

French Government Issues Official Denial.

Were not Approached by Germans—German Newspapers Suppressed—Carnarvon Poisoned by Egyptian Scarab.

A FRENCH DENIAL.

PARIS, March 19. The Government yesterday issued an official denial of the London story to the effect that Herr Von Hoelsche, the German Charge d'Affaires, approached the Foreign Office with a proposal to negotiate a settlement of the Ruhr and Reparations questions.

HOWA IN THE GRIP OF A BLIZZARD.

BOONE, Iowa, March 19. The worst blizzard in a quarter of a century is sweeping this part of the state today. Trains are stalled in snowdrifts and church services were impossible yesterday.

NEWSPAPERS SUPPRESSED.

COMBLEZ, March 19. Of fourteen hundred and fifty newspapers published in Ruhr and Rhineland, four hundred and sixty-five have been suppressed by Occupation authorities, and eighteen editors and publishers have been deported with their families.

GEN. ENNIS ACCIDENTALLY WOUNDED.

DUBLIN, March 19. Free State troops patrolling Rut-

land Square last night fired on General Thomas Ennis, who was wounded in the thigh.

TOWN BLAMELESS.

BERLIN, March 19. It is reported from Buer that the Burgomaster and Savings Bank Manager have been released by the French authorities who are said to have declared that the town is blameless for the murder of two French officials.

UNIMPOUNTED.

PARIS, March 19. The French Boxing Federation declares that no title is involved in the McTigue-Siki match on Saturday evening and Siki is still champion so far as the rules of the International Boxing Union are concerned.

SUFFERING FROM BLOOD POISON.

CAIRO, March 19. Earl Carnarvon, supervisor of the expedition digging treasure from the tomb of Kink Tutankhamen, is suffering severely from blood poisoning, presumably the result of an insect bite.

Brigus Jottings.

A REVIEW OF MEN AND THINGS.

For some time past Rev. O. Jackson, assisted by some of our principal citizens, have been making efforts by means of concerts, etc., to all the causes of the blind in this community. We have quite a few blind in this section of the district who have had to sit in darkness and lead a perfectly aimless existence, only waiting for the time when death will bring them to a country where darkness is unknown. We are fully alive to the immense strides which science and teaching have made in the cultivation of the other senses to such an extent, that beyond the physical deprivation of light there is little that the blind cannot do to help themselves to a living and also to a social existence. We had great hopes that the present administration would have made it possible that an institution could have been established in St. John's wherein all the modern methods of instruction for the blind could have been obtained. We of course have heard that Mr. Weir approached the Government with this object in view and had been refused any help. It is now alleged that in addition to being refused help Mr. Weir and his blind were considered as some member of the present administration, to a considerably warmer climate than the one we now live in. We can hardly believe this to be true. The present administration being, as it is, entirely made up of men of culture and refinement, such a direction coming from any one of them would be almost unbelievable. We must look upon malicious reports such as this as the height of uncharitableness, as foreign to men of such high ideals and public spirit, and, but we can assuredly say that if an administration, no matter how black had been its record, had granted to those poor creatures a means to lift themselves out of the black obscurity in which they are now living, had granted them a means to become independent and earn for themselves, it would have added a star to its crown that would have overshadowed a multitude of mistakes.

The 1923 hockey season ended, as far as Brigus is concerned, with a match between Bay Roberts and in team from Brigus made up of a junior six. Brigus won by 8 goals to 2.

During the recent visit to St. John's of the Brigus hockey team they were successful in wrestling one game out of the two played against the aggregation of the league teams. The third or who-shall game was to have been played against the champion Guards, but owing to some hitch in the arrangements did not materialize, which was a pity, as our lads were confident of giving the Guards a top-up game.

The members of the Brigus team wish to thank, through the medium of "Brigus Jottings" the Curfew Club, which so kindly entertained them after the second game, and also the members of the St. John's Hockey Association who tried with each other to make their visit to St. John's so extremely pleasant.

We have a couple of would-be independents (one with a string of letters after his name a yard long) making quite a lot of noise, but nobody takes either of them seriously.

Obituary.

MR. WILLIAM TOBIN—THE LAST OF THE OLD GUARD OF REPAIRERS.

(H. F. SHORTIS.)

Monday I received a telegram from Mr. R. S. Munn Harbor Grace, announcing the sad news that Mr. Wm. Tobin, the doyen of telegraph repairers, fortified with rites of Holy Church, had passed away peacefully and trustfully into the arms of his Creator, whose call to render an account of the inestimable gift of a truly Christian life, was obeyed with the same spirit of submission that actuated him throughout. His many sterling qualities and kindness of heart endeared him to a wide circle of friends while in his family life he was a most devoted husband and father. The deceased would be about 80 years of age. To give a sketch of the life and experience of William Tobin would be to write the history of the great telegraph enterprise in this country, which I have already given in the Evening Telegram. He was one of those hardy pioneers in telegraph extension who saw the greatest invention of modern times in its swiftest and most efficient use, and taking it by the hand placed it successfully and firmly on the basis as we see it to-day. I do not know the exact date that he joined up as repairer in the old New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company, but I know that he was stationed at Grandy's Brook on the old West Line in 1862, with the late Alex. J. Saunders, father of the present Superintendent H. A. Saunders of the Anglo-American Telegraph Co., as chief operator. Previous to going on the old West Line, he was employed with the regular repairers along the line round Conception Bay. I cannot remember, at present, an operator or repairer alive in Newfoundland to-day who was contemporaneous with William Tobin when he first entered upon his duties. At Grandy's there was Durfee, and previous to him Mat Scanlan; Smith at Channel; Small at White Bear Bay; Roberts at Rose Blanche; White at Burgeo; Roche at Placentia, then along the line were Mike Kavanagh, G. M. Gaden, Mort Brien, Leslie at Bay d'Espoir; Blackadar at Black River; Thomey and Philpott at Bay du Nord; and previous to them Jim Scanlan and many others. Among the repairers the veterans of a thousand fights, were Abbott, Larner, Henderson, Ned and Tom Foley, Lemoine, Gosney of Black River, and some score or more of picked men. But good and all as they were Wm. Tobin stood out most prominent—a man of splendid physique, indomitable courage, grim determination and herculean strength. He was always to be relied on in every emergency, and well the late Supt. A. M. Mackay was aware of the fact. Perhaps a few of his almost incredible experiences will give a slight idea of the characteristics of the deceased, as well as the unquenchable spirit and wonderful hardihood possessed by him in his younger days. In the early sixties of the past century he went over his section, thirty miles and return, from Grandy's Brook to Cling Cret—sixty miles in one day. On another occasion there were two lines across the country, and some trouble occurred. After a great North East thaw and heavy freshets, which burst up all the ice on the rivers and rendered travelling impossible, orders were sent on by Mr. Mackay to start the repairers west from Grandy's Brook, and east from Garla. Wm. Tobin went over his section, notwithstanding the condition of the country, and returned to the office reporting his section in first class condition and no trouble. The trouble was still on. Grandy's Brook called up Garla, and the Garla operator challenged Tobin's report, claiming it was impossible for him (Tobin) to get over his section, as the Garla repairer could only get two miles from his station, when he found the first brook impassable to him. A further order went from Grandy's Brook to start Tobin again, to continue until he met the Garla repairer or go on to Garla Office. Mr. Tobin started at daylight, knowing full well that his section was O.K. He took the shortest cut through an almost unknown country, removed his clothing, tied it up and secured it on his head, swam the rivers, removing the ice floating about, with his hands. When he arrived at the main river dividing his section from the Garla repairer's he was undecided, for a moment, what to do; whether to remain on his own side or swim the river that night, or face it in the morning. At last he made up his mind and plunged in—swam the river (late in December), cut wood to make a fire and dry his clothes (his food being also wet), afterwards continued on towards Garla, thirty miles distant. Nothing gave him serious trouble until he reached LaPolle river about 9 o'clock in the afternoon, when he found the foaming billows rushing down. Even his dauntless courage had to give way for the moment, but he was determined to get across. All alone in the wilds of the country he followed the river down, thinking to cross down by the side of the salt water—which he found to be also impossible; the tide being very high, with a tremendous sea on. He retraced his steps back to the river a mile or two up, but to no

purpose, and once more returned to the seashore. Darkness had now overtaken him. In the meantime the tide was falling and conditions were improving, so he decided to swim across the head of LaPolle Bay. He was a most powerful swimmer, and like a duck in the water. He landed on the other side, and took the line again and continued towards Grandy's Brook. One other river intervened, which he overcame, and arrived safely at Grandy's Brook at 11 o'clock in the night, having removed the trouble on the line seven miles east of the station. Such was the deceased veteran—the last of the old repairers of the old New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Co. of over sixty years ago. After the amalgamation of the above Company with the Anglo-American, the latter taking over the line, and the former having ceased to exist, Mr. Tobin was stationed at Harbor Grace, where he resided up to the time of his death. About 1887 he spent some time in Gambo, and it was there his feet were severely frostbitten, while in the discharge of his duties. Day or night William Tobin was ever ready to go on his section in case of trouble on the line, and when I was telegrapher, I often wondered how human flesh could withstand the hardship undergone by him upon many occasions—out in the heart of the country in bitter frost, blinding snowstorms, gales of wind and rainstorms, yet the dauntless spirit of Wm. Tobin had never been known to yield, and never was it known that he returned to the office without having found and repaired the break or other trouble on the line. What a responsibility rested upon the success of one man—the repairer—when, in the old days, the business of the Old World and the New was held up, until the trouble was repaired, and well William Tobin knew the great responsibility that rested on him—and never was he known to fail. The deceased leaves a son, Rory, telegraph operator in Heart's Content, one sister, Mrs. Edward Sinnott of Placentia to mourn their sad loss. His wife (nee Miss Bridget Hargraves), daughter of that highly respected citizen of former years in Harbor Grace, Mr. Roger Hargraves, who was one of the first men who 125 years ago, purchased the land upon which the Roman Catholic Cathedral now stands, predeceased him about fifteen years ago. Requiescat in pace.

McMurdo's Store News.

TUESDAY, March 20. Buckley's Bronchitis Mixture is a powerful remedy. No matter how severe your cough may be, you can be almost certain of a cure by its timely use. And not only is it a cough and bronchitis mixture, but contains ingredients that enable it to help those who have gripper or "flu." Buckley's is different from any other preparation of the kind on the market, and in Canada, where it is manufactured, it has a great reputation and considerable sale. If you have a really bad cold or appear to be threatened with gripper or "flu," you will be well advised to secure a bottle at once, and begin its use. Generally two or three doses are sufficient to stop the progress of the cold. Price 75c. a bottle.

Woman Suffrage.

APPROVAL BY CHURCH DIGNITARIES. Editor Evening Telegram, Dear Sir,—Prompted by a desire to correct inaccurate statements that have obtained circulation that the Catholic Church is opposed to Woman's Suffrage, and that it is a heretical movement, we would ask you to kindly give publicity to the following utterances from well-known Church dignitaries:— Pope Benedict XV.—"Je voudrais voir des femmes electrices partout." (I would like to see women voters everywhere). Cardinal Gibbons, (an anti-suffragist).—"It is incorrect to say that the Catholic Church is opposed to Woman's Suffrage." Cardinal Moran.—"The woman who says she does not want the vote, and would not know how to use it is a silly creature." Rev. Father Straphin, S.J.—"The Catholic Church has always upheld the equality of the sexes. Bowing down in hand would take too much time and space, but these statements from the Catholic Hierarchy should surely lay the bogey 'The Church is opposed' to rest." Yours truly, CATHOLIC SUFFRAGISTS. March 19, 1923.

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram. CAPS RACE, To-day. Wind west south west. Blowing strong, raining, coast blocked tight with ice as far as can be seen, the steamer Senet passed in 6 p.m. yesterday; nothing sighted to-day.—Bar. 28.78; Ther. 44.

Grove Hill Bulletin.

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Guards Elect 1923 Officers.

SEVERAL PRESENTATIONS MADE.

The annual meeting of the Guards Old Comrades Association was held in the club rooms last night. The report of the secretary was read and adopted and moved that the club was in a flourishing condition. After all business had been transacted the election of officers for the ensuing year followed and resulted in the following: President—H. J. Russell. Vice-President—L. White. Secretary—W. J. Grouchy. Treasurer—N. Ellis. Chaplain—Rev. J. G. Joyce. Committee—A. Roney, Major B. Butler, D.S.O., Major March, M.C., C. R. Peet.

Some presentations were made during the evening, three members being presented with billiard cues for winning top places in the Club tournament. The lucky winners were: Mr. A. Harvey Thomas, Mr. Wm. Newbury and Mr. Roy Perry. A couple of other presentations were also to be made, but as the parties were not present these were held over for a future occasion. After the Sports, Club, Social and Library Committees had been appointed the meeting adjourned. The Guards Old Comrades intend to take an active part in the various athletic competitions during the summer. They have lots of new material in their ranks and are bound to be heard from both on the track and football field.

Lectured on O'Connell.

ENJOYABLE EVENING AT T. A. HALL.

A very enjoyable concert and lecture took place at the T. A. Club rooms last night. The musical programme was divided into two parts. Instrumental selections preceding the lecture whilst vocal numbers followed. Amongst those contributing were Messrs. Ted Power, T. Dawney, Leo Dillon and R. J. Power. Mr. J. Clance gave a recitation. The lecture was delivered by Mr. J. O. Higgins, L.L.B., who took as his subject, "Daniel O'Connell." The life of the Irish Liberator was treated in a very able manner and brought forth much applause.

Rosalind's Passengers.

The following have booked passage by S.S. Rosalind, sailing to-morrow noon for Halifax:—Mrs. W. Pike and child, J. and Mrs. Kavanagh, R. Martin, Miss K. Oates, E. D. Bates, Miss E. B. Byrne, C. A. C. Bruce, Capt. Amundsen, and about 70 second class.

Obituary.

LAWRENCE STACE.

"Thou shalt all seasons for thine own, O Death." After being fortified by the rites of the R. C. Church the soul of Lawrence Stace, Petty H.R., was borne from pain and suffering to life eternal by death in his visitation of March 14th. Deceased had just completed his 64th birthday. He was for a number of years proprietor of Fernside Hotel, but those late years engaged solely in the fishery business. By his good character he had endeared himself to all, and his presence was like sunshine lighting up life's dreary way. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to a widow, one son, four daughters, two sisters, two brothers and eight grandchildren left to mourn.—E.C.

S.S. Silvia arrived at Halifax at 4 a.m. and sails again for here on Wednesday.

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4295. Novelty woolen, and serge are combined in this model. The style is also good for serge, jersey or wash materials.

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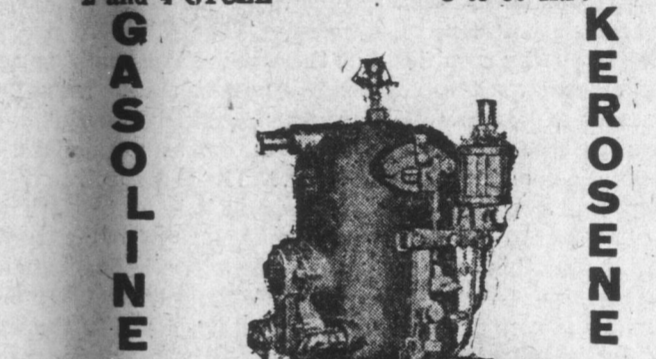
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