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BRITISH GUARD CORK RUINS House Passes the Immigration Bill

300 BUILDINGS LAID WASTE IN CITY CORK; DAMAGE \$15,000,000

(By The Associated Press.) Cork, Dec. 13.—More than 300 buildings are said to have been destroyed in the fire which yesterday laid waste to the greater part of this city.

Regulars on Guard. London, Dec. 13.—British regulars stood guard today over the twisted and blackened ruins left by the fire which Saturday night and yesterday swept virtually unchecked through the city of Cork, Ireland.

Estimates of the loss run as high as \$15,000,000. Long hours of terror were spent by the people during Saturday night, the wildest disorder prevailing throughout the city.

Several Lives Lost. It is said several lives were lost and it is reported that two brothers were called from their homes and were shot, one fatally.

Two districts in Cork were swept by flames. In the business section all along Patrick street, from Cook to Maylor, hardly a shop was left unscathed. This was the shopping center of Cork and in untroubled times, boasted many prosperous stores.

Reports say that the Albert quay lying around the southern bank of the river was a mass of desolation. Dispatches which reached London today say Cork is quiet and orders have been given the regular soldiers to shoot looters in sight. Damaged premises had been plundered in some instances, it was said, but the military is in absolute control. Rumors as to loss of life are conflicting and vague.

FIVE MEN DIE IN EXPLOSIONS IN TWO POWDER PLANTS

(By The Associated Press.) Pittsburg, Kans., Dec. 13.—A heavy explosion occurred this morning at a plant of the Atlas Powder company three miles south of Pittsburg, and two men were reported severely burned.

The explosions shook Pittsburg and broke many windows.

Three Killed. Dover, N. J., Dec. 13.—Three persons were reported killed and a number injured in an explosion which occurred today in a plant of the Atlas Powder company at Hoptcong.

Military Situation in Haiti Satisfactory

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—The military situation in Haiti and Santa Domingo from the point of view of the marine corps is "extremely satisfactory," Major General Lejeune, commander of the corps, declares in his annual report to the secretary of the navy.

A year ago, the bandit situation in Haiti was "quite serious," General Lejeune says, but the present brigade and gendarmierie commanders have handled the situation in "masterly fashion and now banditry has been almost completely suppressed."

ASKS EMBARGO ON WHEAT, FLOUR, HOGS, CATTLE, SHEEP, ETC.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—An embargo for one year against the importation of wheat, wheat flour, barley, rye, oats, flax, wool, hogs, cattle and sheep, is proposed in a bill introduced today by Representative Young, a Republican of North Dakota. He also introduced a bill establishing the permanent schedule on import duties in these items for one year after the embargo.

ASSOCIATED PACKING COMPANY SALESMEN GO TO TRIAL TODAY

(By The Associated Press.) Des Moines, Dec. 13.—The trial of Woolf Teitel, Sam Landswick, and Garry Haynes, charged with conspiracy to defraud in connection with the sale of capital stock of the Associated Packing Company, was started today in the Polk county district court. A jury had not been obtained up to noon.

REBURY BURN'S "HIGHLAND MARY" WITH CEREMONY

(By The Associated Press.) Greenock, Scotland, Dec. 13.—With great solemnity, the remains of Mary Campbell, Robert Burns' "Highland Mary," were transferred today from the Old West Kirkyard here to a new grave in Greenock cemetery. The removal had been necessitated by an extension of a local shipyard.

From the spot where Mary was buried 134 years ago the coffin was borne reverently on the shoulders of representatives of Burns clubs from all over the country to its new resting place, and a large crowd of Burns admirers attended an impressive funeral service. Mary Campbell, a beautiful Argyle-shire girl, plighted her troth to the poet after a romantic courtship, but she died of fever. By her Burns was inspired to some of his most famous Scottish love songs.

The monument which Burns admirers erected on Mary's grave in 1842 now covers the new tomb.

Palmer has Card Index to 200,000 Radicals

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—The campaign against the high cost of living, efforts to break up trusts and combinations in restraint of trade and the government's fight on radicalism are reviewed by Attorney General Palmer in his annual report to congress.

In a discussion of the radical problem, Mr. Palmer discloses that the department of justice has developed a card index system, containing more than 200,000 cards, giving detailed data on the activities of ultra-radicals and their organizations as well as a complete library of reference on the general radical movement.



WOMEN DIE FROM BURNS WHEN FIRE BURNS FARM HOME

(By The Associated Press.) Burlington, Iowa, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Harry Laminiski, aged 35 years, and her sister, Miss Anna Kaska, 25, are dead as the result of burns sustained yesterday morning in a fire which destroyed the Laminiski farm home, five miles south of Brighton. Mr. Laminiski is also seriously burned but will recover.

CONVERT BOOTHS INTO STATIONS TO SELL MILK

(By The Associated Press.) La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 13.—As a result of the establishment of public milk stations in voting booths of this city, housewives of LaCrosse are able to buy milk from four to six cents per quart cheaper than charged by dairymen who deliver their product, bottled, to consumers.

At the three public milk stations in this city milk is sold in bulk to consumers, men and women and children in pails, jars and bottles standing in line and waiting their turn at the counter where the milk producers measure out and sell their product.

The sale of milk in the public stations is under the supervision of the city health department and every possible precaution is taken to keep the utensils and milk clean. Women are engaged to scrub out the booths and clean the tables on which the milk is measured.

CHICAGO BOASTS UNIQUE SUBWAY FOR FREIGHTING

(By The Associated Press.) Chicago, Dec. 13.—Forty feet underground Chicago has one of the most unique subway systems in the world. Devoted entirely to the hauling of freight, it keeps the congested loop district comparatively free of heavy traffic vehicles. Officials of the tunnel company estimate more than 6,000 trucks would have to pass through loop streets daily to duplicate the work done by the subway.

Over 62 miles of narrow gauge track, 132 electric locomotives and 3,000 freight cars hauled 6,000,000 tons of merchandise and 230,000 tons of coal last year.

Scores of downtown office buildings and stores receive their freight direct from the railroad depots via the subway. Their coal comes by the same route, and at night the ashes are hauled away through the underground tunnels, to be dumped on the lake front, where acres of land are reclaimed yearly. The ground on which the great new Field museum, at the south end of Grant Park, is built, was a few years ago a part of the lake. The tunnel company filled it in with ashes.

Establish 24 Czech Schools in Vienna

(By The Associated Press.) Vienna, Dec. 13.—The Vienna city government has yielded to the demands of its Czech population and will establish 24 public schools in which instruction will be wholly in the Czech language. There are 9,000 Czech children of school age in Vienna.

TEXTILE WORKERS GET NOTICE OF A WAGE REDUCTION

(By The Associated Press.) Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 13.—The first announcement of an actual reduction of textile operatives' wages by large mill corporations was made today by the Pacific mills and the Arlington mills of this city, when 10,000 workers, constituting one-half the operatives of this textile center were notified of the readjustment of wages, which will be made effective Dec. 20.

In accordance with the custom, the amount was not stated, but it is understood it will approximate 22 1/2 per cent, as suggested at the manufacturers' conference last week.

WILSON APPEALS TO PEOPLE TO GIVE TO STARVING CHILDREN

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—President Wilson today issued an appeal to the American people to contribute to the fund for the relief of three and one-half million children of central Europe, described as facing starvation.

IOWAN WOULD CATCH INCOMES INVESTED IN EXEMPTED BONDS

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—A constitutional amendment to enable the federal government to reach big incomes by taxing state and municipal bonds, was suggested by Representative Green, Republican of Iowa, at a hearing today before the house ways and means committee on the taxation question and the nation's revenue needs. Representative Green's suggestion came after other Republicans declared many of the big incomes are being turned into tax exemption securities.

FUEL SHORTAGE IS ATTRIBUTED TO OLD CAUSES

(By The Associated Press.) Paris, Dec. 13.—Wind and water hold the solution of the fuel shortage in France, E. Colardeau told his associates at the Academy of Sciences at its last meeting. He presented what he considered proof in the results of an installation on his kitchen faucet of a water turbine which drives a dynamo that charges storage batteries.

City pressure on the water, he explained, is sufficient to furnish a household with electric light. In the country, M. Colardeau would install windmills to pump water to elevated tanks and utilize the fall of the water through a pipe to turn the charging turbine.

New interest has been taken here in this idea of household installations because the higher costs of fuel and power, it is considered, may make practicable these water turbines.

Court Charges Small for Changing Names

(By The Associated Press.) Cleveland, Dec. 13.—It only costs \$1.40 to have one's name changed in probate court here, and it's not a difficult court procedure. It costs \$1 to advertise the fact, according to the law; 40 cents is charged as a filing fee, and the court costs are about \$3.00. And so far as known, the Cuyahoga county probate court has never refused a request.

AN OLD FRIEND, THE INCOME TAX, IS BACK AGAIN

Revenue Department Making Extensive Plans to aid Taxpayers in Work.

FORMS OUT JAN. FIRST Returns Must be Made to Revenue Office by March 15.

Extensive plans for aiding taxpayers in filing their income tax returns for the year 1920 are being made by the bureau of internal revenue. Revenue officers will visit every county in the United States to assist in making out the forms. The date of their arrival and the location of their offices will be announced through the press. The services of government experts heretofore offered to city residents will be continued.

Forms for filing 1920 returns of income will be sent by collectors to persons who last year filed a return. Failure to receive a form, however, does not relieve a person from his obligation to file a return within the time prescribed. Copies may be obtained from offices of collectors of internal revenue, branch offices, post offices and banks, and are expected to be available on or before Jan. 1.

Revenue officers assigned to the work of assisting taxpayers also will be supplied with forms, concerning which, and the various items of income to be included, they will be prepared to answer any and all questions. It has been demonstrated, however, that many questions may be eliminated if the taxpayer, before asking the assistance of a revenue officer, will carefully study the instructions on the form.

Can Pay Installments. The period for filing returns is from Jan. 1 to March 15, 1921. The tax, this year as last, may be paid in full at the time of filing the return or in four installments, the first of which is due on or before March 15, the second on or before June 15, the third on or before September 15 and the fourth on or before December 15. The first installment must accompany the filing of the return.

Persons whose individual net income for 1920 was \$5,000 and less should ask for Form 1010 A. Those whose individual net income was in excess of \$5,000 should ask for Form 1010.

The bureau of internal revenue is urging taxpayers not to delay in the filing of their returns. Merchants and business men are casting up their accounts for the calendar year 1920. With the facts and figures necessary to make a correct return fresh in their minds, the making out of a form soon after Jan. 1 will be an easier task, the bureau points out, than if delayed.

No Change in Requirements. The requirements of the revenue act relating to returns for the year 1920 are the same as those for the year 1919. Every person whose net income for 1920 was \$1,000 or more and every married person whose net income was \$2,000 or more must file a return. The exemptions are \$1,000 for single persons and \$2,000 for married persons and heads of families, plus an additional exemption of \$200 for each person dependent upon the taxpayer for chief support, if such person is under eighteen years of age or incapable of self support. A single person may claim an exemption of \$2,000 as the head of a family if he is the sole support of one or more relatives living in the same house with him, and if he exercises control over household affairs. Deductions from gross income to which the taxpayer is entitled in arriving at

LEAPS FROM TRAIN; INSANE MAN KILLED

Eluded Wife on Trip From Sanitarium and was run Over.

Railroad men on the local branch of the Northwestern, received word late last evening of the death of Sperm Stover, who was run over about 9 o'clock last night and instantly killed by a Northwestern train northwest of Eagle Grove. Mr. Stover had been declared insane and was walking on the track when he was struck by a train on the western division.

He eluded his wife, who was taking him from a sanitarium at Iowa City to his home at Havelock, and jumped from the train when it was between Eagle Grove and Rolfe early in the morning. It was feared then that he might wander about in his demented condition and die of starvation, as his case had taken a peculiar form of taciturnity. His wife believed that he would not ask for food. He was 40 years old. The train crew took his body to Eagle Grove last night and he was later identified as Sperm Stover of Havelock.

HOLLAND AND JUGOSLAVIA BREAK OFF RELATIONS; REPORT

The Hague, Dec. 13.—Diplomatic relations between Holland and Jugoslavia have been broken off, it was stated here today.

REVISION TASK IS COMPLETED BY COMMITTEE

(By The Associated Press.) Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 13.—An important revision of the Brazilian customs tariff has been completed by the tax revision committee of the chamber of deputies and will shortly, it is expected, be debated in the chamber preparatory to becoming law. Before preparing the draft of the proposed law, the committee consulted producers, consumers and commercial associations.

The government, it is stated, wants the revised tariff passed into law before the end of the year.

Rotary Clubs Active in European Relief

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 13.—The 750 Rotary clubs of America have announced their active participation in the Hoover \$33,000,000 European Relief campaign. Chesley R. Perry, general secretary of the international Rotary clubs, issued an official appeal today to Rotarians throughout the United States to throw their influence and personal assistance into the work of the European relief council of which Mr. Hoover is chairman.

net income are fully explained in the instructions on the forms.

How to Figure Tax. The normal tax rate for 1920 is 4 per cent on the first \$4,000 of net income above the exemption, and 8 per cent on the remaining net income. The surtax rate, which is computed without the benefit of the exemption, ranges from 1 per cent on the amount of net income between \$5,000 and \$6,000 to 65 per cent on the amount of net income in excess of \$1,000,000.

For the information of taxpayers in filing their returns, there has been prepared by the bureau of internal revenue a series of short articles on the income tax laws and 1920 regulations, the first of which will appear on Jan. 3. Errors heretofore made have been noted, and the taxpayer is told how this year they may be avoided.

AMENDED BILL PASSES BY VOTE OF 293 TO 41

Would Prohibit all Immigration for one Year, Instead of two Years.

GOES TO SENATE NOW Leaders in Senate Predict its Defeat in Upper House.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—The Johnson immigration bill has been amended to prohibit all immigration for one year instead of two. It was passed by the house and now goes to the senate, where defeat is predicted by senate leaders.

Two hundred and ninety-three voted for, and 41 against the bill.

CONVICTION OF MEN WHO DEPORTED UNDESIRABLES SUSTAINED

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—The supreme court today sustained the federal court decree of conviction on the indictments against 25 defendants, charged with participating in the deportation of 221 alleged undesirables from Bisbee, Ariz., into New Mexico in July 1917.

COTTON CROP THIS YEAR IS LARGEST EVER RAISED HERE

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—The cotton crop is larger this year than that produced in 1914, when the country's record cotton crop was grown. Final estimates made by the department of agriculture place the product at 12,987,000 bales, exclusive of linters.

To Surpass Countries in Sea Tonnage Soon

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 13.—With completion of the government shipbuilding program by 1922, the United States probably will have as much ocean-going tonnage as all the other countries combined, with the exception of Great Britain, Chairman Benson of the shipping board declared in his annual report to congress.

45,000 German Soldiers in Hospitals

(By The Associated Press.) Berlin, Dec. 13.—Two years after the war, 45,000 seriously wounded German soldiers are reported still in hospitals. Some of them have gone through from 20 to 30 operations, the German officers' association reports, and thousands who were less seriously wounded have been sent to their homes. The association's report says the future of these men "is very dark" and has appealed to the German public to make donations for Christmas gifts to them.