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WASHINGTON, D. C., TUESDAY, MAY 16, 1916.

ONE CENT.

9 ARE KILLED, SCORE INJURED, IN CAFE WRECK

Restaurant Filled with Diners Collapses Without Warning at Akron, Ohio.

DYNAMITE BLAST BLAMED

Rescuers Dig Many Maimed from Wreckage, but Three Still Are Missing.

MILITIA KEEPS CROWDS BACK

Little Girl with Bread Still Clasped in Hand. One of the First to Be Taken from Debris.

(By The Sun News Service.)

Akron, Ohio, May 15.—Nine persons were crushed to death and twenty-six were injured, many probably fatally, tonight in the collapse of the Crystal Restaurant Building, filled with diners, at Main and Quarry streets.

A blast of dynamite in the excavation for a new building adjoining the restaurant caused the collapse.

Seven identified bodies are in the morgue, with two unidentified bodies, and two persons are missing. Their bodies are thought to be in the wreckage. Twenty-six injured persons are in the People's and City hospitals, and it is thought several of these will die. A number of victims were given first aid at the scene of the disaster and were taken to their homes.

Militia Called Out.

So dense was the crowd around the scene of the wreck tonight that Company B, Field Artillery, Ohio National Guard, was called out and aided the police in holding the people back so that the rescuers could work. It is estimated 15,000 people packed Main and Quarry streets.

The police and the city building inspection department started a rigid investigation of the collapse. The wrecked building was an old one, formerly occupied by the Beacon Journal. It was two stories high, of brick construction. The upper floor was used as a storeroom.

Rescuers dug for several hours in the belief that others were still buried in the ruins.

George Serris, who, with his brother, Augustus Serris, owned the restaurant, escaped from the kitchen of the collapsing restaurant, together with a cook and two dishwashers, but all were injured by falling bricks.

Blast Causes Catastrophe.

A blast of dynamite set off in an excavation for a new building directly north of the restaurant unsettled the foundation. The restaurant was a one-story structure, with a two-story false front, and the latter, toppling backward, added a weight of many tons to the falling roof.

The crash came at 8:10, when the restaurant was crowded. So suddenly did the building cave in and the wall crumble that those who were not instantly killed were rendered unconscious. Not a cry nor a moan was heard from the wreckage after the first shrill screams of women and hoarse cries of men sounded the warning that was too late to save their own lives.

Then suddenly out of the tense silence rang a woman's cry of agony. A figure, bleeding from cuts on her face, her hair and clothing disheveled, rose from the wreck of what had been the Crystal Restaurant's front door. It was Mrs. William C. Lawson, who escaped strangely from the table where she and her husband and their 8-year-old daughter, Mary, were dining together.

Little Girl Recovered First.

The first body to be dug from the tangled heap of debris was that of little Mary Lawson. Firemen dug her out, revealing a deep gash on her neck where she probably had been strangled to death.

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French Offensive Nets New Gains

200 Yards of Trenches Taken on Heights of Meuse, It Is Reported.

(International News Service.)

London, May 15.—The French troops about Verdun resumed the offensive today, and report in an unexpected thrust having forced the Germans to evacuate more than 200 yards of trenches on the heights of the Meuse. Aside from this action, the Crown Prince's infantry had a rest today, but the German guns continued to smash away at the French positions on Hill 304, apparently in preparation for another assault on the line west of the Meuse.

U. S. Vice Consul Resigns.

London, May 15.—James Whitlaw, American vice consul at Dunfermline, has tendered his resignation, effective May 14. He will join the British army.

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY POSES FOR THE "MOVIES"

(By The Sun News Service.)

Indianapolis, May 15.—James Whitcomb Riley posed for the movies today.

The pictures were made under the auspices of the Indiana Historical Commission. When Mr. Riley returned from his morning automobile ride, he found his beloved Lockerie street occupied by a battery of movie cameras ready to participate in the making of an historical picture. He also found a small army of children for homes where the poet is known as a friend.

The pictures were made in the lawn of Mr. Riley's home. He was seated in an easy chair and the children were grouped about him by the director.

CHURCH STILL BANS CARDS AND DANCING

(By The Sun News Service.)

Saratoga, N. Y., May 15.—An attempt by Chancellor James R. Day, of Syracuse University, and other members of the general conference, to secure the elimination of the clause which prohibits Methodist church members from playing cards, dancing and theater-going, failed this afternoon, when the committee on the state of the church decided by a vote of 113 to 43 to recommend to the conference the retention of the rule.

Notice was immediately given that the leaders for a freer interpretation of the rule would shift their fight to the conference and would submit a minority report. It is probable the delegates will be requested to decide the question before the end of the week.

T. R. ACCENTUATES DESIRE FOR PRESIDENCY

(International News Service.)

Oyster Bay, N. Y., May 15.—Col. Roosevelt tonight sent a message of greeting and confidence to the voters of the Middle West. In this latest message Mr. Roosevelt makes clearer than ever the fact that he is openly a candidate for the Presidential nomination on the terms which he has heretofore outlined.

Informed by Edwin C. Larned that Western headquarters of the Roosevelt Non-partisan League have been opened at 28 East Monroe street, Chicago, the Colonel sent the dispatch to Mr. Larned, who will be in charge of the league's work in the West.

Following his declaration in favor of Roosevelt for President last week, Thomas A. Edison today accepted a position on the advisory board of the Roosevelt Non-partisan League.

THREE PINTS OF BEER O. K. IF WORTH \$16,000

(By The Sun News Service.)

Detroit, Mich., May 15.—With \$16,000 in property and money safely tucked away in the bank, how much beer should August Meyers be allowed per day?

"I should have at least a gallon," allowed Meyers.

"Two pints," snapped his wife. "Go home August, go home," shouted Judge Gaine, before whom the argument was held, to forestall the curtain of fire that he foresaw the wily orator was preparing to hang before his bench. "and August, you are cut down to three pints of beer a day."

SCHOOLS OF CRIME MYTH, DECLARES TOM OSBORNE

(By The Sun News Service.)

Chicago, May 15.—Warden Thomas H. Osborne, of Sing Sing, today characterized "schools of crime" in State prisons as a popular illusion. He denied that the seasoned criminal was prone to teach the boy or youth how to dynamite safes and throw the train robber role while they are thrown together in the reformatory. Mr. Osborne, who came to Chicago to address women's organizations on prison reform, said:

"There may be such a thing as boys learning from other boys in a reformatory, but there is no school of crime, strictly speaking, in the larger State prisons," said Mr. Osborne. "Did you ever hear an inveterate old smoker advise a young man to smoke? I didn't. It's the same way with crime. The old-timer would rather warn the young fellow to keep out of the game. He knows there is nothing in it."

FORTY-SEVEN WEDDED BY NEW YORK CLERK

New York, May 15.—City Clerk P. J. Scully, who never before in his life officiated at a civil wedding ceremony, tied forty-seven marriage knots today.

Mr. Scully's extra work was due to the fact that the new law taking the power to marry from the city aldermen and vesting it in the city clerk and his deputies, went into effect today.

The Brooklyn deputy city clerk, who did the marrying for Brooklyn and Queens, reported at the close of business that he had made eight couples happy, making a total of fifty-five civil marriages for the greater city for the day.

See Greater Prosperity.

New York, May 15.—Delegates to annual convention of the National Association of Manufacturers, which convened today at the Waldorf, declared that the wave of prosperity which has been sweeping the country for a year shows signs of increasing rather than abating.

Mr. Taft Tells Humorous Anecdotes of Life Here As Riggs Trial Witness

Wreathed in smiles, William Howard Taft, former President of the United States, took the stand for the defense at the trial of Riggs Bank officials in District Supreme Court yesterday, and through his jovial manner, his good-natured replies, and his humorous statements, soon set the courtroom in an uproar of laughter.

It was the same William Howard Taft of the White House days, corpulent, smiling and happy. He took a keen delight in testifying as to the character, veracity, integrity and high standing of Charles C. Glover, president of the bank, who is on trial on a perjury charge, and as he spoke of his long acquaintance with the prominent banker and of his own rather modest banking and speculative experience in the National Capital, he grew reminiscent and wandered far off into Elysian fields of memory, recounting little incidents that didn't have anything at all to do with the proceedings, but that were redolent with human interest and that made the courtroom audience feel as though they were in a drawing-room instead of at a criminal trial.

Casement's Blandishments Spurned by Irish Soldiers, Witnesses Testify at Trial

(By The Sun News Service.)

London, May 15.—In the ordinary police court room in Bow street, where "disorderlies" pay their five shilling fines, began this morning the trial of Sir Roger Casement, once Britannic consul-general, and Daniel Julian Bailey, formerly baggageman at Paddington station, on the charge of high treason.

Attorney Read, in reviewing the evidence, said that on April 21, the sloop Bluebell, patrolling the neighborhood of Tralee, sighted a suspicious ship flying the Norwegian ensign. Upon being signalled by the Bluebell the vessel replied she was bound from Bergen for Genoa. The ship was directed to follow the Bluebell to Harbour, but when she was about a mile and one half from Dunt Rock lightship a small cloud of white smoke issued from her starboard and at the same time two German naval ensigns were broken at the mast. Two boats were lowered.

Attorney Read unfolded the flag which was found on the collapsible boat, with maps and a flash lamp. The flag was very large, of green color, with a yellow castle in the center, bearing an inscription. Sir Frederick E. Smith, England's attorney general, in almost monotonous tone, outlined Sir Roger's career and the crown's case. The attorney general spoke for three-quarters of an hour, then took up the evidence.

Then came the poignant feature of the day. Succeeding one another upon the witness stand five Irish soldiers, who had been prisoners in Germany and were recently exchanged as unfit, told of Casement's activities at Limburg, how he had tried to obtain recruits for the "Irish brigade," and how out of 2,500, only fifty-two succumbed.

They described the free distribution of Casement's book, "Crimes Against Ireland," and of the Gaelic American. One said that Casement in his speeches advised them to pay no attention to "Ireland's uncrowned king," John Redmond. One witness gave the interesting testimony that the recruiting for the "Irish brigade" in Germany is now conducted by an American priest, Fr. Nicholson.

All U. S. Aircraft Crippled By Damage to Propellers

(International News Service.)

Columbus, N. Mex., May 15.—There is not an aeroplane in the United States army today that is fit for a sustained flight. This condition, almost a chronic one with the aviation section, is due in the present instance to improperly constructed propellers.

Even the new eight 160-horsepower Curtiss planes, newly arrived at the base camp, and given by the War Department as the answer to criticism of the kind of machines furnished the army flyers, are included in the tie-up. The first indication of the new condition came four days ago when Lieut. Carlton Chapman attempted to make a midnight reconnaissance flight. After three miles his propeller split and the officer was forced to volplane to a landing in a rocky field. He escaped uninjured, though the radiator and running gear of his machine were demolished.

Conciliatory Wave Sweeps Over All the Belligerents

(By C. F. BERTELLI, Staff Correspondent of the International News Service.)

Paris, May 15.—A strong wave of conciliation is sweeping over the belligerents. At no moment since August, 1914, has there been so much peace talk, and never before has the peace talk been so devoid of flamboyant language, or so much impregnated by a spirit of moderation. No other conclusion than the foregoing can be drawn from the important diplomatic news from several quarters of Europe published in today's newspapers.

"We believe in the value of negotiations and have faith in the results of international conferences," said Sir Edward Grey in an interview on Saturday. "We need guarantees of equilibrium and stability" was the new peace formula announced by President Poincaré yesterday.

After a careful canvass in well-informed quarters in Paris and at the embassy of an important European neutral country today, I find a most optimistic view is taken as to early developments in a pacific direction.

Dollar Bills Used to Trap Wife, Blind Broker Testifies in Court

(By The Sun News Service.)

Chicago, May 15.—Dollar bills were detectives for Frederick T. Richardson, blind insurance broker, Mr. Richardson testified in Judge McKinley's court today about his ingenious use of paper currency in trying to check up on the conduct of his wife, Frances E. Richardson, whom he is suing for divorce.

Richardson and his wife, according to the former's testimony, occupied separate bedrooms for a time in their home at 4021 Lake Park avenue. Richardson suspected that she did not occupy her bed at night. To ascertain the truth of his suspicions he placed a crisp dollar bill between the sheets of her bed each evening. On three successive mornings, he testified, the bill was unruined and the bed clothing undisturbed.

He then enlisted the aid of a policeman and, according to his testimony, surprised his wife in the room of Henry F. Baker, who lived with the Richardsons. Baker, according to the witness, made no denial of his friendship for Mrs. Richardson.

Tells of Meeting Mr. Glover.

The former President said he had known Mr. Glover for twenty-six years. "Do you recall when you first made his acquaintance?" asked John B. Stanchfield, of counsel for the defense. "If I may go back a little to explain."

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Fort Myer Batteries Arrive on the Border

(International News Service.)

San Antonio, May 15.—The big camp at Fort Sam Houston was enlarged today by the arrival of Batteries D, E and F, of the Third Field Artillery from Fort Myer, Va.

Tomorrow the Thirtieth Infantry will come in from the Plattsburg barracks. This regiment will be held here temporarily while the plan of border protection is being worked out in detail.

Gen. Funston and his staff are putting in long hours on that plan and in the meantime the process of getting the Texas brigade ready for mustering in as a part of the Federal army is going forward rapidly. The members of the Medical Corps were mustered in today.

RURAL CREDITS BILL IS PASSED

House Adopts Substitute for Senate Measure, Making System a Certainty.

VOTE NEARLY UNANIMOUS; TWO BILLS ARE SIMILAR

By a vote of 236 to 10 the House last night passed its substitute for the Senate rural credits bill, making certain the establishment of a system of farm credits. In general characteristics the House and Senate measures are similar, but the measure in the final form in which it will be submitted to both Houses will be largely rewritten by the Conference Committee.

The ten who voted against the bill were: Browning, New Jersey; Dale, Vermont; Dunn, New York; Gardner, Massachusetts; Gillette, Massachusetts; Kennedy, Rhode Island; Oakley, Connecticut; Walsh, Massachusetts; Madden, Illinois; Freeman, Connecticut.

The rural credits of land mortgage bank plan was considered largely along nonpartisan lines in the House, although Republicans were far less sanguine of the successful operation of the plan than the Democrats who framed it.

The House bill provides for the establishment of twelve Federal land banks, with a minimum capital of \$50,000 each. The management of the entire system is entrusted to the management of a farm loan board of three members and each of the banks is to be in charge of nine directors, three of whom are to be selected by the farm loan board and six by the national farm loan association.

The banks are to make loans to farmers through local associations of borrowers, ten or more of whom may form an association. When a farmer desires to make a loan he enters into membership of a local association. His loan is passed upon by the loan committee of the association and must be approved by the local board of directors, a land bank appraiser and the land bank directors.

To raise the money to be loaned in the form of loans to the farmers the land banks are permitted to issue farm loan bonds in series of not less than \$50,000 each. These bonds are secured by the capital and reserve of the bank making the issue, the capital and reserves of the other eleven banks of the system, the mortgage on the land, the capital and reserves of the local association, and in various other ways.

3 Orpet Jurors Are Singled Out

Tentatively Chosen Talesmen All Married and Unopposed to the Death Penalty.

(International News Service.)

Waukegan, Ill., May 15.—Three jurors were tentatively selected in the opening session today of the trial of Will Orpet, who is charged with the murder of Marian Lambert, his boyhood sweetheart.

All the three jurors are married men. None is opposed to capital punishment. State's Attorney Day, in his examination, laid special emphasis on the capital punishment feature, and four veniremen who said they were opposed to it, were instantly excused.

This fact led many to believe that the prosecutor will ask the death penalty. Twenty-seven men were examined during the course of the day. Thirteen said they had fixed opinions on the case. They were dismissed.

Nations Advance Time.

New York, May 15.—The Commercial Cable Company today sent out the following notice: "The Central Telegraph office at Bern, Switzerland, announces that in the Netherlands, since May 1 and in Denmark and Sweden, from May 15 until September 30, the legal time is advanced one hour."

Camping on Mount Mitchell. Fully described in booklet issued by Southern Railway. Ask for copy.—Adv.

AMERICANS MENACED BY MEXICAN TROOPS IN CITY OF TAMPICO

Soldiers and Civilians Declared Encouraged In Unfriendly Demonstrations By Carranza's Commander of District.

GUNBOATS READY TO LEND AID

Commanders of Machias and Marietta Receive Orders Following Receipt of Disquieting Reports at Navy Department—Scott Report Delayed.

Encouraged by Gen. Nafarrete, the Carranza commander in that district, Mexican soldiers and civilians at Tampico are renewing unfriendly demonstrations toward Americans there, according to advices received at the State Department yesterday. In consequence of the growing ill-feeling, which appears to result from the continued presence of American troops in Northern Mexico, the Americans are growing alarmed.

The Navy Department, which has been advised of the situation, has instructed the commanders of the gunboats Machias and Marietta, which are in the vicinity, to hold themselves in readiness to render protection to the Americans.

BORDER SPANS UNDER GUARD

All Bridges Along Southern Pacific Railroad for Long Distance Patrolled.

FUNSTON ORDERS STEP AFTER MANY WARNINGS

(By The Sun News Service.)

El Paso, Tex., May 15.—Every bridge along the Southern Pacific Railroad from San Antonio to El Paso was ordered tonight to be placed under guard. The order came from Gen. Frederick Funston, commanding the southern military department, and means the sending of troops from here and San Antonio.

The Southern Pacific parallels the Mexican border between here and San Antonio, and is used for troop movements. The precautions were deemed necessary following the incendiary attack on Fort Bliss Saturday night, and the reports last night and today that Mexicans were planning a raid on the road at Sierra Blanca, a small town in the east end of El Paso county.

It is possible that the order for troop protection will be extended to the El Paso and Southwestern Railroad, west of here, as it runs near the Mexican border. The Southern Pacific west of El Paso, except for a very short distance, is not close to the international line. It is believed militia will be used for much of this patrol and railway guard duty.

Texas is planning to raise another regiment in addition to the four infantry regiments and the squadron of cavalry and battalion of artillery already assembled at San Antonio. Adj. Gen. Hutchings today consulted with Gen. Funston at San Antonio relative to the recruiting of additional regiments for the Texas guards.

It is considered possible tonight that some of the militia will be sent into the "Big Bend" region, as the people are badly frightened following the Glen Springs massacre and the looting of Bouquillas and Deemers.

All ranches in the lower Bouquillas and Glen Springs districts are deserted.

ALLEGED SLAYER SURRENDERS.

Former Deputy Street Cleaner Under Mitchell a Fugitive.

New York, May 15.—Michael A. Rofrano, former deputy street cleaning commissioner under Mayor Mitchell, who has been sought for murder since last September, met District Attorney Swann in Washington Square by appointment this afternoon and gave himself up. Neither he nor anybody else would say where he had been in hiding for the last eight months.

Rofrano spent tonight in the Tombs, and tomorrow will be arraigned for pleading.

It is alleged that Rofrano was the power behind the plot to have killed Michael Galmart, one of Foley's henchmen, who was shot on March 8, 1915.

Negro Publicly Burned.

Waco, Tex., May 15.—Jess Washington, a young negro, who assaulted a white woman here several days ago, was taken from the court room while on his way and publicly burned in city hall.

Canadian Woodcutter Dies.

London, May 15.—Walter Runciman, head of the board of trade, announced in the house of commons today that 1,500 Canadian woodmen have arrived in this country to assist in cutting timber in England.

Utica Editor Dies.

Utica, N. Y., May 15.—Thomas F. Baker, 68, editor and one of the founders of the Utica Saturday Globe, who rose from a position as printer to great wealth within a period of a few years, died today after a long illness.

\$20.80 to Chicago and return; Baltimore and Ohio, May 20 to 22. Through trains morning, noon, evening and night.—Adv.

Three Americans Released.

The State Department was further advised that through the persistent efforts of the American consul there, three Americans who had been held in prison by the local Mexican authorities have been released.

Admiral Cameron McR. Winslow, commanding the Pacific Fleet, reported to the Navy Department yesterday that on a demand of the commander of the United States cruiser Denver, the Mexican authorities at Acapulco, on the west coast, have released three Americans and one Chilean, members of an American schooner which was burned off the Mexican port. The men were being held on the pretext that they set fire to the vessel. Senator James D. Phelan, of California, enlisted the aid of the State and Navy Departments in behalf of the Americans, whose homes are at Oakland, Cal. Two of the Americans are Frank Horn and George Lavolette. The name of the third man and of the Chilean are not known here.

Scott Report Delayed.

Admiral Scott, chief of staff of the army, who returned yesterday from his conference on the border with Gen. Alvaro Obregon, Carranza's minister of war, was unable to make an extended report owing to fatigue. He saw Secretary of War Baker only long enough for a brief chat, and spent the rest of the day at his home at Fort Myer, Va. He is expected to see Secretary of State Lansing before the Cabinet meeting today.

"Gen. Scott," said Secretary Baker, "appeared to be in a very hopeful frame of mind. He seemed to feel that a favorable situation has been created by his conference with Gen. Obregon, despite the fact that they did not result in any formal agreement."

Fourteen Killed In Powder Plant

Explosion's Toll at Gibbstown May Rise Even Higher, Du Pont Officials Say.

(International News Service.)

Gibbstown, N. J., May 15.—A terrific explosion shattered the local plant of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours Powder Company just before noon today, killing at least fourteen workmen and injuring thirty. Fire that followed caused \$200,000 damage.

The blast occurred in the building in which trinitro toluol was manufactured. This structure and three others nearby were blown to atoms. Tonight powder company firemen assisted by apparatus from nearby towns were seeking to control the flames and searching the debris for dead and injured. It is expected that the casualty list will be swelled before morning.

POPE TO CONDEMN REVOLT.

Expected to Take Action on Irish Rebellion Shortly.

Rome, via London, May 15.—Pope Benedict is expected shortly to voice public condemnation of the recent revolt in Ireland.

It is not yet known whether the pontiff will address a letter to the Irish episcopate, or make a public utterance on the occasion of granting an audience to representatives of the Irish College, but some sort of expression of condemnation is looked for as certain, since it would undoubtedly contribute to the pacification of Ireland.

Want More Convenient Stops.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 15.—Residents of Belfast, Northampton County asked the Public Service Commission today to compel the State Belt Electric Street Railroad Company to make more convenient stops along its lines.

Three Firemen Injured.

Kane, Pa., May 15.—Three firemen were seriously injured and ten were overcome by smoke while fighting a fire which caused \$100,000 damage in the business district here today.