

CURES AT LOURDES NOT SO MIRACULOUS

Returning Pilgrims Say Only Three Were Healed at French Shrine.

ONE GIRL APPEARS WELL Grace Maloney Tells "Sun" How, Once a Cripple, She Now Walks.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, Sept. 18.—Stories of the cure at Lourdes which reached London in rapid succession in the last few days are now being as rapidly reduced to their true proportions. Yesterday's despatches to THE SUN showed how one enthusiastic correspondent "watered" his previous reports and there is every indication that with the possible exception of Grace Maloney, whatever improvement there has been in cases of long established disease will prove to be merely temporary and more mental than physical.

It should be said that the official bureau at Lourdes is in no wise responsible for the premature announcement of cures. The doctors who accompanied the Irish pilgrims say the bureau is harder to convince than any sceptic. Each case which is reported to them is examined with scientific minuteness and the report thereon is frequently not published for six months, sometimes for a year. One of the returning doctors—it is significant that he stipulated his name should not be attached to the statement—described to the correspondent three cures among the Irish pilgrims, the preliminary investigation of which by the Lourdes bureau had not been completed. The two Downey's of Belfast, both of whom threw away their crutches, and Grace Maloney of Killarney, who was also able to walk for the first time in a week. The doctor confirmed the report that Michael Downey suffered no further pain after his "cure" and was able to use his limbs, but the official report from the Lourdes Hospital in regard to Downey's previous condition has not yet reached London. In the case of Thomas Downey, who was suffering from a discharging sinus, some time must elapse before the "cure" can be pronounced permanent, as sinuses in such cases often heal temporarily.

Grace Maloney May Be Cured. There was more probability about her cure being permanent. Indeed many who are sceptical in regard to miracles confess that her cure was marvellous and justifies the faith of those who believe in miracles do not present any difficulties. Grace Maloney was seen by THE SUN correspondent in London to-day. There is nothing of the rhytic about her. She is a strapping girl, with a high forehead, thick dark hair and clear blue eyes. There is strength of character in every line of her face, from her broad, high forehead to her chin. She told the story without much gush or affectation. It was dramatic in its simple matter of factness. She said: "I had been lame and had undergone eight operations. I was unable to walk save on the toe of my right foot. My knee was stiff and it was impossible for me to get on my feet. I had no intention of making the pilgrimage, but my father, who is a school teacher in County Clare, insisted that I should go. I made up my mind to go. I was convinced that I would be cured, although Dr. Blaney and others who had operated on me at Mater Misericordie in Dublin and at Clarendon Hospital said I would never get well. My knee continued to be stiff until the Thursday night that I reached Lourdes. Then I began to have excruciating pains in the knee. These continued on Friday morning until I joined the procession of pilgrims. "I was walking along leaning on the shoulder of another pilgrim until opposite the statue of the Madonna Corona when I felt shooting pains from my foot up my leg which I had never before experienced. I stopped and found that my heel was on the ground, my knee was loose and supple and that I was walking naturally. The shooting pains left me immediately and I realized with joy that I was cured. "Just here a physician who was present at the interview began to question Miss Maloney and she kicked her healed leg with vigor.

Miss Maloney Walks Easily. When the correspondent first met Miss Maloney she was alighting from the pilgrims' special train. She jumped from the car like a normal, healthy girl would do and walked up the platform as easily and lightly as a bird. Then she walked up a long staircase to the dining room. Here she was surrounded by her fellow pilgrims who showered blessings on her. Dr. C. J. Forby of Summerhill, County Meath, who was with the pilgrims, gave THE SUN correspondent a history of Grace Maloney's case which he had obtained from the priest in charge of the girl into the sacristy of the Church of the Rosary and closed the door, and then she told me her story. "I then examined the girl's leg and found scars on either side of it as the result of various operations, but the knee was absolutely normal. "In my opinion it is an absolute miraculous cure. Grace Maloney is a girl who has returned to normal life. Instances of this kind could be multiplied indefinitely, but not the least pathetic was that of a blind woman who was blind from the train in the darkness to which she had long been accustomed and who went to Lourdes in the hope of being cured of her affliction.

LOW PRICES Selecting a building contractor solely because he happens to submit a low estimate is as hazardous as selecting a wife solely because she has blond hair and blue eyes.

Neither a low estimate nor blond hair and blue eyes are to be despised, but at best they are but relative terms. A woman's disposition is more important than her beauty, and a Contractor's ability to give economical results in the final analysis is far more important than the meaningless promise in an optimistic first bid.

THOMPSON-STARRETT COMPANY Building Contractors

NO NATIONAL STRIKE IN THE BRITISH ISLES

Railway Men's Union Rejects the Plan to Tie Up Traffic.

BUS STRIKE MAY SPREAD

Tillings Company to Stop All But Thirty of Its Vehicles.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, Sept. 18.—The strike situation in the British Isles has not become any worse in the last twenty-four hours. On the other hand, there is nothing very encouraging for those who are hoping for a settlement of the trouble. The position in Dublin has not changed. A huge procession of strikers paraded again to-day. The men were orderly and gave the impression of being dejected. They have not received the support they had expected from the Irish Nationalists, while the Catholic Church strongly objects to Jim Larkin, their leader, as a socialist and the Dublin city members of Parliament have not taken up their cause, although they are not opposing them.

There have been no negotiations at Birmingham and the position is not altered materially except that the National Union of Railway Men sent circulars to English railway men, in which they point out that they are not deciding the abstract question of whether or not "blackleg" traffic should be handled by English railway men. They declare that an investigation has not gathered them that the freights which the Liverpool and Birmingham men refused to handle are being handled by members of the Transport Workers Union, in which case the strikers were acting mistakenly. The committee points out the danger of unauthorized action and urges the men not to widen the area of the dispute without official sanction. The only apparent result of this circular is that the present has been to awaken the resentment of the strikers who are showing that disregard of their leaders which is becoming an increasing feature of trade unionism in Great Britain. The malcontents at Birmingham are using their influence at other centres and have induced part of the Gloucester railwaymen to strike.

Bus Strike May Spread. It looked this afternoon as if London would be spared an omnibus strike, but the matter is practically closed to-night. The Lord Mayor invited representatives of Tillings, Ltd., the leading omnibus company, and of the men to meet at the Mansion House and try to arrange their dispute. The delegates from both sides met, but failed to agree. The strikers, whose sole grievance heretofore has been represented to be the question of granting a union badge with their uniform, have now made three demands, namely, the right of the men to representation through their union, play a retaining game as far as his own purposes are concerned.

PANCHO VILLA REPORTED SHOT Is Thought to Have Been Taken by Castillo. EL PASO, TEX., Sept. 18.—A report was received at Juarez to-day that Pancho Villa and ten of his rebel officers were captured by Maximo Castillo, another rebel leader, a freemason, at Palomas this morning. The report says that Castillo all but thirty of the 150 buses of Tillings, Ltd. The prospect of the other busmen joining in the strike increases. The situation at Manchester is unchanged, but there are new troubles at Nottingham and Sheffield.

POST WHEELER ON THE BALTIMORE

Rome Embassy Secretary, on Way to Washington, Eludes Reporters. LONDON, Sept. 18.—Among the passengers on the White Star liner Baltic, which sailed from Liverpool to-day, was Post Wheeler, secretary of the American Embassy at Rome. Mr. Wheeler is going to Washington to answer charges that he violated diplomatic courtesies by importing gasoline for his friends' automobiles. Mr. Wheeler managed to elude the reporters. Other passengers on the Baltic are: Bishop W. D. Walker and Mrs. Walker of Buffalo, N. Y.; Robert J. Wyne, formerly Postmaster-General and afterward Consul-General at London, and Mrs. Wynne of Washington, D. C.; the Rev. Cameron Davis and wife of Buffalo, N. Y.; Col. William Jay, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott Gerlich, Mr. and Mrs. Schuyler Merritt, Philip J. Roosevelt, K. R. McAlpin, Victor Sorehan and J. M. MacDonough, all of New York.

U. S. SCIENTISTS IN JAMAICA.

Will Study Pellagra Under Dr. Sambon, an Expert. KINGSFORD, JAMAICA, Sept. 18.—Dr. Louis W. Sambon, a British expert on pellagra, accompanied by a party of American scientists arrived here to-day to study the disease, which exists here to some extent. Owing to the refusal of the Government of Jamaica to grant facilities on the country, Elders & Pyfles, the English branch of the trust, announce their intention to withdraw from the island.

GAMBOA AND DIAZ MAY BE CANDIDATES

Reported That Huerta Has Ordered Porfirio Diaz's Nephew to Return.

REBELS HELP REFUGEES Operate Train on Which American Travel Part Way to Capital.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. MEXICO CITY, Sept. 18.—Political affairs in Mexico took a lively turn to-night, when two announcements were made which indicate a fight at the polls. Two Huerta lieutenants probably will be candidates for the Presidency at the election which the Provisional President promises shall be held on October 24.

Richardson to Lead Ulster. Lieutenant-General With 34 Years Experience Chosen. BELFAST, Sept. 18.—It was announced at a meeting of Irish Unionists to-day at Banbridge, in County Down, that Lieutenant-General Richard Richardson, who had previously watched the parade of 1,500 drilled men, had been appointed General of the Ulster Volunteers.

SEIZES ALBANIAN TREASURE. Esad Pasha Proposes to Establish New Government in Durazzo. VIENNA, Sept. 18.—Following the news of a split in the provisional Government of Albania owing to differences between Esad Pasha and Ismail Kemal comes the report that the former, who has been Minister of the Interior under Ismail Kemal, has seized the Albanian treasure and is holding it at Durazzo, where he proposes to form a new Albanian government.

ENGLISH OBJECT TO NEGRO M. D. Camberwell Poor Guardians Draw Color Line in Appointment. LONDON, Sept. 18.—The Camberwell poor law guardians drew the color line to-day by refusing to appoint a negro doctor as district medical officer on the ground that the poor were very fastidious in such matters.

WILSON WARY OF NOTE. He is Letting Mexican Affairs Shape Themselves Now. WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—After a careful examination of the excerpts of the message delivered by Provisional President Huerta to the Mexican Congress on Tuesday, President Wilson has reached this conclusion: "That there was nothing in the message that was in contradiction of the note and with the understanding that the Administration interpreted that note as conveying."

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TELLS OF DANGERS IN MEXICO. Woman Refugee Fired at Bandits Who Came Near Home.

Among the dozen American refugees from Mexico who arrived yesterday by the Ward liner Santiago, from Tampico, was Mrs. Lillian Gonzalez, a widow, originally of Atlantic City, who says she was forced to leave her home near San Luis Potosi, where she has mining interests, by the activity of bandits. She knows how to shoot and declares that several times she fired at bandits who came too near her home. She hopes she did not hit any of them, as she fired merely to frighten them off. The coast towns, Mrs. Gonzalez says, are quiet, but stories of cruelty by rebel soldiers in the interior drifted continuously to the coast.

Temple Bar in Park. The house which was burned to-day stood on the site and foundations of the palace of King James I. It was comparatively modern and was of red brick and devoid of any architectural pretensions. In the vicinity of to-day's fire is the Abbey Church of Waltham Holy Cross, the construction of which was begun by King Canute and finished by King Harold early in the eleventh century and which is still used as the parish church. The great feature of Theobald Park is old Temple Bar. No one knows the exact age of this wonderful old gate which figured for hundreds of years at the Fleet street entrance to the city of London. It is known that Temple Bar was in existence in 1300 and it now forms the entrance to Theobald's Park from the high road, which was formerly used by the mail coaches between London and Cambridge.

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BURN BRITISH HOME LET TO AMERICANS

Suffragettes Suspected in Fire Which Destroys Theobald Park Mansion.

OGDEN MILLS WAS LESSEE House, Which Was Unoccupied, Was Property of Late Lady Meux.

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STATE AID FOR UNEMPLOYED. Socialists at Jena Congress Make Such a Proposal. JENA, Sept. 18.—Unemployment and its alarming increase were discussed at to-day's session of the Social Democratic congress. The necessity of State aid was insisted upon by a number of speakers, who complained of unpatriotic capitalists employing more than a million foreigners because they found it cheaper to do so.

BESSON GUEST AT LUNCHEON. Actors in London Entertain the Actor-Manager. LONDON, Sept. 18.—Most of the prominent actors of the British stage, with representative en of letters and churchmen, attended a luncheon to-day to F. B. Benson, the English actor-manager. Mr. Benson is about to start on a trip to the United States and Canada.

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17 SOLDIERS DEAD IN FRENCH TRAIN WRECK

Cars Fall Into Ravine 36 Feet Deep When Crossing Viaduct. Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. PARIS, Sept. 18.—Seventeen soldiers were killed and thirty injured by a wreck on the electric railway between Cannes and Grasse in the Alps Maritimes department to-day. The train was composed of four cars, which were crowded and many soldiers were on the steps. Leotardi, the engineer, who entered the service only two weeks ago, was trying to make up for ten minutes delay. It was raining heavily at the time and the rails were slippery.

PASSENGERS ON THE FRANCE. Many Americans Returning After a Summer in Europe. Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. PARIS, Sept. 18.—Among those booked to sail on the France from Havre on Saturday are Walter V. R. Berry of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bridgman of New York, Mrs. John P. Martin, the Vicomte and Vicomtesse de Rougemont, the latter the daughter of New York, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Herreshoff Bartlett of New York, Col. H. J. De la Vergne of New Orleans, Judge and Mrs. Francis M. Scott of New York, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mathews of New York, Mr. and Mrs. August Beniger of New York, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cobb of Chicago, Mrs. J. N. Ewell, Mrs. James Wall Finn, Mrs. Elliott Hendrick, the Misses Ida and Edith Pritchett, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Faulkner, all of New York, and Miss F. N. Watkins.

FREE WHEAT AGREED ON. Tariff Conference Hold Their First Night Meeting. WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—The tariff conference of the Senate and House held a night session for the first time to-night, Chairman Simmons said that it would be the last they would hold. Most of the conference, during the day, was devoted to a field of battle. When an adjournment was taken for dinner the conferees had practically completed the schedule except ferromanganese and lead and zinc ores.

LORIMER OUT FOR U. S. SENATE. Roger Sullivan and Others in the Field for 1915. CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—Three candidates for United States Senator to succeed Lawrence V. Sherman in 1915 appeared to-day. The formal announcement of all will be made within the next two weeks. Senator Sherman is expected back from Washington in a few days to start his own campaign. The candidates are State Senator S. Kent Keller of Ava, who will seek the Democratic nomination; John Z. White, national lecturer for the Single Tax Club; William Lorimer, Republican.

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