

BLOODY BATTLE NEAR BENGALI

Turks and Italians in Worst Engagement of Their War

THOUSAND DEAD; AS MANY WOUNDED

Turks and Arabs Attack Italian Lines and Conflict is Attended with Much Slaughter on Both Sides.

Rome, Sept. 18.—The most sanguinary engagement of the war in Tripoli was fought yesterday near Deerne, a town on the Mediterranean coast, northeast of Bengali.

The Italians lost 61 men killed, and 113 wounded. The Turks and Arabs left more than 800 dead on the field. Forty-one prisoners, including an Arab chief, fell into the hands of the Italians. The battle opened at day-break when a force of Turks and Arabs surprised and attacked the Italian lines.

General Retalio, commander of the Italian army in Tripoli, in his report to the war office, estimates that the Turks and Arabs must have lost one thousand men killed, including those who were carried off, and that more than one thousand others were wounded.

ADVOCATES CHANGES IN I.C.R. YARD

Moncton Coroner's Jury Makes Pronouncement Against the Shunting of Passenger Trains Over Main Street.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Sept. 18.—"We, the jury empanelled to inquire into the death of Johannes O'Rourke, find that deceased came to his death on Main street railway crossing on Saturday, Sept. 14, 1912, by being run over by shunter No. 814.

"We find that she came between the gates after they were down and that no blame can be attached to the gate tender or the shunter crew.

"We also find that the freight train which ran over deceased could have been shunted at the west end of the yard thereby avoiding going on Main street crossing.

"We find that a deplorable state of things exist on this crossing, traffic being blocked so often, and so one at a time, that scores of people are compelled to pass under and around the gates at the risk of their lives.

"We find that shunting freight trains over this crossing is unnecessary and would recommend that the order given since the accident to stop this freight shunting be rigidly enforced.

"Further, we recommend that shunting engines should have three brake men instead of two in the Moncton yard, so that one man can ride on the end of the train approaching the crossing.

"We find that conditions at Moncton station are dangerous in the extreme, and would recommend that steps be taken to have the station removed to a greater distance from the main line.

"We also recommend that steps be taken to lessen the shunting of passenger trains over this crossing and also recommend that the speed of passenger trains coming into the station be reduced from eight miles to six miles an hour.

Signed, O. B. Price, Foreman; W. E. Marks, H. C. Charter, J. R. Stratton, G. D. McQuarrie, Andrew Leaman, Arthur Sullivan.

This was the verdict returned tonight at 12:45 by the coroner's jury enquiring into the death of Mrs. John O'Rourke, killed at Main street I. C. R. crossing last Saturday. The witnesses giving evidence tonight were C. H. Porter, John Patton, E. Colclough, F. P. Brady and J. T. Hawke. Mr. Brady told the jury he had issued an order to stop freight shunting over Main street crossing, but he was not sure the order could be carried out.

He was severely questioned as to

GIVE SIROIS SENTENCE OF FIVE YEARS

He Is Found Guilty of Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses and Attempting to Break Jail.

GIVEN STEEPEST SENTENCE OF LAW.

Must Serve Time in Dorchester With Hard Labor—A Bad Record.

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, Sept. 18.—The trial of Dr. James F. Sirosis, who asked to be tried under the Speedy Trials Act, came up before Judge Carleton this morning. Hon. W. P. Jones represented the prisoner.

The trial of James F. Sirosis for obtaining money under false pretenses was resumed this afternoon. After arguments by the counsel, His Honor said that the evidence showed that Sirosis represented himself as Doctor Sirosis to part with \$4,000 and two pairs of spectacles, consequently he was guilty of obtaining money under false pretenses and was sentenced to five years in Dorchester with hard labor, and a bad record.

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The resolution was adopted when strangers from many lands are seeking the rights of citizenship, and the clubs be urged to exert their influence to see that the power of the schools in this respect be fully exercised. The resolution was agreed to.

Free School Books. Dr. H. Smith, the president, who is chief superintendent of education in New Brunswick, incidentally expressed himself during the afternoon as strongly of the belief that free school books were necessary throughout Canada to bring the educational work of the country up to anything like the condition which might be obtained.

Continuing he said that he didn't believe there was a province in the Dominion up to date in the tools of the trade of education, simply because the rate payer objects to the additional expense that would be entailed in procuring new and better text books. This he mentioned as a matter from the point of view of manufacturers, who realized that the better the tools supplied for their work, the more they would be able to produce.

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FEDERATION OF CANADIAN CLUBS OPENS

Delegates Officially Welcomed to Fredericton Yesterday—Appreciation of Work of the Schools.

NEED OF FREE TEXT BOOKS RECOGNIZED.

Reluctance of Taxpayer to Foot Bill Only Draw-back.

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SETTLEMENT OF TROUBLE OF TRIANGLE LIKELY SOON

Former Italian Minister Says Delegates in Switzerland are Authorized to Conclude Agreement.

TRIPOLI STILL THE STUMBLING BLOCK.

Sovereignty of Disputed Territory Principal Bone of Contention.

Special to The Standard. Ouchy, Switzerland, Sept. 18.—Pietro Bertolini, former minister of public works, and one of the delegates representing Italy at the peace negotiations which have been going on in Switzerland, discussed briefly today the possibility of a settlement satisfactory to both Italy and Turkey being reached.

He said: "The negotiations are proceeding favorably and I hope they will soon be successfully ended. However, however, discuss the proposed terms. The Italian delegates here in Switzerland, the long delay in the year parishes has been the result of having in the earlier stages to refer the more important questions to headquarters."

The question of sovereignty over Tripoli and Cyrenaica seems to be the chief stumbling block.

CLAIMS PERU IS BUTTING IN

Columbia Asserts Sovereignty Over Putumayo Rubber Region Where Atrocities Occurred—Peru Blamed.

New York, N.Y., Sept. 18.—Invasion of the Putumayo rubber region by Peru, is alleged by Colombia in a resolution passed by the Colombian senate and house, and made public here today by Julio Betancourt, the Colombian minister to the United States. This district and that of Caqueta are, by rights Colombian territory, the resolutions declare, and the resolutions were necessary throughout the United States to put an end to outrages in the Putumayo territory, was misdirected.

It is asserted that if Colombia had not been prevented by fortuitous circumstances from exercising her sovereignty, the deeds of ferocity and cruelty which have so justly horrified the civilized world, would never have been committed.

"If since the year 1901," the resolutions say, "the Peruvian rubber hunters at first, and later the authorities of that country, by overlooking and despoiling the Colombian settlers of the Putumayo have established themselves in that region, it has been in violation of the sovereignty of Colombia, and without the latter having ever renounced the right to reassert her sovereignty over these territories."

The resolutions add that if "in defence or re-occupation conflicts occur with the Peruvian invaders," an investigation into retail prices along the line of the inquiry into wholesale figures made some time ago, is also contemplated.

THE GOVERNMENT TO INVESTIGATE WAGE QUESTION

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Sept. 18.—With a view of carefully investigating the whole question of wages in Canada and to tabulate the information yearly, an inquiry has been instituted by the department of labor. The work will be done by R. H. Coates, editor of the Labor Gazette. It is felt that it will be of great utility in settling labor disputes. An investigation into retail prices along the line of the inquiry into wholesale figures made some time ago, is also contemplated.

SIR MAX AIKEN GETS CONTROL OF A STEEL COMPANY

Toronto, Sept. 18.—The Evening Telegram states that a company of which Sir Max Aiken is the head has

EVIDENCE IN THE KAY CASE

Commuter Sentence of Charlottetown Child-Murderess

Investigation into Actions of Moncton Magistrate

CLAIM HE DID NOT MAKE RETURNS

Moncton's City Clerk Swears Magistrate Kay Had Not Accounted for Renewals of Civic Executions Since 1909

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Sept. 18.—The sentence of death passed on Mrs. McGee at Charlottetown, P. E. I., for the murder by poisoning, of her six children, has been commuted to life imprisonment.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Sept. 18.—The taking of evidence in the investigation of charges against Police Magistrate Kay was commenced by Attorney General Grimmer this afternoon and continued this evening.

City Clerk Magee testified that Mr. Kay had made no returns for renewals of executions in civil cases since the investigation into similar charges made by Mr. G. Teed, of St. John, in 1909. At that time the clerk said it was found that there was a difference of \$277 in Mr. Kay's accounts which he had made good. Mr. Magee also testified that Mr. Kay had made no returns of fees received for copies of proceedings in certain cases, nor of costs in indictable offences.

W. H. Chapman, clerk of the Westmorland county court, stated that the Magistrate was supposed to tax costs in indictable offence cases and he fixed the amount of such costs in cases heard by Magistrate Kay at \$17.75. Alan W. Chapman, Clerk of the Westmorland circuit, said his records showed 15 cases from Magistrate Kay in which the amount of taxed costs on the same basis would be \$87.

A. J. Leeger, barrister, testified that after Mr. Teed had investigated the charges in 1909, Magistrate Kay had increased the fee for copies from 40 to 60 cents, and summonses from 30 to 40 cents. His clients complained that the charges were excessive. He also testified to paying fees for copies of courts, and in one case saw the money handed to the magistrate, Roy Keith, clerk of the court, and on city stationery. He handed all the money to the magistrate.

Further hearings will be continued tomorrow. The case excites much interest.

"SQUEALER" AND "FOUR-FLUSHER" TO DUBLIN

Evidence of the Dignified Manner in Which United States Presidential Campaign is Being Conducted.

Tucson, Ariz., Sept. 18.—Former congressman J. Adam Beade, of Minnesota, and John M. Hanson, of Illinois, following Theodore Roosevelt through Arizona in the interests of President Taft, spoke here today. The campaigners were warmly greeted. Both speakers termed Colonel Roosevelt a "man who tried to steal the election" and the Chicago revolution and now is stamping the country claiming he was robbed. We call that sort of a man a "squealer" and a "four-flusher."

They left for the east tonight following the route taken by Mr. Roosevelt.

TRANSCONTINENTAL INVESTIGATORS AT WORK ON EVIDENCE

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Sept. 18.—G. Lynch Staunton, K. C. of Hamilton, and F. P. Gurellus of Montreal, the commissioners investigating the Transcontinental Railway are in the city going over some of the evidence taken during their trips over the roads this summer. A sitting is to be held in Ottawa when the higher officials of the company will be examined. Certain points along the line are yet to be visited before a report is drawn up for parliament.

The Toronto Structural Steel Company on Atlantic Ave., will increase the capitalization from \$200,000 to \$1,000,000. They have secured 17 acres at Weston and plan to increase the output which is now 3,000,000 tons per year, to fifteen million tons per year. With the new site they have secured they will have room for further expansion.

Perth Amboy, N. J., Sept. 18.—Captain A. Manson of the Norwegian steamer Ragnarok, which has arrived here from Sydney, C. B., reports that 10 a. m., Sept. 17, thirty miles east by south of Pollock Rip Light, passed bark Hancock of St. John, N. B., with foretopmast with yards and rigging carried away. The captain wished to be reported and declined assistance, intending to bring the vessel into port under jury rig. The wind was light and the weather clear. The Hancock left New York September 13 for Yarmouth, N. S.

WANT THE NAVY NON-POLITICAL

Western Petition Urges Removal of Question from Sphere of Politics—Many Prominent Signatories.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Sept. 18.—The Prime Minister has received a thick volume which has been forwarded by Sir William Whyte, of Winnipeg, and the editors of the western signatures to the non-party resolutions regarding the navy which has been passed in Winnipeg, Toronto and other places. The text of the resolutions has been made public already.

The Winnipeg signatures number thousands. The list is headed by the Lieut. Governor, the Prime Minister, Sir Wm. Whyte, and the editors of the three daily newspapers, and contains the names of practically all the business and professional men of the city, of both parties and smaller lists of signatures from Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, Medicine Hat and Calgary are included.

ST. JOHN BARK PASSED AT SEA IN A BAD WAY

Toronto, Sept. 18.—T. M. Kirkwood of Toronto has written the Lord Mayor of Dublin asking whether the city of Dublin will guarantee six per cent interest on \$1,500,000 bonds with a view to establishing a line of steamers between Galway, Ireland, and North Sydney, N. S. He points out that it would result in a boon to Dublin in putting it practically in direct communication with a Canadian port. Mr. Kirkwood stated this morning that the bond issue would be floated on both sides of the Atlantic, although it would probably be easier to find the capital in Great Britain. There will be a stock issue of \$1,000,000 to enable the promoters who are Canadians to control the organization which will operate under a Canadian charter.

Special to The Standard. Perth Amboy, N. J., Sept. 18.—The Norwegian steamer Ragnarok, which has arrived here from Sydney, C. B., reports that 10 a. m., Sept. 17, thirty miles east by south of Pollock Rip Light, passed bark Hancock of St. John, N. B., with foretopmast with yards and rigging carried away. The captain wished to be reported and declined assistance, intending to bring the vessel into port under jury rig. The wind was light and the weather clear. The Hancock left New York September 13 for Yarmouth, N. S.