

INCENDIARISM AND STRIKES IN ERIN

Two Court Houses Burned—Serious Extension of Railway Troubles.

Dublin, May 25—A serious extension of the railway trouble here occurred today when the railway men refused to transport war materials and loaded into a train by soldiers after the dockers had declined to work.

The supplies were destined for the west of Ireland and when the soldiers tried to move the train the signal men struck and all work was stopped.

Court House Burned.
Tobercurry Sligo, Ireland, May 25—Judge Wakeley was unable to open the quarter sessions here today because the court house was burned early Monday morning. One hundred armed men participated in the destruction of the building.

Oppose U. S. Action.
Boston, May 25—The American Unitarian Association adopted resolutions today urging congress to refrain from taking any action on the Irish question which might endanger the friendship of the United States and Great Britain.

London, May 25—A despatch to the Star from Dublin reports the holding of a meeting by the Irish Farmers' Union which considered the draft of a plan for the formation of a country-wide body known as the "Farmers' Freedom Force."

This proposed force, say the message, would seek to protect agricultural pursuits "by force, if necessary, against labor, socialism and Bolshevism, irrespective of whatever political developments may occur in the country."

The despatch continues:—"The organization owes its inception to the embargo recently imposed by the socialistic laborites against the export of pigs, lard and butter to Great Britain, which the farmers say threatens the ruin of the country."

CANADA TO BE REPRESENTED

Dominions Asked to Nominate Delegates to Spa Conference.

London, May 25—In view of the approaching conference at Spa it has been decided to revive the British empire delegation. The four dominions, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, have been asked to nominate a representative who will discuss with the Imperial cabinet the various questions arising out of the war.

CELEBRATED THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING

A very pleasant event took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Baxter, Collina, on May 21, when relatives gathered to help them celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding.

A pleasant incident was the presence of their four sons, no break having occurred in their family during their fifty years of married life. They received many presents, including cash, silver, linen, and glass. After a bounteous supper the evening was spent in music and social chat.

Those invited were: Mr. and Mrs. Walker Baxter and family, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Baxter and family, Frank Baxter, Clarence Baxter, Charles Baxter, Collina; Mrs. Annie Sproul, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Pearson, St. John; Miss Dora Baxter, Frank Ellison, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Medley Pearson and family, Highfield; Mr. and Mrs. William McFarlane, St. John; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Parks, Mrs. Hannah Parks, Miss Ethel Parks and Mrs. Medley Parks, St. John; Mrs. Pearson, Highfield.

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PARIS SMALL CHANGE FAMINE RELIEVED

Paper Franc and 50-Centime Notes Issued—Silver Has Entirely Disappeared.

Paris, May 25—A minor hardship of life in Paris has been removed. After months of shortage in silver change in which pockets of postage stamps became most common currency banknotes for one franc and fifty centimes have been issued by the Chamber of Commerce of the city, which are exchangeable against Bank of France notes.

In a few months more discs of base metal are to be substituted for the notes, which will inevitably become in a very short time torn and dirty; but after the stamp regime anything is welcomed which gives relief.

The franc notes are about two-thirds the size of a dollar bill and the fifty-centime notes about half that size. Both are well designed and carry the picture of Minerva in a hat like an inverted flowerpot, which would not disgrace the Rue de la Paix.

On the back of the franc note appear reproductions of the designs of the two sides of the silver franc which it replaces.

What has become of these silver francs and half francs is one of the greatest mysteries of the war. Before the war there were millions in circulation, and fresh issues have been made as recently as three months ago. But as fast as they came from the bank they disappeared into the hoards of the peasants or over the frontiers into Switzerland and other countries, where they were melted down into ingots, of which the values at the present price of silver was much greater than the face value of the francs.

In the last weeks the disappearance has been complete. But where all these millions of silver coins with the graceful figure of the sower have gone remains, in spite of these explanations, largely a mystery.

Of copper coins there still remain enough, but their purchasing power is very much reduced. Once upon a time, laments a writer in Le Matin this morning, one could buy something for a had still not won the war, children could get a sou's worth of bonbons at a candy store; buns at the baker's cost a sou; the milkman would sell a sou's worth of milk; one could buy a pencil, an eraser, a bottle of ink, for a sou, or enough vegetables for a bowl of soup.

One could travel a certain distance on a trolley for a sou. Even Le Matin could be bought for a sou.

"Alas! How times have changed! Today with a sou in my pocket I scoured the city to find something to buy with it. The baker shrugged his shoulders; the grocer regarded me as a curious phenomenon; the milkman showed me the door with a grimace; the bookseller laughed aloud. For four hours I wandered from shop to shop in vain. There is nothing in Paris that can be bought for a sou. With a sense of guilt, as if I were committing a theft, I threw my sou into the outstretched hat of a blind beggar and, lest he should find me out, I took to my heels and ran."

"Pop, what are castles in Spain built of?" "Mostly of gold bricks, my son."—Baltimore American.

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DETROITER TO WAGER \$50,000 ON HAGEN.

New York, May 21—Walter Hagen, open golf champion of the United States, will not lack for support when he heads England's best on their own links in the open golf championship tournament of Great Britain over the Deal links next month.

Close to half a million dollars will hinge on his winning or losing. A syndicate, headed by a wealthy Detroit golfer who has an abiding faith in Hagen's ability, has subscribed \$50,000,

McLEAN CLEANED UP \$51,000 SKATING

New York, May 2.—Robert McLean, the American professional champion ice skater, arrived on the Adriatic yesterday, along with D. R. Scanlon, his manager. McLean did not offer any alibi for the loss of his world title to Oscar Mathiesen of Norway, which competition, along with the other exhibitions in which he took part, netted McLean the sum of \$51,000.

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