

SERBIA EXPLOSION FATAL TO HUNDREDS

400 Carloads of Ammunition Blow Up at Monastir.

THOUSANDS ARE WOUNDED

Church Collapses on Children; 1800 Soldiers Caught in Barracks. Half of City Made Homeless.

BELGRADE, April 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Four hundred carloads of ammunition and high explosives stored near the railroad station at Monastir, southern Serbia, exploded Tuesday at noon, killing several hundred persons, wounding thousands and virtually destroying the heart of the city. One-half of the city's population was rendered homeless.

The victims were mostly children and soldiers. A church in which the children were crowded together collapsed under the detonation, while the barracks in which 1800 soldiers were having lunch was destroyed.

Inhabitants Flee to Woods. Immediately after the explosion fire broke out in various parts of the city. The panic-stricken inhabitants fled to the woods and mountains, from which they watched their homes burn. All telegraphic and telephone communication from Monastir with the outside world was cut off.

The first news of the disaster reached Belgrade from refugees who managed to reach Priboj, 80 miles northwest of Monastir. Several Serbian relief units were immediately organized and started for Monastir.

Six American women doctors of the American women's hospital at Vitez left immediately for Monastir and reached the stricken city tonight.

Mrs. William Brewster of New York city, who conducted an American missionary school in the center of Monastir, has not been heard from since the explosion.

Government to Aid Homeless. King Alexander has sent a message of sympathy to the victims and the government is dispatching a large sum of money for the immediate relief of the homeless.

The last reports are to the effect that soldiers and gendarmes are engaged in rescue work. The exact number of persons killed may never be known as far as civilians are concerned. The rollcall of the soldiers is being made, however, and it is said that the number of missing troops already amounts to more than 400.

PREMIER VISIONS PEACE

(Continued From First Page.) Ferenca at Genoa still lives and is going strong.

"The public may be said to be divided into two categories—those who want to see the conference succeed and those who would like to see it go down in defeat. But the latter will not see their wish accomplished. We are working through our difficulties quite successfully."

German Army Yielding. The premier then made the announcement that the difficulties growing out of the signing of a separate Russo-German accord would be overcome and later he made it clear that he and his cabinet believe the German delegates were preparing to accept the suggestions laid down in the note sent them by the allied representatives. In it were specific conditions that the Germans will be expected not to sit on the commissions which henceforth will deal with Russian questions because the Germans had already settled their affairs with Russia outside the conference.

"I don't want to anticipate the character of the soviet answer to proposals for a general accord with Russia," continued the premier, "but I would be surprised if it were not of such a character as to permit us to go on with our work of reconstructing the convulsed and devastated continent. The sub-commission on political affairs will meet tomorrow to consider the soviet reply, which is due tonight or tomorrow."

The meeting of the premier and newspaper men was then thrown open to questions, with the understanding that all should be submitted in writing.

Premier Under Fire. This announcement curbed the enthusiasm of many who seemed prepared to submit the British leader to a grilling cross-examination. The first question was:

"Why does Dr. Rathenau say you knew all about the Russo-German treaty in advance?"

"I don't know whether Rathenau said that or not," came back the premier with amazing quickness. "Certainly he did not say it to me. If he did it would have been absolutely untrue; I knew nothing about the treaty until I met my colleagues on the way to the afternoon meeting."

Mr. Lloyd George emphasized that everybody was on an equal footing at Genoa and that the Germans had a place on all the commissions which were to discuss the accord affecting Russia and all nations. To make a separate pact behind the back of their colleagues was an act of disloyalty on the part of the Germans.

Course Held Justified. "We were justified in taking energetic measures," declared the premier. "The thing will have a good effect on the conference."

The next question was: "Does the prime minister think that the Russo-German treaty represented a deliberate attempt to wreck the conference?"

"To Mr. Lloyd George replied: "Whatever you may think about the accord, I don't think it was negotiated with the idea of wrecking the conference."

The German incident, he said, had not consumed useful time of the conference, which had to wait anyway for an answer from the soviet delegates, and he was confident they would get the answer in proper time for a discussion of the project of a pact or guarantee that the nations of Europe will solemnly bind themselves not to engage in aggressive acts against their neighbors.

Prime Minister Roused. The next query awoke the prime minister from his weariness. His voice now was clear and resonant and carried to every corner where his auditors were striving not to lose a word—"What kind of people don't like the Genoa conference?"

"Quarrelsome people," he exclaimed, with an impressive gesture, "who like to keep up hatreds between nations and who rejoice at seeing conflicts arise."

The next question read as if it emanated from the correspondents of the neutral countries, which have been complaining about the private negotiations among the "big four"—"Are

small, informal conferences justified behind the back of the conference?" "Yes," replied the premier. "I consider such informal conferences essential to the congress. At the Washington conference, which was a remarkable success, there were innumerable informal discussions between the delegates. At all conferences it is the same thing. Such talks are desirable and conducive to success."

German Queries Regretted. "Next, the German correspondents passed up a number of sheets of paper; they wanted to know the exact conditions under which the Russo-German treaty was arranged and signed."

"I regret these questions," said the premier, "and I hope that the German committee, and I hope that the German committee, will be satisfied with the explanation of it."

Naval money bill received from the cabinet and turned over to the appropriations committee. King offers resolution, which is referred to the judiciary committee, providing for investigation of the alien property custodian's office and administration.

Reading of entire tariff bill accomplished by "skipping."

House. Refuses to adopt conference report on defense articles bill because of senate amendment increasing the number of men permitted to draw high salaries in the shipping board, chairman Gaskill of federal trade commission told labor committee the proposed fact-finding agency should be a success.

Palestinians protest to foreign affairs committee against declaration by the Zion movement.

"Generals" Jacob S. Coxey outlines homebuilding plan, banking and currency committee through issuance of legal tender money.

writers will not insist upon answers I will answer if they insist, but I think it prudent not to aggravate the present situation, I have said that the treaty was not an attempt to wreck the conference, and I think it might have been that, I do not want to engender controversies, but to restore harmony."

The British withdrew the questions. Mr. Lloyd George affirmed that in his judgment the work begun at Genoa would be taken up and pushed forward by the league of nations. Asked if Germany and Russia should be members of the league, he replied instantly: "Yes. The league of nations can never do anything until all nations are members. With Russia and Germany absent more than half the population of Europe is without representation."

Confidence Not Shaken. "Do you have an absolutely favorable view of this conference?" was the next question.

"I do," I was confident before I came here and my confidence has grown despite all the differences which have arisen. I never saw a conference without differences. And the more important the conference the greater are the differences.

"I have no hesitation in saying that this conference will end in complete restoration of harmony in Europe. It is the first time we have called all Europe together. I have profound faith and conviction that it will end in the reconstruction of Europe."

The British premier had a great ovation as he walked out of the palace between lines of guardsmen. His final words were: "When you have other questions, let me know."

FARMS ON SOUND BASIS

(Continued From First Page.) lent, a process which necessarily must take a period of years.

Change in Methods Possible. Another possible course would be to continue the war finance corporation with some modification in its methods of operation. Probably the disposition of the agricultural interests in congress will be to continue the institution on a large scale. The obvious fact is that the lending of government money on farm products was started as an emergency measure, that this emergency is now safely over and that the original justification for the use of government money in this way no longer exists.

An continuing government operation during normal times will be hard to justify the institution. Except in the emergency there is no better fundamental reason for lending money to farmers than for lending it to manufacturers. When congress approaches this subject during the next few weeks we should see an interesting debate.

GLACIER TRACES FOUND (Continued From First Page.) ice cap, he concludes, was the source of the Soledad glacier.

"Fifteen miles east, up the Johnson creek valley," said Mr. Campbell, "government survey established the elevation at something over 6000 feet, or more than 400 feet higher than our moraine. This allows a declivity of 27 feet to the mile, ample to provide the facilities for the descent of a glacier, especially when forced downward by the ice accumulations extending to the sea."

"Taking all the facts into consideration, the evidence seems clearly to point to the former existence of this glacier as far east as the rocky strip across the east part of Sellwood was put into its present place."

Captain Ordered to Report. THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., April 20.—Captain Joseph I. Tupper, now at headquarters of the reserve officers' training corps at Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, has been ordered to report to the army retiring board at Camp Lewis for examination.

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RIOTING GROWS WORSE

Both Belfast and Dublin Report Hot Fighting in Streets, With Many Casualties.

DUBLIN, April 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—A manifesto issued tonight by the labor party and the trades union congress calls for a one-day strike and demands that the Dail Eireann assert its authority, reunite the army under a single commissioner and accept the responsibility of government, to confess its impotence and make way for the people to decide the issues.

The manifesto said the lord mayor and the archbishop of Dublin have been requested to invite the representatives of the executive council of the disident section of the army (that headed by Roderick "Rory" O'Connor) to the adjourned session of the peace conference between representatives of the Free State and the republicans Wednesday.

It asserted that the labor party and the trades union congress have consulted the leaders of the contending parties and forces and have been assured on all sides that many deeds of aggression and violence were committed by groups or individuals without authority. Every effort was being made to reduce to a minimum military intervention in civil affairs.

Reuniting of Army Demanded. It was declared by the manifesto that it is for the Dail Eireann, when it meets next Tuesday, to re-unite the army and bring it under single command so that it may defend the state and its liberties against foreign intervention.

Firing broke out tonight at 11:15 o'clock and at the hour of the filing of this dispatch was going on heavily at the Wellington barracks, Boggar's bush and elsewhere.

Little hope for tangible results in the direction of peace was expressed on the resumption today of the peace conference between the Free Staters and republicans, although Lord Mayor O'Neill and Archbishop Byrne have asserted themselves to the utmost since the adjournment last week to effect an understanding.

Class Merger Predicted. The lord mayor in a statement predicted that should the meeting fail, an early amalgamation of the forces of capital and labor might be looked for, in an effort to end disorder.

Labor leaders were reported to have conferred for the last few days with the heads of the provisional free state government and the republicans. The Eamonn de Valera, republican leader, is credited with the intention to propose that the leaders of the rival sections of the Irish republican army—Richard Mulcahy for the free staters and Roderick (Rory) O'Connor for the republicans—be called in to share in the discussions, and it is stated they have already been asked whether they are willing to attend.

One of the main stumbling blocks in the way of an understanding is the apparent irreconcilability of the two parties regarding the holding of elections on the existing parliamentary register.

BELFAST FIGHTING IS HOT Several Hundred Men With Rifles Battle in Streets.

BELFAST, April 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—The worst fighting Belfast has yet experienced occurred in the east end tonight, when several hundred men, all armed with rifles, participated.

The gunmen came boldly into the open, lying flat on street corners, and shooting frantically. A hot encounter also occurred in the Short Strand district, where police used machine guns freely.

Sniping was reported today at the scene of last night's fierce riot, and two persons were wounded. Mary Keohan, who was shot yesterday, is dead, bringing the death

roll since Tuesday to eight, of whom four were killed last night. Police Sergeant Brun, who was wounded last Thursday, died today.

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The men left this morning for Portland. The party will return Sunday night.

Roseburg Against Lake Inclusion. ROSEBURG, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—Letters to the Portland Chamber of Commerce asking that organization to rescind its action in being the movement started by the park bureau to include Diamond Lake in the Crater Lake National park, have been written by Roseburg business men, who state that the placing of Diamond Lake under the jurisdiction of the park service is a blow to Douglas county. Its withdrawal would take some of the finest stock range away from the stockmen of the county. The Portland chamber is asked to join with the Roseburg commercial bodies in keeping the lake under the jurisdiction of the forest service.

State Distributes 800 Chicks. PRINEVILLE, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—The Oregon land settlement commission has received for the state farm near Prineville 800 little chickens. These were brought in by Professor Scudder, who stayed a couple of days in order to see that they were properly settled. It is the intention of the state farm according to the manager, to keep about 400 small chickens.

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clubhouse was especially necessary in this district owing to the fact that during several months of the year they would be able to entertain guests from every part of the country. The post has 65 members and is one of the most active in the state.

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