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CORK RUINS PROTECTED BY BRITISH

Regulars Stand Guard Over Twisted and Blackened Wreckage Left by Fires of Sunday—Vast Damage.

TERROR GRIPS PUBLIC

LONDON, Dec. 13—British regulars stood guard today over twisted and blackened ruins left by the fires which Saturday night and yesterday swept virtually unchecked through the city of Cork, Ireland. Estimates of the loss run as high as \$15,000,000.

Hours of terror were spent by the people of Cork during Saturday night, the wildest disorder prevailing throughout the city. It is said several lives were lost, and despatches declare two brothers named Delaney were called from their homes and shot, one of them fatally.

Two districts of Cork were swept by the flames. In the business section, along St. Patrick's street, from Cork to Saylor, hardly a shop was left unscathed. This was the shopping center of Cork and in untroubled times boasted many prosperous stores. South of St. Patrick's street, the fire ran uncontrolled along Winthrop street and other narrow thoroughfares as far as Old George street. Thus an area of three blocks in this part of the town was reduced to masses of debris. It was not in this district, however, that the loss of the fire was centered.

City Hall Ruined
The magnificent city hall of Cork, located on the southern end of the Parnell bridge that spans the River Lee was also laid in ruins. In addition the Carnegie library, just across Anglesea street, to the west, was burned, and the Corn Exchange, just behind the city hall and to the south, was at least partially destroyed. Reports say Albert quay, lying along the southern bank of the river, is a mass of desolation.

Dispatches reaching London today say that Cork was quiet and that orders had been given the regular soldiers to shoot loiterers on sight. Damaged premises have been plundered in some instances, it is said, but the military is in absolute control at present. Rumors relative to the loss of life are conflicting and are, for the most part, vague and conjectural.

Rerails Not Received.

Exact details of the events leading up to the conflagration of Saturday night have not as yet been received here. Some reports tend to question the accuracy of earlier dispatches, but others repeat the story told in first reports. All indicate that the disorders and fires had a direct connection with the attack made upon the lorry carrying police auxiliaries.

Some newspapers are frankly skeptical of these reports and suggest the fires might have been caused by the explosion of stored explosives such as were found in the city of Dublin on Saturday. Others indicate their belief the fires were a reply to the establishment of martial law in southeastern Ireland, and it is remarked that dispatches have not furnished proof that the fires were set by men bent on reprisals.

Monsignor Daniel Cohalan, bishop of Cork, is said to have announced in his cathedral last evening his intention to excommunicate any one participating in further ambuscades of crown forces in his diocese.

Bogert, Old Resident Here, To Be Buried Wednesday

Albert R. Bogert, 80 years old, died at 8 p. m., Sunday at his home, 21 North Sixteenth street. His death resulted from a complication of diseases. He was born July 10, 1840 in New York, but had been a resident of Richmond for the past 50 years.

Mr. Bogert is exceptionally well known in this community. He was in business here for about 40 years, 20 of which he spent in the confectionery business at Sixteenth and Main streets. He retired about five years ago.

One daughter, Mrs. Edward Schwieg, man, survives.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m. Wednesday, from the home. Burial will be in Earlham cemetery. Friends may call at any time. Services will be private.

Funeral of Fred W. Jones is Held Here Monday

Funeral services for Fred W. Jones, 49 years old, formerly a resident of Richmond, but who died in Indianapolis, where he had been living, were conducted from the home of his mother, Mrs. Paulina Jones, 115 West Main street, at 2 p. m. Monday. Burial was in Earlham.

Following the result of an autopsy by Deputy Coroner Christian, of Indianapolis, which disclosed that Jones' death was due to natural causes, the reason is being sought for his presence in the territory where the body was found. Dr. Christian's verdict gave cadence of the lungs as the cause of death. It was discovered that Jones was suffering from nephritis and heart disease. The bottle which was found at the side of the dead man, at first thought to contain poison, contained aromatic spirits of ammonia used by persons for relief from shortage of breath.

ALL G. O. P. LEGISLATURE OPENS IN MICHIGAN

(By Associated Press)
LANSING, Mich., Dec. 13.—Michigan's all-Republican state legislature will convene Jan. 5. The session will be the first one in recent years in which the democratic party is not represented. Two Democrats were members of the last legislature but neither of them made the run this year.

HARDING AND ROOT CONFER ON LEAGUE OF NATIONS PLANS

(By Associated Press)
MARION, O., Dec. 13.—Advice on the plan for an association of nations was sought by President-elect Harding today from Elihu Root, former secretary of state and more recently a conference with leading European statesmen in the formation of a world court under the Versailles league covenant. The conferences, regarded as one of the most important to be held by Mr. Harding in his "meeting of minds," here, is understood to have concerned chiefly the question of how far the machinery of the present league may be used in building a world peace acceptable to the United States.

Favored Reservations.

Throughout the league fight, Mr. Root advocated acceptance of the Versailles covenant with reservations and during his world court conference abroad he expressed much faith in some portions of the covenant. Details of his talk with Mr. Harding to day were not revealed, however, both he and the president-elect saying his recommendations were entirely confidential.

In asking Mr. Root's advice, Mr. Harding is understood to have sought in particular for information about the practical working of the league as observed by the former secretary of state during his visits to Europe.

Talked With Hoover.

Questions on the same subject were posed by Mr. Harding yesterday to Herbert Hoover who recommended that the league machinery with changes be used in rearing the proposed association of nations.

The visit of Mr. Root again brought his name into prominence in gossip about the cabinet selections of the incoming administration. It has been suggested in various quarters that Mr. Harding might ask him to again become head of the state department but their meeting today furnished no outward evidence to support or discredit that report. Dr. John Hasley Hill of New York, also had an appointment with Mr. Harding today to discuss the league and various other subjects.

STATE DEPARTMENT URGED TO PROTEST MEXICAN CONDITIONS

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The state department today was petitioned to protest to the Mexican government against alleged "vile conditions" in Tia Juana, Mexico, across the border from San Diego, Cal., and, until such conditions were corrected, to deny passports to Americans desiring to go there.

The petition was signed by the mayor and officials and 24 civic and public welfare organizations of San Diego and was presented by representatives of the Methodist board of temperance, American Federation of Labor, Anti-Saloon League and other national organizations, who declared that San Diego was "suffering seriously because of Tia Juana's misbehavior." Asking the department to "take cognizance of conditions which allow practically free passage between San Diego and Tia Juana," the petition declared "fully ninety per cent" of arrests made in San Diego were "traceable to evils in Tia Juana." Until these conditions were corrected, the petition said, it would be impossible for San Diego to free itself from prostitution and traffic in drugs.

Discussing the passport situation, the petition said: "One-day permits are granted free of charge and may be obtained without difficulty and, according to reports, the passport offices have even been kept open on holidays and Sunday at certain times to accommodate applicants for passports."

MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS TREE IS SET ASIDE

A municipal Christmas tree, brilliantly lighted and decorated as has been the custom for the past few years, will be placed this year at Ninth and North A streets by the city, according to action taken at the board of works meeting Monday morning. The tree probably will be in place a week before Christmas.

Ed Hollarn, city park commissioner; Al Schneider, city street commissioner; Dell Davis, city engineer; and James Dillon, superintendent of the light plant were appointed to secure the trees and have it placed and decorated.

Plans are to have the large cedar tree illuminated with electric lights and the decorations to reflect the holiday spirit of the city. Mayor Zimmerman was especially interested in the erection of the tree and all the members of the board concurred.

The board lamented the fact that the tree could not be placed on Main street, but after discussion decided this was impracticable.

The tree will be taken from Glen Miller park and the plan is to have a tree planted for every one that is taken out thus insuring a supply of trees for future city use.

A petition for a cement alley between Randolph and Lincoln street, extending from N. W. Second to N. W. Third, was referred to the city engineer.

Postpone Argument in the Armour Profiteering Case

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Argument on the indictment charging Armour and company, of Chicago, and certain officers of the packing concern with profiteering, set for today in federal court, was postponed until Saturday.

BLAZE RUINS BEST SECTION OF OHIO TOWN

Business Block of College Corner, O., Practically Wiped Out by Blaze of Unknown Origin.

HAND ENGINE IS USED

COLLEGE CORNER, O., Dec. 13.—First of unknown origin wiped out the largest business block in this town early Monday morning. The blaze was discovered shortly after 2:30 a. m. Total loss is thought to be \$100,000.

The Park Hotel, Selsor's Restaurant, Kubacki's clothing store, Robert's butcher shop, H. L. Baker's grocery and department store, and Barkley's drug store were completely destroyed by the conflagration.

Residents of the town manned the village hand engine and employed chemicals in fighting the blaze.

Fire departments of Oxford and Connersville, Ind., were called but did not arrive until nearly 5 o'clock. By that time the buildings were practically a total loss.

The blaze is thought to have originated in the rear of Selsor's restaurant although the exact source has not been determined.

Employ Hand Engine.

The hand engine crew fought the blaze with water obtained from the railroad tank and with the chemicals they had at hand. They were powerless, however, in checking the progress of the fire, which spread rapidly through the block. An explosion thought to have been caused by the bursting of a barrel of oil in one of the stores, smashed the plate glass window in Miller's Furniture store, directly across the street from the ruined block. The fire brigade succeeded in saving the furniture store from further damage.

The fire did not spread to the residence section as the business block stood apart with some space between it and adjoining buildings.

Harry Earhart, a local man, suffered a broken arm when the roof of the Tark hotel caved in carrying him down with a mass of debris. Several persons suffered minor burns.

The Richmond fire department was called about 4:30 a. m., but as the Richmond department does not carry a pump it was unable to respond to the call.

The hotel was next to the last building to burn and the occupants had plenty of time to escape in safety. With the exception of a small amount of furniture, the hotel property and buildings were total losses. The amount of loss to the hotel is estimated at \$8,000. No plans had been made Monday afternoon for re-establishment. Between 15 and 20 persons were regular patrons of the hotel. It is thought that these persons will be lodged by the residents until other arrangements can be made.

Kubacki's clothing store had laid in an unusually heavy stock for the Christmas trade and it is estimated that between \$30,000 and \$40,000 worth of stock was destroyed in addition to the wrecked building.

Roberts' meat shop had a splendid equipment, including a refrigerator of the latest type and other modern fixtures, all of which are a total loss. It is estimated that the loss to the owners of the meat shop would exceed \$6,000.

Bake's department store and grocery also had a large stock on hand, and it is thought the loss to that store would approximate \$15,000.

Only a few hundred dollars' damage was suffered by Selsor's restaurant, as the equipment was not complete.

The damage to Barkley's drug store will total \$2,000, it was thought Monday.

None of the owners who suffered losses in the blaze have made any plans for reorganization with the exception of the clothing store. The tentative plan of that establishment was to open a store in some upstairs room. There are no vacant rooms in the business section of College Corner and no vacant residences in the town.

It is said that the fire was discovered by a number of truck drivers who gathered in the business section early Monday morning preparatory to making their cross-country trips carrying live stock.

Entire Village Out

Breaking out in the restaurant, the fire spread next to the drug store, thence to the butcher shop and next to the clothing store. The blaze then wound its way to the hotel and spread from that structure to the department store.

The entire village turned out to witness the conflagration, which lighted the sky for miles around, and to help in combating the flames. Farmers within a radius of 10 miles, seeing the blaze, drove to town with families hastily aroused from their sleep.

Many bucket brigades were formed. College Corner possesses seven deep wells and a long line of citizens passed bucket after bucket of water in a futile effort to stem the tide of the mounting flames.

Call Railroad Official to Explain Woman's Death

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—H. C. May, general manager of the Monon Railroad, was called by the coroner today in an effort to clear up the mystery surrounding the death of Mrs. Minnie Viola Reynolds, wealthy young widow, whose body was found in her gas filled apartment Saturday.

Papers, letters and telegrams found in the flat and bearing the names of H. C. May and Mrs. H. C. May, and reports to the police by a garage that knew Mrs. Reynolds as Mrs. May and that he sent her monthly bills to Mr. May at the Monon office resulted in the request that Mr. May attend the inquest here today.

HUNGARIAN JAILED FOR MANUFACTURE OF CORN WHISKY

Police raided the home of George Sito, 535 North Eighteenth street, early Monday morning and found a five gallon still, three or five gallons of mash, a jug and a jar containing small quantities of what was said to be corn whisky. George Sito and Louis Karko, Hungarians, appeared before Mayor Zimmerman in police court Monday morning.

Sito was charged with the manufacture, with intent to sell, of corn whisky and "raisin jack." He denied the charge, saying that the apparatus was left at his house by a boarder several weeks ago, this person having returned to the old country.

Denies Knowledge.

Patrolmen Bundy, Shores and Ratliff made the arrest. According to the testimony of Bundy in court, Sito denied the knowledge of such an apparatus around his premises. A search was made and the still found in a shed in the rear. Further search of the house showed an opening in the floor of a front bed room occupied by Sito. Under the floor were found the jar, jug and several gallons of mash. Sito refused to explain this discovery.

Evidence showing that corn whisky and "raisin jack" had been made and sold by Sito, was said to be in the hands of the prosecutor, but was not introduced. Mayor Zimmerman assessed a fine of \$100 and 30 days.

Sito is married and the father of five children, according to his testimony. He was said to have been idle for the past few weeks. Karko was dismissed, as there was no evidence of his connection with the affair.

The court ordered the still destroyed.

TEN DOLLARS SAVE ONE STARVING CHILD SAYS WILSON APPEAL

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—President Wilson today called upon his "fellow countrymen" to contribute funds to save three children and one-half millions of children who are "facing starvation in Central Europe." The president announced that he would adopt 20,000 of these children as his temporary wards, and said that \$10 contributed through the European Relief council would save the life of a child.

"Three and one-half million children are facing starvation in Central Europe," said the president's statement. "It is estimated that they can be tided over until the next harvest by money and service equivalent to \$30 per child."

The countries involved can furnish two-thirds of this cost in the personnel and machinery for distribution but for the other one-third they must look abroad and have are looking to us."

"Ten dollars contributed through the European Relief council will save the life of one child. For concerted effort there have been combined in this council, eight well known organizations, namely, the American Red Cross, American Friends Service committee, Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and Knights of Columbus, Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A.

Eastern Textile Mills Reduce Operatives Wages

LAWRENCE, Mass., Dec. 13.—First announcement of actual reduction of textile operative wages by large mill corporations was made today by the Pacific Mills and the Arlington Mills, of this city. Their 10,000 workers constituting one-half of the operatives of this textile center were notified that a readjustment had been made, effective Dec. 20. In accordance with the custom the amount was not stated but it was understood to approximate 22½ per cent, as suggested by a manufacturer's conference last week.

Operations of the ring extended to Richmond, and an investigation by police officials of Hamilton in the Indiana city Saturday resulted in the arrest of a man residing in that city, for alleged connection with the ring.

The car recovered here Saturday, a Ford coupe, was in the possession of David Shavely, driver of an oil truck for the Standard Oil company. He surrendered the car without protest. He declared he traded another Ford for it and gave it \$150 to "boot."

Statement Verified.

His statement was borne out by a check for \$150 that had been cashed, canceled and returned to him. The check was drawn in favor of "Charles Bates," indorsed by "Bates" and re-indorsed by "Gus Fenerbock" or a name similar, the name not being altogether legible.

Exposure of the alleged ring came after the arrest of two men in Hamilton, they confessing and implicating others, according to Elihu Root's plan chiefly in the fact that jurisdiction of the trial would be voluntary instead of obligatory.

United States Senator Medill McCormick watched proceedings during this morning's session from the press gallery.

Snavely Discharged.

Snavely was cited to appear Saturday evening in a court in Hamilton, which he did, accompanied by Police Chief Armstrong. The canceled check, a satisfactory explanation of the deal whereby he got the car and the admission of one of the men under arrest that Snavely's statement was true, resulted in his discharge, although he is expected to appear as a witness in Hamilton at the proper time.

The official from Hamilton stated that more than a half hundred cars, the majority of which are Fords, had been stolen in Hamilton and Butler county, for which