

## TERRIBLE DROUGHT IN SOUTH AMERICA THREATENS FAMINE

Plague of Locusts Adds to Misery of People in Argentina, One of Most Prolific Wheat Growing Countries in World

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, March 24.—A remarkable story of the failure of the crops in Argentina and the threatened proximity of a famine and misery is told in a despatch to the Trade and Commerce Department from its representative at Valparaiso, Chile. He says: "The crops, which had succeeded in surviving the terrible drought have been cleaned up by an invading army of locusts the like of which was never known."

"La Epoca" reports that rapid and energetic intervention of the Argentine is imperative in order to avoid general disaster.

### Threatened with Famine.

"From Buenos Aires, Entre Rios, Santa Fe, Cordoba and San Luis comes the alarming news of thousands of homes threatened with misery. To the north of the Province of Buenos Aires agriculturists have been the victims of the drought, the plague of locusts and a host of minor scourges which follow in their train. Here the farmers have sown wheat and have failed; continuing the struggle they have planted maize and lost, repeated the operation and the crops have dried up or have been eaten by locusts."

## GRAPHIC WORD-PICTURE BY STEWART LYON

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engagement in the Mazarin Lake region early in the campaign. Upon his recovery he was sent to the Gallien front and took part in the fearful mid-winter operations which enabled the British to break through the German lines and hold the Carpathian passes. He was again wounded, and, upon leaving the hospital, was mustered out as no longer fit for service. He drifted to Siberia and thence by way of Manchuria to Japan, whence he shipped on a vessel bound for British Columbia. There he saw some of his countrymen being enlisted in Canadian regiments under arrangement between the Imperial Russian and British governments—which permits Russians liable for military duty to serve in the Canadian overseas force if they so desire instead of returning to Russia. The twice wounded Slav, who had done his bit did not know of the arrangement. He felt it again and wanted to be returned to the front. It was explained that he would give as effective service by joining in Canada and could thereby secure more money. When he reached the western front he will have travelled almost round the world since his discharge to be drawn back for the third time into the maelstrom by the irresistible magnet of the sense of duty to Holy Russia. He is of the "Intelligentsia" and spoke French and German as well as his native tongue before the war began. Now he is adding English. The thinking Russian is amazingly keen in carrying out the mission of the will to make Constantinople still more the centre of eastern Christianity.

### The Purser and the Palestine.

When war came Britain had almost half a million men habituated to a life on the ocean, either in the navy or in the mercantile marine. Most of them are still doing business on the high seas. The number killed or permanently disabled by the enemy in naval actions and in submarine warfare against transports and merchant ships is well under twenty-five thousand officers and men—less than five per cent. of the total. The others are today doing more work than ever before. The British navy has been greatly enlarged since the outbreak of the war and has many more men in its ratings than in 1914, and the mercantile marine has been enlarged upon for no small part of them. On the liners now engaged in the transport service, the fastidious service bestowed by numerous stewards, on exacting saloon passengers is spread out thin to care for many times their number of soldiers who crowd every nook and corner of the vessel.

The purser is the business manager of the transport and of the passenger liner. It was a fortunate thing for the hundreds of thousands of men carried long distances overseas that trained officials were available in numbers sufficient not only to navigate the ships safely, but to care for the men en route to whom good food and sanitary conditions by day and night are absolutely essential. At the best, the men's quarters in a troopship are not that ship's officers, who know every difficulty liable to arise, and who have solved similar problems scores of times, are on hand to smooth out the rough places, the transportation of soldiers would be a serious affair. The suave pursers and stewards with thirty or forty years at sea in the company of pampered saloon passengers and ignorant and inexperienced immigrants in the steerage, find it a positive pleasure to adjust the little rivalries and jealousies over quarters that arise when two or three battalions make the voyage together.

The purser of this vessel takes to himself duties all the more readily because he sees in the vessel the fulfilment of certain prophesies which point to the expulsion of the Turk from the Holy Land. That the Turk must go he feels assured. If he does not, then for the purser the great struggle will have been in vain. He is a fighting man, but he has gladly risked his life for two and a half years, and will contrive to do so till the war ends, to advance the cause of his heart and strengthen the arm of the Lord against the men who profane the Sacred City. He has

the North Atlantic at this moment, and interment was in the Church of England burying ground.

The funeral of Mrs. Pansy Irene Colwell was held at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon from her late residence, 153 Paradise Row. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Hicks and interment was in Fernhill cemetery.

### Presentation To Miss Alpy.

Miss Sadie A. Alpy of London, England, the cook at the Parks Convalescent Home, was presented with a travelling bag on Saturday night by the soldiers at the home. Miss Alpy took completely by surprise thanked all the boys for their kindness and appreciation of her services. Miss Alpy will leave for Montreal the last of the week and she will take with her the very best wishes of the boys at the Convalescent Home.

### The Police Court.

In the police court Saturday H. J. Garson was fined four dollars for obstructing Rochester street extension with two boilers. Three drunks were fined the usual amount. A woman for drunkenness was sent to jail. Four sailors who were detained were sent on board their ship.

### FUNERALS.

The funeral of Mrs. Amy Miller took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from her late residence, 87 Chesley street. The services were conducted by Rev. Nell McLaughlin.

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