

HEAVY FOG ALONE RESPONSIBLE FOR CATASTROPHE TO "EGYPT"

Vapor So Thick Captain On Bridge Was Unable to See Bow of Ship.

OFFICERS PULLED GUNS ON LASCAR SAILORS

Letter in Panic Crowded into Boats, Leaving Women to Perish in Sea.

Brest, May 22.—The thickest fog in years around Finistere-Ushant light alone was responsible for the catastrophe to the British steamship Egypt, according to Captain L. B. Harris, commanding officer of the freight steamer Seine, in his report to the Minister of Merchant Marine. The sinking of the Egypt Saturday night and nearly 100 persons lost their lives in the disaster.

"The fog was so thick," says the report, "that the captain on the bridge was unable to see the bow of his ship. On Saturday at 4.30 the fog became so thick I gave orders to slow down to fifty revolutions a minute, thus maintaining an average speed of six knots, when at seven o'clock I heard a fog horn quite close, and immediately a bulk appeared at right angles crossing our bow. I gave orders to reverse the engines, but too late, a terrible crash occurred, my ship striking the other amidships.

"The fog whistle was sounded, and I finally succeeded in catching sight of a great liner, which was listing badly to starboard. At 7.40 the ship, which later was identified as the Egypt went down by the stern.

"I ordered all the boats lowered and scoured the sea for hours picking up several dead and also many in whom life was not extinct. I gave up about 11.50 and return to Brest."

Searchers handicapped. The disaster occurred a few miles from Green Rocks where the Drummond Castle was wrecked in June, 1906, with a loss of 247 lives. The fog still hangs over the shores of Finistere, making the work of the searching parties difficult.

When the vessels came together those aboard the Egypt did not realize at first the extent of the damage caused by the little freighter Seine. It was some minutes before the liner began to heel over, and then the passengers dashed in great alarm from the dining room to the deck. Captain Collier urged them to be calm and ordered out the boats for which there was a rush. The Lascars, it is asserted, used clubs in an attempt to get possession of the boats but the officers drew their revolvers and drove them away.

Panic Story Confirmed. London, May 22.—It had not been for the Lascars and natives rushing for the boats, all the women would have been saved, this declaration is made in a signed statement given to the correspondent of the Evening News at Brest by Joseph Duff, a Scotchman, who was a passenger on the Egypt.

The correspondent declares that there is ample confirmation of a panic, although both passengers and officers of the ship are extremely reticent. He met Captain Collier walking along today as if in a daze. All he would say of the tragedy was, "I am the captain of the Egypt, and she is now lying at the bottom of the sea." Robert F. Boyan, a United States survivor, explained that the great list the Egypt took immediately after the collision made it difficult for the passengers to approach the lifeboats. He admitted there was a certain amount of panic.

SCOTT BOARD ENDS PUBLIC SESSIONS

Will Hold Private Session at Which Cost Sheets Will Be Submitted.

Halifax, May 22.—The Scott Conciliation Board which is enquiring into the wage dispute between the British Empire Steel Corporation and its coal mining employees, concluded its public sessions here today after hearing arguments by District President Robert Baxter, of the United Mine Workers, and D. H. Macdonald, vice-president of the British Empire Steel Corporation. The board will hold a private session at which Mr. Macdonald will submit cost sheets of the corporation.

ITALIANS FEARED TO ATTEND FUNERAL

Jimmy Loria, Victim of Black Hand, Buried in Hamilton By Protestants in Protestant Cemetery.

Hamilton, Ont., May 22.—The body of Jimmy Loria, the victim of the Beverly swamp murder, was laid away in the Protestant cemetery this morning at Dundas, although he was undoubtedly a Roman Catholic. No one claimed the body, and not a single Italian was present. Rev. Dr. Speers conducted the service and with the undertaker and his assistants he saw the coffin to the cemetery. It is believed that Italians are afraid to be identified in any way with Loria, fearing the vengeance of the Black Hand which is held responsible for a long series of murders in Ontario and New York States.

BROTHERHOOD RAILWAY TRAINMEN WELCOMED DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

Nicaraguan Revolt Soon Brought To End

Managua, Nicaragua, May 21.—A revolutionary movement broke out here today against President Diego, a band of rebels seizing fortress Loma, commanding the city. Upon representations from the United States minister John R. Bamer, however, the revolutionists later agreed to turn over the fort to the commander of the United States marines at ten o'clock tonight to be given back to the government.

IRISH LABOR PARTY HAS 21 CANDIDATES

Thus Far No Other Candidates Have Been Announced for June Elections.

Dublin, May 22.—The labor party has a list of 21 candidates for the June elections; but thus far no other candidates have been announced. Before Saturday's agreement was reached, the farmers union was considering putting forward candidates. It is thought there will be many uncontested seats. The expectation, however, that the whole election will, like that of 1920, consist of unopposed returns, is not entertained at the publicity department of the Dail Eireann.

In any event, the supporters of the treaty will see some increase in their majority in the new Dail, for the election will include four members of Trinity College, who favor the treaty and who are not members of the present Dail. Any independent candidates who may succeed would, it is generally thought, also be for the treaty.

At both previous assemblies of the Dail the oath of allegiance to the Irish Republic was taken, but it is not certain that there will be any oath at all in the third Dail. The oath was in the Irish language in which the first republic was given as "sacrosanct" which means Free State. Members could take the oath in that form, but the southern parliament would hardly take the Republican oath. The Dail will include members for the Ulster seats, and under a provision of the agreement those will be treated as uncontested returns and fall to their present holders. All these, with the exception of one, hold seats also in the southern parliament. The only point concerns only John O'Mahony, member for Fermannah.

HOPEFULLY AWAIT OUTCOME OF MEETING

Government Looks to Meeting of Financiers to Provide Solution of Reparations Tangle.

Paris, May 22.—The government is represented on the reparations commission are looking with considerable hope upon the prospect of a permanent solution of the German reparations question growing out of the meetings of the committee of international financiers, including J. P. Morgan of New York, which will begin in Paris Wednesday. The circumstances under which the company was formed indicate that the governments of Great Britain, France and Belgium are disposed in advance to receive the conclusions of the committee with deference.

WILL BRING DOWN BUDGET TODAY

Ottawa, May 22.—The prime minister informed the commons just prior to adjournment tonight that it was the desire of the government to have the budget debate continue from day to day until finished. The budget will be brought down tomorrow afternoon.

GOVERNMENT NAVAL POLICY BEFORE HOUSE

Arguments Featured by Gov't Supporters Declaring Against Laying Up Navy.

MARITIME TINGE GIVEN TO DEBATE

Considerable Fire Injected Into Proceedings by R. B. Hanson, of York-Sunbury.

Ottawa, Ont., May 22.—(By Canadian Press.)—The Government's naval policy, providing for one destroyer and two small vessels on each coast, with the consequent laying up of the Aurora and the two submarines, carried without division in the Commons tonight. The debate after three days of debate on the proposals put forward by Hon. George P. Graham, Minister of Defence.

Today's debate was featured by two outstanding departures from party policy, by a rebuke of the circumstances surrounding the sale of the cruiser Niobe, and by a strong defence of the Government's naval policy by Mr. Graham.

Party Breaks Occurred. The party breaks came when Hon. A. K. Maclean, Liberal member for Halifax, while stating that he had not heard any suggestions improving the Government's policy personally placed himself on record as believing that it was not practical, and that it would not succeed.

Therefore, he requested the government to see that the Aurora and the two submarines were properly cared for when taken out of commission. He suggested that these vessels be sold to the United States on conditions which were brighter. The second departure came when John Evans, Progressive member for the Maritimes, who, he claimed, the status of a nation, she should be prepared to accept the responsibilities and take her place in the world of nations.

He was in direct contrast to the stand taken by Hon. T. A. Crerar, who stressed the opinion that Canada should take a five year interval before she should contain proposals for increasing taxation so that Canada could pay her debts, he said.

Mr. Maclean, Minister of Militia, in defending the naval retort, declared that the Government's policy was merely a continuation of the Liberal policy enunciated in 1905. The Government was starting at the bottom and working up instead of commencing at the top. He was also of the opinion that the Government's policy would succeed.

Maritime Tinge To Debate.

The debate took on a decidedly maritime tinge, just prior to the dinner adjournment, when E. M. Macdonald, Liberal, Pictou, charged the late Government with being responsible for Canada's lack of naval vessels during the war. They had followed out the policies laid down in 1909 and 1911, and had scrapped the naval facilities created by the Liberal and other governments. The Maritime Provinces were dependent on United States destroyers for protection. There was a working arrangement between the British and United States governments.

Considerable fire was injected into the debate when R. B. Hanson, Conservative York-Sunbury, attacked the crews of these vessels were trained in drill halls. Mr. Macdonald retorted that in view of the Conservative naval policy work well to suit members of the late Government.

Niobe Sale. T. W. Caldwell reverted to the matter of the sale of the Niobe, and asked why the New Brunswick, which had been permitted to drop their contract to buy the boat at a fairly high figure. If the company was not financially sound, he said, it should not have been allowed to enter the contract in the first place.

Mr. Graham explained that through the Department of Justice, the Government had taken the Niobe back and \$5,000.00 in addition. This was besides the original payment of \$20,000.00. The Niobe was eventually sold for \$41,000.00, a scrap value. This, Mr. Minister considered was a good price under the circumstances.

Mr. Caldwell thought the Government should have called for further tenders in order to secure a better price. In the naval debate proper, R. H. Arthur, Maritimes, declared that no country had ever produced a volunteer naval force of any value through the method proposed by Mr. Graham. If Canada was going to take shelter in the Empire it was only fair that she should bear a fair share of the burden. The present Government, in abandoning the navy, was moving backward. Loyal, Liberal, member for Lunenburg, had made the most sensible suggestion when he asked that Canada quit playing with the naval question and deal with it in earnest.

HEAVY FISH FOR FISH CONCERN

Boston, May 22.—The Gorton Paw Fisheries Company, of Gloucester, one of the largest fish concerns in the United States, showed a gross deficit of \$2,913,000 in 1921, according to a statement presented in United States District Court here today during hearing of a petition for the appointment of a receiver.

CANADA BECOMES NAVAL FLAG STATION AMONG NATIONS

BRITISH GOV'T TO ISSUE BLUE BOOK ON GENOA CONFERENCE

Chamberlain Announces Steps Taken to See If U. S. Would Come to Hague.

NO OFFICIAL REPLY FROM THAT GOV'T

Americans Not to Be Asked to State Terms on Which They Would Co-operate.

London, May 22.—Austin Chamberlain, Government leader in the House of Commons, told today, questioners in the House that a blue book on the Genoa Economic Conference was being prepared and would be available tomorrow.

Mr. Chamberlain said steps were taken informally, through the United States Ambassador in Rome, to inquire whether an invitation to participate in the coming work at The Hague would be acceptable to the United States Government. The views of the United States Government were contained in a message, which had been communicated to the United States press, and the British Government had no further information.

Asked whether a reply had been received from Washington before an invitation was issued, Mr. Chamberlain said no invitation had been sent. To what further question as to whether he would ask the American Government on what terms it would co-operate, Mr. Chamberlain replied "no."

BRITISH AVIATION IN SERIOUS POSITION

This Year Will Find France With 226 Air Squadrons and Britain 12.

London, May 22.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Major W. T. Blaka, of the Royal Air Force, and Captain Norman MacMillan, who, on the death of Sir Ross Smith, took over the latter's plan to fly around the world, were entertained at luncheon in London today by the Daily News, Lord Montagu of Beaulieu presiding. It was announced that a private individual had found the entire money for the expedition.

Lord Montagu, speaking of the serious position of British aviation, said the end of 1922 would find the French with 226 air squadrons compared with Britain's 12.

Major Blaka acknowledged the help afforded by the Air Ministry of the Canadian and other governments. Major Blaka plans to start on the round the world flight in a couple of weeks and hopes to complete the trip in two months. The route will be through France, Italy, Greece, Egypt, India, China, Japan, Alaska, the United States and Newfoundland.

5 KILLED, 13 INJURED AT MOTOR CYCLE RACE

One of Competitors Going at 85 Miles An Hour, Crashed Into Group.

Barcelona, May 22.—Fifteen persons, including two children, were killed and thirteen injured at a motor cycle race today over the Terragona circuit. The spectators crowded on to the road when the race was at its height, and one of the competitors named Lombard, going at 85 miles an hour, struck a group, killing four. His mechanical also was killed, but he escaped serious injury.

HUNGRY BURGLARS GOT DOUGHNUTS

Sydney, N. S., May 22.—Hungry burglars broke into the ice house at the rear of the Bellevue restaurant here last night and carried off ten pounds of cooled meats and other supplies. A big stock of fresh doughnuts was completely wiped out.

ZITA OF AUSTRIA ROYALLY RECEIVED

Madrid, May 22.—Former Empress Zita of Austria, accompanied by her children and her mother, the archduchess Marie Theresia, arrived here today. King Alfonso, the Queen Mother and the Princess and the premier and foreign minister met Zita at the station. She had luncheon with the royal family at Pardo Palace.

VICTORIA DAY

The Standard Will Not Be Issued Tomorrow (Wednesday) Legal Holiday.

Deny Report of Revolution In Bulgaria

Vienna, May 22.—Apparently no revolution has taken place in Bulgaria. Belgrade advices, and also Bulgarian legation, minimize the reported troubles. There have been conflicts only between the Communists and the Wrangel soldiers, after a resolution was adopted by the Communists demanding the expulsion of the soldiers.

BELFAST HAS ANOTHER DAY OF TERRORISM

Houses Entered and Inmates Shot Down—Snipers Busy from House-Tops.

Belfast, May 22.—Late tonight three men knocked at the door of the home of former Sergeant Walsh in Newport, Tipperary. They were admitted by Walsh's wife. When Walsh made his appearance they killed him in the presence of his wife. Patrick Galligan was shot dead by unknown men in the same village.

John McLernon, a railwayman, was shot and killed in the Belfast depot this afternoon. This was the fifth murder in the vicinity of the depot since Friday.

This evening a sniper in Seaford street, fired at three men returning from work in Ballymacarrett. One of the men, George Lawson, was killed. Another sniper fired into a York street fruit store and wounded Mary Grant, 70 years old, in the stomach. The body of an unknown man riddled with bullets, was taken to a hospital during the afternoon.

Inspector Nixon, testifying today in the case of Desmond Crean, an amateur actor arrested in a taxicab in Belfast with a loaded revolver, said he found the following letter on the prisoner: "A meeting of the northeast advisory committee in Belfast, May 11, unanimously decided to convene a meeting of the whole advisory committee for the purpose of devising a definite plan of campaign to be adopted by the Nationalists in the northeast, whereby they can render important aid to the so-called government of Northern Ireland."

BURGH JURY FAILED TO REACH VERDICT

Second to Disagree on Guilt or Innocence of Man Accused of Murder.

Los Angeles, May 22.—The Burgh Jury was discharged today without reaching a verdict. The jury is the second to disagree on the guilt or innocence of Arthur C. Burch in connection with the slaying of J. Belmont Kennedy, Los Angeles broker, whose death Madeline Obichina also has been tried with a jury disagreement.

The case was placed on the calendar for next Saturday to be set for a third trial.

LAY CORNER STONE OF MEMORIAL HALL

Annapolis, N. S., May 22.—The corner stone of the Annapolis Memorial Hall, which will be erected in honor of the young men who lost their lives in the Great War, was laid today on the site of Port Anne. Addresses were delivered by Mayor King, Col. Bent, president of the Provincial G. W. V. A., Captain Hamilton, provincial secretary G. W. V. A., and the Very Rev. Dean Lynd of All Saints Cathedral, Halifax.

GRIFFITH HORRIFIED AT OUTRAGE

Declares Religion Made the Excuse for Political Vendetta in Belfast—Authorities Remain Indifferent.

Dublin, May 22.—Arthur Griffith, President of the Dail Eireann, in a statement issued today expressing horror at the assassination of W. J. Tweedell, a member of the Northern Parliament, says: "Religious hatred has been shown by many crimes in which religion was made the excuse for a political vendetta. Those who know Belfast, and have been responsible for public order, have not repudiated them. Mr. Tweedell's murder strikes at the foundation of representative government. The honor of the Irish nation is concerned therein. In its name I desire to express the deepest sympathy with those who mourn."

Gov't to Destroy \$2,000,000 Worth of Naval Ships to Save \$500,000.

CLOSE NAVAL YARDS AND COLLEGES

Will Cast Adrift Many Young Men Who Entered Upon Navy Career.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, May 22.—The Government's naval proposals, which practically scuttles what is left of the Canadian navy, passed the House tonight despite last moment protests by the Conservatives. The Government's measure saves a half a million dollars, considering last year's vote, but the "saving" will have the following effect: It will destroy the three most valuable ships we have out of the five at present in commission. In other words, it will at once scrap a couple of million dollars of value.

It will dismiss two thirds of the trained naval officers and men we have.

It will dismiss half the trained civilians at present in naval employ. It will close the Royal Naval College, Over forty youths, who have started training there, will be thrown out and this country will lose the value of some forty more who have passed through this college and are now completing their training (or Canada) in the Royal Navy and will have to be retrained for the British navy being cut down.

It will close the seamen's training establishment at Halifax and throw out there about sixty youths, between the ages of 15 to 18, who last year, in all good faith, were promised naval careers for seven years after attaining the age of 18, and who will be thrown on their own resources and out of employment probably for a considerable period.

The closing of the naval dockyards will throw 200 men out of employment, a very serious matter for these men.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of plant and machinery must be allowed to deteriorate and, in a little while, become a total loss. They are of little value for any but naval purposes, and cannot be used for a hundredth part of their cost.

What is Gained. And what is the saving. A saving of half a million dollars means, for the ten million people of Canada, a saving of 5 cents per head. To effect this saving, the Government will practically destroy the nucleus we have—the really efficient nucleus if such an adjective can apply to the word of useful naval force for Canada, or the possibility of Naval aid to our sister British nations should that aid be, unfortunately, ever needed.

If Canada intends to make any effort whatever in the future, either for her own naval defence, or to enable itself to share in the defence of the Empire, it is not economical or sensible to scrap the present naval organization which, modest as it is, is efficient and respectable, but which the present cut in the estimates must ruin.

The alternative offered is the naval training for two or three weeks each year of volunteers. But these can be of no use without a real corps of thoroughly trained. It takes five years continuous training to make a naval officer, or any efficient man-of-war men capable of handling war volunteers.

This to "save a million dollars in this year's estimates—to save 5 cents per head for the Canadian people—the government has practically destroyed the work of careers and five million dollars of capital cost in naval equipment, and also torn up the existing naval scheme so as to render the work of the navy a mere letter in the estimates of little naval value.

SCHOONER RAMMED BY SUBMARINE

Sank Just After Reaching Dock in Los Angeles Harbor.

Los Angeles, May 22.—The new steamer schooner Virginia Olsen, was rammed by the submarine D-7 in a dense fog off the breakwater, outside the harbor here today, and racing at full speed with a hole in the bow, sank just after reaching dock in the harbor here. Captain John Johnson reported that the submarine proceeded on its way seaward after the collision, and he did not know whether it was damaged or not.