

MAY HAVE MISSED SIGNALS.

Latest Theory of Russian Exploit in the North Sea.

London, Nov. 2.—A London press agency advances a theory, from a source which it does not disclose, concerning the North Sea affair, and says there is some authority for the belief that the theory will be accepted eventually by the Russians themselves. This new theory agrees in its most important feature with that cabled to the New York Times on Friday night.

It accepts the proposition that the Russians fired on their own ships, but substitutes fast cruisers, for torpedo boats.

"It seems," the hypothesis runs, "that the Russian fleet, when nearing the fishing fleet, was proceeding in somewhat loose formation and the Admiral accordingly signaled column of division line ahead, or, in other words to form two parallel lines. Quite lately new signals have been adopted by the navy, and the new signal may have been misunderstood. 'The belief obtains that the two rear most vessels of the port line of ships, misreading the signals, crossed over and got on the starboard side of the starboard line. Moving quickly, they excited alarm, and so attracted the fire of their consorts. Then, perceiving their mistake, the errant vessels, it is thought, hastened to go back to their proper stations, occasioning the impression that they were flitting backward and forward and strengthening the belief that they were hostile ships.'"

The belief grows that the Russians fired on their own ships, but it is a curious fact that not until yesterday was there a line in any London paper suggesting that this might have happened.

Apparently the substance of the theory set forth in the New York Times was cabled to St. Petersburg, where it readily found acceptance; thence to Paris, where it was hailed as a satisfactory explanation of a decidedly mysterious affair, and finally to London, where seemingly no one was found to discredit it, but only to make a variation on it.

SHOT TO SCARE, BUT KILLED A BOY.

Sad End to Hallowe'en Celebration at Westfield.

Westfield, N. J., Nov. 2.—Shooting to scare away Hallowe'en merry-makers Monday night, H. M. Wilcox a prominent citizen of this place and Secretary to a company that manufactures musical instruments, shot and killed John Barling, fourteen years old. In their celebration a party of merry-makers made free with Mr. Wilcox's home on Park and Westfield Avenues.

The party which appears to have caused the annoyance was composed of young people of seventeen and over. When Mr. Wilcox emerged from his home carrying a revolver they ran down the street. Mr. Wilcox saw them running and fired in the opposite direction. The party was composed of young men and women, and when they fled a crowd of boys and girls, from ten to fifteen years old, ran in the opposite direction.

Mr. Wilcox did not see this group, and the shot went among them, hitting the Barling boy. He must have had his mouth open, as the bullet apparently passed between his lips and entered the roof of his mouth, taking an upward course into the brain. When the bullet hit him the boy ran forward about fifty feet and then began to stagger. He then turned and ran across the street to the far sidewalk and then, again turning, he staggered diagonally back across the street into the group of children, almost to the spot where he was hit, and then fell dead.

He was carried to Mr. Wilcox's home, and Mr. Wilcox telephoned for physicians, but their services were useless. Mr. Wilcox then notified the police of what had happened and also the County Physician. Mr. Wilcox is in the custody of the police and is held awaiting the action of the County Physician. He is forty years old, and has children about the age of those who participated in the affair. He is practically prostrated.

WALKING AROUND THE WORLD.

Except Across the Seas, Where Lauret Stokes His Way.

Gustave Laurent, a young French sailor, who is on his way around the world, walking when on land and stoking steamships whenever water bars his way, was an interesting figure in New York last week. He has affidavits and newspaper clippings from all over Europe and Asia to prove that he has traveled many thousands of miles on his long journey, and that at each of his stopping places he has been welcomed.

From his papers, many of them signed by Mayors, Governors and other persons of official importance, it is shown that he began his journey two years ago last June, at Saigon, Cochinchina. From Saigon he walked through Annam and Tongking to the Chinese frontier and then traversed the whole of China to Canton and Shanghai, thence working his way to Japan. He walked all over Japan, visiting Tokio, Yokohama, Kobe and Nagasaki, and then stoked his way to Port Arthur, where he remained until a few weeks before the beginning of hostilities.

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way back to Europe and then journeyed through Russia, Germany, Austria, France, and England. In England he got a job stoking on an American liner, and a few weeks ago landed at New York.

In a few days Laurent will begin his journey across the continent, and on his arrival at San Francisco will swing his course south and proceed through Mexico, Central America, and the Pacific. South American countries, to Valparaiso, Chile, from which city he will again make a transcontinental journey to Buenos Ayres. From Buenos Ayres he expects to stoke his way back to France, his intention being to arrive in Paris in January, 1907.

Misleading Primers.

London, Nov. 2.—"Our Lady of the Snows," says the Manchester Guardian, is not a title which Canadians with an eye to the main chance in their country's development by immigration are particularly proud of, so it is not surprising that they are now protesting against our geography primers as libellous. Referring to Mr. G. T. Bell's remarks at the recent meeting in Montreal in connection with the winter carnival. The Guardian, quoting paragraphs from "The New Century Reader," and the Macmillan Reader," as quoted by Mr. Bell, says: "You can conceive, if you please, the indignation with which the great body of patriotic Canadians who met to arrange the building of the snow palaces, etc., must have listened to these horrible disclosures of geographical malice." The Guardian says: "Clearly, the winter carnival is a dangerous thing if, as one of the speakers suggested, its extensive advertisement was responsible for all these strange delusions about the climate of Canada."

WOMAN SAVED THE TRAIN.

LaCrosse, Wis., Nov. 2.—Scantly clad and bare-headed, Mrs. Horace Spaulding dashed into Desoto last night and awakened the section foreman of the Burlington Road just in time to keep a Burlington train from plunging into a creek, the bridge having been burned. The track is down grade, and death and great loss would surely have resulted but for her action.

Mrs. Spaulding lives a few miles north of Desoto, and was awakened by a passing train. Not being able to sleep, she went to the window and noticed a fire down the track. The bridge was burning. It was soon consumed, and its loss concealed in the darkness. Hastily putting the bride on one of her horses, she sped to Desoto.

PASTOR ATTACKS DANCING.

Reads Six Resignations from Jersey Church—Then Tells Views.

Clayton, N. J., Nov. 2.—The controversy between the Rev. Eli Gifford pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the members of the dancing class reached a sensational climax Sunday morning when the pastor read the resignations of six members of his flock and told of his feelings against dancing in language which made the blood of some of his hearers tingle. The denouncement has been the talk of the town all day and it is said to be probable that many will sever their connection with the church.

Pastor Gifford was visibly affected as he began his service of the day, and when he read the names of those who had tendered their resignations he nearly choked with emotion. The names he read were J. H. Kille, E. H. Essler, J. A. Steelman, L. Y. Fiset, Miss Bertha Steelman and Miss Nora Dubois, nearly all of whom have been very active in the work of the several organizations. The reading of the names caused a flutter in the large congregation. It was in the prelude to his morning sermon, however, that Pastor Gifford gave the members of the church the hardest shock. He said that no woman could be a good dancer without yielding to sin and going to ruin. His exact language was a good deal plainer than that, however.

The pastor then held up to view a book a friend had sent him from Ocean City, which, he said was entitled, "From Ball-room to Hell," and he said:

"Some of the authorities of this town are allowing the dancing class to start a preparatory school for the benefit of hell and the devil by letting it use the Town Hall."

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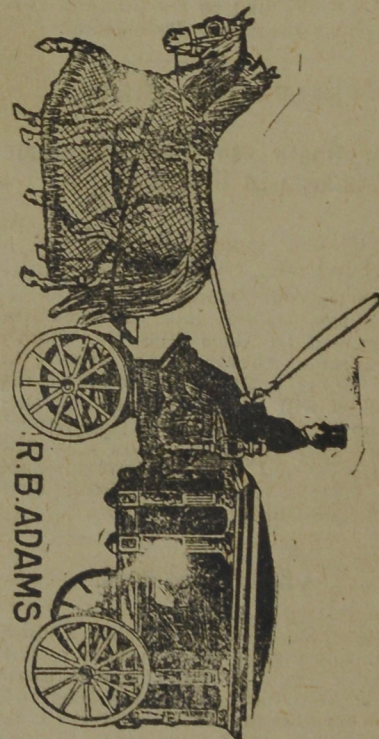
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