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PATENT PROMPTLY SECURED, In all countries. Ask for our INVENTOR'S ADVISER.

30,000 RENDERED HOMELESS IN SERBIA, Monastir Scene of Terrific Munitions Explosion.

Monastir Scene of Terrific Munitions Explosion, Wrecking Heart of City.

A despatch from Belgrade says:—Four hundred carloads of ammunition and explosives stored near the railroad station at Monastir, Southern Serbia, exploded on Tuesday at noon.

The explosion killed several hundred persons, wounding thousands, and virtually destroyed 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 worshipping collapsed under the detonation.

Immediately after the explosion fire broke out in various parts of the city. The panic-stricken inhabitants fled to the nearby woods and mountains.

All telegraphic and telephonic communication from Monastir with the outside world was cut off.

The first news of the disaster reached Belgrade from refugees who managed to reach Pilep, 30 miles to the north-west of Monastir.

Several Serbian relief units were immediately organized and started for Monastir.

Details of the explosion in Monastir reveal that fire which swept the city following the blast has made 30,000 homeless.

Thousands of tons of munitions left over from the world war mysteriously blew up and latest reports say that 8,000 soldiers, mostly Greeks, were killed.

Two hundred children are reported to have been killed or wounded, in a church which was destroyed when a shell, tossed from the scene of the explosion, landed on the steeple.

All the leading cities of Greece are sending supplies and medical aid to Monastir.

King Alexander has decreed a day of mourning throughout Yugoslavia. The Cabinet has ordered that a commission of army and Government experts make a strict investigation.

which is some quarters was attributed to enemies of the State.

ALLIES DEMAND ARREST OF GERMAN CRIMINALS, Eleven Men Must be Tried by Inter-Allied Commission.



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CANADA LOSES GIFTED YOUNG AUTHOR, Miss Marjorie Pickthall, Prose and Verse Writer, Dies in Vancouver.

A despatch from Toronto says:—The funeral of the late Miss Marjorie Pickthall, the brilliant young novelist and poet, who died suddenly in Vancouver on Wednesday, was held at the residence of her father, Mr. Arthur C. Pickthall, Toronto, in the morning.

Her first story to one of the Toronto newspapers and in 1913 she published her first volume of poetry, "The Drift of Finisius." Later she wrote "The Lamp of Poor Souls," her poetry being of an exquisite nature.

Her work received great tribute from the critics. Clement Shorter, of England, giving high praise to "The Bridge." Much of the local color from this story was secured from a summer spent at Toronto Island. It is now running in the third edition.

Mr. Arthur C. Pickthall, a well-known author of Dalhousie University, said of his book: "For twenty years I have been a watcher of the skies for the appearance of new stars, in that time only four have appeared, the greatest of whom is a woman, Marjorie Pickthall." In all her work Miss Pickthall has truly and beautifully interpreted Canada.

The news of her early passing has come as a great shock to the many who knew her in Toronto, and the Dominion sustains a distinct loss in the death of this talented young writer. Never before has the work of a Canadian novelist attracted such world-wide attention and her death came at the moment of her most assured triumph.

MURDER BY PHONE, Newest Form of Crime, A despatch from London says:—Bernhard Kobler, a business man in Berlin, is on trial on a charge of committing murder by telephone.

Kobler, the evidence showed, telephoned daily to another merchant suffering from consumption and anonymously asked such questions as: "Have you still got your lungs?" or "You had better hang yourself out of the window, because you will fall in business anyway before you die!" As a result, the sick man suffered a nervous collapse and died prematurely.

Rustless Tinplate, Result of Experiment, A despatch from London says:—Experiments of a far-reaching nature are being conducted in the tinplate works at Swansea with the object of substituting nickel for tin in the coating of tinplates.

A company has been formed to deal with the invention, which is known as the Steel-Nickel Syndicate. A prominent member of the syndicate is Henry Mond, son of Sir Alfred Mond.

Production of rustless plate is aimed at.

Blessed is the man who puts his whole heart into his task, for at the end of the day his work will sing to him.

BRITISH PREMIER LOOKS FOR HARMONY DESPITE RUSSO-GERMAN PACT

A despatch from Geneva says:—Facing five hundred newspaper representatives of practically all the world nations, the British Premier, after announcing that the Germans would accept the conditions imposed by the allies concerning the Russo-German treaty and that the Soviet reply on the general Russian question would be such as to permit of further hopeful negotiations, declared his unshakable conviction that the Genoa conference would prove a great success.

He believed that it would restore harmony in Europe, and was supremely confident that before adjourning it would adopt an agreement whereby all the nations of Europe would bind themselves not to commit acts of aggression against neighboring countries.

"Such a pact," he exclaimed with vigor, "is an essential to the favorable issue of the conference; without it, I believe, the conference will be a failure."

After Mr. Lloyd George made his statement, the Germans announced that they were still considering their reply to the note of the Big and Little Entente denying their admissions to discussions of the Russian question unless the Russo-German Treaty was rescinded, or at least amended and approved by the conference.

The Germans are said to be divided in their deliberation. This is the reason for their delay in coming to a decision for submission to the allies. The Russians have also withheld official publication of their reply to the London experts' report, which had been promised for to-day.

In short, the day closed with no definite advance over the position of the previous day, but with a general feeling that the Germans will take an attitude which will make the situation easier and pave the way for a conference agreement on the Russian problem.

A later despatch from Geneva says:—By informal agreements on Friday night the commission dealing with Russian affairs agreed to cancellation of Russia's war debts and of the interest on the pre-war debt. There now remains only the question of fixing the figure of the pre-war debts.

Once that is done recognition, which is expected to present little difficulty and the question of international credits or loans will be considered. "We no longer speak of war debts," Christian Rakovsky, the Soviet spokesman told the correspondent, "in discussing the Russian question in commission. We also no longer speak of interest on the pre-war debt. There only remains the fixing of the amount of the pre-war debt."

Briefly, this means Russia is prepared to meet the allies practically on their own terms. Their basic motive is the securing of a big international loan with which the Soviets want to rebuild Russia. It would be raised principally in Great Britain and the United States, but the Russians foresee another conference with the United States represented before they can get it.

The economic conference has made a great stride forward. The elimination of the Russo-German treaty in controversy, and Soviet Russia's provisional acceptance of the Allied conditions concerning following debts and confiscated property by foreigners, produced a very definite hope that the greatest congress European statesmen have ever held will accomplish something real and tangible for the reconstruction of Europe, including Russia.

Stopped Two Minutes, Prof.—This is the third time you have been late. Don't you know you can't stay the night of time? Fresh—Oh, don't know. I just stopped a couple of minutes down the street.

Grace for Gardens, Lord God of Paradise, Look upon our sowing; Bless the little gardens; And the good green growing; Give us sun, Give us rain, Bless the orchards; And the grain. Lord God of Paradise, Please bless the beans and peas; Give us corn full in the ear; We will praise Thee, Lord, for these; Bless the blossom; And the root; Bless the seed; And the fruit.

Wasting Canada's Fish, We have sometimes been described as the most wasteful of countries in proportion to our size. Meantime our own Council of Scientific Research at Ottawa is unkind enough to say it is true! It states that the fish waste on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts amounts to some 300,000 tons annually.

If instead of throwing away that quantity of waste, Canadians utilized it as the same material would be utilized elsewhere, it would be worth \$10,000,000 a year, which is not a small amount to add every twelve months to the nation's wealth. These facts were discovered through an investigation made by Mr. J. B. Fielding under the auspices of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research at Ottawa.

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Dominion News in Brief, Vancouver, B.C.—The recently reported discovery of radioactive rock has been followed by considerable activity on Valdez Island. A number of claims have been staked and radium prospectors are busy investigating. Edmonton, Alta.—The north country to have the plant share of railway extension project for the coming season of construction, according to the provincial Minister of Railways. A branch fifteen miles to the westward of Grande Prairie on the Edmonton, Dunvegan and British Columbia Railway, is being contemplated, bringing the steel into the Peace River Crossing, taking the steel into the Waterbury district from the present terminal at Berrwyn. Saskatoon, Sask.—Fifteen hundred experienced farm laborers are to be imported into Saskatchewan during April, it is definitely announced by the Provincial Department of Labor, following a conference with the United Farmers' Club. Each man will be guaranteed a salary of \$35 a month and board throughout seeding. Special arrangements are to be made at the employment bureau for the reception and distribution of the men. Winnipeg, Man.—Automatic telephone equipment necessary to convert two of the Winnipeg exchanges to automatic service has been ordered by the Manitoba Telephone System from the Northern Electric Company. Stronger equipment will be supplied. This equipment will be a Canadian product, being manufactured in the Company's Montreal factory. Mattawa, Ont.—Work is progressing on the extension of the Canadian Pacific line from Kipawa to Lesquin at the further end of Lake Temiskaming, eight hundred feet being employed.

"Fruit-a-lives" Cleared Her Skin

Pointe St. Pierre, P.Q. "I suffered for three years with terrible eczema. I consulted several doctors and they did not do me any good. Then, I used one box of 'Sootha-Salva' and two boxes of 'Fruit-a-lives', and my hands are now clear. The pain is gone and there has been no return. I think it is marvelous because no other medicine did me any good until I used 'Sootha-Salva' and 'Fruit-a-lives', the wonderful medicine made from fruit."

MADAM PETER LAMARRE, 50c a box, 6 for \$2.40. Trial size, 25c. At dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-lives Limited, Ottawa.

GREAT BRITAIN TO PAY CANADA MONTHLY

Instalment of \$5,000,000 on the War Debt.

A despatch from London says:—The British Government has agreed to pay off Britain's war debt to Canada at the rate of \$5,000,000 per month. The total amount owed is about \$300,000,000, which was the balance due after the respective accounts covering war purchases and other transactions were set off against each other. The British Government desired to discharge this debt at the par rate of sterling exchange, but with this proposal the Canadian Finance Department did not see eye to eye. It has been agreed that this dispute is to be left in abeyance at present, and it is possible that the gradual recovery of sterling will minimize if not obliterate the cause of contention before the time for the final adjustment is reached. The monthly payments of \$5,000,000 each are to be made in the interim and this arrangement is already in operation. Canada is perhaps the only one of the Dominions which is in the fortunate position of being a creditor of the Mother Country, most, if not all the others, being debtors for considerable amounts.

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Markets of the World

Toronto. Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.50. Manitoba wheat—No. 2 CW, 55c; extra No. 1 feed, 54c; No. 1 feed, 55c. Manitoba barley—Nominal. All the above track. Bay ports. American corn—No. 2 yellow, 77c; No. 3 yellow, 76c, all rail. Barley—No. 3 extra, test 47 lbs. or better, 63 to 65c, according to freights outside; feed barley 60c. Buckwheat—No. 3, 98c to \$1.02. Rye—No. 2, 95 to \$1. Millfeed—Del. Montreal freight, bags included; Bran, per ton, \$23 to \$30; shorts, per ton, \$30 to \$32; good feed flour, \$1.70 to \$1.80. Baled hay—Track, Toronto, per ton, extra No. 2, \$22 to \$23; mixed, \$18 to \$19; clover, \$14 to \$18. Straw—Car lots, per ton, track, Toronto, \$12 to \$13. Ontario wheat—No. 1 commercial, \$1.36 to \$1.43, outside. Ontario No. 3 oats, 40 to 45c, outside. Ontario corn—53 to 60c, outside. Ontario flour—1st pat., in cotton sacks, 96c, \$7.70 per bush; 2nd pat., 21c; 22c. Straights, in bulk, seaboard, \$6.55. Manitoba flour—1st pat., in cotton sacks, \$8.70 per bush; 2nd pat., \$8.20. Cheese—New, large, 20 to 20 1/2c; twins, 20 1/2 to 21c; triplets, 21 to 21 1/2c. Fodder cheese, large, 17 1/2c. Old, large, 25 to 26c; twins, 25 1/2 to 26 1/2c; triplets, 26 to 27c; Stiltons, 22c. Butter—Fresh dairy, choice, 26 to 30c; creamery, prints, fresh, finest, 42 to 43c; No. 1, 41 to 42c; No. 2, 39 to 40c; cooking, 22 to 25c. Dressed poultry—Spring chickens, 30 to 35c; roosters, 20 to 25c; fowl, 50c; geese, 25c. Live poultry—Spring chickens, 22 to 28c; roosters, 17 to 20c; fowl, 24 to 30c; ducks, 38c; turkeys, 45 to 50c; geese, 20c. Eggs—New laid, candled, 30 to 31c; new laid, in cartons, 35c. Beans—Can. Hand-picked, bushel, \$4.40; primes, \$3.85 to \$4. Maple products—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.10; per 5 imp. gals., \$2.05; Maple sugar, lb., 18c. Honey—60-80 lb. tins, 14 1/2 to 15c per lb.; 5-2 1/2 lb. tins, 17 to 18c per lb.; Ontario comb honey, per doz., \$5.50. Potatoes—Ontario, 90 lb. bag, \$1.15 to \$1.25; Quebec, \$1.15 to \$1.25. Seed potatoes, Irish Cobblers, \$1.75 a bag. Smoked meats—Ham, med., 32 to 34c; cooked ham, 47 to 50c; smoked rolls, 26 to 28c; cottage rolls, 30 to 32c; breakfast bacon, 22 to 33c; special brand breakfast bacon, 37 to 40c; backs, boneless, 36 to 41c. Cured meats—Long clear bacon, \$17.50 to \$19; clear bellies, \$18.50 to \$20.50; lightweight rolls, \$47; heavyweight rolls, \$41. Lard—Pure, tierces, 16 1/2 to 17c; tubs, 17 to 17 1/2c; pails, 17 1/2 to 18c; prints, 18 to 19c. Shortening, tierces, 15 to 15 1/2c; tubs, 15 1/2 to 16c; pails, 16 to 16 1/2c; prints, 17 1/2 to 18c. Choice heavy steers, \$7.75 to \$8.50; do, good, \$7.50 to \$7.75; butcher steers, choice, \$7.75 to \$8.50; do, good, \$7.50 to \$7.75; do, med., \$6.75 to \$7.50; do, com., \$5 to \$6; do, com., \$5 to \$6; do, med., \$6.50 to \$7; do, fair, \$5.50 to \$6; do, stockers, good, \$6 to \$6.50; do, fair, \$5 to \$5.50; milkers, \$20 to \$25; springers, \$40 to \$50; calves, choice, \$10 to \$12; do, med., \$8 to \$10; do, com., \$4 to \$7; lambs, choice, \$14 to \$15; do, com., \$6 to \$7; spring lambs, \$11 to \$14; sheep, choice, \$9 to \$9.50; do, good, \$6 to \$7; do, com., \$4 to \$5; hogs, fed and watered, \$13; do, f.o.b., \$12.25; do, country points, \$12. Montreal. Oats—Can. West., No. 2, 65c; Can. West., No. 3, 61c. Flour—Man. Spring wheat, extra, \$3.50. Rolled oats, \$3.80. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$29 to \$30. Cheese, finest Westerns, 16 to 16 1/2c. Butter, choicest creamery, 34 to 35c.