

# IRISH TROOP TRAIN BLOWN UP BY LAND MINE

## "Q" TRAIN CRASHES INTO FORD TRUCK; DRIVER BELEIVED DYING

ACCIDENT VICTIM IS RUSHED TO RYBURN HOSPITAL  
SKULL FRACTURED

Driving on the tracks in front of an approaching freight train, George W. McGonigle, aged about 45 years, was struck and probably fatally injured this morning four miles from Seneca on the Earlville branch of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad. McGonigle, who is married, is a resident of Somonauk. He is a chicken buyer.

The freeman on the train, Mr. Debra, stated that he saw McGonigle as he was driving on the tracks, but the train could not stop. He claims that McGonigle was not watching for the train.

The engine bumped against the side of the truck, throwing it around and striking it a second time at the back. The truck was then smashed to debris and thrown over on top of McGonigle, who fell at the side of the tracks.

The chest of the unfortunate man was crushed, his ribs broken and he sustained internal injuries about the abdomen, and it is believed his skull was fractured.

The accident occurred between the Sheridan Junction and Baker.

McGonigle is said to have been hurt of hearing.

He was picked up by the train crew and rushed into Seneca, where Dr. B. D. Mosher was called to attend him. Although partially conscious, McGonigle was unable to speak. Dr. Mosher made a preliminary examination and administered first aid remedies after which the patient was placed on the passenger train from Aurora and rushed into Ottawa, where he was taken to Ryburn hospital.

Fifty minutes after the accident McGonigle was in the hospital. Drs. T. W. Burrows and E. P. Hatheway were called to assist Dr. Mosher.

X-ray pictures of the injured man were to be taken this afternoon.

## S. R. O. SIGN POSTED AT COMMENCEMENT OF GRADE SCHOOLS

EXERCISES LAST NIGHT ATTENDED BY CROWD THAT PACKED HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM—OPERETTA DELIGHTS THE AUDIENCE.

The S. R. O. sign had to be displayed at the Ottawa High school last night when the annual commencement exercises of the public schools were held. Preceding the presentation of diplomas the members of the graduating class staged an operetta, "The Princess Chrysothemum." The production was one of the most clever ever given by a group of local children, and the audience was enthusiastically surprised at the great amount of talent the members of the class possessed.

The operetta was in three acts, the setting for the first being in the emperor's garden in Japan, the second in the Cave of Luby Night and the last in the cave.

The play dealt with a plot by the unfavored sister for the hand of the Princess Chrysothemum to kidnap her and carry her away to keep her from marrying a hated rival. Her supposed suitor, King, was a villain who to aid him in his work, the two took her to the cave of Luby Night, where they held her a prisoner, while all the emperor's court searched for her. Fairy Moonbeam, the princess' good genius, captured her and brought her to the court again.

Margerie Rickard took the role of the Princess Chrysothemum, making a very charming and vigorous little play. Little Miss Rickard possessed some real talent for acting, and pleased the audience very much with her interpretation of the title role.

Other characters were played by: Ethel Clark, Virginia Richards, Mildred Barless, Ruth Morrison, Mary Bonney and Ruby Hiltnerman, as attendants on the princess, were very attractive. These sang a melody during the first act, which was one of the most pleasing parts of the play.

Winifred P. Hill, as Fairy Moonbeam, the princess' good genius, was very efficient and graceful. Her dancing was extremely pleasing, and a dance she and a chorus of fairies did in the first act was one of the most beautiful parts of the play.

Empress What-for-Wh? the father of the princess, was played by Ralph Stone, one of the graduates. Ralph proved that he possessed no small amount of talent as an actor. His solo work was exceptionally good.

Prince So-So, the favored sister of the princess, was represented by Clyde Levy and was one of the strongest characters of the play. Clyde possessed a voice which promises to be of good strength and clearness.

Donald Wiley, who took the role of the villain, Prince So-Su, delighted everyone with his clever acting. He made one of the finest villains ever seen on the stage in school play, and demonstrated that in spite of his youth he is able to depict a difficult character in a very able manner.

Throughout the entire chamberlain was none other than Richard Graham. He possessed a voice that carried well and his orders given to the page, were distinctly understood by the audience.

Jane Palmer, who took the role of Saucer Eyes, the wizard cat, has appeared in previous home talent plays as a dancer. She sang her first solo last night that she could get as well as dance. A solo dance she did, accompanied by a chorus of sprites of the night, was very clever.

Norman Kaiser, Clayton Chamber, Arthur Morrison, Clyde Armstrong, Edward Gaffney, John Kerste, Elmer Sawyer and Charles Backenstam as courtiers were handsomely dressed in satin garments. They made a group very distinguished and stern looking.

An umbrella dance given by a group of Japanese girls in the first act was unusually beautiful, as was a solo dance given by Miss Katherine Bradford, whose name did not appear on the program. Miss Bradford, who was dressed as an attractive little Jap, vied with many a professional dancer with her grace.

Following the play the diplomas were presented by John Schumacher, president of the school board. Mr. Schumacher spoke a few words to the audience, comparing the school tax rate in Ottawa, La Salle, Marseilles and Streator, and showing that the taxes were not higher, and in some instances were lower, than in the surrounding cities. After complimenting the class on their work, and arguing

## 'TWIXT THE CUP AND THE LIP



## THOUGHT BOARDER WAS GUNNING FOR HIM; GETS WARRANT

DEER PARK MAN SEEKS AID FROM SHERIFF WHEN ADVISED FORMER FRIENDS WAS ARMED AND INTENDED SHOOTING HIM.

A practical joke started by an employee of the Jonesville mine yesterday morning, when he informed a fellow workman that an enemy was carrying a 38 caliber revolver, ended in Ernest Steffe, who resides one mile west of Deer Park, coming to Ottawa and securing a warrant for the arrest of John Bottomly, Sheriff Alex and Deputy Frank Prater rushed to Oakley last night in an effort to locate Bottomly. Unable to find the object of their search, and learning the story which caused the warrant to be issued for his arrest was largely a fabrication on the part of friends who were trying to "kiss" Steffe, they returned to town.

Bottomly formerly boarded at the Steffe home. Recently Mrs. Steffe and Bottomly had some trouble, and Steffe ordered Bottomly to leave his home. Bottomly worked at cement mill in Oakley, while his former land lord worked at the Jonesville mine.

Yesterday morning when Steffe went to work he found Bottomly waiting for him. He heard trouble, and ran around behind a pile of shale to hide. A fellow workman who saw his predicament called out to him, "Be careful for that fellow. He's got a 38 caliber revolver and is looking for you," intending to give his friend only a temporary fright.

Steffe left his hiding place, hurried to Ottawa and secured a warrant for his former friend's arrest.

## RACE RIOT LEADERS PAY ON THE GALLOWS

Chicago, June 24.—Grover C. Redding and Oscar McGavick were hanged together at 7:27 o'clock this morning for a killing of Robert C. Ross, a sailor, in connection with the "Albany riot" last June.

Both appeared cool when they walked on the scaffold. McGavick stayed at the ceiling of the execution chamber while a priest recited a prayer. Redding closed his eyes and the movements of those who adjusted the straps about his arms and legs.

Both slept during the night and had a hearty breakfast. Neither knew last night that their lawyer had failed yesterday to obtain a reprieve from the gallows through a plea for an insanity hearing.

"I am sure we will not hang in the morning," Redding told his fellow "Guss" it's time to go to sleep now. It would come later, was his reply.

The scheduled Albany riot occurred on the evening of June 10, 1920, when a band of negroes led by Redding and other thugs threatened a "princess of Albania" and secured a movement for the return of negroes to Africa, causing a riot.

Contrary to the usual custom of turning over the bodies of men executed to an undertaker, Sheriff Peters retained possession of the corpses of Redding and McGavick for more than an hour. He gave his papers to the mortals had reached him that an attempt had been made to run him off the body of a man hanged two months ago after it had left the custody of the county authorities. The bodies of Redding and McGavick were eventually turned over to McGavick's brother, himself an undertaker.

## MATE IN JAIL, SHE SUES AND SECURES MARITAL LIBERTY

PERU WOMAN DIVORCES MAN SHE HAD LOCKED IN CELL BECAUSE OF ALLEGED ABUSE—CAUSE TO SUMMON POLICE FOR PROTECTION.

Stephen Gross, of Peru, who has been a prisoner in the county jail since February, when he was arrested on charges preferred by his wife, who alleged that he was cruel to her, was defendant at a divorce hearing held before Judge Eldridge in the Circuit Court this morning. After hearing the evidence Judge Eldridge stated he would sign a decree granting the complainant Mrs. Edna Gross her liberty.

Mrs. Gross told the court that during the time she was married to the defendant he beat and struck, choked, kicked, her down and mistreated her on many occasions. On November 11, 1918, Armistice Day, the time when the world war was ended, she alleged he struck her with his fist, and knocked her down.

She alleged that in March of this year he became so abusive that she was forced to call the police to protect herself.

Mrs. Gross was granted the custody of her one daughter, four years of age. Her husband was ordered to pay all money for the support of the child.

## MRS. BERTHA LOCKE TO WED STREATOR MAN

Mrs. Bertha Louise Locke, 121 First street, Streator, is an engaged young lady who has a host of friends in Ottawa who wish her success in her marriage venture. She was born and raised south of the city and has resided here for the past ten years.

The groom is the only son of Mrs. Callina Le Roy, 391 North Everett street, Streator. He is an energetic young man, representing the Lasser Mercantile company of Peoria.

The couple were not attended. The bride wore a turquoise blue tulle and satin suit, with a hat to match.

Mr. LeRoy and his bride will take a honeymoon trip on the lakes before returning to Ottawa, where they will reside temporarily at the home of the bride, 421 Fourth avenue.

## BRITISH ACE KILLED ON PRACTICE FLIGHT

London, June 24.—Flight Lieutenant Proctor, who won the Victoria cross for bringing down six enemy planes and twenty-eight balloons, was killed last night when his plane crashed while he was practicing over Salisbury Plain.

Yale Freshies Defeat Harvard, June 24.—The Harvard and Yale Rowing teams, New London, Conn., freshmen eight oared race resulted in a victory for Yale by five lengths.

## Prominent Auroran Dies.

Aurora, Ill., June 24.—M. T. Chapman, president of the American Well Works, which is said to be the largest manufacturer of deep water pumps in the world, is dead at his home here, aged seventy-seven years.

them to pursue their education with a real earnestness, he presented them their diplomas.

## THREE SOLDIERS AND TRAIN GUARD KILLED; BLAME SINN FEINERS

Belfast, Ireland, June 24.—A troop train conveying soldiers from Belfast to Dublin was wrecked today at Abervoyle near Dundalk by the explosion of a Sinn Fein land mine.

## COURT ORDERS TWO DAUGHTERS TAKEN AWAY FROM PARENT

FATHER TOOK SECOND WIFE WHO HAD FOUR CHILDREN OF HER OWN—BOYS TO REMAIN AT HOME—ANOTHER LAD DECLARED DEPENDANT.

The four children of C. Lucas of Streator, Peoria aged 14, Ida aged 13, Durdette aged 11, and Stewart aged 9, were found dependant in the county court this morning. The two girls were given to Mrs. Josephine Wagner the probation officer to place in a home, and the two boys were awarded to the father.

A petition asking that they be declared dependant was filed in the county court by Mrs. Wagner last week. The mother of the children has been dead four years. Their father has remarried again, and he and his second wife, four step sons and the two younger children have been residing in a three room house.

The father was represented by Attorney Dale Moran, and a fight was to retain the custody of the two boys. The father promised the court that if he was given the custody of the boys he would make his step sons leave and make a good home for his children.

The girls will be placed in private homes by Miss Wagner.

Paroled to Minister.

Carl Ince, aged 12, was declared dependant in the County Court this morning before Judge B. Harry Reek in the county court and paroled to Rev. A. C. Decker of Streator to be placed in some private home. The parents of the little boy are dead. He has been residing with his sister, Mrs. Florence Evans.

In court the child testified that he could not pay his ex-wife, Mrs. Clara King Knutson, \$10 per month alimony and \$50 collector's fees by Judge Eldridge in the Circuit Court this afternoon.

Mrs. Josephine Warner filed the petition asking to have the child declared dependant.

Ordered to Pay Alimony.

Edward Knutson of Marseilles was ordered to pay his ex-wife, Mrs. Clara King Knutson, \$10 per month alimony and \$50 collector's fees by Judge Eldridge in the Circuit Court this afternoon.

Girl Goes on Trial.

Mrs. Eva Hauger who was arrested several days ago on a delinquency charge, was given a hearing in the County Court before Judge Reek this afternoon. The girl has been a prisoner in the county jail since her arrest.

Dr. A. J. Roberts testified that she was the victim of a leathome disease, while police officers claimed she was leading an immoral life.

At the hearing before County Judge Reek this afternoon the girl was committed to Geneva for an indefinite period of time.

## THREE SOLDIERS AND TRAIN GUARD KILLED; BLAME SINN FEINERS

Three soldiers and one of the train guards were killed and thirty others were wounded. Many horses lost their lives in the blast.

Two special trains with soldiers and horses who had participated in the reception of King George and Queen Mary on the state opening of the Ulster parliament on Wednesday had passed over the spot safely. The third train was wrecked at a steep embankment when the mine exploded. Most of the carriages falling over the embankment. Physicians were immediately rushed to the scene. An official statement giving the number of casualties said about thirty horses were killed in the wreck or had to be destroyed because of their injuries.

Large forces of police and soldiers were sent to the spot, which is in a lonely mountainous district just along the Ulster border. Numerous railway outrages have been perpetrated there.

Soldiers who saw civilians running from the scene of the wreck fired at them, shooting to death two unidentified persons. Two mines were exploded, it is believed by a time fuse. The train carried 104 members of the 10th Usars and 113 horses. One of the cars carrying soldiers and 100 men trucks were overturned and fell from the embankment killing many of the horses which had been the admiration of the Belfast crowds as the monarchs of King George's escort on his Belfast visit Monday.

## de Valera Arrested

Dublin, June 24.—Eamon de Valera, the Irish republican leader, was arrested Wednesday night near this city and later released. It was definitely established today. There had been earlier denials from the Irish authorities that he had been apprehended. It appears certain he was arrested either in error or through oversight on the part of the officials concerned. He was detained for the night and his identity being learned, he was released yesterday afternoon. There is no intention on the part of Irish authorities to arrest de Valera.

## PRESIDENT DISCUSSES INDUSTRIAL OUTLOOK WITH BUSINESS MEN

Washington, June 24.—News of speedy rehabilitation of domestic industry with the adjustment of transportation difficulties as one of the most vital needs was understood to have been stressed by a group of prominent middlewestern bankers and financiers at a conference last night with President Harding. A dinner guests of the president at the second of his conferences of business and industry representatives at the midwestern business world were said to have emphasized the need of doing something to relieve the present depression in the country as distinguished from the problems of merely creating still extension of exports which was emphasized by the international bankers group at the first conference several weeks ago.

Details of the conference discussions were held in confidence but it was understood that the bankers in their discussion of the railroad problem expressed a willingness to aid in its solution and particularly in bringing railroad management and labor together. Agricultural questions especially relating to the movement of wheat in the west and cotton in the south also were said to have been discussed at length.

## SMALL SIGNS FIFTEEN ASSEMBLY MEASURES

Springfield, Ill., June 24.—Governor Small today signed fifteen measures passed by the legislature. The situation over the increasing of bills is gradually being relieved.

Among the bills passed by the governor were:

- Resolutions—money for the constitutional convention.
- Revenue—Appropriates \$700 to Daniel Grubbs to pay for property damages caused in connection with work on the Illinois and Michigan canal.

## Party For Retiring Teacher.

Miss Beth Kramer, who has resigned her position as domestic science teacher of the public schools was given a luncheon today by the teachers of Columbus school. Miss Kramer was presented with a cut glass mayonnaise bowl.

## HAS THE CLIMATE. BUT NOT THE WORK

Not all the tourists that pass through Ottawa are headed for the "Golden West." Henry Stockman and party arrived at Ottawa this morning en route from Los Angeles to Chicago, traveling in a Dodge touring car. They left the Pacific coast sixteen days ago, traveling by easy stages, and expected to arrive at their destination early this afternoon. Mr. Stockman reports the travel from the west much greater than that in the other direction, saying that those seeking employment will find little or nothing to do in California.

## OTTAWA GRETNA GREEN FOR MAGNOLIA PAIR

Miss Ferns L. Hatt and Walker J. Johnston, both of Magnolia, were quietly married at the parsonage of the First Methodist church in this city yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Rev. H. P. Lawler officiated. After the ceremony the young couple left on a short honeymoon, after which they will return to Magnolia to make their future home.

The groom and his brother are the proprietors of "The Magnolia" garage.

## ARREST WOMAN FOR DEATH OF STEP SON

Carlinville, Ill., June 24.—The mutilated body of Thomas Harmon was found weighted down in a well at his home at Greenhills, near here yesterday. Bloodstains on the walls of his home and the report that Harmon had quarreled with his stepmother, Catherine Harmon, thirty-six, led to her arrest. She is in jail with a fourteen months' old baby.

## Find Body of Missing Man.

Rockford, Ill., June 24.—The body of Anthony Gullatti, who disappeared on Wednesday, was found today floating in the Fox River. Gullatti is believed to have lost his life while bathing.