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Earthquake in the Caucasias Caused Heavy Loss of Life

The Death List Exceeds Five Hundred and Four
More Thousand Injured—Many Soviet Cities
and Towns Now Lay in Ruins—Relief Work
Started.

MOSCOW, April 30—Deaths in the trans-Caucasia earthquake were estimated today at 536, with approximately 4,000 injured. Doctors, engineers, volunteers, troops from the Red army, firemen and militiamen were aiding scores in the nine districts and forty towns affected. Thousands of shelterless will be cared for under direction of government commissions and the Russian Red Cross, which has collected nearly 100,000 rubles by volunteer subscription. The Council of Peoples Commissars has assigned 2,000,000 rubles.

Many Towns in Ruins

MOSCOW, April 30—Nine districts and approximately two score cities and towns in trans-Caucasia lay in ruins as the result of earthquakes in the mountainous southwest vicinity of Soviet Russia.

LOCAL HOTEL CUTS PRICES BY FIFTEEN P.C.

The Grand Hotel Takes
Lead in a Movement
Which May Soon Be-
come General—Change
Into Effect May 1st.

Barry Kitchen & Son, of this city, have the distinction of being the first hotel keepers in this section of the province to publicly announce a cut in rates. They are proprietors of the Grand Hotel, Queen street, which have for years enjoyed a large trade, mostly from the surrounding rural districts. Beginning tomorrow this hostelry will serve means at forty cents each, and will make a charge of fifty cents for lodging. This means that the rate per day will be \$1.70, instead of \$2, as at present. When the reduction goes into effect the Grand Hotel will be the lowest priced hotel in the city.

Reasons For Cut

Mr. Kitchen, in discussing the matter with The Mail, said that he did not think it was fair to the public to charge war time prices for hotel accommodation in view of the big slump which has taken place in the price of supplies, including farm produce. "A farmer", he said, "who is compelled to sell eggs at 15 cents a dozen, butter at 25 cents a pound, and potatoes at sixty cents a barrel, can hardly be expected to pay the same price for a meal as he did in war times."

Mr. Kitchen went on to say that his new schedule of prices will remain in force until prosperity returns, and there is a substantial advance in the price of farm products.

Led The Class

Miss Mary Neales, daughter of the Very Rev. Dean Neales, of this city, is one of a number of young ladies to graduate from the Children's Memorial Hospital at Montreal this week. She had the honor of taking first place in a large class. Very Dean Neales went to Montreal yesterday to attend the public graduating exercises which take place tomorrow.

C.P.R. STAFF ACCEPT CUT IN SALARIES

Montreal, Quebec, April 29—The marked decrease in passenger and freight earnings has compelled the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to reduce the salaries of its officers and employees, according to an announcement made by E. W. Beatty, K. C., chairman and president of the company. Mr. Beatty's statement follows:

"To meet the continued falling-off in earnings on account of decreased traffic, further reductions in operating expenses have become necessary. This involved either a decrease in staff or a reduction in working hours in offices as had already been undertaken by shop forces, train service employees and others. A reduction in staff would necessarily involve a considerable number of employees being out of the service, thereby adding to the unemployment situation.

"The office employees themselves, by a very large majority, have expressed a preference for the sharing of the employment by taking some time off duty without pay. It has therefore, been arranged that, effective May 1 throughout the general offices, employees will lay off three days a month without pay, which is equivalent to approximately 10 per cent.; and that effective from the same date, all officers and members of supervisory staffs will, for the time being, accept a reduction of 10 per cent. in their salaries.

"The dividend policy of the company will be considered by the directors at their next meeting."

SWEDEN BECOMING INDUSTRIALIZED

Stockholm, Sweden, April 30—Sweden, which once was an agricultural country, is becoming an industrial one. Dr. Ernst Hoefer, renowned farming expert, points out. In the last 50 years Sweden has declined by one half million, whereas the rest of the population has grown more than two millions.

WILL ESTABLISH REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the
British United Press.)
Shanghai, April 30—A proclamation of "independence" was issued today by anto government leaders on behalf of the Chinese provinces of Kwantung, Fookien, Kweichau, Hunan and Kwangsi. It was announced that a provisional revolutionary government of South China will be established.

LLOYD GEORGE 'KING' NO SHOCK TO WELSHMAN

London, April 29—David Lloyd George is Welsh in everything except birth. He was born in Manchester, but has lived in Wales most of his life.

The affection Welshmen have for him is shown by a current story of an aged countryman, somewhat out of touch with events, who asked a stranger who was King of England.

"Why, George is King," was the reply.

"Ah," said the old man, "and has the little lawyer gone so far?"

BRITISH AND U. S. FATHERS DIFFER

Washington, April 30—Miss Grace Abbott, chief of the children's bureau, department of labor, believes that there is a difference between the manner in which an English father and an American father look at the prospects for their children.

"We are told," she said, "that an English father hopes that his son will follow him, while the American father hopes that his son will go farther than he ever did. In our country, each generation is supposed to go ahead, and improve upon the accomplishments of the last."

DIVORCE COURT

Continued Here This Morning In
Sproul vs. Sproul—Mary Comeau,
Maid in Sproul Home, Was Heard—
Told of Conversations Between
Husband and Wife—Last Case on
Docket.

The case of Ada Sproul vs. Francis Sproul, which is being heard before the New Brunswick Divorce Court, was continued this morning. The case has occupied the attention of the Court all this week, and probably won't be completed until tomorrow night.

Mary Comeau, maid in the Sproul home at Chatham, N. B., was called this morning by J. J. F. Winslow, K.C., proctor for the defendant, and she stated that she heard the numerous telephone conversations and loud talking between the husband and wife at times. She told the Court of the actions of husband and wife at different times. Mr. P. J. Hughes, proctor for the plaintiff, completed his case yesterday afternoon.

Given Ten Years

Two men, Larette and Sermette, convicted in the Circuit Court at Bathurst, yesterday, on a charge of robbery with motive, were this morning sentenced by Chief Justice Barry to ten years each in the Dorchester penitentiary. H. A. Carr conducted the prosecution and Gregory Feeney and A. P. N. McLaughlin the defence.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY HAS RETURNED

Given Great Ovation
At Meeting In
London

HAS VISITED
HOLY LAND

Made the Trip as Guest
of J. Pierpont
Morgan

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the
British United Press.)

London, April 30—The Archbishop of Canterbury just returned from a trip to the Holy Land, received an ovation today when he presided at the annual meeting of the Society for the propagation of the gospel in foreign parts. A large audience at the church house stood and cheered waving papers and handkerchiefs when the archbishop rose to deliver a brief speech. He had to wait till the tumultuous applause could subside. The archbishop was somewhat pale and was only slightly tanned from his open-air trips to historic spots. His voice was firm and clear. He made the trip to the Holy Land as the guest of J. P. Morgan, New York banker.

SPUD MARKET ON QUIET SIDE

Hartland, Carleton Co., April 29—Today's potato market was quiet with light wire inquiry and demand. Offerings and haulings by farmers were moderate, but sufficient to supply shippers' demands. Prices ranged from 70 to 75 cents for Green Mountains, Canada grade one. There is no market for Irish Cobblers at present.

IN AROOSTOOK

Presque Isle, Maine, April 29—Although the potato market is showing a slightly firmer tone, buyers are offering but \$1.85 a barrel, going a little higher on fancy lots.

Shipments of the 1930 crop from Maine went over the 49,000-carload mark today, with an estimated remaining stock of around 4,000 carloads.

WRECKED BY AN EXPLOSION

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the
British United Press.)

Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, April 30—The navy's chemical experimental station at Niteroy, near Rio De Janeiro was wrecked by an explosion today. Several were reported killed and many injured.

CHAPLIN ON A VISIT TO SPAIN

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the
British United Press.)

Jerez, Spain, April 30—Charlie Chaplin, screen comedian, arrived today from Gibraltar, he was greeted by Belmonte and other noted bull fighters.

Operated Upon

L. C. MacNutt, collector of revenue for the port of Fredericton, was taken ill last night at his home, and had to be removed to the Victoria Hospital, where an operation was found necessary. Today it was reported that Mr. MacNutt's condition was quite favorable, and he had passed a fairly comfortable night. The many friends here and elsewhere, will be pleased to learn of an improvement in Mr. MacNutt's condition. He was taken ill suddenly, as he had been in the enjoyment of his usual good health up until last evening.

41 Deaths when Flames Swept an Egyptian Train

A Hot Box is Blamed For An Awful Catastrophe
On the Alexandria Express Train—Engine
Crew Was Unaware of the Fire for a Time.

CAIRO, Egypt, April 30—A hot box which spread flames through a crowded passenger train coach was blamed today for the catastrophe which killed forty-one persons, including ten children, on the Alexandria express. The express caught fire just prior to arrival at Benha and the flames quickly spread through a third-class coach, burning many passengers and causing others to leap from the moving train. The engine crew of the train was not aware of the fire and continued toward Benha, thus permitting the wind to carry the flames to two other third-class coaches, which were destroyed.

BRITISH SPEED DEMON BAFFLES ALL PHYSICIANS

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the
British United Press.)

London, England, April 30—Flight Lt. G. H. Stanforth, one of Britain's pilots for this year's Schneider trophy contest, is known as "the man who baffles the doctors."

High speed pilots, when making a turn at great speed become totally blind for a second or so, owing to the changing pressure affecting the blood circulation. This experience is known as the "blind spot," Stanforth, however, never experiences this sensation, even when turning his plane at 300 miles an hour, and the doctors are unable to account for his immunity.

He was a member of the team which retained the trophy in the 1929 race and is expected to be the chief figure in Britain's attempt to win the race for the third consecutive year and thus make the trophy her own property.

UNABLE TO MEET INTEREST PAYMENTS

Canberra, Australia, April 29—Prime Minister Scullin told the House of Representatives today that Premier Lang of New South Wales had informed him that he was unable to meet the interest due to private bond holders in London and New York in a few days, but that he would provide the \$190,000 interest on the debentures owned by the commonwealth bank. Mr. Scullin said that the commonwealth would meet the commitments when due and that New South Wales would then owe the Commonwealth \$7,950,415 under this head.

SORRY TO LEAVE 'ARGUMENTS'

New York, April 29—Gilbert K. Chesterton, noted essayist, loves an argument, and for that reason is sorry he is sailing home to England.

Boarding the liner Majestic, he said: "In your country there is agitation about this question and that issue everywhere; good, eager, hot argument. It is very stimulating. In England, it has become dull. There is too much apathy. No one seems to care about arguing an more."

It stands to reason there are just as good fish in the sea as ever got away.

BRIAND HAS A PLAN READY FOR EUROPEAN CREDIT

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the
British United Press.)

Paris, April 30—Foreign Minister, Aristide Briand today completed the French plan for European credit to agriculture and industries and for customs relief, the government's reply to the German-Austrian tariff union agreement.

The plan was given to the cabinet for study and will be distributed to all European governments in the form of a memorandum in time to permit the European union committee to study it at Geneva in May.

NEW SPAIN WANTS NATIONAL ANTHEM

Madrid, April 30—The new Spanish government is hard put to find a national anthem.

Lacking one of its own, it has sanctioned the Marseillaise, the hymn to which the French people danced the carmagnole after their own revolution, but something more Spanish is desired.

"El Canto Rural a Republica Espanola—the rural hymn to the Spanish republic, with words by the poet Manuel Machado, and music by Oscar Espla, was sung Sunday before a gathering which received it well, but there was no indication that it will find official favor.

Heard Friday

William Lingley, alias William Sutton, Fredericton man, who was arrested recently for an attack on a young girl on the Devon-Fredericton highway bridge, has been remanded until tomorrow morning at eleven o'clock for hearing. Lingley has a record in police circles and it isn't the first time that he has been arrested on charges of a similar nature. The charge was laid against him by a fourteen year old high school girl, when Lingley is alleged to have approached, while she was on the way home from school yesterday. The man is originally from Victoria Mills, but for the last few months he has been vagabonding in various parts of the province and elsewhere.

Hail Today

A mixture of hail and snow fell in the capital city today, and made The snow this morning amounted to citizens seek the shelter of overcoats again. The past several days have been cold, with rain and high winds, very little.