

GREAT FIRES SWEEPING THE CITY OF CORK

Municipal Buildings, Carnegie Library and Corn Exchange Have Been Consumed.

SEVEN KILLED BY VOLLEYS IN STREETS

Fires Broke Out After Military Party Had Been Ambushed at Pillow's Cross.

Dublin, Dec. 12.—The central portion of the city of Cork has been burned to the ground and other portions of the city are burning. The conflagration followed an ambush of the military at Pillow's Cross Saturday night in which four persons were killed and many wounded. Three civilians were taken from their houses and shot dead after the ambush of the military. Then the fires started.

Bombs and Rifles.

There were bomb explosions and firing also was heard. The population is in panic stricken. The municipal buildings, the Carnegie library and the Corn Exchange which cover a large area, have been consumed by the flames, which are so hot at places that passing tram cars have been set on fire.

Damage is Enormous

Early estimates place the damage at between £3,000,000 and £3,000,000. The fire extended to St. Patrick's street, from Cork street to the street and swept entire rows of buildings on both sides of Waltham street, heading from St. Patrick to Old George's street.

It was reported from Cork yesterday afternoon that newly arrived parties of auxiliaries were attacked within half a mile of the barracks, twelve of them being wounded by a bomb thrown from lorries.

In the Summer Hill district, the scene of the ambush, shortly after curfew, two brothers named Delaney are reported to have been taken from their homes and shot, one subsequently dying. During the hour before curfew there was a great deal of firing and the streets were filled with shells and explosions and rifle and revolver shots kept up until early morning.

Used Incendiary Bombs

The explosions appeared to come from incendiary bombs, as persons who ventured to look from their windows saw fires break out in St. Patrick's street and daylight revealed the full extent of the destruction.

It is not improbable that lives have been lost in the fires; already several persons connected with the destroyed houses were seen in the streets, and it is understood that the officer in command assured the population that the military would remain on duty indefinitely to prevent further destruction. The troops are in full fighting order, pickets with machine guns being posted at all vantage points. Only one large drugery establishment is left intact in Cork.

Cut The Fire Hose.

Belfast, Dec. 12.—A despatch received from Cork says that the fire hose was cut rendering useless the efforts of the firemen. Two hours ago a furnace, the front walls of houses were blown out with bombs. The great block between Taylor street and Fish street was still burning Sunday afternoon, the fire eating its way backwards.

Great Organ Gone

The destroyed city hall in Cork was only recalled in point of size to the Belfast great civic building. This was the third time it had been set on fire, the firemen being driven out at the point of revolvers. On the two previous occasions, the great organ, devoted to the public health department was burned, but no mistake was made this time, the hall being set alight in many places. The great hall, seating 3,000 and having a fine organ, shared the fate of the municipal premises.

LANDSLIDES ON VOLCANO SIDE

Violent Earthquakes and Several Deaths Are Reported from Province in Chile.

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 12.—Delayed advices just received here report loss of several lives and injuries to a number of persons as the result of great landslides which have occurred around the inactive volcano Villarica, in the province of Valdivia.

The slides followed violent earth tremors felt in many places. The great hall, seating 3,000 and having a fine organ, shared the fate of the municipal premises.

No One Hurt.

San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, Dec. 12.—Earth tremors have occurred at Honduras, Chiapas, simultaneously with tremors felt at Leon, Nicaragua. No serious injury was reported.

OLIVE SCHEINER DIES
London, Dec. 12.—Olive Scheiner (Mrs. S. C. Crosswhite, Schreiner), the novelist, is dead.

Sinn Feiners Declare War On All British Troops In Ireland

"Murder Gangs" it Declares Will be Dealt With and Informers Will be Shot.

Dublin, Dec. 12.—A proclamation declaring that "the public must at once realize that Ireland is in a state of war with forces of the British Crown," has been issued over the signature of the officer commanding troops of the Irish Republican Army in County Monaghan.

The proclamation which sets forth that armed gangs in County Monaghan have been attacking and murdering ineffective citizens, says that "while we extend the hand of friendship to all Irishmen, murder gangs and their guides and informers shall be summarily dealt with."

The proclamation further explains recent raids for arms carried out in County Monaghan by stating they were ordered in anticipation of a similar order by the British Government.

MINTO'S MINERS MAY HAVE WAGE SCALE REDUCED

Drop in Coal Prices May be Followed by Cut in Men's Pay.

ENORMOUS SALARIES EARNED BY MINERS

Father and Son Said to Have Made \$125 Per Week Lately.

Special to The Standard
Frederickton, N. B., Dec. 12.—The shareholders of the United Farmers Co-operative Company of New Brunswick, Ltd., at their annual meeting at Woodstock this month will vote on several changes in the by-laws, one which provides for increasing the capitalization authorized from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000.

There has been such a slump in bituminous coal prices during the past couple of weeks that at least one of the operating companies in the Minto district is arranging to put into effect a reduced scale of wages for miners.

No Stable Price
During the past few weeks as high as \$10 a ton has been paid in some instances for coal from the Minto district; in fact, one of the most prominent operators says there has been no stable price for some time and that lots were being sold for as much as it was possible to get for them, there being a wide variation.

Prices have lately dropped to not more than \$6 or \$6.50 a ton, and a revision of the scale of wages is declared by the operators to be necessary. Unheard of salaries have been earned by the miners; it is said one man with his 14-year-old son as help-out has been making as high as \$125 a week.

GEO. C. HALCROFT TO LEAD ONTARIO LABOR PARTY NOW

Toronto, Dec. 12.—George C. Halcroft, M. L. A., who is also controller for the city of Hamilton, and a possible mayoralty candidate at the next municipal election in that city, was chosen leader of the labor party in the Ontario Legislature at conference here yesterday of labor members of the house, and the Independent Labor Party. Hon. Walter Rolfe, also of Hamilton is minister of labor in the Drury Cabinet.

LABOR DELEGATES TO VISIT CORK

London, Dec. 12.—The Labor Commission is planning to send two members to Cork on the first train tomorrow morning. The laborites incline to the opinion that the proclamation of martial law will greatly improve the security of the people and that it was instituted primarily with the object of effecting concessions by the new force of irregular police and bringing them under control.

SIX ARE KILLED IN TRAM WRECK

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 12.—Six persons were killed, five injured seriously and a number of others less seriously hurt here early tonight, when a motorman lost control of a large trolley car and it ran wild over a steep grade and turned completely over.

Fire Are Under Control

Dublin, Dec. 12.—A message received at 8 o'clock this evening says that the fires in Cork are under control.

An official report of the conflagration received at one o'clock says that the Cork City Hall, the Carnegie Library, the Corn Exchange and eleven other buildings had been destroyed up to that hour.

CADETS HURT WHEN LORRY IS ATTACKED

Twelve Men Injured When Bombs Are Hurling in Ambush Near Cork.

ARTHUR HENDERSON ATTACKS NEW LAW

Archbishop Mannix Declares Martial Law Makes Peace Very Unlikely.

Dublin, Dec. 12.—Twelve auxiliary cadets were wounded last night in an ambush at Cork within half a mile of the barracks by bombs thrown from a lorry, according to official announcement. The assailants of the cadets made their escape.

At Shank Hill, near Dublin, during a raid yesterday by the military on a local club when the club members were ranged against a wall with hands raised for the purpose of identification, William Owens, a clerk, was shot dead by some unknown person from the outside.

Predicts Greater Trouble

London, Dec. 12.—Speaking at Prescott, Lancashire, yesterday, Arthur Henderson, the Labor leader, asserted that Martial Law inevitably would create an almost insurmountable barrier between the moderns in the Sinn Féin organization and Sinn Féin. He advocated the setting up of a constituent assembly in Ireland.

Peace More Remote

London, Dec. 12.—Archbishop Mannix of Australia, interviewed by the Sunday Times regarding the possibility of a truce between the Sinn Féin organization and the British Government, declared he deeply regretted the turn events had taken, "as peace now is more remote than ever." He feared the government's idea of a truce was one-sided and meant, in fact, a surrender to the Sinn Féin organization, and described the proclamation of martial law as "sheer madness."

Soldier is Killed

Fermy, Ireland, Dec. 12.—A soldier was killed and two others were wounded, one of them seriously, when a military party was ambushed near here Friday by armed civilians. The casualties among the attacking party are not known.

WIRE FLASHES

Telegraphic News Condensed from Last Minute Messages for Quick Reading.

Found Shot Dead

Quebec, Dec. 12.—E. Gerald Hamel, aged 30 years, assistant secretary of the Quebec Commission, was found shot to death on Saturday afternoon in the harbor commission building.

William Power Dead
Quebec, Dec. 12.—The death occurred here on Saturday of William Power, head of the firm of W. and J. Sharpley, timber merchants.

Armenians Killed

Armenians, France, Dec. 12.—Twenty persons were killed and thirty injured in a head-on collision between a freight and a passenger train. The collision occurred outside the station here.

League Discusses Danzig

Geneva, Dec. 12.—The League Council this afternoon discussed the military status of Danzig in time of war, but failed to reach an agreement.

Hear Wireless Messages

Geneva, Dec. 12.—Wireless telephone messages from England were plainly heard in Geneva today, when William Marconi gave a demonstration.

Defends Censorship Act

Montreal, Dec. 12.—Hon. P. B. Stodin, postmaster general, in an address Saturday here reviewed the record of the Government since 1911 and defended censorship while denouncing those who sought to make political capital out of it.

Fighting is Rumored

Dublin, Dec. 12.—There has been no official confirmation of a report that fighting occurred during the burning of Cork between the police and military.

Soviet Sends Protest

London, Dec. 12.—The Russian Soviet Government has sent a strong note of protest to Great Britain, France and Italy against their "brutal interference in the affairs of the Holy See."

Big Four Hockey Will Not Apply

Calgary, Alta., Dec. 12.—The big four hockey league will not apply for renewal of affiliation with the A. A. U. of C. but will operate as an independent organization. This was the decision reached by the big four tonight following the decision at Winnipeg.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CARABA.
John T. Hammill, the missing Ottawa merchant, has been located in Fort Worth, Texas.

UNITED STATES.
Three were drowned near Cumberland, Me., when their auto skidded off the road into a creek beneath.

THE BRITISH ISLES.
Loss estimated at between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 pounds sterling when heart of Cork is burned in reprisals.

EUROPE.
Italian motor cars desert the army to join forces of D'Annunzio.

GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE ACTION TO STOP REFUGEES

Complaints from All Parts of Canada and United States Over Newcomers.

COMMONS MAY HAVE TO ADOPT REGULATIONS

Jewish Citizens Offer to Guarantee Co-Religionists Not be Public Charges.

WEST EXPECTING GRASSHOPPERS AGAIN

Expert Declares He Found 3,000 Eggs Per Square Foot in Places.

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AUTO SKIDS INTO RIVER; THREE DROWN

Party Returning from Dance When Car Plunged Over Side of Road.

SEARCH PARTY FOUND ALL DEAD IN WATER THREE FEET DEEP.

Cumberland, Maine, Dec. 12.—Two young men and a young woman were drowned after a motor truck on which they were returning from a dance had skidded on the icy road and plunged into a brook here early today. The victims were Lawrence Ross and his sister, Philene, of this town, and Wilfrid Leighton of West Falmouth.

They left the dance a little before midnight. On their failure to arrive home a search was begun and the truck was found overturned in the brook at a point where the water was three feet deep. The car was raised and the bodies were found underneath.

CAUSE BROKE BLOOD VESSEL WHILE GIVING CONCERT IN NEW YORK

Second to Happen in Last Week So Famous Tenor Canceled His Singing.

New York, Dec. 12.—Enrico Caruso, tenor, burst a blood vessel in his throat while singing at the Brooklyn Academy of Music last night. The performance was stopped.

THE HEMORRHAGES WERE SIMILAR TO THOSE WHICH RESULTED FROM A RUPTURED BLOOD VESSEL WHILE MR. CARUSO WAS SINGING AT THE METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT, IT WAS SAID.

HAD TO CEASE
A physician in attendance then told him it would be unwise to continue, for, if he did so, the result might prove serious. In addition, the blood in his throat interfered with the singer's vocalization.

BRICKLAYERS TO ASK FORTY-FIVE CENTS INCREASE

Wages Then Would be \$1.50 Per Hour But Contractors Talk of Cut.

NO INCREASE FOR PHONE OPERATORS

Textile Mills Will Also Make a Reduction in Wage Scale Soon.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 12.—The bricklayers' union of this city has made a demand of wage increases of 45 cents an hour effective January 1. It was announced yesterday by general contractor. The union wage is now \$1.05 an hour and the new scale calls for \$1.50.

ONE OF THE LARGEST CONTRACTORS SAID TODAY THAT SENTIMENT AMONG THE EMPLOYERS WAS OPPOSED TO GRANTING ANY INCREASE AT PRESENT AND THAT IF ANYTHING A DECREASE WOULD BE CONSIDERED.

NO 'PHONE INCREASES.
Boston, Dec. 12.—The request of the telephone operators' union for an increase in wages was denied yesterday by Wm. R. Driver, Jr., general manager of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, who said his decision was based on what appeared to be conclusive evidence of recession of living costs in the United States in 1921. "If the company months demonstrate that I am wrong we can talk the matter over," he added.

TEXTILE MILLS CUT
Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 12.—A reduction in wages in the textile mills here will be announced the first of next week, probably Monday, local officials said yesterday. They declined to indicate the amount of the reduction.

BOSTON, MASS., DEC. 12.—A self-supporting scrubwoman needs \$16.40 a week to maintain herself, the minimum wage board of office and building cleaners announced yesterday, in making an award of 25 per cent. increase in their rates of pay. An hourly rate of 37 cents is fixed on a basis of 42 hours employment weekly.

JOHN T. HAMMILL FOUND IN TEXAS

OTTAWA MERCHANT WHO DISAPPEARED WRITES HOME HE IS IN POOR HEALTH.

OTTAWA, DEC. 12.—John T. Hammill, president of Murphy Gamble, Limited, one of the city's largest departmental stores, who has been missing for upwards of five weeks, is at Fort Worth, Texas, U. S. A. Information to this effect is contained in a letter from Hammill to his family here. It is said he is in poor health. A country-wide search has been conducted from Hammill since he left his office shortly before the lunch hour on November 11, and mysteriously disappeared. Mrs. Hammill leaves tomorrow for Fort Worth.

MRS. S. C. SPENCER HAS PASSED AWAY

SPECIAL TO THE STANDARD
Montreal, N. B., Dec. 12.—Mrs. Susan C. Spencer, mother of Geo. W. Spencer, druggist, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. H. Anderson, Sunny Brae, this morning, after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Spencer was pre-deceased by her husband only two weeks ago. She had been for many years a resident of Hopewell Cape, Albert county. She had been a lifelong and staunch member of the Baptist church at Hopewell and was well known in Albert. She was seventy-two years old, and is survived by three sons, Clarence C., Montreal; Raymond and G. O., Moncton; and one daughter, Mrs. S. H. Anderson.

CABLE TROUBLE ENDING
Washington, Dec. 12.—Differences over disposition of the former German cables which have threatened to break up the international communications conference in session here were temporarily smoothed over today at a plenary session held at the United States State Department.

COAST GUARD SHIP RUSHES TO RESCUE

Boston, Dec. 12.—The coast guard cutter Osage sent word by radio today that she had gone to the assistance of the steamer West Wauke, which for a second time had broken adrift from the steamer East India. The West Wauke ran out of fuel oil several days ago and the East India was the second steamer to take a hand in trying to tow her to port. The towing cable broke Friday off Cape Sable but the East India picked up the helpless vessel again yesterday. In the heavy weather today the cable parted again.

LIBERALS PLAN TO DEFEAT MR. MEIGHAN

MONTREAL, DEC. 12.—Hon. Charles Murphy, addressing the Reform Club here Saturday on "How the elections of 1917 were lost," also touched on how he hoped the next elections would be won. He claimed that the issue of the day was not the people, but that of protection and free trade, and such an issue would not come before the people of Canada. What they would decide would be the whole record of the Borden and Meighan Governments.

DUBLIN BOMB PLANT RAIDED BY MILITARY

Ten Men Had Been Busy on 200 Bombs Just Before Searchers Came.

BUSY MAKING INFERNAL MACHINE

Plant Was in Dangerous Condition and in Heart of the City.

Dublin, Dec. 12.—Dublin Castle's account of a bomb raid on a plant on Saturday describes the factory as extensively and completely equipped with furnaces and machinery of a modern character. No workers were there at the time, but the moulds were still warm, as though bombs had been freshly cast. Two hundred bombs in various stages of manufacture were found.

THERE WAS EVIDENCE, SAYS THE CASTLE REPORT, THAT THE FILLING OF THE BOMBS WAS DONE IN AN EXTREMELY HASTY AND DANGEROUS MANNER, AS DETONATORS, LOOSE POWDER MIXED WITH ALL KINDS OF CARTRIDGES, AND SACKS FULL OF GELATINE OR OTHER EXPLOSIVES WERE FOUND LYING ALL ABOUT THE PLACE.

READY TO FIGHT
Loaded revolvers were on the benches, presumably for the use of the workers, if necessary. It is estimated the factory could turn out hundreds of bombs monthly. Some large and powerful ones were among those discovered and a number of documents were seized.

A PARTICULARLY SINISTER DISCOVERY WAS THE INCOMPLETE PORTION OF AN INFERNAL MACHINE, WHICH SHOWED IT WAS TO HAVE BEEN ABOUT THE SIZE OF AN ORDINARY TYPEWRITER AND THAT IT WAS PROBABLY INTENDED FOR USE WITH A TIME DEVICE.

HUGE DEFICITS IN U. S. POSTAL SERVICE DEPTS.

Congress Responsible for \$17,270,482 Loss Declares the Postmaster General.

WASHINGTON, DEC. 12.—Operation of the United States postal service for the fiscal year 1920 resulted in a deficit of \$17,270,482—the second largest in the history of the service—Postmaster General Burleson shows in his annual report today to the President, in which expenditures of the Post Office Department are placed at \$484,322,609 and revenues at \$467,052,127.

SPRACKLIN SUED FOR DAMAGES FOR SEARCHING YACHT

Associates of the Preacher-Inspector on the Occasion Cannot be Found.

WINDSOR, ONT., DEC. 12.—Justice Middleton, in the non-jury assizes of the Supreme Court at Sandwich yesterday reserved judgment in the action brought by G. S. Fleming, K. C., Windsor, barrister, against Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin, Mr. Fleming was suing for \$1,000, his complaint being that Spracklin and his then assistants illegally searched the Fleming yacht, the Kitty Wake, on the evening of September 17 last. The suit was originally filed against Spracklin and the Hamilton brothers, but at the opening of the court, D. L. McCarthy, K. C., of Toronto, announced that the Hamiltons could not be located and that their attorney, T. Herbert Lennox, would not appear in court to defend them.

PRISONER AWAITING TRANSFER ESCAPES FROM WELAND JAIL

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 12.—Clas Pearson, of this city, who a few weeks ago was sentenced to two years in Burwash jail, charged with stealing Ontario Community Company silverware from a Niagara Central freight car at Montreal, escaped yesterday afternoon from Welland jail, where he was being held prior to his removal to Burwash. The police here were notified by the on the lookout for him but no trace has been found.