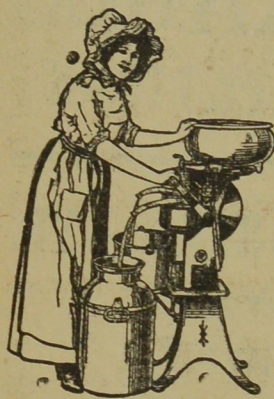


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DEATH LIST FROM THE OHIO PRISON FIRE NUMBERS 317; MAY SUSPEND THE WARDEN

Columbus, Ohio, April 22—With the death list swelled to 317 investigation of the disastrous Ohio Penitentiary fire last night was marked today by a clash between county and state authorities over a proposal to suspend Warden P. E. Thomas until all the facts are known.

Demand for the Warden's suspension was made by County Prosecutor John J. Chester, Jr., but the issue was shelved when Governor Cooper took the case out of his hands by assigning the Attorney-General to make the official inquiry.

The investigation opened with the Warden on the witness stand. The board of inquiry was composed of Governor Cooper, Assistant Attorney-General Earl Shively, Joseph Godown and Harry Levy, Welfare Director Hal Griswold and two members of the State Clemency Board.

The Warden's testimony revealed that Thomas Watkins, guard in the cell blocks housing Companies and G. H. where all of the victims perished refused to turn over his key to the cell ranges to the other guards. Watkins was suspended, pending investigation. Later in the investigation Watkins denied he was responsible for not opening the doors.

The inquiry also disclosed. That Thomas assigned his chief deputy J. C. Woodward, to take charge within the prison walls when the fire broke out at 5.30 p.m. yesterday.

That the Warden stationed himself outside the prison to prevent any escapes.

To Rescue Men

That night Guards Thomas Little and W. C. Baldwin just coming on duty, had to take the range key away from Guard Watkins to get to the cells where some 800 prisoners were locked behind bars suffocating in the dense smoke that rose from the fast spreading flames.

That Little and Baldwin could get no higher than the fifth tier before they became exhausted, leaving most of the convicts in the fifth and sixth tiers to die.

That Ohio Penitentiary guards numbering 337 on both day and night shifts, are required to watch 4,300 prisoners at salaries ranging from \$130 to \$150 a month.

While the investigation was under way a corps of undertakers spent a busy day embalming the bodies of the fire victims at an improvised morgue into which the horticultural building at the state fair grounds had been converted.

The number of known dead rose today from a nestimate of about 300 this morning and in the prison hospital were 231 injured, five of whom were reported in critical condition.

Back To Normal

Except for the presence of several companies of soldiers, the last of the troops called out last night to maintain order, the prison resumed a more normal aspect today.

Routine was on schedule. The woolen and cotton mills which had been ignited by flames from the G and H cell blocks could not be operated but the 4,000 inmates were kept in their cells until regular feeding time. Later in the day the convicts took their usual exercise in the prison yard.

One Man Escaped

A check-up disclosed that one prisoner escaped during the excitement last night and that two others are missing.

Before the inquiry board began its investigation it made a trip through the damaged cell ranges. These members of the board found mute evidence of the swiftness with which the flames and smoke spread.

Convicts had dropped pieces of candy only partly eaten. On the floor of the cells were unopened letters and overturned checker boards, indicating that some of the men were at play when overcome. In one cell a water-soaked kook lay on the floor.

The inquiry opened in the record office of the prison, converted into a temporary court room.

Warden Thomas said that he sent Guards Little and Baldwin to the cell blocks with cell keys as soon as the fire was discovered. He said he did not give specific instructions to open the cells but explained that when keys are called for there could be only one use for them.

To Prevent Escapes

He said he gave Woodward orders to take charge of the situation inside while he went outside to prevent any escapes. Prison fires usually are of incendiary origin and their purpose is to shield an escape plot, he said.

The Warden told of watching convicts in Dormitories E and F breaking light bulbs and windows. He said he sent a trustee to release them into the prison yard but found this already had been done by Mrs. Thomas.

Thomas attributed Watkins's alleged failure to open the range door to lack of judgment. He said Little and Baldwin exercised common sense in taking the key from him.

Watkinson followed the Warden to the stand. He placed the blame on Captain Hall of the night guard, who, he said, had instructed him not to open the ranges. Watkins testified that he stood with the key in the lock and told Hall he was ready to open the door whenever he received the word.

The investigation will be continued tomorrow.

HUGE NUMBER ATTEND THE LIB. CONVENTION

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Premier Baxter at the session just completed.

W. C. T. U. Heard

This morning a committee of the W. C. T. U. met the executive of the New Brunswick Opposition party with regard to the liquor question, but no information was divulged to the press at the conclusion. Further discussion on this will probably take place at this afternoon's meeting. Last night the executive of the Opposition party met in a local hotel and discussed party policies.

The rumor is strongly current that Hon. A. A. Dysart, house leader of the Opposition, will be superseded by W. P. Jones, K. C., of Woodstock. Hon. Peter J. Veniot, Postmaster General, former leader of the provincial Liberal party in New Brunswick arrived today and was one of the speakers this afternoon. Among those attending the convention are the following: A. A. Dysart, Buctouche; W. P. Jones, K. C., Woodstock; Reid McManus, Moncton; D. W. Mersereau, Fredericton Junction; T. Harry M. McEvoy, Dalhousie; C. T. Richard, M. L. A., Bathurst; Arthur Keith, Sussex; F. O. Creighton, Woodstock; D. L. White, Sussex; J. T. Ryan, Moncton; A. D. McCain, Florenceville; S. T. Keith, Centreville; Fred Colpitts, Coverdale; E. Bishop and G. Russell, Cape Station, Albert County; Fred McGee, Port Elgin; S. Wilson, Parkindale, Albert County; J. W. Niles, M. L. A., Andover; O. B. Davis, M. L. A., Grand Falls; Robert Smith, Oromocto; P. K. Barker, Sheffield; William McSheffrey, Lincoln; M. A. MacLeod, Sussex; Duncan Estabrooks, Douglas Harbor; G. S. Kinnear, Sussex; J. H. McFadden, Sussex; William Devine, Sussex, and A. E. McAuley, Sussex. Senator Foster, Hon. B. M. Hill, St. John; Senator Copp, Sackville; A. F. Bentley, ex-M. L. A. St. Martins; A. T. LeBlanc, Shediac; F. D. Swim, Oaktown; G. F. Smith, Blissville; W. H. McQuade, St. John; J. W. Scovil, St. Stephen; R. A. Anderson, McAdam.

BIRTH CONTROL IS DEBATED

Philadelphia, April 22—Birth control may be all right when effected under medical advice, but "a baby in the home now and then is a splendid diversion for those suffering from an uneventful married life," said a report issued by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, after a survey by a special committee.

Many Uses For Spruce

The wood of all Canadian spruces is tasteless and odourless, making it valuable for food containers. It is also in great demand for musical instruments, principally for organ pipes, piano sounding boards, violin backs, etc.

RADIO AND BRAZILIAN WERE THE MARK ET LEADERS TODAY

The stock market today developed considerable strength on a large volume of trading. Radio which sold up to 67½ was the outstanding feature. U. S. Steel was up to 192. C. P. R. had an advance of two points to 210. On the Montreal exchange Brazilian was active at 53½ but Nickel showed little change. Famous Players sold at 57.

The Stock Quotations
(Quotations by McDougall & Cowans, Members of the Montreal Stock Exchange, as furnished to The Mail daily by C. F. Tilley, investment broker, 478 Queen Street, Fredericton, N. B.)

Montreal Stock Market	
Abitibi	28½
Brazilian	53½
Bell Telephone	154
Brompton	28
Canada Car	27½
Can. Power & Paper	16½
Dom. Bridge	71
Fam. Players Can.	57
Gurd's	38
Hamilton Bridge	31½
International Nickel	38½
Montreal Power	157
McColl Fron.	25
National Breweries	31½
Power Corp.	89½
Quebec Power	67½
Shawinigan	80
South Can. Power	47½

Bank Stocks	
Royal	304
Nova Scotia	325

New York Stock Market	
Alleghany Corp.	31½
American Can.	150½
Amer. Smelters	72
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	255½
Amer. & For. Pr.	96
Anaconda	65½
Bethlehem Steel	103
Briggs Mfg.	22½
Canada Dry	69½
Can. Pacific Ry.	210
Chrysler	39½
Columbia Gas	83½
Congoleum	17
Cons. Gas	132½
Curtiss Wright	12½
Fox Film A.	56½
Gen. Motors	51½
Gen. Electric	91
Hudson Motors	51
International Harvester	111
Kennecott Copper	49
Montgomery Ward	46½
Radio Keith	46½
N. Y. Central	180
North American	126½
Packard	21½
Pan American B.	58½
Par-Fam. Players	73½
Pub. Service of N. J.	117½
Radio	67½
Remington Rand	43
Standard Gas	126½
S. C. of New York	36½
S. O. of N. J.	78½
Studebaker	40½

Union Pacific	232½
U. S. Steel	192
United Corp.	49½
Warner Bros.	74½
Westinghouse Elec.	198½
Yellow Truck	32½

New York Curb	
Amer. Superpower	35
Cities Service	42
Elec. Bond & Share	116
Com. & South	18½

Montreal Curb Market	
Hiram Walker	13¼
Home Oil	8.00
Imperial Tobacco	10½
Imperial Oil	27½
International Petroleum	22½
Noranda	39.90

BIG INCREASE IN EXPORT OF POTATOES TO U. S.

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raccoon skins, \$29.50; weasel skins, \$170; calf skins, \$768; shoebacks, \$226; pine lumber \$22,177, as against \$16,734; pulpwood \$3,360; shingles, \$459; sheep pelts, \$3,250.

Returned American goods for the quarter were valued at \$6,860.74 as against \$12,618.70. The principal item was raw cotton valued at \$6,637.

TWO KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

Pittsburgh, April 22—H. J. Lyle, 30, and Richard Gibson, 29, pilot and passenger, respectively, were killed in a plane crash near the Oakmont County Club late today.

Lyle, holder of a private pilot's license, was taking Gibson, his friend, for the first spin in the two-seated plane purchased by Lyle only last Thursday from another pilot at Mayer Field.

TO OFFER AS AN INDEPENDENT

Grand Falls, April 21—Herbert S. Rideout, local merchant, announced today that he would run as an independent candidate for Victoria county in the coming provincial election.

Mr. Rideout is a member of the town council and has represented the town on the county council.

It isn't surprising to learn that the writer of "Sweet Adeline" is alive, but they say he is unrepentant.

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