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Disastrous Fire in Montreal.

Reply to Germany's Security Pact Proposals Received --- Bishop Mowll Amongst the Kidnapped Missionaries.

BERLIN RECEIVES SECURITY PROPOSALS.

BERLIN, Aug. 24.

Gustave Stresmann, German Foreign Minister, late on Tuesday afternoon received from the French Ambassador, M. De Margerie, the French reply to Germany's Security Pact proposals. Of the numerous diplomatic documents exchanged between Germany and the Entente Powers in recent years, none, probably, has excited such a measure of impatience as the note which, coming from M. Briand, French Foreign Minister, in behalf of the Allies, finally reached Berlin after having made a circuitous route of the European capitals. The reply will be made public on Friday morning.

MONTREAL HAS DISASTROUS FIRE.

MONTREAL, Aug. 24.

A disastrous blaze, which swept two blocks in the vichnity of St. Denis street, in the east of the city on Sunday night, and which was still blazing at an early hour this morning, is responsible for the summoning of every available unit of the Montreal fire fighting department and resulted in injuries, more or less severe, to five firemen. Buildings within the confines of two blocks were almost completely destroyed, while many others, within a wide radius, were considerably damaged. The loss could not be estimated but it is believed it will run into the millions of dollars. The fire broke out about 11 o'clock last night and raged for nearly three hours before it was finally brought under control. Sixty-one families were driven from their homes and an apartment house, twenty dwelling houses, an ice house and a stable were destroyed.

MISSIONARIES CAPTIVE.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 24.

Inquiries as to the whereabouts and welfare of eight British Missionaries, kidnapped by Chinese bandits on August 6th, have thus far been fruitless. The party, including Bishop Mowll, formerly of Toronto, and five women, were taken at a holiday resort, but the details of their capture are lacking. Last week's reports said that the captives were being decently treated. (Bishop Mowll is well known to many in S.t John's, having conducted a mission at St. Thomas's a couple of years ago.—Ed.)

A SILVER MERGER.

TORONTO, Aug. 24.

One of the biggest silver mergers in the history of the north, as far as potential possibilities go, is under consideration at the present time. The three companies involved are Castle, Capitol, and Everett, with an acreage of about 1500.

RELIGIOUS RIOTS IN INDIA.

CALCUTTA, Aug. 24.

Eighteen persons were injured in serious rioting of Hindus and Moslems near here to-day.

POLICE CHIEF DIES FROM MOTOR ACCIDENT.

GLACE BAY, Aug. 24.

Chief of Police, Daniel Martin, of Reserve, died in hospital to-day from injuries received in a motor accident on Tuesday.

Amazing Robbery at Wembley

LOOS FOR DIRECTOR OF BOOTLE COMPANY.

Black opals to the value of £350 were stolen in the Australian Pavilion at Wembley about three weeks ago.

One of the directors of the Anglo-South American Bank, after inspecting the collection, bought a number of black opals, valued at £350.

While he was writing out the cheque he was relieved of the stones.

The owner is Mr. Edward J. Cornish, whose address is given as c/o Williams, Harvey and Company, tin smelters, Bootle, Liverpool, and the theft took place at the stand of Mr. J. N. Jenkins, a representative at Wembley of the Lightning Ridge Black Opal Fields, Australia.

At the time of the robbery there were £3,000 to £4,000 worth of precious stones scattered about on the glass counter, and it was stated that Mr. Cornish, with Mrs. Cornish and a lady friend, had spent over an hour examining the various valuables.

The sale of the three opals had actually taken place, so that the loss was sustained by Mr. Cornish, who, it is understood, is offering £50 reward for them, one of which is regarded as unique of its kind.

In Lady's Handbag.

A graphic description of the affair was given by Mr. Jenkins. Mrs. Cornish, he said, first of all put the lid on the box with the three gems inside and placed it in his pocket. Mrs. Cornish, however, took the box from the pocket and thinking, perhaps, that it would be safer, placed it in her handbag.

A large crowd was gathered in the vicinity of the jewellery exhibit at the time, and Mrs. ornish's lady friend became rather nervous, saying: "Be sure you close your bag for there are a lot of people looking."

A few moments later Mrs. Cornish glanced down, and in a horrified voice exclaimed: "My bag is open and the box has gone."

Nobody, apparently, had any idea of the appearance of the thief.

"A curious fact was," said Mr. Jenkins, "that a purse full of money was also in the handbag but this was not touched; which seems to prove that the thief carefully watched for his opportunity, and knew what was in the box that he was taking."

Mr. Cornish had just been considering the purchase of another stone valued at over £1,000.

Mrs. Jenkins was also present at the time of the theft, but neither she nor any of the assistants saw any suspicious looking people in the exhibit.

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"Lights Out"

Remarkable Feature Delights Majestic Patrons.

In "Lights Out," the comedy-drama by Paul Dickey and Mann Page, now showing at the Majestic Theatre, an unique duel is fought between two excellent swordsmen, one armed with a club, the other with a delicate steel rapier carried in a cane.

The screen fight is between Theodore Von Eltz, in real life the son of a baron, who received his instruction in the art of duelling from a great European fencing master, and Ben Deely, his opponent, who has made fencing a hobby for years.

According to Al Santell, the director, the duel was a difficult one because two distinct styles of thrust were needed by the two participants to suit the weapons they used. Von Eltz, with his clumsy stick, had to adopt a defensive style of combat to avoid contact with the keen jabs of the rapier, nimbly handled by Deeley. Deeley, though on the offensive had to keep his weapon clear of the gigantic swings of the bludgeon. To make the scene harder, Von Eltz was forced to back up and down stairways, over tables and chairs and through doorways, and at the same time keeping his eye on the sharp point which constantly threatened him.

Beside red-blooded action, "Lights Out" is full of good comedy, resulting from the confusion of identity of two characters, one a bank robber and the other an actor who impersonates him in a screen play. The villian's unfamilarity with moving picture deceptions, and the actor's astonishment at being treated like a scroundrel, form a substantial basis for many amusing mix-ups.

The cast includes Walter McGrail, Ben Hewlett, Hank Mann, Marie Astaire and others.

Majestic fans who saw it last night were delighted with the feature which will be shown again to-night and to-morrow afternoon and night.

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France Will Pay U. S.

COMMISSION TO MEET SOON.

The proposition which the French debt delegation will place before the American debt funding commission shortly will be a "gentleman's," in the words of Caillaux, Finance Minister of France. This proposition, Caillaux said, would be a definite sum which France will be able to pay annually to the United States according to her fullest capacity. The Finance Minister stressed the point that he hoped to find the Americans and English both as reasonable in their consideration of France's capacity for payment as of that of the "people who were on the other side of the fence a few years ago."

Caillaux said that under no conditions would he agree to make any settlement which was likely to load future generations in France with a burden greater than they could carry and that the delegation, which he hoped to lead personally, could not assume the responsibility of placing before the French Parliament a project of debt settlement that did not comply with the above conditions. The membership of the French debt commission has not yet been decided on, according to the Finance Minister.

So far as internal finances go, Caillaux expressed satisfaction with the way the new four per cent. gold coupon loan was selling. Some worry has been caused by the bank clerks' strike, which has interfered to a moderate degree with sales and made the treasury operations difficult and longer than usual—especially in the cashing of cheques which have been paid to the treasury on account of taxes and other duties. Caillaux described the treasury as "well off" in connection with the heavy bond maturities in September and December of this year. He said he was satisfied with the 1925 budget, but that the 1926 budget would show far greater improvements and he hoped to obtain a substantial excess of revenue over expenditure.

Caillaux declared the new loan was a "prudent" step towards restoring the gold standard in France and humorously added: "But you must not take this as criticism of what has been attempted elsewhere." He said that if the conversion loan does not continue at a satisfactory rate throughout the coming months he would use stronger methods in order to restore financial stability, but he refused to state just what measures he had in mind, saying he was confident the French people would follow his lead.

The Finance Minister ended the interview by saying he was planning a new loan in order to wind up the restoration of the devastated regions once and for all. But he would not say whether it would be internal or foreign. In this connection he said it was wise first to ask his own people for money and then seek foreign markets for other operations, and this may be interpreted as a sign that Caillaux hopes to raise the money for completing the rebuilding of the war-torn area abroad—probably in America.

Replying to a question on the cost of the Moroccan war, Caillaux said that the 200,000,000 francs appropriated by the treasury since the operations started had not been used up yet and that the cost was not excessive.

Shenandoah to be Equipped for War

The dirigible Shenandoah has been ordered equipped with machine guns, the first armament of any kind planned for her.

Work of installing the batteries will begin at Lakehurst, N.J., this week beginning August 17 the craft will engage in gun training exercises and target practice.

Ten machine guns of the standard 30-calibre type will be installed. Two will be paced in the forward control cabin, one on each side; one will be placed in each of the four power cars; two will be placed in the after-car and two will be mounted on top of the huge bag.

No such installation is planned for the airship Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles was constructed under an agreement providing for its use only as a commercial carrier.

Under a schedule announced by the U. S. Navy Department the Shenandoah will depart about Sept 1 for its deferred flight to the Middle West. Although the itinerary has not been completed it was said she would pick up the route of the Los Angeles, interrupted in Ohio in early summer when on her way to Minnesota, and go to Minneapolis and St. Paul by way of Detroit, where there is a mooring mast to which she can tie up. From Minnesota she will extend her itinerary to take in Des Moines, Ia., for the State Fair, which ends Sept. 4.

During the remainder of August further tests will be conducted with the aircraft tender Patoka, which will be based at Newport, R.I., the Shenandoah operating from both Lakehurst and Newport. In the week beginning August 10 experiments were carried out, with the Patoka towing the Shenandoah, to test the feasibility of moving air cruisers in this manner to save fuel. Refueling at sea, gunnery training and other experiments followed.

Worth Knowing

To clean a mackintosh, take a raw potato, cut in half, and rub the soiled parts with the cut side. Rub well with a damp flannel, and then hang up to dry.

Black silk stockings should be washed in salt and cold water before wearing, so as to "set" the dye, or you will find your feet discoloured. When washing after wearing, dip into strong blue water after rinsing; this will help to keep them a good colour.

To keep a loaf or cake fresh for as long a time as possible, cut in the centre and use from each side. By placing the two cut edges closely together and wrapping in a clean cloth, they will keep fresh and moist.

Greasy skins are a worry during the hot weather. Leave an oatmeal bag in your ewer overnight and do without soap in the morning. A hot douche overnight, finished off with rinsing with cold water to which a dash of eau-de-cologne has been added, will cleanse and close the pores.

Old stockings make excellent wrappings for shoes when travelling instead of paper, which is usually called into service and makes an untidy mess when unpacked. Cut off the legs to within a few inches of the feet, and slip the shoes into the feet portions. They will take up very little room, and the "bags" may be rolled up together when not in use.

The Guards, St. Bon's, C.L.B. and Feildians are competing for the Crosbie Trophy at the Feildian Sports on Wednesday afternoon.—aug25,1i

Fishery Report

The following fishery reports have been received for the week ending August 22nd, 1925:—

Riverhead, Spaniard's Bay, to Upper Island Cove—Total landed to date 88 qtls.; for the week 18 qtls.; 18 skiffs are operating. Prospects poor; squid plentiful. Skiffs averaging from 1 quintal to 2 quintals daily. All taken on trawls.

Carbonear to Crocker's Cove—Total landed to date 100 qtls.; for the week 10 qtls. Three boats are fishing; plenty squid.

South Point, Brigus to Bay Roberts Point—Total landed to date, 500 qtls.; for the week 200 qtls.; 25 motor boats are fishing. Trap fishery over and was a failure. Hook and liners doing a little. Port de Grave reports good prospects with trawls.

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