

THIS DESERT AT KILKENNY

Fire on Ormond Castle, Captured by Rebels—Call Up Re-enforcements

MACHINE-GUN FIRE HEAVY

By the Associated Press

Ormond, May 3.—Sharp fighting, with machine guns rattling in all directions, was in progress here today. Five rebels were trying to recapture Ormond castle, still held by irregulars. The castle is really a strong fortress on the banks of the River Nore, and is considered impregnable by army authorities.

At 9 o'clock this morning storming parties under command of Colonel O'Connell, of the Daily Examiners office, advanced on the castle by different routes, followed by an armored train. They were fired upon by snipers on the streets, and a fierce engagement ensued, well-directed fire being maintained against the castle from several angles.

The Imperial Hotel, which is demolished by the castle and which has been captured since its recapture by Daily Examiners, is under fire from the castle.

The latest report early this afternoon was that one Daily soldier had been wounded.

The irregulars, who yesterday were given from the Parliament street barracks, formed the main part of the castle's defenders. A party of irregulars from Tipperary arrived today to reinforce the garrison, and the roads leading into the city were blocked to prevent re-enforcements coming to the aid of the Daily troops.

The defenders of the castle are said to be well equipped with provisions. The morning train from Dublin arrived while the fighting was in progress and passengers alighting here were forced to take shelter in the railway tunnel. The postoffice also was in the danger zone.

Dublin, May 3.—(By A. P.)—The conference representing both sides of the Irish republican army reassembled yesterday and arranged to make representations at the session of the Daily Examiners today relative to bringing about a truce in the army and a peace settlement in Ireland.

Belfast, May 3.—(By A. P.)—The house of a member of the Ulster special constabulary in East Tyrone was attacked today. Dozens of shots were fired and the building was set on fire. The constable escaped, while others hurrying to the scene were ambushed, and one was badly wounded.

A large number of armed men rushed into the Royal Irish constabulary barracks at Bellagha, South Derry, last night and killed the constables. The wounded Sergeant Kerr. The police captured two invaders.

Commandant McKenna, chief of the Republican forces at Dundalk, was held by Free State soldiers three days ago and the resolution adopted by the Daily Examiners in connection with it, together with the request that the French Government abstain from the execution of the terms of the law.

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Five other Republican members of the present Indiana delegation in Congress were nominated without opposition, as follows: Oscar R. LaFollette, First District; John S. Benham, Fourth District; Everett A. Sanders, Fifth District; Milton Kraus, Eleventh District; and Andrew J. Hickey, Thirteenth District. Republican, also received the nomination without opposition in the Third District, this seat becoming vacant recently through the retirement of James A. Dunbar, Republican.

Plea to Disarm Soviet and Germany

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withhold final approval of the document until they could hear from Paris.

The Belgians' action was because of their dissatisfaction with the clause in the memorandum dealing with the restoration of foreign-owned property in Russia nationalized by the Soviet Government.

The memorandum is now in the hands of the Soviet delegation. It contains France's amendment to the treaty clause, which the Frenchmen hope will satisfy the Belgians' objections to the article as originally compiled, but it was delivered to the Russian plenipotentiaries with a covering letter carefully explaining that the French delegates reserved final approval of the entire document until they obtained direct authority from Paris.

British Approval Qualified Prime Minister Lloyd George has also announced that Great Britain's approval is dependent upon that of France. The amendment adopted is calculated to strengthen the guarantees of the former owners of property in Russia that they will be able either to get their property back directly or to have an equitable share in the company controlling such property.

On the other hand, some of the delegations say they have concluded that the company held out for a more definite restoration, and France has supported this position throughout the negotiations.

It was a great subject for discussion in conference circles today with many denials that anything definite had been done about disposing of Russia's big oil fields or granting monopolies for the distribution of the oil produced there.

M. Rakovsky, spokesman for the Russian Soviet delegation, declared no contract had been signed with the Shell or other English oil companies, as widely published. Colonel Boyle, representative of the Shell Transport and Trading Company, issued a statement declaring that the company had made new contracts with the Russians.

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FRENCH WAR DEBT BALANCE SHEET

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WHEN THE CIRCUS WENT TO THE HOSPITAL



Here is the Seils-Floto circus in full blast at the Children's Homeopathic Hospital today. The joy the acrobats and clowns brought to the little unfortunates is shown clearly on every face.

funnier dance, and then straightened up into one of the clowns the kids had been laughing at a moment before. Go-go, the trick mule, couldn't be ridden by any one, though all the clowns and some of the stable boys tried it. He sent them all flying head over heels, and they fell on the grass instead of soft saw bark. They didn't mind, though, and the youngsters fairly howled with glee. Even Go-go seemed to enjoy it.

Funny Falls Aplenty The revolving table furnished a lot of fun and thrills. A couple of husky canvasmen, hidden underneath, kept it revolving, and the clowns were spilling all over the place when they tried to ride on it. A clown and a canvasman tumbled together, quite by accident, and when they tumbled off on top of each other, with feet flying seven ways from Sunday, even the performers laughed. A trick pony, which every youngster in the place would have given his eyes to own, managed to stay on.

It's pretty near as hard to describe all the acts as it would be to tell of all the things that make up the big show out of the circus grounds.

Jim Wilson's dog made a big hit. One little white fellow climbed up behind two ladders, while another did a "slack wire" stunt that even a kid with all his legs and arms couldn't do.

Leon and Mimi, headline performers with the big show, did a wonderful hand-balancing act. Leon is the only acrobat in the world who stands on one hand away up in the air and jumps from one tripod to another, upside down.

Out on the circus lot they slide down the top of the tent hanging by their queues. They couldn't do that to entertain the youngsters, but they did some astonishing acrobatic feats and threw knives in hair-raising fashion.

Watch Child Acrobat The most pathetic bit of all, perhaps, was when a little Chinese girl, the seven-year-old daughter of Jung, made her first appearance to amuse the little crippled children. The performers themselves stood around to watch her as she poised, slim and velvet-muscled, on a bowl set a good foot lower. The performers joined with the sick and crippled children in a burst of applause for the little black haired artist making her first appearance.

Of course even athletes have to come to an end. When Captain Don Montgomery and his band of thirty-four pieces struck up the final march, and the performers, loaded with Go-go and the trick dogs and ponies of the big trucks, moved slowly out of the courtyard, the clowns called after them "good-by, and come back soon."

The clowns lingered until the last, romping with the children, who scrambled for the favor of being picked up in strong arms and kissed with lips that left the imprint of grease paint.

"We'll be back next year," the clowns promised. As the trucks rolled out of the court yard, grotesque Austin King, with his black bill, stood on the tail of the last one and waved a big kiss to everybody. Up in a window a pale little girl who had crept out of her blanket stood and waved frantically. In the ward three-year-old Kate sat up in her cot and cried because the circus had gone.

"What you cryin' for, kid," asked Fannie Feldman, who is bigger and has more sense. "It was simply swell, and it'll be back again next year."

Harry Saylor, general superintendent of the hospital, expressed his appreciation to both the Seils-Floto circus and the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER.

"I never saw anything to equal it in my life," said Mr. Saylor.

MRS. LORIMER RE-ELECTED TO HEAD REPUBLICAN CLUB Women at Annual Meeting Urged to Encourage Voting

Members of the Republican Woman's Club of Pennsylvania were urged to exert their utmost efforts primary day to get out the woman vote in a report of the organization committee, read at the first annual meeting of the club in the Bellevue-Stratford today.

FLOOD VICTIMS GET FOOD Red Cross Officials Investigating Conditions in Louisiana

New Orleans May 3.—(By A. P.)—Threatening conditions in the flooded areas of the Atchafalaya River section, where it is estimated 8000 persons already have been made homeless by backwater through its tributaries over-spreading large areas in the upper basin, are being investigated today by Red Cross officials.

The volume of water was augmented by the break in the levee near Ferriday, La., and the pressure is threatening levees in the lower basin. The food situation in refugee camps was relieved today with the arrival of provisions.

The congressional delegation which is making an observation tour of the flood districts was scheduled to make the trip by rail today from Greenville to Vicksburg, Miss.

MYSTERY IN MAN'S DEATH Found Unconscious in Cell After Arrest and Taken to Hospital

Benjamin Levin, forty-six years old, 2008 South Ninth street, died last night in St. Agnes' Hospital, where he had been taken after being found unconscious about 9:15 P. M. in a cell in the Fifteenth street and Snyder avenue police station. The cause of his death was undetermined.

According to the police, Levin was arrested about 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at Broad and Myrtle streets, charged with reckless driving of a horse and wagon and intoxication.

PLAN SPEEDY TRIAL IN BRUNEN MURDER

Prosecutor Aims to Bring Powell and Mohr Before Court This Month

MORE INDICTMENTS SEEN

Charles M. Powell, confessed slayer of "Honest John" Brunen, and Harry C. Mohr, alleged instigator of the crime, may go on trial for murder this month at Mount Holly.

Supreme Court Justice Kalisch has notified Prosecutor Kelsey he will sail for Europe in June and that he will try no murder trials after this month unless he fall term of court.

Indictments against Powell and Mohr, brother-in-law of the murdered man, are being withheld for the present. The Burlington County Grand Jury reassembles May 17.

According to Detective Ellis Parker other indictments will be returned in the Brunen case. He hinted that one or more women will be involved.

George Werner, formerly a cook with Brunen's Mighty Doris-Colon Ferreri Khova, went to Mount Holly today with the announced intention of "beating up Mohr if he could get to him."

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Werner refused Werner permission to visit Mohr in the Mount Holly jail. Afterward Werner asserted he had told Parker to get after Powell and Mohr.

"I also told him about two women," Werner said. "Parker knows who I mean. He knows all about them. I would like to get a chance at Mohr. I would beat him up. I've lost five jobs since Parker got after me for the murder."

Mrs. Mohr again visited her husband at the jail this morning. She brought him some fruit. State Trooper Bading, acting under orders, stood near Mrs. Mohr during the interview. The officials feared she would slip a note to the accused man.

Mrs. Mohr also left \$100 on deposit at the sheriff's office. The money is to be used by Mohr for extra meals and cigars.

Mohr told his wife he slept soundly in his cell last night. He rested on a new mattress and pillow his wife had provided. He said he hadn't slept "a wink" before last night.

Mrs. Mohr later was quizzed by Detective Parker concerning Charles Mohr, her husband's father, who has been missing ten years. She said she never met her father-in-law until her marriage from Mohr that he started for Milwaukee with \$10,000, intending to open a meat market there. He never was heard from again.

Mrs. Mohr said her father-in-law was insured for \$4000.

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Captain Francis Long, U. S. A., has been assisting to Parker in the Brunen case came to Philadelphia to interview Captain of Detective Souder concerning evidence the police of this city obtained for the Burlington County authorities.

Actor Faits, Now Is Broken Robert Edson, playing at the Walnut Street Theatre, broke his nose in the final act of the performance Monday night. At the final curtain, Swann, played by Edson, falls in a faint at the feet of the reunited girl, and it was in this fall that Edson broke his nose. Despite the injury he appeared in his part last night.

Auto Injures Man, Speeds Away Morris Pines, 2927 West North street, was hit last night by an automobile containing three men at Third and second street and Columbia avenue. His injuries were treated at the Women's Homeopathic Hospital. The driver of the car put on speed and escaped.

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