

FOREST FIRES DESTROY VILLAGES AND TIMBER IN NEWFOUNDLAND

Scores Rendered Homeless in Trinity District—Fires Around Jensen Tuberculosis Camps Believed to be Incendiary.

St. John's, Nfld., July 4.—The destruction of St. John's City by forest fires was averted yesterday by energetic action on the part of the authorities, supplemented by a heavy downpour of rain. During the hot weather of the last week forest fires have been reported from many sections of the country and have done much damage in the district of Ferryland. A westerly gale drove the flames out on the settlement to Tors Cove so suddenly that an aged woman was burned to death before she could be removed from her house.

At Lamancha, several houses were destroyed as well as a big fox farm operated by the Reds. Twenty-five valuable animals were barely rescued. New Chelms, Trinity district, was entirely wiped out in a big forest fire

and scores of residents were rendered homeless.

In the vicinity of the Jensen camps for the treatment of tuberculosis patients, where another fire had started, as well as around Big Northern Pond and Virginia, there was intense apprehension.

The fire was within half a mile of Jensen Camps, which were dangerously threatened. Cabs and ambulances were placed at the disposal of the patients and they were removed to the King George Institute. It is suspected these fires were incendiary. The fire at Virginia is also believed to have been started with malicious intent.

The fire at Great Northern Pond has been burning since Tuesday and police and civilians have been at work there continuously.

Much valuable standing timber has been destroyed.

READMITTED TO COUNCIL OF EUROPE

Allies Decided Important Step Regarding Late Enemy.

Brussels, July 4.—The Allied Premier took steps of transcendent importance Saturday afternoon when they decided to readmit Germany into the Council of the Nations of Europe.

Not only will German statesmen be allowed to discuss fully at Spa matters relating to the enforcement of the Versailles Treaty, but they will also be invited to attend other conferences, which will tend to become not meetings between conquerors and conquered, but primarily conferences of the nations of Europe for the purpose of restoring Europe. Thus the chief end Germany sought to gain from the Spa meeting is won for her before that conference opens.

On Monday morning at 11 o'clock at Spa, Germany will be informed across the conference table of this Allied decision, and that it is up to her, by good faith, to make good. The Allied Supreme Council will indeed survive, but if Germany plays fair it is apparent that its importance will become secondary to that of the new European Council of Nations.

This is Premier Lloyd George's victory. Premier Millerand opposed this decision, but with the aid of Italy and Belgium, the British Premier carried his point.

It is reported the argument which gained the reluctant agreement of the French Prime Minister was Lloyd George's contention that if Europe was to obtain financial help from the United States and neutrals, the Allies must convince them they were sincere in their plan to get the co-operation of all Europe to work out its own salvation. The best proof of this, he argued, would be that the Allies should show that they intended Germany to regain her prosperity, and were even ready to assist her for the general good of all concerned.

IRISH CONNAUGHT RANGERS MUTINY IN PUNJAB, INDIA

Another Detachment in Simla Hills Also in Revolt—Regretted That They Were Unable to Serve Any Longer and Laid Down Their Arms.

London, July 4.—Three-fourths of a battalion of Irish Connaught Rangers, stationed at Jullunder, in the Punjab, India, mutinied, following the arrival of news of recent events in Ireland, according to a despatch from Simla under date of July 2 to Reuters, Limited.

Upon receipt of the same news at Solan, in the Simla Hills, another detachment is reported to have attempted to seize arms and ammunition, the despatch says, adding that guards killed two of the men and wounded one.

The despatch says that when the last mail reached the troops they became greatly excited, and the decision to lay down their arms and ammunition was reached, one-fourth of the men remaining loyal to the colonel.

The troops expressed regret that they were unable to serve any longer, and gave up their arms and ammunition. Although remaining entirely respectful to their officers, the men explained their sympathies with their friends in Ireland. The troops now are separated in camp under the strict guard of a British regiment.

Following the drastic action of the guards at Solan, the despatch continues, all is quiet there, and reports from Jutogh, six miles from Simla, say that the detachment there remained tranquil.

According to the despatch, the officers regard the whole affair as a development of Sinn Féin agitation, and believe the prompt measures taken to restore order will soon cause the men to settle down.

To Improve Port of Kingston, Jamaica

Kingston, Jamaica, July 4.—The Jamaica Government proposes to borrow in London \$15,000,000 to make the port of Kingston a first-class one by deepening the channel to the piers and other improvements. One purpose is to make Kingston a port of call for vessels passing through the Panama Canal.

Arrest at Cairo of Egyptian Leader

Cairo, Egypt, July 4.—Abdel Rahman, Secretary of the Local Committee of the Egyptian delegation headed by Said Zagloul Pasha, which is now in London negotiating with Viscount Milner, British Secretary for the Colonies, has been arrested. The prisoner is lodged in the Kasrenil Barracks. Important developments are said to be expected in this case.

NIAGARA FRUIT DESTROYED BY HAIL

Damage to Extent of \$100,000 by Terrific Storm.

Vineland, July 4.—Thirty-seven minutes of wind and rain on Saturday afternoon, sweeping across the Niagara peninsula, damaged the fruit crop, on which hopes for a bountiful harvest had been centred, to the extent of not less than \$100,000. Cherries, plums, peaches, apples and garden truck, orchard after orchard, plot after plot, fell beneath the force onslaught. With amazing suddenness the storm broke, first the wind dissipating the sultry air, then rain deluging fields and converting trenches into rivers. Hailstones fell as large as walnuts, and lightning also wrought its havoc. Limbs were torn off trees, orchards and gardens laid low, and in some cases the hopes of a year shattered in a moment.

PRIME MINISTER TENDERS RESIGNATION TO GOVERNOR-GENERAL

New Party Formed With the Title "National Liberal and Conservative Party."

A despatch from Ottawa says:—Sir Robert Borden will lay down at the earliest possible date the power and authority of his office as Prime Minister of Canada, and with them the duties and responsibilities which have lately weighed upon him. Before long another will reign at the head of the Government and of the party which he formed for the prosecution of the war and which is to endure in the piping times of peace under the title of the "National Liberal and Conservative Government."

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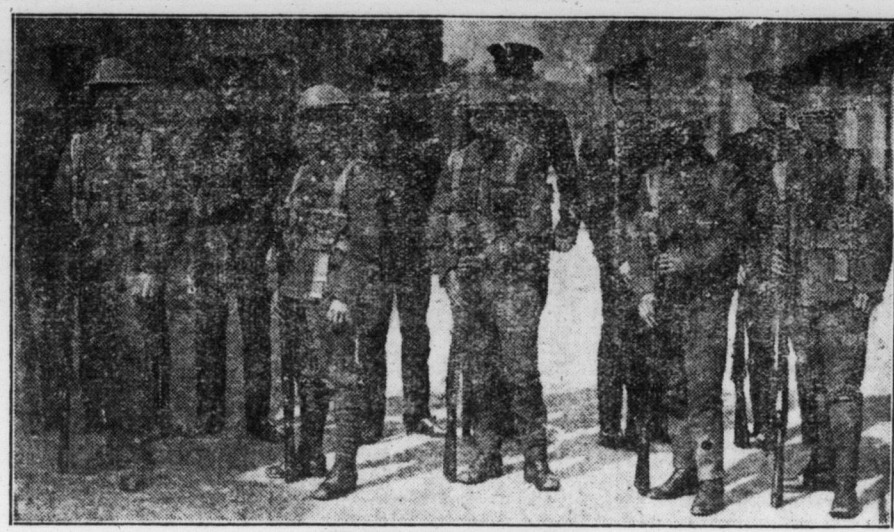
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IRELAND LIKE A WAR ZONE. Photo shows human barricade in County Clare. Soldiers and constables line the roadway to intercept rebel raiding parties and avoid surprise raids.

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It is reported that the government has requested the Ulstermen not to hold their usual parades and processions on that day, but it is impossible to confirm this, and according to reports from Belfast, Ulster will make a great demonstration of her loyalty to the British Empire on that occasion.

Month's Fatalities in New York 187

All records for highway fatalities in New York State were broken last month, when 187 persons were killed by automobiles, wagons, trains and trolleys cars, according to the report of the National Highway Protective Society issued here. This figure exceeds by 66 deaths the casualty list of June, 1918, which was the nearest to date. In New York city automobiles caused the death of 62 persons.

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BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER TO HOLY LAND

Sir Herbert Samuel Takes Up Residence in Jerusalem.

Jaffa, July 4.—Sir Herbert Samuel, the first British High Commissioner for Palestine, arrived here Thursday and was given a rousing reception. He was welcomed by the Mayor and heads of the various communities, who presented Sir Herbert with addresses of welcome. The salute of 21 guns was fired.

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KING ENTERTAINS 350 V.C. HEROES

People From All Britain Were Thrilled by Parade of Heroes.

A despatch from London says:—London has had a little aftermath of the war—an aftermath which thrilled and deeply moved thousands who came not only from all parts of the city but from every corner of the British Isles to witness the spectacle. Great Britain's Victoria Cross heroes, whose deeds will make this nation's history, possessors of the little brown cross which only acts of highest valor and self-sacrifice can win, marched from Wellington Barracks to Buckingham Palace, 350 strong.

They were the guests of King George at a garden party, they and seven hundred others, for each recipient of this highest award which Great Britain can bestow, had been permitted to invite two friends. Usually it was a father and a mother who accompanied each V. C. through the hero-worshipping crowd that had gathered about the palace.

It was perhaps the most wonderful part of London's war story, certainly second only to last year's great victory parade—this garden party of golden deeds. Ordinarily one possessor of a V. C. is sufficient attraction to keep any community in a state of idolatry, but here one rubbed elbows with hundreds of heroes whose deeds, many of them unbelievably brilliant, had been the inspiration for millions of others during the war. There were officers and privates, men maimed and blinded and some wheeled in chairs. There was the oldest V. C., Sir Dighton Probyn, more than eighty years of age, and the youngest, Sergeant Smith, nineteen. On the coats of all dangled that coveted Maltese cross from a bit of mauve ribbon.

Sacrifices Both Arms to Cause of Science

A despatch from Paris says:—Prof. Charles Infroit, famous X-ray specialist, lost his remaining arm to-day in the 24th operation he has undergone since 1918.

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POLISH ARMY SHORTENS FRONT

Bolsheviks Repelled Near Bobruisk With Heavy Loss.

A despatch from Warsaw says:—Polish forces on the Bolshevik front have evacuated Moez and Kalenkovitz, in Polesia, according to an official statement issued at army staff headquarters here. This step was taken, it is said, for the purpose of shortening the front.

Soviet troops in the Bobruisk sector are regrouping under cover of artillery fire, the statement says, but in the Kizyn region the Poles have defeated a strong detachment of the enemy, capturing four cannon and a number of machine guns.

In the region west of Kwiabla, General Budenny's Bolshevik cavalry has broken through the Polish front, and the Polish infantry is retiring toward Korzec, keeping up a rear-guard engagement against a superior Bolshevik force. In the Szepietowka region new divisions of Caucasian cavalry have been in action, while Polish infantry has repulsed a Soviet attack in that district.

Heavy fighting is reported on various points along the front, especially in the Ukraine. The Bolshevik advance has reached the region of Korzec, just east of Rovno.

A despatch from Paris says:—Attempts by Russian Bolshevik forces to cross the Beresina River between Bobruisk and Borisov here have been repelled with heavy losses, according to an official Polish statement issued on Thursday and received here by wireless.

The statement records the successful retirement of the Poles from Moez and Kalenkovitz, and says the Poles in counter-attacking the Bolshevik captured prisoners and machine guns in this region.

In the neighborhood of Szepietowka the enemy has occupied territory evacuated by Polish troops, the statement says.

GREEKS CHECKED BY NATIONALISTS

Report in Constantinople of Turk Success at Pergama.

A despatch from Constantinople says:—The Sultan received word from Broussa, on Thursday of a big victory by the Turkish Nationalists over the Greeks. Pergama was captured from the Hellenes, and several thousand Greek casualties are reported.

There has been no official Greek battle communiqué for two days.

There is great exultation among the Turks in Constantinople because of the victory of the Nationalists over the Greeks. The victory in the vicinity of Pergama, where Mustafa Kemal Pasha's forces are reported to have outfought the Greeks and to be moving northwards towards Panderma (60 miles southwest of Constantinople on the Sea of Marmora), taking several thousand prisoners.

There have been no official Greek communiqués for two days, and the Turkish newspapers are not permitted to print news unfavorable to the Greeks, but the Turks generally credit the reports of Mustafa Kemal's success.

Veterans Will Care for Imperials in Canada

A despatch from Ottawa says:—A completely new Canadian organization to care for the discharged soldiers of the British army who have taken up residence in Canada is being planned by the Imperial Veterans' Association of Canada. In order to complete the chain of organizations the branch to be formed in Halifax, where hundreds of Imperials are living, will be conducted along the lines of a clearing house, at which the ex-British soldiers may register on arrival. They will then be sent wherever they want to go under the protection of the association.

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