AERIAL TRAGEDY!

Army Dirigible Crashes Over 1000 Feet -- More Than Thirty Dead.

Labor Wins Against Coalitionists ...Sinn Fein Convention Anxious to Prevent Split -- DeValera Irreconcilable.

ANOTHER AIR HORROR.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 21

Flung earthward, presumably by a broken rudder, the giant army airship Roma plunged over 1000 feet to-day to strike the ground at the Hampton Roads, army base, capsized across a high tension electric line and burst into a roaring furnace of blazing hydrogen gas in which at least thirty of her army crew and passengers perished. Long after dark to-night the wreck was still a mass of flames from one end of her 410 foot mass. Barely a score of more than two score men aboard had been picked up alive, one dead en route to hospital. All of those who survived the fire escaping by jumping as the ship struck. Others imprisoned in the hull beneath the fallen frame were burned to death. The heat of the fire fought back rescuers for a time. Just as the Roma neared the ground two men were seen to leap from a window up in her slanting hull. As the flaming monster writhed in its first death agonies ten more dropped from the doors or ports or through holes they tore in the fabric's side as it enclosed them. The ship left no passenger list when she set out for her trial run but it is believed she carried 45 persons.

LABORITE SUCCESSFUL.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

The result of the North Camberwell election yesterday when the Labour candidate, Charles G. Ammon, defeated the Conservative candidate, R. Muller, by a majority of 1,135, is hailed with delight by the Laborites and Independent Liberals as a great rebuke to the Government. Their organs point gleefully that this is the fourth seat lost to the Coalition since the general election.

IF SINN FEIN MAY NOT OCCUR.

DUBLIN, Feb. 21.

There is a possibility that a split in Sinn Fein will be avoided. The National Sinn Fein Convention which met here to-day to define the attitude of Sinn Fein on the treaty adjourned until to-morrow with instructions to the leaders of the two parties to come together and devise a plan to keep the Sinn Fein organization united. This unexpected outcome was due to the direct initiative of the meeting itself and was not prompted by the leaders of either side. After Eamon de Valera had presented a resolution pledging adherence to the resolution adopted at the National Sinn Fein in 1917 looking to "international recognition of Ireland as an independent Republic," and stated his objections to the treaty on Republican principles, the debate, unlike the discussions in Dail Eireann, did not settle into an examination of the merits and demerits of the treaty. Arthur Griffith, President of Dail Eireann, replying to De Valera raised no new issues, he merely reasserted that the treaty gave Ireland the opportunity it sought. He promised that if he received a guarantee from the De Valera party in the Dail not to obstruct the Provisional Government he would accept De Valera's proposal to defer the general election until a constitution could be drafted.

UNIONIST PARTY'S POLICY.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

The future policy of the Unionist Party, particularly with regard to the question of coalition, was discussed at a meeting of the National Council of the party to-day. Austen Chamberlain, Government leader in the House, said his chief hope of their opponents was disruption in the Unionist Party. He said that while there would be no election after he next election, there would be a distinct understanding between the Unionists and the followers of Lloyd Geogre who had agreed upon the great principles affecting the

A MAD MAN.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 21.

A statement that Peter Veregin, Doukhobor Chief, contemplates the exodus of children, aged and infirm men so that Doukhobors may tramp about as vagrants in protest against extortionate taxation is quite unwarranted to-day, M. Koflinoff, secretary of the Brilliant, B.C., Christian Community of Universal Brotherhood, said.

TO MEET HER OBLIGATIONS.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

Twenty-five million pounds sterling is provided for in the new budget to cover six months interest on Britain's debt to the United States.

DE VALERA IRRECONCILABLE.

DUBLIN, Feb. 21.

Eamonn De Valera apparently regarding a split of the Sinn Fein party as inevitable, openly advocated such a division in addressing Ard Fheis, National Sinn Fein Convention, at its extraordinary session to-day, saying it would be better for Ireland to have two armies, each ready to assist the other if the country were imperilled, rather than one army divided in itself. Mr. De Valera's speech was the outstanding feature of the morning session of Ard Fheis. Speaking to his resolution urging the Sinn Fein party to continue the fight for a Republic, Mr. De Valera won hearty applause at the numerous points he made in his address. "Ireland," he declared later on, "is entitled to the dignity of a mother country and I will never consent to make her the illegitimate daughter of England."

WILSON UNOPPOSED.

BELFAST, Feb. 21.

Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, former Chief of Staff of the British army, was returned unopposed to-day as Unionist member of the House of Commons for North Down. The announcement was made on February 9th that Field Marshal Wilson would join the Ulster party upon his retirement as Chief of Staff. Indications in recent despatches have been that he will be a strong supporter of the policies of Sir James Craig, Premier of Ulster.

BOB ROGERS SPEAKS.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 21.

At the formation of the Conservative Association here, Hon. Robert Rogers, former Minister of Public Works, declared the Conservative Party had invited defeat when it was decided to admit political patronage mongers into the Union Government.

Date of Royal Wedding.

COURT DRESSES WITHOUT TRAINS TO BE WORN.

Princess Mary's wedding, as foreshadowed in this journal, will take place at Westminister Abbey, on Tuesday, February 28. It is also announced by the Lord Chamberlain that the dress for ladies who will receive invitations to the ceremony will be the same dress as at Court without trains, veils or feathers. A general spring cleaning of Westminister Abbey, in preparation for the wedding, has already begun. The pavement of the Sanctuary is in the hands of expert workmen, while the effigies are to be cleaned by a secret process. It is considered possible that the wonderful lights of the East window, will be replaced in time for the marriage. Although the scheme for the decoration of the bridal route to the Abbey has not been settled, Westminister City Council has voted a sum of money for the purpose. That part of the route which is under the authority of Westminister City Council is not much more than a quarter of a mile long, and there will not be much scope for private individuals to co-operate with the Council in decorating the streets. It has been decided that the Ambassadors, Ministers, and members of the Diplomatic Corps in London shall subscribe to a fund of their own for presenting a wedding gift. The Spanish Ambassador, who initiated the idea, will be left to decide the form which the present shall take. Princess Mary has consented to receive a presentation pair of Court shoes, to be made by ex-Service men and women in the factories of Messrs. P. Haldinstein, of Norwich. The shoes are to be made of all British materials, and will represent one of the finest products of the ancient Norwich craft of shoemaking, which has existed since the seventeenth century. A Naval order issued at Portsmouth announces that subscription lists will be circulated to commanding officers of warships and naval establishments for the purpose of presenting Princess Mary with a wedding gift from the Royal Navy and Royal Marines. No individual subscription is to exceed one shilling. After the subscription is completed, by February 1, Princess Mary's pleasure will be taken as to the form of the gift.—News of the World.

Mrs. Frank Seymour will be "At Home", 71 Duckworth St., on Wednesday and Thursday, the 22nd and 23rd February, from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.—feb21,2i

French Invasion of Wales

On February 22, 1797, at ten o'clock in the morning, three warships and a lugger sailed past the rocks called the Bishops and steered for the town of Fishguard. They flew the British flag and the fort of Fishguard was about to fire a salute when the British colours were hauled down and French ones hoisted instead. Before that, however, they had been recognized as French by a retired gentleman who had formerly been a sailor and who instantly sent his servants to warn the neighbouring town of St. Davids. All was now in commotion, the lead on St. David's cathedral roof was stripped off and distributed to the blacksmiths to make into bullets. All the pewder that could be collected was shared out to everybody who had a gun and messengers were hastily sent in the surrounding districts to mobolize the local yeomanry and militia. Meanwhile the French ships disembarked 1,400 men unopposed at Pencaer, near Fishguard, 600 of which were regular troops and the remainder convicts from the French prisons. On the following day the ships departed, leaving the army stranded without supplies or means of retreat. On the same day many of the militia came in and Lord Cawdor took command. Towards evening he arranged his little army and marched towards the enemy. His forces consisted of part of the Cardiganshire militia and the Castlemartin yeomanry, two companies of infantry and some artillery. They would doubtless have given a good account of themselves had it come to a battle, but the French commander saw his position was impossible to maintain and sent two officers to make terms. He said he would surrender if the British Government would ship his army back to France. Lord Cawdor replied that if he did not surrender unconditionally within two hours he would attack with ten thousand men. The ten thousand men were in their homes in various parts of England and Wales, but the French knew their game was up and surrendered unconditionally. On the morning of the 25th they laid down their arms and were distributed to all the prisons round. Five hundred were confined in Pembroke gaol, and one hundred of these succeeded in escaping through a tunnel they dug under the wall. So this French invasion came to an inglorious end. It was the last attempt of any foreign foe to land on British soil, although an attempt was made during the recent war by Germans to invade Ireland.

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I used one sample bottle of D.D.D. and one dollar bottle and it cured my face of Salt Rheum. I spent a good many dollars with doctors and other medicines. I was bothered every winter and last winter I had no trouble. My skin was perfectly free from any spot, thanks to D.D.D.

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Prince at Mysore.

H. R. H. WITNESSES AN ELEPHANT HUNT.

Great enthusiasm was shown by all classes of the populace when the Prince of Wales visited Mysore. The visit was marked by two events unique in the tour thus far, the one the gathering in the Palace, the other the witnessing of an elephant hunt in a camp 50 miles from the city. When the Prince attended the Palace to hear a performance of Indian music, at least 10,000 of the populace crowded the big courtyard and saluted him in the manner in which the subjects of the ancient Kings of India made them their lowest obeisances. Women held up their babes as asking a blessing, and many prostrated themselves. Subsequently the populace gave him a more modern farewell, crowding clamorously round the motor car which drove very slowly through the cheering throng. The Prince witnessed the final operations in the capture of a herd of elephants from a raised platform in the midst of the stockaded enclosure confining the herd. At one moment the struggling mass of tame and wild elephants upon which the Prince looked down was not five yards away. He stayed two hours to see the driving of the elephants and the final roping of the captured animals with the tame.—News of the World.

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Royal Betrothal in the Balkans.

The dream that Queen Marie of Roumania would become "Empress of the Balkans" is finally near realization. From sources close to the throne has come the announcement that her youngest daughter, Sieana, commonly called "Minnon," due to her extreme beauty, is about to become affianced to Humbert, Crown Prince of Italy, nicknamed the "Modern Apollo." The marriage is declared to be a royal love match. Humbert is 19 years old and the princess but 17. The marriage will complete Queen Marie's ambitious scheme for royal hegemony of the Balkans. Her daughter, Elizabeth, married the Crown Prince of Greece. A second daughter has just become engaged to the King of Serbia. Crown Prince Carol of Roumania is the husband of a daughter of King Constantine of Greece. Carol is Marie's oldest son. A second son, Prince Nicholas, is reported on the eve of becoming engaged to the daughter of the former Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria.

Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw Has Disappeared.

Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw has vanished as sudednly as she rose to notoriety through the slaying of Stanford White by her one-time husband, Harry K. Thaw. A month ago she was evicted from her tea room and apartment in New York. Lee and Jake Shubert, her landlords, had her few shabby effects placed on the sidewalk by a city marshall. The eviction was but one of a series of tragedies that have entered the life of the former belle of Broadway in the last few months. Some time before she had taken a huge overdose of morphine in an effort to die. The suicidal attempt came when eviction threatened. The city marshall was waiting to dispossess her. The resultant publicity caused her landlords to allow her to stay in her tea room and apartment a little longer. But a month ago the blow fell. She was evicted. Without funds, and evidently without friends, she found herself alone on the sidewalk beside her meagre belongings—a trunk and a small handbag. Next she found a little furnished bedroom at Broadway and 52nd street. A week later, just three weeks ago, she dropped from sight. Since then no one has been found who has seen her. Those who know Evelyn are expressing the fear that she may have sough death again and found it.

MINARD'S LINIMENT USED BY VETERINARIES.

Feildians Again Champions.

SAINTS DEFEATED IN GREAT HOCKEY GAME—EXCITING PLAY OFF.

For the third successive year the Feildians have become League Hockey Champions by defeating the Saints at the Prince's Rink last night. The game was the best and most exciting of the season. A play-off was necessary, as both teams had four goals when the third period ended, and the Feildians secured the honours by obtaining two goals. The final score was 6 goals to 4. The rink was filled with enthusiastic supporters of the contesting teams The ice was fast and good.

NIX IN FORM.

Nix Hunt played the game of his life in the Feildian goal and stopped shots that seemed certain goals, time and time again. Without him between the posts, things might have gone hard with the Feildians. Tait was also in good form and besides playing an excellent defence game, he got in some good individual work. The remainder of the Feildian team played quite well, but most of their attempts at combination were broken by their opponents. Voisey, in the Saints goal, played his best game this season. Robbie was also at his best and Errol Munn played a great game. His individual work was a treat, while his combined play was well worth seeing.

THE FIRST PERIOD

was not very fast. No scoring was done and play was very much of a give and take nature. Both goalkeepers were frequently called upon to save difficult shots but managed to keep their goals clear. Munn made some good individual efforts and Tait also had some good tries. Combination was better than it has been in any game this season.

THE SECOND PERIOD

was very much faster and the outstanding feature being the excellent combined play got in by both teams. Ewing drew first blood for the game by beating Voisey twelve minutes after the start of the period. Within two minutes of the centre, Winter notched up the Feildian's second goal with a stinger which proved too much for the Saints goalie. The period ended with the Feildians leading by two goals.

THE THIRD PERIOD

was a thriller from start to finish. The Saints went on the ice with "do or die" written on every face, and they started off with a rush which took their opponents completely off their feet. Three minutes from the start, Munn placed a hot one behind Hunt and a few minutes later, repeated the trick. With excitement at fever heat, Paterson ran through and crashed the puck into the Feildian net, giving the lead to his side. From then on, play went all over the rink. For a time, the Feildians were compelled to play a three man defence, but not for long! Winter, getting the disc, rushed it through the Saints goal, for the equalizer. With eight minutes to go, Field paid a visit to Hunt and passed him with a nice shot. Almost on the stroke of time. Ewing obtained the equalizer from a wing shot. A play-off was then made necessary. After the players had had a brief rest, came

THE PLAY-OFF.

The Feildians started off at a fast pace and within two minutes Payn had put his side ahead. Robertson paid several visits to Hunt, once getting right through the Feildian defence, but was unable to score. Soon after the teams changed over, Payn again got away, and scored the last goal of the game. The final gong left the score Feildians 6, Saints 4. Mr. J. M. Tobin was referee.

Shipping Notes.

Schooner Gordon C. Moulton sailed yesterday with a cargo of fish for Brazil.

S.S. Sagona reported yesterday as harboured at Renews. The ship will make an attempt to reach the S.S. Sisto to-day.

Schooner Harriet sailed yesterday with a cargo of fish from Earle and Sons for Oporto.

Grand Concert in Synod Hall, Queen's Road, Feb. 21st, at 8 p.m., in aid of C. of E. Orphanage and G. F. S. Tickets on sale at Gray & Goodland's. Admission 50c. and 30c.—feb14,4i,tu,f,m,tu

Shipping Notes.

S.S. Sable I sails to-morrow morning at 10 a.m. for Halifax. The ship takes a foreign mail which closes at 8 a.m. to-morrow.

S.S. Watuka, which left here some days ago for Louisburg, is still outside that port being unable to enter owing to ice conditions.

S.S. Mapledawn left St. John to-day for this port.

DANCING. — Misses Miller will resume Dancing Lessons on Tuesday, Feb. 28th, C. C. C. Hall, 8 p.m., continuing Tuesdays and Thursdays. Application may be made at 58 Mullock St. or Phone 591.—feb18,4i,s,m,w,s

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From this they pass through automatic filling machines which deposit one pound of beans in each can, together with just the proper quantity of Libby's celebrated Tomato Sauce to give them the delightful "tang" you like.

In each can is placed a hand cut cube of choicest pig pork, and the cans are then capped and proceed to large retorts where for two hours the beans are cooked in live steam.

After the beans are properly cooked, the cans are passed through a water bath to test for leaks, then to the labelling machines to receive the well known white and blue label, after which they are cased and are ready for shipment to the six Libby branches served by this factory.

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B. I. S.—Don't forget to attend the Card Party and Dance, under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary, in the Club Room on Wednesday, Feb. 22nd. Cards at 8.15 p.m.—feb21,2i

NOTICE!

Effective January 15th, there will be certain changes of schedule in train services on the Canadian National Railways.

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