

**SERIOUS SITUATION DEVELOPS FOR GREAT BRITAIN**

**Bolshevik Successes Bring Them in Closer Relationship With Afghanistan.**

London, Dec. 11.—A serious situation has developed in the Transcaucasian region, where, as a recent Bolshevik official statement showed, the Bolshevik claim to have resumed the offensive and occupied Karsakli. The British war office reports afford no confirmation of this claim but its truth is generally accepted.

It is pointed out that the Bolshevik advance in this region might easily result in a grave position for Great Britain in Asia, as the Bolshevik successes bring them in closer relations with Afghanistan and create a danger that these two influences, adverse to the British, will combine to make trouble on the border of India. It is concluded that the Bolshevik and the Afghan have a common desire to see Great Britain embarrassed in these regions.

Nothing Expected  
The opening of the national capital on Monday of the second conference called by the President for the purpose of devising a workable plan for bringing about harmonious relations between organized labor and the managers of organized industry has attracted a far less amount of speculative or expectant interest than the first conference occasioned. Apparently there is no general expectation that the second conference will work out to anything of real importance.

**STMR. MECICIAN REPORTED AFIRE OFF CAPE RACE**

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 11.—The Leyland liner Mercian reported in wireless messages late today that she was afloat thirty-five miles south of Cape Race.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 11.—The Leyland line steamer Mercian, which was reported afloat off Cape Race late today, is a freighter and carries no passengers, according to local officers of the line. She left here December 6th, in command of Captain Carnon, bound for Manchester and Liverpool, stopping at Louisburg, C. B. for bunker coal. The crew was said to number about fifty men. She registers 4,082 tons.

**Two Brothers Lost Lives In The Fire**

**Isaac S. and John S. Mann Were Burned to Death When City Road House Was Destroyed by Fire Yesterday Morning.**

The bodies of Isaac S. Mann and John S. Mann, who lost their lives in the fire which destroyed the two and a half story house, 244 City Road, owned by Mrs. Susan Case, yesterday morning, were recovered shortly after 6 o'clock. That of Isaac Mann was found near the window in a sitting posture. He was clothed in his underwear and socks, and from the position of the body it is supposed he tried to reach the window and was overcome before he could open it and let the smoke out. His brother, John, was found near the door, he having evidently tried to get out that way. The clothing of both was burned and their faces blackened, but the features were not greatly disfigured.

The fire originated in the bedroom occupied by the two men who lost their lives, but the cause is unknown. The bodies were taken to N. W. Brennan's mortuary chambers, after being viewed by Coroner Kenney, who stated there would not likely be an inquest.

Policeman Walter Coughlan, while going his rounds, discovered the fire, which had a good start. He immediately sent in an alarm from box 412, and by this time the flames had burst through the roof. The policeman



hastened to the burning house to arouse the inmates. After entering the building he made gallant attempts to reach the room that the Mann brothers occupied, but was driven back by the dense smoke. A nephew of the unfortunate brothers told a Standard reporter that once he reached his uncle's bedroom door, something fell against it and he could not get it open. The smoke was so thick he lost his footing and tumbled down the stairs. He believes the obstruction to the door was one of his uncles falling against it. The house was occupied by three

families; on the ground floor, William Peacock, an elderly blind man, and his daughter; on the second floor, Mrs. Case, who owned the building, and Mrs. J. B. Mercer, sister of the two men who lost their lives.

Mr. Peacock had a narrow escape, being removed to a place of safety by Sgt. Journey and Detective Saunders. Mrs. May Case had her arm and shoulder bruised by falling plaster.

Mrs. Mercer, in talking of the fire, stated that she was awakened by a crackling noise, which sounded like water dripping, and a few minutes later a sound of a fall in her brother's room. Going out into the hall, she met Policeman Walter Coughlan. She could smell smoke and see it coming down the stairs. She told the officer her brothers were upstairs, and he made several attempts to reach them, but the smoke was too thick. Her brothers were in the best of spirits before retiring, and expected to leave in a day or two to spend Christmas with friends in the country.

Isaac Mann was seventy years of age. For a number of years he was employed with the I. C. R. as carpenter at the roundhouse, but was retired about eight years ago. John S. Mann, also a carpenter, had for some years resided at Dorchester, Mass., but had been in the habit of spending his winters in this city. Isaac is survived by his wife, three sons and three daughters, living in Dorchester, and Mrs. Mercer.

Mrs. Case carried some insurance on the house and furniture, but not nearly enough to cover the loss. Mrs. Mercer and family were cared for at the home of W. H. White, 319 City Road, and Mrs. Case and family were taken into the home of Mrs. George Howes, Brimley street.

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