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W. F. Coaker Makes Trenchant Reply to Capt. A. Kean's Letter.

COST OF WAR IN LIVES AND IN HARD CASH

As a Result of Recent Balkan Contest Bulgaria is Out the Enormous Sum of \$548,000,000, and Lost 58,000 of Her People.

Sofia, April 14.—Pro. Tsankoff has figured out the cost of the Balkan War to Bulgaria. The total credits voted amounted to \$62,000,000. The requisitions for horses, supplies and other necessities are estimated to have cost \$30,000,000.

The deficit in the revenues of the country owing to the hostilities amounted to \$10,000,000. Munitions and transport cost \$30,000,000. The expenses of taking strategic railways and other miscellaneous expenses are placed at \$35,000,000. Pensions for soldiers incapacitated will require the capital sum of \$80,000,000. The value of the territory ceded to Roumania is placed at \$300,000,000. The grand total is thus \$548,000,000.

The number of lives lost was between 55,000 and 58,000, or between six and seven per cent. of the adult male population of the country.

Got a Plumber To Release Baby

Mother Declines Sympathetic Passenger's Offer of His Can-opener.

Chicago, April 13.—A woman entered a Broadway car with a baby in her arms. You could tell it was a baby from the way it moved and the way she held it, and became every once in a while she would look at the bundle and cry. But otherwise—no. It might have been a box in blankets of a small ironing board. The passengers in the car—mostly women—became curious and then indignant.

A little hand pushed through the layer of blankets and moved spasmodically in the air. Finally the top blanket on the baby fell off and revealed what was wrong. Instead of a regular baby the passengers saw what appeared to be three-quarters infant and one-quarter tin pail. "It has got its head caught in a tin pail," cried the mother.

The passengers exclaimed and some giggled and crowded around the infant. The tin pail was certainly in evidence. It covered the baby's head and rested on its shoulders, and it was wedged tight.

"I'm taking her to a—a—a plumber," cried the mother.

"Wait, I've got a can-opener in my pocket," one of the men exclaimed. "No," the mother retorted. "I know a good plumber in the next block and he'll fix it."

SEVEN LIVES LOST IN BIG BOSTON FIRE.

Boston, April 14.—Seven persons were killed, 16 injured and 21 families totalling more than 75 individuals were endangered this morning by a fire that wrecked the Melvin, a five story brick apartment house.

'Dead Man' Woke Up In Morgue

Hartford, Conn., April 13.—Half an hour after his companions had carried him to an undertaker's morgue as dead, after touching a wire carrying 2,300 volts, Carl Lundell suddenly sat up, rubbed his eyes and when he saw where he was he got down from the slab and hurried out of the place.

Lundell was at work on the Middletown Bridge, across the Connecticut River. When he touched the naked electric wire he plunged forward and fell to the floor of the bridge.

Eagle Reports Seeing Wreckage

April 14th (8:05 p.m.)—Have not been able to report before on account of distance. Killed five hundred odd to-day, done nothing before, terrible blustery weather. Have about 70 tons coal left. Saw some wreckage Thursday just before dark, position at noon lat. 47.9, long. 50.45 W., consisting of cars, hatch and piece of scantling. Our position to-day 91 miles E. by S. Baccalieu, all well.—E. Bishop.

Made Successful Fight to Suicide

Niagara Falls, April 11. An unidentified woman successfully fought the efforts of a reservation constable, who endeavored to prevent her from taking her own life at the Third Sister Island.

Tried a Pike Pole

One reservation constable, Charles Martin, pulled her from the water but she luded him and waded in again. This time Martin got a pike pole, caught her clothing, and then followed a struggle in which the woman fought desperately, sinking time and time again under the rapidly moving water.

Body Soon Recovered

Help arrived from the mainland in about ten minutes and the body was brought to shore, and a physician was summoned, but the woman was dead.

UNCLE SAM'S BROAD HINT TO MEXICO

United States Fleet Sails for Mexican Waters to Demand from Huerta an Apology for Arresting Two U. S. Marines at Tampico.—Salute Required.

Washington, April 14.—President Wilson to-day ordered practically the entire Atlantic fleet to Mexican waters to force a public salute to the American flag from the Huerta Government, as an apology for the arrest of some American marines at Tampico on Thursday last.

No ultimatum has been issued—that is no specified time has been set within which the Huerta Government must comply—but the naval demonstration has been ordered as a concrete evidence of the fixed determination of the United States to back up Rear Admiral Mayo's demand for a salute.

Up to to-night Huerta had not made any satisfactory response to the demand.

"Future developments depend upon Huerta himself," was the way a high administrative official, close to the President, summarized the situation to-night.

Aerial Funeral For Millionaire

Paris, April 13.—A strange posthumous enthusiasm for a new form of locomotion has been displayed, according to the St. Petersburg press, by Ivan Sopronowski, a Russian millionaire.

During his life M. Sopronowski was extremely conservative and even refused to enter a motor car. In his will, however, was a clause bequeathing \$100,000 to any airman who would convey his coffin to the graveside in an aeroplane.

A young airman named Posoff offering to undertake the task, and placing the coffin in his biplane, flew to the cemetery where he made such a bad landing that he nearly killed himself. M. Sopronowski's relatives reluctantly paid his \$100,000 out of the estate.

Miners Asking Increased Wages

Pittsburg, April 14.—Forty-five thousand miners are idle to-day, voting on a proposition to approve or disapprove of a wage agreement, entered into between the district officers and the coal operators.

If approved the wage agreement in force during the past two years will continue for a similar period.

3,000 KILLED IN 9 DAYS' BATTLE

Juarez, April 15.—A nine days' battle has resulted in victory for the rebels under Villa, according to an official report made public here.

Rebel forces came upon the United Federals, who are said in the last days of the battle to have numbered 15,000, forty miles East of Torreon.

The killed and wounded on both sides number about 3,000. The rebels claim to have taken 700 prisoners.

BRITISH WANT IRISH QUESTION SETTLED AT ONCE

Have Grown Tired of the Endless Bickerings Over Home Rule and are Irritated About the Spectacle Britain Presents to the Whole World.

London, April 15.—Settlement of the Ulster question is being urged by The Times, which refers to the members of Parliament as reassembling in a mood of quiet exasperation. If the Ministry settle it, says The Times, public opinion will angrily compel the discovering of a solution.

The Times proceeds to refer to the national consciousness of the humiliating spectacle which the United Kingdom undeservedly presents to foreign observation and also to their kinsmen of the Empire, mentioning that its Canadian correspondent stated that a continuance of the controversy would have deplorable results in the Dominion.

Can Protect Province.

The demand for a settlement, adds The Times, does not mean weakening on the belief in the justice of claims of Ulster, but is rather the result of a reaction of the intense excitement of the last few days.

The Westminster Gazette still know whom volunteers, whether of

GREEK PATRIARCH IS ON TRIAL AT CONSTANTINOPLE

Constantinople, April 7.—Archbishop Germanos, the Green Patriarch, is to be tried by Court-martial on a charge of superintending during the Balkan war the formation of bands which had as their aim the massacre of Moslems at Kavala.

2 ARE KILLED FIVE INJURED IN TRAIN WRECK

Scotch Express Train Collides With a Freight and Fireman and Engineer Lose Their Lives.—Wreck Caught Fire and Many Passengers Were Injured.

Aberdeen, April 14.—The Scotch express train, Northern Britain, was wrecked near Burnt Island station to-day. The engineer and fireman were killed. Five passengers were injured and will probably die.

While en route to this city, travelling at the rate of sixty miles an hour, the express dashed into a freight and passenger engine and was thrown from the rails upon the golf links, that lies parallel to the tracks at that point, dragging two coaches after it.

Two express cars turned over. Other cars piled up against this wreckage. Fire broke out in the debris. The injured are badly burned.

Connaught to Be Viceroy of Ireland?

Dublin, April 14.—A good many Liberals have been discussing exactly what is going to happen when a Home Rule parliament is actually sitting in College Green, in the course of next year.

By these circles Prince Arthur of Connaught, it is thought, will be the first Viceroy under the new order of things.

There has not been a member of the Royal Family at the head of the Government of Ireland, since Henry, Duke of York, afterwards Henry VIII, was appointed Lord Lieutenant and Lord Deputy in 1494.

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Ulster or of the Nationalists, propose to fight, since Carson declared his army is one of peace, while Darrell Fingis, writing in The Times, declares that the volunteers would rather Ulster or Nationalists, fight the British army but not each other.

The Westminster Gazette still urges the idea of Ulster Irishmen settling the problem by agreement among themselves. Looking over the past three months it comes to the conclusion that the parties could have sensibly approached each other and that the remaining gap could be bridged with patience and forbearance.

ARSON SQUAD BURN \$195,000 MANSION.

Shrewsbury, Eng., April 14.—One of the worst fires yet caused by militant suffragettes of the arson squad, occurred here to-day. The mansion owned by Sir Walmer Smythe was burned down; damage, \$195,000. The police believe the incendiaries came from London.

Suffragettes Find Cash for Candidates

London, April 13.—The Suffragettes have introduced a new phase into the political situation by their determination not only to support Labor candidates, but to finance them as well. There is to be a great outpouring of funds. The result will be that when the general election comes there will be innumerable triangular contests.

A well-informed political writer says that this probably will return the Unionists, "with too small a majority to be workable, whereas in all ordinary events the Government will come back with only the loss of a comparatively few seats."

He continues: "There is no question of patriotism; Suffragettes care nothing for Empire. They mean to have the vote, and they are not likely to shrink from financing irresponsible individual candidates drawn from labor, when they pour chemicals into letter boxes, burn country houses, and destroy masterpieces such as the Velasquez 'Venus.'"

An illustrious statesman has said that he regarded the danger of Suffragette interference in elections as a greater peril than any civil war in our islands. Their funds cannot be estimated, for they are lodged in Paris and Brussels; their resources seem practically limitless, and how they would exercise power if they ever acquire it may be diagnosed by the means they are taking to obtain the vote.

Rich Westerner Is Found Dead

Fort William, Ont., April 11.—Arthur A. Vickers, 41 years old, a wealthy land owner and real estate dealer of this city, was found dead with a gunshot wound in his head, in the bathroom of his home. His shotgun was on the floor beside him.

No cause is assigned for the deed, Mr. Vickers having retired in apparently good spirits at the usual hour last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Vickers returned only a few weeks ago from their wedding tour.

ASQUITH GETS GREAT OVATION FROM COMMONS

Takes His Seat Again After His Recent Re-election in East Fife.—Mexican Troubles are Aired in the House.—British Government Characterises Carranza "Rebel."

London, April 14.—Premier Asquith was greeted with an inspiring ovation on his return to the House of Commons to-day.

During question time Mr. Acland, Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs, gave the House official information as to events in Tampico as recorded in the despatches.

He told that Secretary Bryan, at the request of the British Ambassador at Washington had taken steps to impress the commandant that a most serious situation would be created by wanton destruction of the oil fields. Mr. Acland described the followers of Carranza as rebels to which Josiah Wedgwood, a Liberal M.P., took exception.

Acland replied "I think the word describes what I well enough in the absence of their being conquerors."

Walked 100 Miles For An Operation

New Liskeard, Ont., April 13.—To walk 96 miles for the purpose of undergoing an operation is the experience of an Indian woman who has been admitted to the Lady Minto Hospital.

This woman, whose name is Mrs. Squirel, lives at the New Hudson Bay Post, 96 miles from Cochrane, and in company with her husband and little child walked the entire distance from the Post to Cochrane, where she took the train for Liskeard.

She cannot speak a word of English but was accompanied to the hospital by a companion from Cochrane, who acted as interpreter.

The operation has been performed and the patient is getting along as well as could be expected.

Samuel Rogers Reprted Safe.

The Acting Premier had the following message yesterday from Hering Neck, telling of the safety of Samuel Rogers, who was reported missing Monday:

"Pleased to inform you that Samuel Rogers reached Baccalieu at 1 p.m. yesterday. He arrived here at 12:30 p.m. to-day and left for his home feeling alright."

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