

ALL PARIS IS EXCITED OVER TRIAL

Wife of Former French Premier is Charged With Murder.

The Air is Filled With Political Intrigue - A Remarkable Case.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] PARIS, July 20.—The thoughts of all Parisians were occupied today solely by the opening of the trial of Mme. Caillaux for the murder on March 16 of Gaston Calmette, with Judge Louis Albane acting as president of the court.

The dramatic setting of the affair, involving political intrigues in which the prisoner's husband, a former French premier and minister of finances, was a prominent figure, was the taste of the French public. Added to this was the rumored threat of royalist headhunts to create a disturbance to start for Newfoundland not later than August 1, and the American will go with him.

Long before the opening of the palace of justice, crowds, defying the drizzling rain, had assembled in the vicinity and special forces of police were called out to keep them in order. From an early hour, long lines formed on the Place Dauphine and the Boulevard Du Palais, hoping to be lucky enough to secure one of the places left for the general public in the most part allotted to press representatives and barristers.

Madame Caillaux, herself, had been conducted from the prison of the Conciergerie to the court by secret ways, so that those outside had no opportunity of cheering or hissing her, according to their sympathies. The other leading figures occupied with the case, however, were the objects of demonstrations. Among them were the procurator-general, Jules Herbaux, in charge of the prosecution, and Fernand Labori, the famous advocate, whose face is known to everyone, owing to his connection with the Dreyfus trial.

The newspapers to-day were filled with references to the case, and the Figaro came out with a violently worded article on the opening of the trial from the pen of Alfred Capus, the recently chosen academician, or "immortal," who now occupies the editorial chair of The Figaro, formerly held by Calmette. In it he declares: "The party which assassinated Calmette is going to do its best to defile his memory, for which purpose it has stopped at nothing, and has not hesitated to resort to the most vile and sordid means."

A SUNDAY BLAZE

Child Playing With Matches Caused Fire on Terrace Hill Yesterday.

The fire department had a long and incidentally slow run on Sunday noon to the house occupied by Mr. Geo. Battye at the corner of Princess and Sydneyham streets. Fire had started in the clothes closet in the front upstairs bedroom as a result of a little one in the household playing with matches. Bed clothing and feather ticks stored away, made a lively blaze for a few minutes and it was due to the prompt assistance by neighboring friends, Dave McDonald, Alex. McAdam and J. W. Watkins that the fire did not gain any headway. The burning material was thrown from the window although the upstairs was filled with dense smoke. When the firemen arrived the trouble was at an end. The loss occasioned will amount to about \$100.

The fire horses made a quick run to the bottom of Terrace Hill, but it was plainly evident that in case of serious fire, the time required to reach Terrace Hill with the heavy apparatus would be too great. It is believed a motor truck or a station on the hill with light equipment would be adequate protection. The problem has long been considered but its solution has not yet been arrived at.

Ships Of The Line In Review Today-- Number Two Hundred

An Equal Number of Submarines, Torpedo Boat Destroyers and Seaplanes Were Reviewed By King George, Who Was Accompanied by the Prince of Wales--A Great Naval Display.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] PORTSMOUTH, Eng., July 20.—The British home fleet composed of over 200 fighting ships and an equal number of auxiliaries, including submarines, torpedo boat destroyers and seaplanes, was led out to sea by King George this morning. His majesty was on board the royal yacht, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, Winston Spencer Churchill and the other lords of the admiralty. At the entrance to the English channel the royal yacht dropped anchor and the ships in line abreast passed in review before His Majesty, while a fleet of sea-planes from the Calshot air-ship station flew in pairs above the royal yacht and circled about the slowly moving ships. It took the great fleet two hours to pass before the king.

Working On Flying Boat Which Will Try Start Across Ocean

The American Can Now Carry 2000 Pounds and Two Men Without Any Trouble--Will Leave on August First.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] HAMMONDSPORE, N. Y., July 20.—Lieut. Porte, R. N., pilot of the Rodman Wanamaker flying boat, expects to start for Newfoundland not later than August 1, and the American will go with him. A series of experiments, with the flying boat planned for the next few days were dropped to the machine ready for shipment to New York the latter part of this week. This decision evidently was arrived at late last night after a review of the past performances of the America.

During the last week in June, the America flew with an estimated net weight of eighteen hundred and fifty pounds. Oil for eight hours, various instruments and some superfluous lumber aboard the machine were not included in the estimate. Later when the Langley Pontoon

PRAY TO ALLAH Local Turks Will Build a Place Where They Can Worship.

The Courier to-day is in receipt of a communication signed Ahmed Allahamah. The writer states that the Brantford Turks propose erecting a worship house in this city, where they can pray to Allah, and it is proposed to build of such worship house, "Surely," he says, "Islam is great for England is ally and loyal to Islam." The communication as received is headed, "Salute to Christian People."

TRAINS WERE HELD UP BY BUSY ARMY WORMS

Some Noteworthy Features About The Pest Which Caused Consternation.

The "army worm," which has spread devastation and caused consternation in Brant county, is said to be pretty common, and authorities assert that nearly every garden has a few specimens. The climate here however generally militates against the country being overrun by the insects, though should the checking factors be absent, as apparently has been the case within the past few days, a course of destruction is opened. The natural enemies of the army worm are numerous. They are ichneumonids of different kinds and a good many beetles. Poultry eat it sometimes, and turkeys also have a liking for the insect.

Some noteworthy features of the army worm may be cited. Should they in their irrepensible career come to a barn or fence they will go over it rather than around it. Another remarkable thing has ere now been brought to light. In New Brunswick, for instance, they have sped their way over railroad tracks in such numbers that the trains could make no progress, the driving wheels becoming so greased that they would not "bite" the rail.

WATERWORKS EXTENSION UNDER WAY AT HANOVER HANOVER, July 20.—Tenders have been asked by Mayor C. H. Whitlam and John Mills, clerk, for the erection of a 100,000 gallon steel water tower and for the construction of several thousand feet of sewer, comprising the extension to the waterworks system recently authorized by the citizens.

ARMY WORM ADVANCE TO THIS CITY

Terrific Damage Already Done--Pest is Not Yet Checked.

In Other Parts of Province Serious Outbreaks Have Been Reported.

The Army Worm is still advancing. From Burford came the report this morning that the worms were getting closer to the village on both sides of the road. It was thought that they were doing a great amount of damage because the fight against them was being conducted with renewed vigor. Miles of new trenches had been dug, and while there were not proving entirely effective the advance of the pests was being checked to a considerable degree, and they were being kept out of fields which they would otherwise destroy.

At Mohawk Institute. From Mohawk Institute this morning came the news that on the flats the worms were destroying the sugar beets, the mangos and had eaten up the pasture entirely. Yesterday afternoon hundreds of people visited the Institute farm and by tramping over the fields are reported to have done as much damage almost as the worms. A lot of grain was trampled down and damage occasioned by the inquisitive ones.

Mr. H. F. Hudson of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, whose services were secured here by Mr. J. H. Fisher, M.P., called at the Courier this morning to point out that the only effective method of stopping the advance of the army worm was by trenching. An ordinary furrow by a plow was not sufficient as the worms could easily cross this. The trench should be two feet deep with post holes 15 feet apart. Where the land was dry each side should be raked into a crumble, if not, the trench would be like a cement wall and the worms could climb up it. In case the worms have got into a field of grain a swath should be cut across the field and a trench dug. Mr. Hudson admitted that the pest was very bad at Mohawk Institute and at Mr. Alexander's farm. The worm, he said, comes from the eggs of a night flying moth and about the first of September there will be another crop of them.

A Sample of Injury. There are at the court house this morning a sheaf of husky oak stalks which resemble miniature bamboo poles in the bare appearance. They are samples of all that was left of a six acre field of oats which was standing in Northfield yesterday morning, before the dreaded army worm commenced upon it. The field is now a blanket of such stalks, everyone striped as clean as a pencil. As the worms began they ate even the stalks but as they found lots of oats and a large area they discarded the stalks and kept to the cereal. This is only one of the many instances of the damage wrought by the destructive worms.

They are now on each side of Big (Continued on Page 5)

King George Presides Today at Conference To Settle Home Rule

Action of His Majesty Is Pleasant Surprise--All Parties Are Invited Around the Table--Said that It Will Have Excellent Result Towards Settlement--Outlook Much Brighter To-day.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, July 20.—The news that King George had called a round table conference of the leaders of all the political parties in the United Kingdom to discuss the crisis in the province of Ulster caused a pleasant surprise to-day in political circles here. It was felt that a conference under the direct auspices of the king could only result in a settlement which even the extremists of both sides in Ireland would be almost compelled to accept.

New Station Plan Has Received a Setback, Parks Board Object

It is Said That Depot May Have to be Established in the Holmedale-L. E. & N. Province to Erect \$10,000 Structure.

There is a halt with regard to a city depot for the Lake Erie and Northern Railway. The company proposed to put up a \$10,000 brick station at the foot of Scarfe Avenue, and wanted a deed to the Parks Board cancelled with regard to the portion of the river channel filled in by the company. What they took off that they offered to make the balance for park purposes. The proposed site it might be remarked outside of other features, is on railway property.

What the Commissioners asked was that a roadway of 24 feet should be widened by the railway company to 50 or 60 feet. The company in reply stated that to do this, would require another retaining wall, and cuts into the rear of the Wisner and Westbrook

OVERCOME BY FUMES OF GAS IN HIS WELL

Sad Fatality to H. Botsford, an Albertan Farmer, From Amherstburg.

AMHERSTBURG, July 20.—Word has just been received here of the death of Henry Botsford aged 33, a former resident of Amherstburg, at his home in Bowell, Alberta. Mr. Botsford was digging a well on his farm when he struck gas, and was overcome by the fumes. The fatality occurred last Wednesday.

The deceased was a son of the late Daniel Botsford of this town. He was married three years ago to Miss Ethel Marks, daughter of Captain Douglas Marks. The remains will be interred in Alberta. INJURED AT ERIEAU BLENHEIM, July 20.—Wilfrid McKenzie, foreman of the Lake Erie Coal Company at Erieau is recovering from injuries received several days ago while at work there. On Monday last he broke a small bone in his forearm while using a bar, and some days later suffered a nasty wound in his foot, when he stepped on a nail.

HINDUS IN STIFF FIGHT WITH POLICE

They Refuse to Allow Patrol to Board Ship at Vancouver.

Captain Asked for Help in Order to Carry Out Instructions.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] OTTAWA, July 20.—The fight of the Hindus to obtain entry into British Columbia reached a climax Saturday night, according to official reports received here by the immigration branch of the Department of the Interior. The investigation by agents of the department resulted on Saturday morning in an order refusing entrance to nearly 350 of the Hindus on board the Komagata Maru, and the captain of the vessel was given until 6 o'clock to act. He found himself unable to control the ship and make steam. He asked for assistance, and a tug was sent out from Vancouver with immigration officials, special officers and about 160 police.

This force was beaten back by the infuriated Hindus, who threw bits of coal, hatchets, odd bits of machinery, bricks, etc., besides firing several shots. The police did not return the shots, but endeavored, for several hours to gain the decks of the Komagata Maru, without success. About 20 of them were injured, including the tug captain who had two ribs broken and at 2 o'clock Sunday morning the police withdrew, a number of the injured officers being removed to a hospital.

Details of the affair reached Ottawa this morning, and prompt measures were decided upon. In the absence of the Minister of the Interior, Premier Borden took charge of the situation, and orders were sent to the coast immigration authorities to make use of the cruiser Rainbow in effecting a landing on the Komagata Maru.

The orders are to enforce the law without fail, but with as little violence as possible. The Hindus are to be handcuffed and if they cannot be taken back on the Komagata Maru within a reasonable time they are to be taken aboard the C. P. R. liner Empress of Japan, sailing on Thursday. The situation is regarded here as a serious one, and calling for unusual action. In addition to the action taken as regards Hindus themselves, the Government will at once institute legal proceedings against the master and owners of the Komagata Maru, who are bound by law to take back all rejected immigrants brought by them.

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RAT CATCHERS

Are Having a Very Busy Time in New Orleans Trying to Prevent Plague.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] NEW ORLEANS, July 20.—A second letter addressed by Oscar Dowling, president of the state board of health, to the mayors of Louisiana cities and towns, further urges the necessity for a state-wide clean-up campaign for the prevention of bubonic plague. The destruction of alleys, the use of sanitary garbage cans and a campaign of rat extermination are urged.

With a total of seven plague cases and three deaths in New Orleans to date, federal, state and city health authorities this week will vigorously continue their fight for eradication of the contagion here. It is expected that the daily rat catch of about 1,000 will be increased before the week ends as additional traps are being placed and the force at work in the field is becoming more expert under the tutelage of a corps of rat-catchers from San Francisco.

A STATUE TO NORDICA NEW YORK, July 20.—Friends of the late Madame Nordica have enlisted the aid of prominent musicians and music lovers in a plan to erect a heroic statue of the diva in Central Park, according to announcement to-day. Should a statue to Madame Nordica be erected, it will be the only one of a woman in a park in New York, and according to a recent investigator one of three of women in the United States. Mr. Harry Payne Whitney, it is understood, will be asked to design the statue.

City Overseer Will Help Out

At the corner of Nelson and Chatham streets this morning coal oil was used under civic auspices to destroy a million or so of army worms which threatened to destroy lawns and flowers in the district. If discovery of more of the pests is made by citizens, they are asked to communicate with City Overseer Howie, who with his staff has been commissioned by the mayor to act promptly in eradicating the nuisance.

GAS AND OIL SAND ON PUSLINC FARM PUSLINC, July 20.—The men who are drilling for oil on the farm of Mr. Neibour, Puslinch, are receiving some encouragement. They are now 180 feet down and yesterday they struck a small flow of natural gas. The prospects for oil are the very best. They have struck oil-bearing sand at different times. Should oil be found it will be a good boost for Wellington.

King George Commands, Redmond and Dillon Obey

[By Special Wire to The Courier] LONDON, July 20.—Premier Asquith at the opening of the House of Commons to-day announced that King George "in view of the grave political situation, has considered it right to summon a conference of the representatives of the political parties, both British and Irish, to discuss the outstanding points of the problem of Irish government."

The Premier added that the Right Hon. James Lowther, Speaker of the House of Commons, would at His Majesty's request, preside over the conferences. In view of this development of the situation, Premier Asquith said he would not ask the House to discuss to-day the bill to amend the Irish Home Rule Bill.

The invitations to the conference have been accepted by two representatives each of the regular Opposition, of the Ulster Unionists, of the Irish Nationalists and of the Government. Premier Asquith said he hoped the meetings of the conference would begin to-morrow. Andrew Bonar Law, leader of the Opposition, on its behalf remarked that it had "loyally accepted the command" of His Majesty. John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists, scarcely appeared to regard the proposed conference as attractive. He said: "My colleagues and myself take no responsibility for the policy of calling this convention and I do not think I am called upon to express an opinion as to whether the result will prove useful or the contrary. The invitation came to John Dillon and myself in the form of a command from the King, and as such we at once obeyed it." Laurence Ginnell, a Nationalist member interjected a warning note into the otherwise peaceful interlude by asking if there was any precedent for the Premier advising the King to "place himself at the head of a conspiracy to defeat the wishes of the House." The question was ignored and the House proceeded with other business.

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