

Seven Houses Burned in Belfast, Ireland; Some Shooting Also

FIREMEN HAD A BUSY TIME

Three People Were Taken to the Hospitals—Michael Collins Tells of An Attempt to Take His Life—Drew His Automatic and Fired in Self Defence.

Belfast, April 17—Seven houses were burned tonight in the Antigut street in the old park district. The firemen were kept busy in their efforts to put out the fires.

There also was considerable firing in the same area, and two men named Fearon and Doran were wounded.

There was much shooting this afternoon in the Marrowbone district inhabited largely by Sinn Feiners, in North Belfast. Three persons were taken to hospitals, including a girl and a boy. Tonight a student at the monastery was added to the casualties. Shots were fired at two special constables in Cliftonville Circus, North Belfast. Both men escaped without injury.

Dublin, April 17—In describing the attack on him Michael Collins today said when the automobile pulled up in front of Vaughan's hotel he and two friends alighted. One of them entered the hotel and Mr. Collins with the other, walked along the square. "A number of men," Mr. Collins said "rushed out of a house and encircled us shots were fired. I pulled my own automatic and fired. I believe I wounded one, and I caught another by the hand and took his revolver from him. He was taken to Mount Joy jail where a big bomb was found in his pocket."

Asked what should be done with the man Mr. Collins said:

"What would be done with a man who attempted murder in any well ordered country but prosecute him?"

Rory O'Connor head of the insurgent troops here in an interview today gave another version of the shooting that occurred around Collins' car. He said the first shot was fired by some one of the Collins party and that later shots were fired from armoured cars at O'Connor's office in Parnell square.

"If these provocative acts continue," said O'Connor "no one can say what will happen. We don't go around the streets firing indiscriminately but the Free State troops do."

EASTER BALL AT WOODSTOCK

(Special to The Mail.)

Woodstock, N. B., April 18—The Easter ball last evening under G. W. V. A. auspices was a pronounced success about four hundred being present. The number from out of town was large. The big Armoury was tastefully decorated and excellent music was furnished by the G. W. V. A. orchestra.

Misses Gladys and Beatrice Ferguson have returned from a holiday trip to Woodstock.

TARIFF DELEGATIONS WILL BE GIVEN HEARING THIS WEEK

Ottawa, April 18—Just what date Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, will choose to deliver his Budget speech is still a matter of conjecture, but a statement issued from the office of the minister advises all those wishing to make representations in relation to the tariff to do so at once. Mr. Fielding while declining to make any statement of the date for the delivery of the speech says he will be unable to make appointments or receive deputations in relation to the tariff after Saturday, April 22—the end of the coming week.

COUNSEL FROM N.S. RECEIVED THE COURTESY OF BAR

The Appeal Division of the Supreme Court resumed its sitting here this morning after the Easter recess. The divorce appeal of McDonald vs. McDonald, from St. John, was allowed to go over until the next term, the parties not being ready. This case in the Divorce Court resulted in a decree for divorce being refused to the plaintiff husband.

The court now is hearing the appeal of the Amherst Boot & Shoe Company, Limited vs. Carter, assignee in bankruptcy. M. G. Teed, K. C., for plaintiff appellant is moving to set aside verdict for defendant or for new trial.

The case was for the conversion of goods which plaintiff claims were covered by a mortgage and was tried by Mr. Justice Crockett without a jury. The business firm interested was known as Burgeois & Co. of Moncton for whom defendant acted as assignee. The Amherst Company's trade with this firm amounted to about \$120,000 during their ten years of business with them. F. L. Milner, K. C., of Amherst is associated with Mr. Teed. The courtesy of the bar of New Brunswick was extended to Mr. Milner.

J. C. Rand of Moncton appears for the defendant respondent.

TRAGEDY AT KITCHENER

Kitchener, Ont., April 17—H. H. Meyer shot and killed his wife with a double barreled shotgun this afternoon and then turned the gun on himself. Mrs. Meyer's death was instantaneous. Meyer succeeded only in wounding himself but it is expected he will die. The tragedy is the result of a family quarrel extending over a period of time. This afternoon following an agreement to separate, Mrs. Meyer was moving her effects from the house when the husband, who had evidently been quarrelling with him over the moving, went for the shotgun and coming back opened fire on his wife was nearly the same age, region of the heart. Meyer then turned the gun on himself.

Meyer is about 50 years of age and his wife was nearly the same age. There are six children.

Colored Folks' Easter Ball

The grand Easter ball for colored folks was staged Monday evening in the G. W. V. A. rooms in York Street, guests being present from all over the province. The dancing arrangements were under the direction of Seymour Tyler of this city who was the official host of the evening. Professor McCollum of St. John presided at the piano, while "Saxophone" Biggs of St. John handled his wailing instrument to perfection. Teddy Voe of this city, "King of Xylophone" produced the jazz with his drums and traps. The "Parkerhouse Glide", modern fox-trots and old-fashioned dances and quadrilles were among the dances in which the large number of guests indulged until the early hours of the morning.

The Russia-German Treaty the Cause of Some Astonishment

Re-establishes Full Diplomatic Relations Between the Two Countries on a Basis of Equality---Signing of the Treaty Described as a Disloyal Act---Will be Examined by Experts.

Genoa, April 17—The signing of a treaty between Germany and Russia, which nullifies the Brest-Litovsk treaty and re-establishes full diplomatic relations between these two countries on a basis of equality has caused profound astonishment and resentment among the Allied delegations. The ministers of the powers which convened the conference decided at a meeting held tonight to have a committee of experts examine this treaty tomorrow morning, to determine whether it conflicts with the Cannes resolutions or the Treaty of Versailles.

Subsequently the convening powers will meet with Poland, Czechoslovakia, Roumania and Yugoslavia to ascertain the views of the lesser powers and deal with the report of the experts.

The British and French delegates declared tonight that they considered the signature of the treaty a disloyal act. Apparently it may imperil the conference.

TREATY SOLVED YESTERDAY

It is said that the signing of the treaty, which took place at Rapallo yesterday was unknown to the Allied leaders, when Lloyd George, Barthou, Schanzer and Theunys met this afternoon to consider the reply which the Russians might make to the conditions imposed on that country, but as soon as the delegates learned of the treaty their programme was changed and the situation, which is considered extremely grave, fully discussed.

M. Barthou, head of the French delegation, is seeking further instructions from his government at Paris and declared that he would not sit beside Russians in semi-official meetings while M. Colrat, French under-secretary of state, speaking to the correspondents said: "I have taken all necessary measures to cancel the meeting of the third commission over which I preside as the members of the present one do not want to sit on the same commission as the Germans and Russians."

A STUNNING EFFECT

The action of the Germans and Russians, on first announcement had an almost stunning effect on the Allies. Premier Lloyd George said he knew these countries had been negotiating for months, but was not aware they had signed a treaty until late this afternoon.

The situation is so critical that the most prominent delegates are reserving their opinions until after the experts examine the new document, which is generally regarded in Allied circles as an infringement of the Genoa agenda, because it has to do with reparations and affects existing treaties. The French have insisted that neither of these things should be done. Clearly there are stormy times ahead.

MASSACRE OF CHRISTIANS AT SAMSOUN

London, April 17—A great fire and a massacre of Christians at Samsoun on the Black Sea coast of Asia Minor, were in progress nine days ago when the Italian steamer Barbita left there, the steamer's officers reported on their arrival at Patras, Greece, says an Athens despatch to the London Times, dated Sunday.

Turkish Nationalists and Bashi-Bazouks, headed by Turkish officers surrounded the Greeks' quarters and set it ablaze, shooting all who attempted to escape, the officers said.

When the steamer sailed the large Greek church at Samsoun was ablaze and thousands of Greek women and children were rushing to the waterfront seeking refuge on the steamers. The Barbita sent a wireless message to a United States warship in the neighborhood urging her to hasten to the rescue.

Severing Connection.

Stephen C. Hurley who has been manager of the Opera House for F. G. Spencer, Limited for upwards of a year, will sever his connection with that theatre on Wednesday. Mr. Hurley may take a position in the United States.

PAID TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MR. COSMAN

Hillsboro, April 17—The funeral of Hon. Charles J. Cosman which took place here on Sunday afternoon was very largely attended, people coming from all sections of the country to pay that last tribute of respect.

The service at the home was conducted by Rev. Mr. Bishop, pastor of the Hillsboro Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. Mr. Gough, pastor of the Methodist Church, and Adj. Hurd of the Salvation Army, Moncton. The singing was conducted by the United Baptist and Methodist choirs. There were many beautiful floral tributes.

Interment was made at Gray's Island cemetery and the funeral cortege was a mile in length. The pallbearers were Reuben Lewis, Thomas Lowthers, Roy Jones, Gabriel T. Steeves, Dawson T. Steeves and James McEachern.

At the graveside Rev. Mr. Bishop read the burial service and Rev. Mr. Gough closed the last rites with prayer.

Master Percy Upton who spent the Easter holidays with his uncle Solomon Greer left Monday night to return to his home in Grand Manan.

A Complaint is Filed Against a Senator From New Maryland

C.N.R. EXTENDS SPECIAL TARIFF IN PROVINCE

A communication has been received by the Provincial Department of Agriculture announcing that the Canadian National Railways have granted the special tariff on hay, oats corn and elevator screenings, to points on the main line between Moncton and St. John. This arrangement goes into effect today and will continue until April 30th.

These reductions are along the lines of reduction which have been granted within the last month in railroad rates on the C. N. R. on these commodities to other points in the province, as a measure of relief to the present serious condition in New Brunswick arising out of a shortage of feed for live-stock. The Canadian Pacific has granted the same reductions with the exception of hay.

These reductions have been secured by the Provincial Department of Agriculture. There has been a serious shortage of hay and feed especially in northern New Brunswick. This shortage has begun to be felt lately in the southern counties.

FOREST FIRE IN KING'S CO.

Sussex, N. B., April 17—A forest fire started late this afternoon in the vicinity of the Five Points and spread rapidly to Portage Junction, east of Penobscus, where it destroyed several box cars and is now burning in a large lumber pile which is stored along the railway track. No. 20 train, the Maritime Express, from St. John for Moncton, which passed the Junction about 9 o'clock this evening stopped and saved about a dozen box cars by hauling them away from the raging flames. The section men and a large crew of other men are fighting the fire, but it is doubtful if they can save much of the lumber.

The heavy downpour of rain which started here about 8.30 is a great help to the fire fighters.

WEDDINGS ARE HELD UP

Ottawa, April 17—There are at least ten almost frantic prospective bridegrooms and as many prospective brides in Ottawa. Their worry is due to the non-arrival of the now overdue marriage licenses, and their consequent inability to marry. City clerk Lett had not yet received any word of the missing shipment today and being considerably wrought up over the helpless plight in which he finds himself is not even answering his telephone because it would mean disappointing some one or other of the ten fretful grooms to be. Such a peculiar situation has not occurred in the capital before.

To Study Nursing

Miss Eunice Burden of this city will leave on Thursday morning for Houlton, Me., where she will enter hospital to study nursing.

RECOGNIZES THE VOICE OF MASTER HEARD BY RADIO

Lexington, Ky., April 18—An Airedale terrier, asleep in the radio receiving room of the University of Kentucky, awoke sprang to his feet and capered about the room when he heard "his master's voice" broadcasted from the Westinghouse station at Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dean Paul F. Anderson, owner of the dog, called his pet by radio and the animal gave every indication of recognizing the voice, wagging his tail and frisking about the room as he does in the actual presence of his master.

WOMAN WANTS HIM INDICTED

Charges Him With Carrying on Criminal Correspondence With Foreign Governments—Wants Protection Against International Conspiracies—Has Issued a Statement..

Washington, April 17—Formal complaint has been filed here against Senator Joseph I. France of Maryland by Miss Mary G. Kilbreth of New York, Vice-President of the Women's Patriotic Publishing Company, who asks the Attorney General to prosecute the Senator from Maryland for alleged violation of the statute prohibiting criminal correspondence with foreign Governments because of his communications to foreign delegates to the Genoa Conference.

Miss Kilbreth cites the statute with the fact that in 1920 President Wilson held even the Republican candidate for President to accountability under it. She cites cable messages sent by Senator France on April 11, to Lloyd George Barthou, Facta, Wirth and Tchitcherin at the Genoa Conference as violations of the act.

Issues Public Statement.

In making her complaint public Miss Kilbreth issued the following statement:

"We have documentary evidence that a number of citizens, men and women, are engaged in criminal correspondence with agents of foreign Governments, in violation of the law, or engaged in international conspiracies to defeat the measures and cripple the army and navy of the United States. We have been submitting much evidence to the proper Government authorities for some time. Moreover sinister lobbies of an international character are operating pressure systems on both the legislative and executive branches of our Government. But when a United States Senator openly appeals to German Socialists and Russian Bolsheviks to bring 'pressure' to his own Government in order to further one of his own pet measures, the time has come to call a halt by criminal prosecution, if the formal complaint of a citizen to the Attorney General can accomplish that result.

Criminal Correspondence.

"Our laws are pitifully inadequate to protect us against internationalist conspiracies, but we seem to have a law to meet this particular offense. The law against criminal correspondence with foreign Governments, if enforced, would go a long way to stop most, if not all, of the internationalist pacific plots to make America defenseless. We intend to do our utmost to have the law enforced. We are not interested at all in Senator France, except in so far as his conspicuous internationalist activities are engaging the nation and should be curtailed by enforcement of the law."

Has Returned Home.

Dr. W. H. Irvine of this city has returned from a fortnight's trip to New York and has resumed his practice. While in New York he visited several of the leading hospitals and also attended a number of clinics. The doctor is bound to keep up to date in his profession.