the qualifications of the man you propose to elect, if for no one, will see that the people of the state know just exactly the kind of a deal you pull off."

This seemed to wake up Delsell and one of the other members of the quartet and they voted with George Tooley and Gettys against the amendment, and it was lost, so that the scheme of the representatives of the schoolmasters' ring failed.

Fulmer and Martin.

During the controversy, which at times became very warm, the name of S. H. Martin of Broken Bow was mentioned by Tooley as the candidate of the minority, while the majority brought out the name of Fulmer of University Place, though no vote was taken, and it was evidenced that the latter name was put out as a feeler in order to draw out the name of the opposition candidate.

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ASSAULT AT ONCE EXPECTED

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LID UPON ALL DISPATCHES

Reported Chief Won't Allow Battle Written Up Till Over.

CARRANZA GIVES NEW PROMISE

Supreme Leader of Constitutionalists Again Assures Washington Lives and Property of Foreigners Safe.

BULLETIN.
JUAREZ, Mexico, March 17.—Heavy fighting with the rebels had passed, was reported here tonight. A force of federalists is said to have met General Villa's army at Escalon, an important railroad town 100 miles north of Torreon, and both sides having been reinforced, the battle is said to have raged fiercely all day today.

JUAREZ, Mex., March 17.—Authoritative announcement was made here this afternoon that General Villa had left Chihuahua before dawn today, moving south toward Torreon.

The news of Villa's departure was taken as indicating that the assault on Torreon would begin at once. Those familiar with the tactics of the rebel leader believed that he would not delay the attack after making a first move toward the south. This belief was borne out by the rigid telegraph censorship which Villa instituted at Chihuahua two days ago, and the suspension of railroad traffic, probably in order to secure all available equipment for the troop movement to the south. The main rebel army, however, has been held in position for attack for several weeks, and since the raising of the embargo on munitions of war, has been well ammunitioned and armed.

Inurgent officials here apparently were an ignorant of Villa's plans or movements as the public so rigid had been the embargo on all news from the south. Railroad telegraph lines also were included in the censorship and a ban was placed upon all code or personal messages.

Censorship is Complete.

EL PASO, Tex., March 17.—It is regarded as practically certain that General Villa left Chihuahua today to direct his troops against Torreon. The censorship suddenly became prohibitive this morning and officials at Juarez declined to talk with newspaper men, but Americana with business interests on the other side of the river brought back word that the guarded admissions of those in a position to know indicate that the big movement of troops has begun, and that the long awaited battle is soon expected.

A report was current that General Villa had determined to keep all press dispatches off the wire until after the battle, although he would take the newspaper correspondents with him to the front and would allow the story to be written after the battle.

There was no confirmation of this report, except the fact that no press dispatches were received last night or today.

CARRANZA MAKES PROMISE

Life and Property of Foreigners to Be Protected.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Another promise from Carranza to respect foreign life and property was received today through Consul Simpich at Nogales. Carranza has instructed General Gonzalez to permit Dr. Ferguson, an American held in Sonora, to consult with nearest American consul.

A report from Rear Admiral Fletcher commanding the American squadron in the gulf of Mexico, saying the constitutionalists have destroyed pumps and burned the water works seven miles from Tampico, perplexed officials here because of the lack of details.

WRIT GRANTED FOR PRISONERS

Case of Mexicans at Fort Bliss to Be Argued March 23.

FORT WORTH, Tex., March 17.—Judge Edward Meek, in the federal district court here today, granted a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of the 5,000 Mexicans held as prisoners by the United States government at Fort Bliss, El Paso.

The writ is returnable at Pecos, Tex., March 23, before United States Judge Meek, who will sit in the place of Judge Burns of the southern district.

The Mexican prisoners include men, women and children. They were driven across the Rio Grande by the rebels of northern Mexico. Most of them are refugees from Ojinaga.

Gamble said instructions were received at Fort Bliss from Washington to hold the refugees until further notice. This notice had not come, he said, and the Mexicans are living in their imprisonment. According to Gamble, who came to Fort Worth late Monday, the support of the prisoners is costing the American government \$50,000 a month.

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In the opinion of General Gorgas the South African mining companies take very good care of their employees. He was able, however, to give the authorities a mass of scientific advice on housing and feeding and on means of controlling pneumonia and tuberculosis.

The surgeon general condemned the system by which the Kaffir workers were corralled in compounds. He declared that they must be more widely distributed in order to prevent the spread of infectious pneumonia.

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The subcommittee, however, standing on the Garret committee findings, does not recommend expulsion.

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Yesterday's was a sort of get-together session and not much was done