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MINE KILLED FIVE

Smyrna Explosion Had Fortunate Features.

Smyrna, Asia Minor, May 26.—The French liner Senegal, which struck a mine, as she was leaving this port yesterday, was at once run ashore by her captain to prevent her foundering.

Five persons were killed by the explosion, and six others severely injured.

The explosion tore out one side of the Senegal at the forward end. The machinery, however, escaped injury, and owing to this the engineers were able to beach the vessel, and as a result in all probability saved the lives of most of those on board. The steamer was driven on shore near the fort, and all the uninjured members of the crew and the passengers were landed in small boats.

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FROST DAMAGE NOT SO SERIOUS

Say Ontario Agriculture Department Reports.

FRUIT YIELD GOOD

Is Prospect Thus Far in the Season.

Toronto despatch: The following statement regarding the crop condition in the province, based on the returns of correspondence sent in on or about May 15, has been issued by the Ontario Department of Agriculture:

Fall Wheat—This crop wintered well, notwithstanding the light protection of snow, and the early spring weather was also favorable, there being comparatively little heaving or other injury from frost. There was an unusually rapid growth in the latter part of April and the first few days of May, which gave a good head to the plant, but subsequent cold weather has acted as a check. Taken altogether, however, the present outlook for the crop is most promising, except on late-sown fields or on low or poorly-drained land. Only a comparatively small acreage had been plowed up or re-sown with barley or other spring grain. Much less injury than usual from insects is reported.

Clover—In the western half of the province in the northern districts, and in most of the Lake Ontario counties, clover has done well, especially in the case of the younger fields. In the more eastern part of the province, however, much of the crop has been more or less killed out during the winter and spring, although even there some good fields are also reported.

Alfalfa—Reports regarding alfalfa are not quite so enthusiastic as usual, as both winter and spring conditions were trying to this crop, and many of the fields are somewhat patchy. As in the case of fall wheat and clover, alfalfa has done best on well-drained land.

Vegetation—Unusually warm weather in the latter part of April and in the early part of May caused growth in the field, orchard and forest to go ahead with a rush, and vegetation was estimated to be from a week to two weeks ahead of the normal. Cool weather with night frosts coming on about May 8, however, gave an almost complete check to growth of the crops, and the plants are now only about ordinary. In most cases cattle are on the grass and are getting a good bite. Very timely rains were falling as our later correspondents wrote.

FRUIT SITUATION.

Fruit—In the first week of May orchards gave promise of an immense yield. The trees were covered with fruit buds, many in full bloom—and small fruits were also blossoming profusely. Between May 7 and 11, however, a series of severe night frosts occurred, the effects of which are variously described. A careful sifting of the reports shows that the early season comparatively little damage, but that the later varieties largely escaped. Some bush fruits, such as currants, were also caught in some of the more advanced sections. In the fruit lands along the lake shores—more especially in the Niagara district—fruit trees sustained comparatively little damage from the frosts, but some of the orchards farther inland were injured to some extent. Of the orchard trees, apples have suffered the least, and plums and cherries the most, but in no case as seriously as was at first expected. To sum up, the injury from the severe frosts of May has turned out to be of the nature of a general check to the time of the frosts, and a good yield of all classes of fruit may still be had should favorable conditions prevail. The presence of the tent caterpillar in unusually large numbers is complained of by many correspondents in the eastern half of the province.

Fodder supplies—Farmers are in a better situation as to fodder supplies than for many years. In most localities there is a sufficiency of hay, and in many quarters a plentiful supply. There is also a sufficiency of oats on hand in most cases, although this and other grains are now for more or less time being used for stock. Wheat is somewhat scarcer, but there is enough for all requirements on the average farm. The only deficiency appears to be in the quality of straw on hand.

Spring Sowing—This work was well advanced when correspondent reports came in, and in many quarters all spring grains had been got in. While there are complaints of some of the stiffer clay soils being hard to work, and remaining somewhat lumpy, most of the reports speak of the conditions of the soil as being from fair to excellent. All the spring grains made a good catch as the soil was in good condition. It is expected that more rain was necessary in order to insure the best results.

ANCIENT IRISH WEAPONS SOLD.

London, May 26.—Bronze weapons and ornaments of Irish manufacture from the collection of Sir Thomas Phillipps were disposed of today at Sotheby's.

A finely shaped spear-head found in Lough Erin, 25 1/4 inches long, was purchased by Messrs for \$100. The same purchaser acquired a "serpent" clasp of very rare bronze ornament from the head of a horse, found at Mullinger, which was sold for \$125. Two peculiar fibulae, with remains of enameled settings, went for \$20. One hundred and thirty interlaced designs formed as fantastic ornaments.

STUDY GRAVE RIVER FLOODS.

Brantford despatch: The Provincial Government has taken up the study of the vagaries of the Grand River with a view to flood prevention. W. P. Christie, an engineer of the Hydro-Electric Commission, with a staff of three assistants, is working his way up from Dunnville to the source of the Grand River. He is under instructions to make a profile of the river and to present a report on flood prevention to the Ontario Government.

THE WOOD TRIAL

Undertaker Testifies Against Accused Manufacturer.

Boston, May 26.—John J. Breen, a Lawrence undertaker and at that time a member of the Lawrence School Board, who was fined \$500 for "planting" dynamite in various places of that city during the textile strike in 1912, took the stand today at the trial of President William B. Wood, of the American Woollen Company; Frederick E. A. Atteaux and Dennis J. Collins, for conspiring to "plant" the explosive, and said he received \$700 from Atteaux for doing the job, having received the dynamite from Ernest W. Pitman, now dead.

Under cross-examination of Attorney Coakley, counsel for Atteaux, questions were asked which indicated that the defence, so far as Atteaux is concerned, intends to impute that this testimony was actuated by motives of blackmail.

TREATY VIOLATION

Is Japan's Belief of Californian Land Act.

Will Urge This Point at Washington.

Tokio, May 26.—The reply of the United States Government to the Japanese protest in regard to the Californian alien land ownership legislation, in saying that it does not involve any violation of the treaty between the United States and Japan, has caused great disappointment in official and other circles here. The Japanese Foreign Office considers it especially unsatisfactory, as it does not mention any intention on the part of the Government at Washington to take official steps in the direction of nullification of the act passed by the Californian Legislature.

The Japanese Foreign Minister is urging upon Viscount Chinda, Japanese Ambassador at Washington, the necessity of pressing the Japanese interpretation of the American-Japanese treaty.

Secretary of State Bryan's proposal to refer the question to a referendum in the State of California is not received with favor here, as the result is considered doubtful.

BRITISH PAPERS VIEW.

London, May 26.—Regarding the controversy between the United States and Japan, the Daily Mail, in an editorial, says:

"It seems unlikely that Japan will force a rupture with so potent an adversary over a matter of this kind, but the Webb law treats the Japanese as if they were only semi-barbarians and as undesirable. The situation arouses them to fury, and in their anger they may drive the Government to perilous lengths.

"The gravity of the situation has a close personal interest for ourselves. It would be distressing to find our American kinsfolk in a serious conflict with our Japanese allies upon an issue in which the Americans will command the sympathy of Western Canada and Australia.

"It may be taken for granted that Sir Edward Grey, whose peace-making has been less amateurish than Secretary Bryan's, will use all legitimate British influence to bring the disputants to an understanding."

DEATH BY VIOLENCE

But at Whose Hands is Not Known.

Witness Wanted by Crown Ordered to Leave.

Dunnville, Ont., despatch: "We, the jury expanded to inquire into the circumstances connected with the death of Lorne Moss, beg leave to report, after careful consideration of the evidence produced, that in our estimation the said Lorne Moss came to his death by violence at the hands of some person or persons unknown, and we further strongly recommend that the Crown authorities further investigate the manner of the death of the late Lorne Moss."

This was the verdict arrived at yesterday by the jury under Coroner Mason, called to determine how Lorne Moss, whose body was found in the Welland Canal feeder here two weeks ago, came to his death. About a score of witnesses were examined by Crown Attorney Murphy, of Cayuga, who had the assistance of Detective Irving, of the Noble Detective Agency.

Mr. Murphy says he is in possession of other facts, which he did not deem it wise to disclose, and intends to follow the matter up carefully. George Noble and Al. Thomas, of whom Moss is said to have expressed the fear that they would "beat him up," were not called. Jack Russell and Miss Jennie Smith, who have been in jail for two weeks as material witnesses, were released after the inquest. The Crown authorities were satisfied that they had no active connection with the tragedy. They promised to attend when required, but their release was not in proper form, and they were subsequently taken into custody and Magistrate Brown sentenced Russell to five years in Kingston Penitentiary, the sentence to be suspended provided he leaves town this evening and remains away. Miss Smith may be sent to the Mercer Reformatory.

See that those scores of couples walking in the park? At least half of them parted forever two or three nights ago!—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

KING WATCHED THE ZEPPELINS

British Ruler Interested on Berlin Entrance.

KAISER IS TICKLED

With Display of German Air Power.

Berlin cable: On the platform of the Lehrter Station to-day the Kaiser kissed King George on both cheeks, welcoming the British sovereign and his consort to Berlin as the first Royal guests to arrive for the wedding on Saturday next of Princess Victoria Louise, the Kaiser's only daughter, to Prince Ernst of Cumberland. It is King George's first visit to Germany, in fact to the continent, since he ascended the throne, and only a year ago the feeling between the two countries was such as would have made a visit impossible at that time.

As the Royal visitors drove to the palace the two German military dirigibles, Zeppelin and Hansa, which accompanied their train from Rathenow, about fifty miles from the capital, flew low and pointed out the course up the Avenue of Victory to the Tiergarten, through the Brandenburger Gate and down the central promenade or Unter den Linden.

Two squadrons of Prussian dragoons in pale blue uniform and two squadrons of cuirassiers of the guard, on cream white horses, their eagle-topped helmets shining in the brilliant sunshine like burnished gold, rode along the route. Between them were two open landaus drawn by four horses each, the first conveying King George and the Kaiser, and the second, Queen Mary and the German Empress. A squadron of cavalry closely surrounded each carriage.

KEPT EYES ON AIR CRAFT.

King George could not take his eyes from the novel aerial escort flying majestically overhead, so low that he could see the passengers leaning out of the windows of the cabins and the officers of the bridge. This was the Kaiser's first glimpse of a German airship of the type, which has been causing the British people much loss of sleep. He was so interested that he at times forgot to return the salutes offered to him, and throughout the drive of one mile to the palace, through the famous avenue, which is the pride of Berlin, the Zeppelin was apparently the chief topic of conversation between the King and the Kaiser. The latter was evidently delighted to see the impression made by Germany's aerial achievement on King George. Queen Mary's face also was turned to the airships very often during the drive, and she seemed to evince great interest in their manoeuvres.

The Crown Prince was the first to appear at the Lehrter Station this morning to await the arrival of the British sovereigns. Wearing the uniform of an officer of the 11th Hussars of the British army, he whizzed down Unter den Linden in an automobile which he drove himself. Prince Ernst of Cumberland, boyish and bashful, but looking splendid in his uniform of his Zieten Hussars, with Princess Victoria Louise, in a white linen dress, looking very happy, on his arm, soon appeared at the station. They were followed by the Empress Victoria Louise, who appeared remarkably youthful. Next came Crown Prince Cecil, looking radiant and with a fascinating smile for everybody. The affectionate greetings which she received along the route and in the station showed that the wife of the heir to the throne is undoubtedly the most popular woman of the Kaiser's Court. Prince Adalbert, the youngest prince, created a mild sensation by appearing for the first time with a beard.

HARD ON KAISER'S MOUSTACHE.

The special train bearing the Royal visitors rolled in at 11.30 a.m. King George was the first to step out. The Kaiser, looking uncomfortable in the unfamiliar grison coat of the uniform of the First Royal Dragoons, the chin-strap of the steel helmet interfering with his moustache, gave a warm greeting to the King, who was in the uniform of a Prussian general. The Kaiser then stepped forward and assisted Queen Mary off the step of the car and at the same time presented her with a beautiful bouquet. Presentations followed on both sides and then the King and the Kaiser leading the way, the party left the platform and the station.

As they passed down Unter den Linden, the large crowd, many of which had been waiting there for three hours, greeted them with "Hoos," punctuated occasionally with the real English "Hurrah." It is no exaggeration to say that the King and Queen were accorded a distinctly friendly welcome, but it was not very enthusiastic, the German crowds not being inclined to demonstrativeness.

At the palace the King and Queen were assigned to the same rooms occupied by King Edward VII. in 1909. At one o'clock here was a family luncheon. The King sat between the Empress and the Crown Princess and the bride couple on the right of the Empress, while opposite the Empress sat the Queen, between the Kaiser and the Crown Prince. In the afternoon the King and Queen made calls upon the Crown Prince and Crown Princess, and others of the Kaiser's sons. Tomorrow there will be a round of receptions of royal visitors in the forenoon, beginning with the arrival of the Duke and Duchess of Cumberland at ten o'clock, followed by that of the aged Grand Duchess Luise of Baden, daughter of Emperor William I., and a little later by that of the Czar. All will be received personally by the Kaiser and Kaiserin at the station.

OCEAN RATE WAR

Atlantic Lines' Fight Has Been Settled.

London, May 26.—Referring to the Atlantic rate war which has been in progress between the Canadian Pacific Railway and the companies constituting the Atlantic "pool," the Standard announces that as a result of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's visit to London a provisional agreement has been arrived at in regard to emigrant business from Trieste.

"The terms of the arrangement have not yet been made public," it says "but we believe we are correct in stating that the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Austro-American Line, which represents the Atlantic pool, will in future despatch alternate boats from Trieste, while the profits derived from this source are to be placed in the pool, which, in its turn will divide its surplus balances with the Canadian Pacific.

CONNEMARA'S WOE

Famine Fever Breaks Out in the Islands.

Condition of the Peasants is Terrible.

London, May 26.—"An Irish Putumayo" is the description given by Sir Roger Casement to conditions in South Connemara. The islanders are suffering from a famine fever. The Irish Independent has opened a subscription to which Sir Roger contributes this letter, written from London:

"I have heard of the appalling state of things in Connemara owing to the absence of anything like civilized government in that part of the world. Were this in truth a United Kingdom the press of its capital would contain some reference to the state of things so near its doors; but I have not seen a single word in any London daily of this dire need of our plague-pestered fellow-subjects in Connemara. I hope very soon to be able to leave London for Ireland, and, if possible, to visit Letterkenny and see whether something lasting cannot be done to remove the stain of this enduring Irish Putumayo from our native land. One thing is clear to me—only Irishmen and Irishwomen can clear it up."

Sir Roger asks that contributions be placed in the hand of the local priests.

Augustine Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, yesterday visited the islands with some other Irish officials. They called at the house of John Lee, whose 11-year-old boy died of fever on April 28 and another of whose sons was removed to Oughterard Hospital, thirty miles away. As Mr. Birrell's car drew up the "keening" of the afflicted mother was heard as she sat outside the door of the hotel rocking herself to and fro.

Mr. Birrell said afterward: "It was the worst dwelling I ever entered." He made a thorough inspection of the islands of Letterkenny and Gormna, and conversed with one or two peasants in Lee's house, which lies in a rock-bound hollow. The party found the 11 by 9 foot interior reeking with smoke through which there was an outlet save through the un-mortared cracks of the wall. The visitors gave John Lee £2 out of the relief fund.

"How shall you get on when this is gone?" he was asked.

"Musha, I don't know," he replied in Irish. "We must try to live on somehow," and cast his eyes around his two acres of rock. He has a half-dozen potatoes in the house.

Sir Roger Casement is well known for his investigation and report of the atrocities perpetrated upon the Indian rubber gatherers in Putumayo district of Peru.

The Connemara Islands are off the west coast of Galway, in western Ireland. The two islands mentioned are only about six miles from the largest of the Arran group, made famous by the late J. M. Synge, who drew much of the material for his "Playboy of the Western World" from his Arran experiences.

DESIRES TO RETIRE

Archbishop Hamilton Desires Quieter Life.

Ottawa despatch: His Grace Archbishop Hamilton, metropolitan of Canada, formerly Bishop of Niagara, intends asking the authorities of the Anglican Church to allow him to resign from the Archbishopric of Ottawa.

His Grace said: "I am getting on in years. I am now in the middle of my eightieth year, and I feel as if a more retired life might suit me better. At the same time, as long as I can be of service I would not retire."

U. S. OFFICIAL IS OUT.

Washington, May 26.—Daniel J. Keefe's resignation as Commissioner General of Immigration, tendered May 3, has been accepted by Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Labor, to take effect at such time after May 31 as the President may designate.

Anthony A. Caminetti, of California, has been selected to succeed Mr. Keefe.

GALT ELOPERS CAUGHT.

London despatch: Four Cuban migration inspectors Chatfield today placed in custody at Detroit William Menary, 23, a barber, of Glas and Mary Battalion, 2. The woman will probably be deported, while Menary, who gave his name as Munn, will be prosecuted under a Federal statute.

Menary and the girl arrived in Windsor over the C. P. R. from Toronto last night. They left the train before it crossed the river and today attempted to enter Detroit on the passenger ferry. The officers were watching for them and took both in for examination. Menary admitted he was married and had a wife residing in Galt.