

long discursive explanations from Moscow, it is indicated. The Foreign Secretary will also insist, it is declared, on adequate redress and apologies for the wrongs cited by the British in their note.

Paris, May 14th.—A North to North-Westerly gale prevailing in Paris yesterday, brought disaster to several of the twenty special balloons entered for the Grand Prix of the Aero Club of France. They were smashed against the walls of the Tuileries palace, while the others taking off after difficult operations, are headed for Germany and Russia, where the pilots are liable to arrest and imprisonment if they land.

Vladivostok, May 14th.—A huge anti-British demonstration was held here today, the crowds holding that British "imperialists" were responsible for the assassination at Lausanne of Vorovsky, the Soviet delegate to the Near East peace conference. The demonstrators demanded the death of the British "imperialists."

London, May 14th.—Joe Beckett tonight knocked out Dick Smith in the seventeenth round of a bout for the heavy-weight championship of Great Britain.

Colorado Texas, May 14th.—Sixteen dead and 100 injured were reported late today as a result of a tornado which tore through Mitchell County, South and East of here, early today. The tornado descended in Mitchell County between four and five o'clock this morning and caught most of its victims in bed. It levelled buildings and left death and injury in its wake for 30 miles. Starting south of Westbrook, it continued for seven miles through the country and passed just west of Lorraine.

Conty, France, May 14th.—Six persons were killed when a passenger airplane, operating on the Paris-to-London route, was wrecked early this afternoon at the village of Monsures, five miles from here and midway between Amiens and Beauvais. The machine caught fire while travelling at its usual height on its daily trip and then either fell, or the pilot tried to make a hurried landing and the plane was wrecked by the fall and exploded. The six victims were Lawrence Schwab of New York, the French pilot, the machinist, the engineer, an unidentified woman and a second male passenger. The plane left the Le Bourget flying field at 12.37 p. m. and a watch found in the wreckage had stopped at 1.46 o'clock. The six bodies, badly burned, were found in the wreckage of the plane. The only witness to the accident was a rural constable.

Ottawa, May 14th.—C. E. Neill, of Montreal, General Manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, and H. A. Richardson, of Toronto, General Manager of the Royal Bank of Nova Scotia, have been summoned to appear before the Special Agricultural Committee of the House of Commons tomorrow, to give evidence in the coming investigation of the sugar

"trust". The two bank managers will also be required to produce such of the books of their respective banks, or extracts therefrom, as will permit the Committee to determine the amount of their loans "in Cuba and other West India Islands, and in Canada to producers and refiners and dealers in sugar". A resolution to this effect was adopted by the Committee today. Managers of the five big sugar refineries in Canada also will appear before the Committee tomorrow.

Los Angeles, Calif., May 14th.—Twenty men were arrested today in a raid on the Los Angeles headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the world and held on charges of criminal syndicalism. Shipping at San Pedro, the harbour district of Los Angeles, has been all but tied up since April 25th, the date a general I. W. W. strike began.

Winnipeg, Man., May 14th.—The wholesale price of sugar dropped 40 cents a hundred pounds today, following the tariff reduction, local agents of Canadian refineries announced. Today's price was \$11.80, as against \$12.20 on Saturday. Retail prices declined one cent a pound, selling at \$1.20 for ten pounds, as compared with 1.30 last week.

Halifax, N. S., May 14th.—There was a drop of forty cents per hundred pounds in the price of Acadia, Atlantic and St. Lawrence refined sugars yesterday.

Ottawa, May 14th.—The Canadian Army of Occupation maintained on the Rhine cost Canada \$7,350,976, according to an estimate made by the Overseas Ministry. This information was given to Mr. Joseph Archambault Liberal member, in the House of Commons today. "Did Germany or Canada pay this cost?" Asked Mr. Archambault, at a conference of Prime Ministers and representatives of the United Kingdom, the Dominions and India, "the allocation of the sums received from Germany was decided upon, Canada's share being \$6,314,500," replied Mr. MacDonald, acting Minister of militia. "Is the Government aware that the American forces on the Rhine did not cost the United States a penny?" Pursued Mr. Archambault. "The Government has no information", was the reply.

Ottawa, May 14th.—The dates on which tariff and revenue changes took effect under the new budget proposals are set forth in a memorandum to collectors of customs and excise, issued by the Department here. The changes are held to be in effect as follows (A) Customs tariff changes in effect on May 12th, in respect of goods imported or taken out of warehouses for consumption on and after that day and goods previously imported, for which no entry for consumption was made before that day. (B) Changes in inland revenue act as respects cigarettes, in effect on May 12th. As respects the appeal of section 378, excise tax on sugar produced in Canada from sugar beets, in effect from January 1st

1923. (C) Changes in special war revenue act 1915 and amending acts, in effect August 1st 1923, except the provision proposed by section 2 of the resolution re excise tax on wines of all kinds, except sparkling wines, are to come into effect on a date to be fixed by proclamation of the Governor in council. The changes which come into effect on August 1st are those concerning the stamp taxes on checks and receipts and the sales tax.

New York, May 15th.—Plans for a mass meeting to protest against continued attacks on the sugar trade by Government officials are understood to have been discussed at a secret meeting held this morning on the floor of the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange. It was reported that the meeting would be held tomorrow in the Wall Street district.

Dublin, May 15th.—The last band of Republicans operating in County Wicklow, was captured this morning, after a fierce engagement, the leader, named Plunkett, being shot dead. Two machine guns were taken.

Paris, May 15th.—Ex-Premier De Freycenet is dead at his home here, it was announced this noon.

Memphis, Tenn., May 15th.—Hot Springs, Arkansas, a famous resort and a city of many disasters, was stricken last night by a flood which swept down the sides of the three mountains which form a triangle about the city and by fire which broke out in the wreckage. Reports generally place the loss of life at seventeen, although one report, relayed over railway telegraph lines to Shawnee, Okla. established the number killed as high as fifty.

London, May 15th.—Field Marshal Haig, pleading the cause of the disabled soldiers at the unveiling of a memorial to the Coldstream guards yesterday said Scotland had not yet entered into the spirit of the work the same as had been done South of the border. "It is a real reproach to Scotland", he said "and I for one feel that no memorial in stone or brass is complete while reproach can be levelled at us".

Shanghai, May 15th.—Unless the foreign diplomatic representatives in China guarantee by tonight that the Chinese Government will carry out all the terms fixed by the Chinese bandits in the Shantung hills, the foreigners held captive will all be killed. Father William Loufers, an aged priest, who conferred with the bandits' chieftain on Sunday, reported to the United States Consul at Lin-Ching today.

St. Croix, May 16th.—Commencing 19th instant, the West India and Panama Telegraph Company's office will observe the following opening and closing times: On week days from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. On Sundays from 7.30 a. m. to 12.45 p. m. and 7.00 p. m. to 9.00 p. m.

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