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Fire Breaks Out At School Play; Panic Follows And Seventy People Lose Lives

KRUPP SENTENCE IS CONFIRMED

Now to French Prison. Pending Appeal—Ex-Russian Officer to be Executed.

Dusseldorf, May 18.—The sentences imposed by recent court martial upon Krupp von Bohlen and the other Krupp directors tried for instigating opposition to the French at the Krupp plant at the time of the shooting on March 31, were confirmed today by the court of revision. The convicted men will be transferred to prisons in France while their counsel appeals to the court of cassation.

The court granted a re-trial to Herr Mueller, member of the factory council of the Krupp works, who was convicted at the same time as the Krupp directors and sentenced to six months in jail.

The demand for the re-trial of Dr. Krupp von Bohlen and the other Krupp directors was based on eleven counts, the principal one being the argument that the court at Essen which tried them was incompetent, as the occupation of the Ruhr was illegal under the treaty of Versailles.

The death sentence upon Albert Schlaeger, a former Prussian officer, convicted of espionage and sabotage and accused of being a chief of what the French call the "murder league" was confirmed by the revision court.

Berlin, May 18.—A special dispatch from Essen says that French troops looted the residence of the Krupp directors, Tengelmann and Wuestenboeffer and removed furniture and effects sufficient to cover the fines imposed by the Mayence court martial on January 24.

At Wuestenboeffer's home the officers first demanded silver, and when none was found and the safe was discovered to be empty, they looted the house, seizing furniture, oil paintings and rugs.

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This morning hundreds of automobiles and buggies were passing to and fro, marking the route to the scene where the tragedy occurred.

In the panic which followed the explosion, little effort apparently was made to fight the flames, which quickly communicated to the dry timber of the three-story frame school building.

Mothers with children in their arms were trampled underfoot. Young and old fought alike for exits, and were impaled on the jagged timbers of the building as they sought to escape.

Seeing the hopelessness of their position, a number of persons jumped from the windows, suffering broken bones and other injuries. Several mothers dropped their children into eager hands below.

Forty children, sixteen men and fifteen women were burned to death and two young white men are missing. In some cases because all the members of families lost their lives, bodies remain unclaimed.

Funeral services will be held at six o'clock this evening near the lines of the building.

FORTY CHILDREN, SIXTEEN MEN AND FIFTEEN WOMEN ARE VICTIMS

Whole Families Gone in Tragedy in South Carolina Where Folks of Little Place Had Assembled to Enjoy Exercises at Closing of School—Stairs Collapse and There is Rush for Exit.

Camden, S. C., May 18.—Seventy-one known dead and two unaccounted for was the toll of a fire in the Cleveland school house here last night as determined at 7 a.m. today.

The fire which destroyed the frame building about nine o'clock last night apparently resulted from the explosion of an oil lamp on the stage arranged for the closing entertainment of the school.

Within almost a breath the whole front of the second floor was blazing. Scores of the audience made a concerted rush for the single entrance to the stairway despite the counsel of cooler heads.

Some unable to penetrate the jam to safety leaped from the second story window, to die of injuries or to be taken from the scene suffering from broken limbs.

Collapse of the narrow wooden stairway caused many of the deaths, people being crushed in the debris.

The school building, a two story frame structure containing three rooms, had been virtually burned to the ground before outside aid could be summoned. All available doctors were called from Camden and other nearby towns to treat the injured.

The death list reads like a roster of the families of the community. Family after family was virtually wiped out. In almost every instance where parents are listed as dead, from one to four children perished.

Among the dead are County Coroner G. L. Dixon and his young daughter, and a Miss Dixon of Kershaw County.

When the tragedy occurred pupils were presenting a comedy which they had prepared for the occasion. As the play reached its climax, an oil lamp on the stage overturned and exploded.

In an instant the stage was a mass of flames. Panic broke out among the 300 spectators, brothers, sisters and relatives of the graduating class came to honor the youngsters.

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ADVERTISERS, PLEASE NOTE THIS

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CARDINALS CLIMB TO SECOND PLACE

Strongest Opponents of the Giants in Early Part of Season—Babe Ruth Gets Fifth Homer.

New York, May 18.—Branch Rickey's St. Louis Cardinals, having edged over both the Philadelphia Phillies and the Cincinnati Reds, thereby displacing the Pirates in second place in the National League, appear today as the strongest team of the New York Giants will have to face in the fore part of the season.

Both the Cardinals and the Phillies of the Cardinals, laid off yesterday to prepare for an attack on the Giants next week, and St. Louis never missed him, battering Brock of Brooklyn off the slab in the seventh inning, winning 6 to 2.

Having taken but one game from the Reds, which they did yesterday at St. Louis, the Cardinals are going to face against Cincinnati. But considering that the Giants have won a tie with the Reds for second place in the second division and to within one point of the first place.

The battered Cubs beat the helpless Phillies 7 to 4.

Both New York and Philadelphia continued their breath-taking performances. The former slammed Urban Shocker of St. Louis as though he were a recruit, 9 to 2.

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As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "did you ever receive a degree?"

"Yes, sir," said Hiram, "I took all they had in the Lodge out to the Settlement—and then I found a Lodge in the Back Settlement and took what they give me."

"Well," said Hiram, "I don't strut around as much as I did when I was young an' foolish. I don't set as much store by what folks call me now as I do by what I be myself—without any harm on. I guess a good many of the fool things we do in this world is accounted for 'instid' of takin' ourselves into a corner an' askin' whether it's worth while. As long as nobody wants to tack a B. F. onto me I'm happy—yes, sir."

"F. signifies what?" queried the reporter.

"Bum farmer," said Hiram.

WEALTHY MAN IN SOUTH IS SUICIDE

"Gene" Bush Leaves Note to Wife and Shoots Himself in Luxurious Home.

New Orleans, La., May 18.—Without leaving a clue as to the reason for his act, Thomas G. "Gene" Bush, 52, a wealthy retiree, walked into his bathroom yesterday, pulled the trigger of his pistol to his head, pulled the trigger, and placed the muzzle of a Police investigation disclosed that Mr. Bush had called in a physician during the morning and complained of illness.

The note read: "This is my last and best wish for you. I appreciate all you have been to me. Good-bye to the river. You will be well provided for."

Mr. Bush was alone in his luxurious home except for a negro maid when he shot himself.

The son of the late Colonel Curtis Bush, a Mobile business man, had moved to New Orleans about ten years ago. He was formerly president of the New Orleans and Lower Coast Railroad and had extensive investments in other business enterprises in the south.

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Marshall Joffre in civies. With him are M. Bandrillat of the French Academy; William Guthrie of New York, and Colonel Varilla, French engineer responsible for the Panama Canal.

NEW YORK GANG YOUTHS DRAG NURSE FROM STREET; GLASS CRASH GUIDES POLICE

Claire Breslin Seized on Her Way to Training Home and Carried Into Tenement—Breaks Outdoors and Calls for Help—One Youth Arrested; Seven Others Sought.

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Milan, May 18.—I expect to win the heavyweight championship of Europe on what I learned from Jack Dempsey when I was a member of his boxing team, today, as he finished training for a match on Sunday with the Dutch title holder Vandervoer. Stalla weighs 185, while the champion will tip the scales at 212, but the challenger expects to overcome the great handicap of weight by superior infighting. Vandervoer, however, is not for the spread and footwork, and his followers are confident that he will give Spilla a hard battle.

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He arose in his sleep, slipped on several articles of clothing and walked at one o'clock in the morning through the streets to the drug store. He apparently lifted the cover on a manhole in its rear and pitched to the basement of the store.

Public health guards and discovered him there. He is suffering from a fractured leg and a spinal injury. He had never been known to be a socialist and members of his family believe the thought of needed medicine inspired itself so strongly on his mind as he slept that he made the excursion.

FOUR CHAMPIONS ARRIVE IN N. Y.

Jimmy Wilde to Defend His Title Against Villa

Johnny Kilbane, Mike McTigue and Mickey Walker After Bouts—Italian Heavyweight, Who was in Dempsey's Camp, After European Crown.

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MANSLAUGHTER; FIFTEEN YEARS

Charge Changed from Murder of Woman in Toronto and Dann Pleads Guilty.

Toronto, May 18.—At the conclusion of the case for the prosecution yesterday against Alfred John Dann, charged with the murder of Annie Fields on April 14, counsel for the defence held a consultation with the crown, as a result of which the charge was changed to manslaughter, which a plea of guilty was entered, and a sentence of fifteen years in Portmouth Penitentiary passed upon the prisoner by Mr. Justice Lennox.

The evidence indicated that Dann, who had been overpowered, was in an extreme state of intoxication at the time the crime was committed. He was caught when fleeing from the woman's house after committing the deed.

Refuse Demands Of Building Workers

Declared That New York Faces Strike of 90,000 on June 1

New York, May 18.—Demands of the Building Trades Council, which claimed 90,000 members, for a blanket increase of \$1 a day and a collective agreement for a year, were refused at a conference yesterday by the executive committee of the Building Trades Employers' Association. John B. Clarke said the refusal will result in a general strike effective on June 1.

New York, May 18.—Ten thousand union members of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers of America threatened to add their numbers to the building craft's men who expect to walk out on June 1, after their demands for ten dollars a day and a five-day week were refused at a conference with the Association of Master Painters which lasted until early this morning.

The strike order has already been mailed to the union members, so officials announced. Another conference will be held tomorrow, however, in a last attempt to win over the employees.

INVESTIGATE THE FISHERIES HERE

Ottawa, May 18.—(Canadian Press).

A commission of seven members of the standing committee on marine and fisheries is appointed to investigate thoroughly and report upon the fisheries on the east coast during the ensuing year. The substance of a resolution adopted by the committee this morning. Lobster fisheries in the Maritime Provinces were regarded by the committee as especially needing attention.

BRITISHERS WIN AT ST. ANDREWS

St. Andrews, May 18.—Roger Wethered and Cyril Tuohy won their two ball foursome match in the Walker Cup tournament today from Francis Oulmet of Boston, and Jess Sweetser, U. S. amateur champion, six up and 10 to play.

BROTHER OF HON. F. B. CARVELL IS DEAD IN BOSTON

Woodstock Shocked by Receipt of News—Had Gone to States a Few Days Ago for Treatment.

(Special to The Times)

Woodstock, N. B., May 18.—A telegram this morning announces the death of Harry P. Carvell in Boston. He went there a few days ago to undergo an operation. The news of his death was a shock as he was apparently in good health a few weeks ago. He was a member of the county council, and deeply interested in public affairs. His brother Louis died suddenly only a few weeks ago. Four deaths in the family have occurred within a few months. Hon. F. B. Carvell is a brother and will bring the body from Boston to Kershaw County.

AGROUND ON WAY UP THE HARBOR

The U. S. Shipping Board Freighter West Isleta was Freed Before Long.

The United States Shipping Board freighter West Isleta, while on her way to the harbor this morning, ran aground in place at the refinery wharf, struck the sand bank off the Ballast wharf and was there for about two and one-half hours. She was in tow of the tug Neptune at the time of her stranding and with the help of the tug Wasson she was finally pulled clear and docked. It was thought that she had suffered no damage as she had not struck hard and the bottom was soft mud. While being towed to the refinery wharf she was narrowly averted when the ship's bow struck the wharf and the tug Wasson was snapped. A worse accident was narrowly averted when the ship's bow struck the wharf and the tug Wasson was snapped.

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GIRL SWIMMERS IGNORE A. A. U. AND GO ABROAD

Misses Wainwright, Riggan and Ederle Sail on the S.S. Berengaria to Compete in Europe.

(Canadian Press)

New York, May 18.—A woman's and the crash of a window pane through which she thrust an arm to wave a frantic signal for help led police early today to the rescue of Miss Claire Breslin, a thirty year old nurse at Bellevue Hospital, who had been dragged from the street by a band of youths.

The nurse, stripped of clothing, battered bleeding and hysterical was found in a two room apartment on the second floor of a tenement in East 34th street. Rescuers who surrounded the building arrested Joseph Mescha, 17, when they found him crouching behind an ash can at the rear of the building. Mescha is reported to have given the names of eight companions, whose arrest is momentarily expected.

Miss Breslin lives at the "Bureau Training Home" in East 26th street. She was returning there after midnight when she told the police, three men sprang upon her from a dark hallway, smothered her screams and dragged her to the upper floor, where six other men waited.

They tore her clothing off in shades she fought and screamed and before she could be subdued crashed the glass which guided police and a gathering crowd from the neighborhood to her rescue. As the police entered there was a clattering down five escapes and only the nurse was in the apartment when the police searched in the doors.

Miss Breslin was taken to Bellevue Hospital for the treatment of multiple contusions.

Mr. Reilly's statement follows: "The swimmers are sailing in order to keep faith with the prominent officials of the British Amateur Swimming Association, who