TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS

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THE CHINESE CRISIS.

ALLIES' FIRM ACTION.

Chinese Cowed by Threat of Warships' Guns.

Foreigners Evacuated From Hanking.

Ugly Situation Further Up River.

Cowed by the firmness of the British and American Admirals, the Chinese, who fired on Iombard Nanking, the Chinese were forced to permit the evacuation of foreigners which is still in the city.

It is unknown whether there have been any further casualties than those published, but none has been received that the foreigners, including the women, had been treated badly.

Japanese Consulate officials were seriously wounded. Major Nakuto being shot and bayoneted. Japanese women are in a terrible time.

Trouble Spreading up River.

Shanghai, Saturday.

A wireless message from Hankow of yesterday states that the Hunan Clan has made representations to the Nationalist military authorities, stating that the almost must be done to extricate the foreigners, specially at Nanking.

Further wireless reports confirm the feeling that the situation up the river is taking on a more alarming aspect and a speedier rapid evacuation of the remaining foreigners.

A large crowd thronged the Concession at Chinkiang to bidding good-bye to friends. The Chinese police succeeded in protecting foreign property, but the foreigners have been transferred to British and American destroyers.

Further fighting has also occurred between the Chinese and foreign authorities at Changsha, Hunan.

American Killed at Nanking.

Shanghai, Saturday.

The situation at Nanking is very critical, although all the British and Americans have been accounted for excepting two Sikh watchmen.

It is learned that have been no further casualties.

Mr. Hubert, Inspector master and an American subaltern have been shot dead. Mr. Moffatt and one obtigachs wounded.—Reuter.

Outbreak at Foochow.

Foochow, Saturday.

A serious anti-Christian agitation has been started here by Communist students. Yesterday they seized and bound a Chinese pastor and placed a leaflet on his head. Posters have appeared threatening certain Chinese Christians with death.—Reuter.

Southern Chief at Shanghai.

Shanghai, Saturday.

General Chang Kai Shek, the Generalissimo Chief of the Southern Armies, has arrived here.—Reuter.

The Situation Reviewed.

London, Saturday.

The list arising American Consul at Nanking have now been accounted for, according to authoritative information, excepting two men today, and all the British inhabitants of the city are now safe.

One American has been killed and one wounded. The British Consul-General (Mr. Cadell) is now advised, was accidentally in the image by a rifle bullet. He is at present on Board a ship on the river.

It is thought that the resolution displayed by the British and American Admirals working together impressed the Chinese that the Powers are co-operating in earnest, and caused the rebel, to allow foreigners to be evacuated.

During the bombing of the city by the Cantonese a bomber was put down on an unoccupied car, and a few Chinese casualties were reported.

General Chang Kai Shek, the Cantonese Commander-in-Chief, has arrived at Nanking, and the authorities are now waiting to see what he can do and if he is able to control the mobs of hooligans.

The situation at Shanghai has much improved, though armed pickets are causing trouble and a murderous workman who refuse to join the Labour Unions.

The Chinese authorities under General Pai Chung Shi, who is a strong supporter of the Moderates, are attempting to resume order in the Chinese district, and General Pai has called on the British Consul-General and explained that he has established a military police force in the area subjected to the setbacks. He declares that he has taken measures to control hooliganism and gunmen, and has made considerable progress.

Wu Tai Tai Chu, who has been appointed Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, is expected at Shanghai in place of Mr. Chen.

The labour situation in Shanghai, also is to be better generally but there is no decrease in the anti-foreign propaganda.

Powers Take Concerted Action.

Shanghai, Saturday.

Combined action on the part of Great Britain, United States, and Japan in connection with the Nanking incident, and with the view of preventing repetition of it, is foreshadowed in despatches from Pekin which state that the Ministers of the Powers concerned are conferring in regard to repeated measures.

The American Minister has ordered the evacuation of all Americans residing in areas under Nationalist influence.—Reuter.

FIRE MYSTERY UNSOLVED.

Inquest on Two Victims.

Leiterkenny, Saturday.

The mystery of the Hibernian Hall fire at Middleton, near Leiterkenny, on March 6th, when two men lost their lives, was not solved at the inquest which concluded late last night.

The jury were of opinion that the circumstantial evidence was very strong that the victims, James Boyle and John Feery, came by their deaths after the burning of the hall, and that the hall should be closed for the time whilst feeling ran so high in the district.

Evidence was given by two witnesses that the, who had called upon Boyle, Feery said, "Go for a doctor," and when asked what had happened, he replied that they had trapped themselves. The men also shouted, "For the love of God let us in. We are done for." The wife of Boyle and the men who were drunk and sang, "We're off to Philadelphia."

Other evidence related to the finding of seven empty petrol tins at the hall, also a rifle bolt and magazine.

The Coroner said from medical evidence the cause of death was shock following burns. Although they had no direct evidence that it was arson, circumstantial evidence against the men. It was a sad affair of affairs that people could not differ in public opinion without recourse to such violent methods.

THE BIG RACE.

Film in London Before Spectators Left the Course.

London, Saturday.

Before the whole of the spectators had left the course at Aintree yesterday after-noon the film of the Grand National was in London.

The film was put on an aeroplane within a few minutes of the finish and was then rushed to Stag-lane Aerodrome. It arrived an hour and a quarter after its departure.

More than a mile of actual film was taken, and 140 men, of whom 50 were amateurs, were engaged on it.

The climax was shown throughout London late afternoon and as far north as Leeds.

BLOOMSBURY TRACEDY.

Man Found Shot in Hotel.

London, Saturday.

Found suffering from a gunshot wound in his room at the Albert Hotel, Cartwright Gardens, Bloomsbury, a man was taken to University College Hospital, where he died.

The police to-day discovered papers in his possession which suggest that he lived at Cheraldfe, Salisbury.

ESCAPE IN NIGHT ATTIRE.

Bungalow Dwellers Homeless Through Fire.

Hull, Saturday.

Exciting scenes occurred at Cottingham, which destroyed a wooden bungalow at Gaustead, near Hull, this morning. The bungalow was occupied by Maurice Bloom, "a cowboy, and five others, including his father, brother, and two sisters.

About 2.30 flames burst out in the kitchen, and spread so quickly that the occupants were compelled for their own safety to leave the bungalow in their night clothes. Villagers gave them shelter.

The bungalow, a building seventy feet long, was burned to the ground. Eighteen trees in beside a short distance away were not affected by the fire.

COL. HARDING DEAD.

Former Lord Mayor of Leeds.

Cambridge, Saturday.

Colonel Thomas Walter Harding, High Steward of Cambridge Borough and a former Lord Mayor of Leeds, died at Madingley Hall, Cambridge, this morning, aged 84. He was also for two years president of Leeds Chamber of Commerce. He contested West Leeds in the Conservative interest in 1906, and for 30 years he commanded a Brigade of Leeds.

During the war he raised a company of artillery in Cambridgeshire, and later he lived at Madingley Hall, a well-known place where King Edward (when Prince of Wales) took during his period of education at Cambridge.

LEVEL CROSSING CRASH.

Train Charges a Motor Lorry.

Middlebro', Saturday.

Traffic on the main line between Stockton and Newcastle was discontinued this morning by a level crossing accident at Billingham. The 9.47 express from Stockton ran into a motor lorry laden with bricks, with the result that the engine of the train was derailed and a man and a youth on the motor lorry were injured and taken to hospital. Fortunately no passenger was hurt, and the train did not sustain any damage.

A breakdown gang arrived to clear the line.

The injured in the motor lorry are Thos. Gilbertson (20), of Hartlepool, and Mathews., and Wm. Theakstone (17), of Middlesbro. Middlesbro'. The condition of the latter is serious.

The cab of the lorry in which were the driver and his mate was turned off and lurted some distance. Only the bogey of the locomotive was derailed. The train travelled over two hundred yards before it could be pulled up. The track for this distance was damaged.

SHOCK FOR A WIFE.

Husband Proved to be a Criminal.

Pathetic Scene in Court.

Kingston, Saturday.

There was a pathetic scene in Kingston Coroner's Court when Mrs. Ellis was informed learned for the first time that her husband was a criminal. The man was led away sobbing convulsively and crying "Oh! my little girl."

Her husband, Joseph Rowland Williams (42), a dentist's mechanic, of Wolfreyville-road, Kingston, Jamaica, B.W.I., was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour for stealing three bicycles.

A police witness proved previous convictions for stealing money, possessing housebreaking implements, shop-breaking, and embezzlement. His wife provided him with money with which to start business, but he was addicted to horse-racing, and had allowed his wife to think he had sent on to Jamaica the proceeds of his business.

A great sum of the poor lady was made to Mrs. Williams, who was stated to be destitute.

OVER £2,000 CONE.

Bank Manager Sentenced.

Herne Bay, Saturday.

Sydney Miall (43), manager of the Herne Bay branch of Barclay's Bank, was today sentenced to six months in the second division by the Herne Bay magistrates for stealing £318 5s. 2d belonging to the bank.

Miall, who is a well-known local sportsman, pleaded guilty.

Counsel for the prosecution said he had been 27 years in the employment of Barclay's Bank, and had been a trusted servant. He was in receipt of a salary of £6 a week, and became manager at a rent free. Miall opened in the books of the bank several fictitious accounts. He then drew money from one account, paid it to the credit of another, and eventually started a contra account. The actual amount involved was over £2000. Discovery was made by one of the bank's inspectors in the ordinary way, and Miall made a clean breast of everything.

Miall's counsel said no doubt a great deal of money had gone in endeavouring to get business for the bank. There was no suggestion of gambling, betting, or going to moneylenders.

A SOUTHPORT MYSTERY.

Young Woman's Dead Body Found in a Half-Built House,

Southport, Saturday

Up to this afternoon there was no development in the mysterious death of Beatrice Alter (26), a girl typist employed for 10 years at the Town Hall, Southport. Her body was found in a partly-built house on Friday. Her friends say that so far as they know she had no love affair. Foul play is not suspected.

The house is in the fashionable residential parts of Southport. The police refuse to give any information, and Miss Alter's family declined to make a statement; it is understood there is no sign of violence.

A joiner made the discovery when he entered the house, which is in Hesketh-drive, half a mile from her home.

After Miss Alter left her work on Thursday night she was a gay friend with whom she usually took tea at a cafe, but she made excuses after falling to keep appointments that had work to do.

No one has been found who after that time saw her alive, although it is understood she did not spend the night at home.

Miss Alter is described as a bright and cheerful girl, popular with her colleagues. She was prominent in the organisation officials tennis club, and made many social appearances, but did not spend much time in public opinion without recourse to such violent methods.

SPORTING JOURNALIST,

Death of Mr. Mussabini,

London, Saturday.

Mr S. A. Mussabini, well-known sports journalist, died on Friday afternoon on "The Blue Train" while travelling from Cannes to Calais en route to his home in London. Mr Mussabini had been in ill health for a considerable period, and recently went to the Riviera in the hope of recovering.

At the time of his death Mr Mussabini was travelling in the company of a nurse, and had left Cannes for Calais and during the week-end one of his sons who is in the French coast town to arrange for its removal to England.

Known to all his intimates as "Sam," Mr. Mussabini, who was aged 63, was a Kent man by birth. He came of a journalistic family, as his father was Mr. G. G. Mussabini, a member of the diplomatic service and war correspondent for "The Morning." He always interested himself keenly in sport. He wrote many works on athletics and billiards, and he was also well known in London cricket circles. Moreover, he trained many well-known athletes, including W. R. Applegarth, Albert Hill, H. P. V. Edwards, and H. M. Abrahams, the Cambridge University sports.

To-Day's Football.

THE ENGLISH CUP.

CARDIFF AND ARSENAL PASS INTO THE FINAL.

Semi-Final Ties.

Arsenal v. Southampton.

At Stamford Bridge the Arsenal and Southampton teams met, the winners should appear at Wembley in the final tie for the Cup.

The London club had twice before reached this penultimate stage of the competition but never gone further, whereas the Second Division Saints, who hail from the South Coast League, had appeared five times in the corresponding stage, and twice fought out a final to without carrying off the Cup.

In the present season Southampton could point to the superior record, having obtained eleven goals to two in five matches, while Arsenal had scored only six, and in one of their ties also having been drawn before victory was achieved. Both had defeated two First Division League clubs, Arsenal's other two successes were over Second Division opponents, but Southampton twice faced rivals from the Third Division. Their progress to the semi-finals was as follows:—

Arsenal.		
At Sheffield, v. Sheffield United	W.	3—2
At Hanley, v. Port Vale	W.	3—0
At Highbury, v. Port Vale	W.	4—1
At Highbury, v. Swansea	W.	2—0
At Highbury, v. Wolmapton Wa.	W.	2—1
		14—6
Southampton		
At Southampton, v. Norwich C.	W.	3—0
At Southampton, v. Birmingham	W.	4—1
At Southampton, v. Bournemouth	W.	1—0
At Southampton, v. Millwall	D.	0—0
At Southampton, v. Millwall	W.	3—2
		11—2

THE TEAMS

Arsenal—Lewis; Parker, Cope; Baker, Butler, Jones; Hulme, Buchan, Brain, Blyth, and Hoar.

Southampton—Allen; Hough, Keeping, Shelley; Harris, Woodhouse, Gladstone; Reeley, Rawlings, Taylor, and Murphy.

Bournemouth's goal was kept down the field by dusty wind, made conditions decidedly unpleasant at times, but the 25,000 spectators kept cheery with community singing. Frequent stoppages upon the turf was seem somewhat extremely muddy, and there was some grumbling at time, but the players around the running track were kept fairly busy trying to elude the enthusiastic admirers of flying club colours to the goal area. Southampton came on first, and had a great reception, but the cheering was nothing to compared with that which greeted Buchan when he led his men to the field.

Arsenal won the toss and elected to kick with the wind, now blowing strongly. Hoar at once forced his way down to put across a nice centre, which Blyth kicked hurriedly, and Hoar secured a couple of corners, but Hough cleared.

Following their early escapes from danger, Hendersen got the ball once or twice, but he found John generally too good for him. Keeping, however, well up, often repelled likely looking Arsenal movements by Brain and Hulme, but the ball from the Arsenal half sent a hot shot flying behind, but Southampton quickly got going, and Lewis had to save from Taylor and to clear an accurate centre from Henderson.

Despite the treacherous state of the going, Arsenal played some brilliant ball. Once Baker pushed the ball to Buchan, who sent out a long pass to Hulme, who finally got round Keeping, Blyth headed well over. Then Lewis had to save again from Taylor, but Hulme got away again to have a centre from the left, which Hough for a corner. Blyth fell as he tried close in to swerve, and sent a terrible long shot just wide.

Murphy wasted one good opportunity. He trickled the Saints' ball through a sprawling tackle, but when well clear with the main goalpost seeming the goal post, he centred behind. Blyth often caused trouble with dashing runs, but the Saints' defence worked cleverly together, but Keeping played splendidly, and Lewis than once had to pass back to Allen to save the situation.

Southampton goal had another narrow escape from a scrimmage close in, but Brain fouled Allen, and a free kick resulted in pressure. The sun came out to brighten things for the spectators, but Southampton troubled close in, Southampton had to concede seven corners in the first half.

If keen, the football so far had not reached a particular high standard. Hoar was to the fore in stopping Murphy cleverly, and then at length Arsenal got ahead Hulme got the ball, went through cleverly, and sent across a shot to the far post The ball struck the upright and bounced out past Allen as the goalkeeper went down on his knees.

Brain got away at top speed with a long run by Hulme, but Allen, coming out, only succeeded in diverting the ball, but as Hulme and Brain got back to place Henderson was fouled just outside the penalty area, and placed the free kick well. Taylor headed nicely, and Lewis caught the ball, but was fouled by Rawlings as the Southampton forward tried to shoot home. Henderson secured certain to score between posts just after, but offside held them.

Allen made a wonderful save at full length when Blyth headed in a centre by Hulme, and then occurred an unpleasant incident. Shelley kicked out when that player was on the ground, and the referee admonished him and took his name. Lewis was hurt just before the interval, but was able quickly to resume

HALF-TIME.

Arsenal	1
Southampton	0

Arsenal were soon attacking on resumption, but Brain lost an opening through impetuosity, and then Southampton made a fearfully Lewis saved a hot point-blank shot from Taylor, and Murphy cleared from the goal mouth. A free by Cope threatened danger, but after escaping a corner Southampton got away on the right. The speed of John, however, proved too dangerous, and Taylor half kicking into touch when Rowley and Henderson secured well clear. Play for a great was on, Southampton, with the wind, halves kept Arsenal out till in a little over twenty minutes Hulme centred to Buchan, who with a great shot scored in the far corner of the net to put the Londoners two goals ahead And then came rain.

Southampton still tried hard to reduce the arrears, and Murphy forced a shot into Rowley sent behind. The agility of Allen prevented a further Arsenal goal when Hulme put over a fine dropping centre, and Brain charged the goalkeeper as he met the ball. At the other end, when just outside the penalty area, Henderson twice saw shots rebounded from Lewis.

Murphy again got away to centre well in, but Lewis cleared, and Hulme passed to Rowley to another the shot, three behind, and from Henderson's centre Murphy got over. After 35 minutes, Rawlings headed through a corner kick by Murphy to reduce the arrears. Arsenal, with the wind, Arsenal's inside men dropped back after this to prevent further danger.

FINAL

Arsenal	2
Southampton	1

Division I

ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE v CIRENCESTER COLLEGE.

In the Football Cup Ties at Cirencester played against the wind and sun on a hard, bumpy pitch, the home team Dallow scoring for the College.

Dallow strong wind played havoc with anything in the nature of a long pass or kick to the goal, and Rawlings was one of the guilty parties. The College attacked most of the time, but after having a long shot which just cleared the crossing comes were forced by the Pauls, but the Town goalie, who was keeping exceptionally well, saved many a good kick aside.

HALF-TIME.

St. Paul's College	1
Cirencester Town	0

St. Peter's 7 (Wakefield 2, Brown 2, Williams 2, Clifford 1). Bishop's Cleeve 1 (W Large).

NO BUSINESS

There was no business of public interest at Gloucester County Petty Sessions on Saturday, when the magistrates in attendance were Col. E. B. Jenne (in the chair), Messrs. E. H de Winton, A. E. Bliss, J. W. Hopkins and Miss Haviland.

Cardiff City v. Reading.

The meeting of Cardiff City and Reading at Wolverhampton brought together clubs of very different experiences in fixed football. Never before had Reading got so far in the tournament, and they enjoyed the unique distinction of fighting their way through every round of the competition proper, winning two ties before the chief clubs entered the struggle at the New Year. Cardiff City, on the other hand, had twice been among the last four clubs, and, on both occasions they had gone to the final tie to Sheffield United by the only goal scored. Reading, however, had twice been very fortunate in escaping clubs of the front rank, for on both occasions they defeated Manchester United, who fell at the third round, Reading were drawn at home in each round until the sixth, when they successfully polished perhaps their best performance in beating Swansea Town.

Progress to the semi-finals:—

At Reading, v. Weymouth	W.	3—0
At Reading, v. Bournemouth	W.	1—0
At Reading, v. Southend Utd.	W.	3—2
At Reading, v. Manchester Utd.	D.	1—1
At Manchester, v. Manchester Utd.	W.	2—1
At Villa Park, v. Manchester U.	W.	2—1
At Reading, v. Portsmouth	W.	2—1
At Reading, v. Brentford	W.	1—0
At Swansea, v. Swansea Town	W.	3—0
		21—12

Cardiff City.		
At Cardiff, v. Aston Villa	W.	2—1
At Darlington, v. Darlington	W.	3—0
At Bolton, v. Bolton W.	W.	2—0
At Cardiff, v. Chelsea	W.	1—0
At Cardiff, v. Chelsea	W.	3—2
		11—3

TEAMS.

Cardiff.—Farquharson, Nelson, Watson; Keenor, Shaw, Hardy; Wake, Irving, Fergusson, Davies, Mutch.

Reading.—Duckworth; Eggo and McConnell; Bell, Moore, and Lewis; Millwall, Johnstone, Davey, Richardson, and Robson.

Over 20,000 people, from Cardiff and Reading, London, and other parts of the country brought upon 20,000 football enthusiasts to Wolverhampton. Both Reading and Cardiff soon made their presence felt, parading the town in bands of colours to the fervour. The Welsh contingent was particularly confident, and on leaving the railway station sang lustily in anticipation of a victory parade of Town rubbish with Reading substituted for the usual bird.

Reading's supporters, though there would be a record crowd of 50,000 to witness the game, were before the game commenced they surged into the ground, and the time passed by with community singing. Hundreds of enthusiasts took hats of various descriptions, and a great number of fair visitors from Wales were dressed in the national costume.

Cardiff started fairly heavily, and the Molineux ground was in a soft state. There was a cheap Reading goal, but before the game had ended the whole-heartedly in community singing. Except that Davey played a good game for Reading, the forwards played splendidly at times, but Cardiff were without Curtis at inside-left. Davies shaped well on the wing, Fergusson being centre-forward and Wake at outside-left.

Nearing the kick-off there were forty thousand people inside. Further rain looked likely to fall at any moment. Reading, who were the first to appear, had a bigger cheer than Cardiff.

Reading won the toss and got some slight advantage from the wind. Cardiff could not get going for some time. Indeed, they appeared to be in a state of fright. Reading dashing methods, but after about ten minutes Cardiff got into the game, and worked into a good position. His shot from long range went over the bar. A little afterwards Davies appeared to be in a free-kick for Reading, and this, taken by Evans, passed Farquharson and rebounded first corner of the match. This was cleared, and Reading had a free kick.

In the first twenty minutes the honours in attack undoubtedly lay with Reading, but when they did get away, Cardiff looked the more dangerous side, but the football generally Davies failed to get the ball, and some 25 minutes from the start Fergusson, who was the most dangerous player, missed a great chance of scoring. This shot resulted in Cardiff forcing their first corner. Five minutes later Cardiff came for Reading. Eggo appeared to have plenty of time to clear, but Davies intercepted the ball, and Fergusson, who scored a simple goal.

This goal had a most improper effect on Cardiff's play. Reading were still full of dash, and no one did better than Robson at outside-left, but the inside men were passing a moderate, against two very resourceful backs in Nelson and Watson.

Another goal fell to Cardiff when 32 minutes had elapsed, and this time they completely beat the Reading defence with a cross-field ball. Davies was given the goalmouth to Wake, who shot through with Duckworth helpless.

Reading at interval Reading made desperate efforts to pull the game round. Once Davies got away, but Cardiff quickly put by fouling an opponent. Sinkinson was playing a fine game for Cardiff, and though he had a hot pair in Everett and Edwards he came out with credit. Wake supplied with a neat pass by Smith, but his centre was just beyond Davey, who was a long one which sailed over the bar. A scrimmage in the goal mouth looked ugly for Sharpness, but Lightfoot cleared, and it was only inches wide with a fast drive for Sharpness. Fogerty put in a terrific drive, which Thomas saved at the expense of a corner, which was cleared. E Smith had a fine chance to open the score for Cheltenham, but drove over the bar. A long shot by E Smith for the visitors came near to scoring just afterwards, Thomas saving at the expense of a corner. In the next minute P E Smith was inches wide with a pile-driver.

Sharpness, with the wind behind them, were playing with a very strong wind, carried heavy pressure, but Cheltenham, but Buckland and Watson defended finely, and Sharpness had to concede.

Sharpness	0
Cheltenham Town	0

STROUD v. ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL.

In view of their fine fight against Cheltenham the other week, the team of St. Mary's Hospital to Stroud on Saturday proved to be a big surprise, and particularly so because the visiting fifteen was captained by H. S. Waters, a son of Sir Harry Waters, of Stroud. The All Whites had a record of six successive victories behind them, but since then they had lost Cheltenham to within a point it was realised that the homesides would have to go all the way to continue their victorious career.

The teams were as follows:—

Stroud.—J Barter; H. J. E. Baldwin, C. A Watkins (capt.), H. S. O. Newman, W. Hall, T. Gough, F. J. Glaisyer, F. Bennett, J. Harris, F Stinchcombe, S. T. Smith, A. J. Wright, J. A. Watts, J. Wagner, and A. Neal.

Stroud were without Smith, for whom Buckley deputised, and the visitors had to make several alterations to their team.

Play opened quietly, the first score coming from Harris, who sold the "dummy" nicely. Watts just failing to convert.

St. Mary's rallied with strong attacks, and for a time play was confined to near half only deadly marking on the part of Stroud saving their line.

After a splendid solo effort by Gough, Baldwin went through and scored far out. The kick again failed.

HALF-TIME.

Stroud	3 tries (6pts.)
St. Mary's Hospital	Nil

THE ENGLISH CUP.

Semi-Final Results.

Arsenal	2	Southampton . 1

[Played at Chelsea].

Cardiff City	3	Reading 0

[Played at Wolverhampton].

ENGLISH LEAGUE FINALS.

Division I.

Leicester C.	1	Derby C.	1
Sunderland	6	Leeds U.	2
Bury	3	Burnley	3
Sheffield Wed.	2	Manchester U.	0
W. Bromwich.	4	Newcastle U.	2

Division II.

Darlington	2	Clapton O.	1
Manchester C.	4	Notts C.	1
Notts Forest	3	Hull City	1
Barnsley	4	Wol'hampton	1
Oldham	1	Port Vale	1
Swansea Town	2	South Shields	0

League III. (Southern Section).

Coventry	1	Norwich C.	0
Bournemouth	0	Millwall	1
Gillingham	0	Brighton T.	1
Bristol City	1	Brentford	0

League III. (Northern Section).

Ashington	1	Lincoln City	2
Bradford	4	Hartlepools U.	1
Chesterfield	2	Halifax	0
New Brighton	0	Accrington S.	1
Rotherham U.	1	Stockport C.	2
Walsall	2	Crewe A.	3

[For remainder see Stop Press news.]

Cheltenham Hospital Cup.

Alderton and St. Mark's Meet in the Final.

Alderton, leaders of the First Division, and St. Mark's, leaders of the Second Division of the Cheltenham League, met at the Cheltenham Town ground, Whaddon-road, on Saturday, in the final of the Cheltenham Hospital Cup (Senior Division). Alderton were in the final last year, when they were beaten by Leckhampton. On the occasion they had to go to a replay, and had beaten Leckhampton, after a drawn away, and Cheltenham Y.M.C.A., and Alderton had beaten All Saints' O.B., after a drawn away. Matson away, and St. Peter's after a replay.

The weather was fine, and the ground in good condition. The teams lined up as follows:—

St. Mark's: A Lloyd, J. Gardner, H. Swinford; J. Bowen, F. Leighton, J. Boone; L. Beamore, C. Wilber, G. Ward, A. Bryant, and W. Stanley.

Alderton: A. E. Tripp; V. Cook, A. Whitcombe; G. Stanley, C. Nightingale, E. Mansell; J. Walker (capt.), C. Diston, A. Fletcher, W. Hayward, R. Hill.

Referee, Mr. F. Cook (Worcester).

Alderton started with a strong wind behind them, and pressed for a time, without getting in any effective shots, although Lloyd was called on to cut out kick away on several occasions.

St. Mark's tried to break away, but could not pass the Alderton backs.

Lloyd saved splendidly at full length, and the corner was put behind.

Play was very strong wind that St. Mark's had to contend with, and after 25 minutes Alderton went ahead.

Lloyd handed to Bryant, drive from Tustin against the bar, whence it rebounded to Diston, whose shot was just Gardner.

St. Mark's defended well against the gale, both backs kicking well, and the Second Division side had every reason to be pleased with themselves when they were only one goal down at the interval.

Right on the whistle Alderton broke away, and Wilkins hit the side net with the back of the net.

HALF-TIME.

Alderton	1
St. Mark's	0

St. Mark's pressed for a time at the restart, without getting in a dangerous shot.

Alderton won a corner on the left, Lloyd turning behind a nice header, Hill placed the flag kick beautifully, and Diston headed the equalising goal.

St. Mark's won several fruitless corners.

Gloucestershire Northern Senior League.

Sharpness v. Cheltenham Town.

Cheltenham Town were the visitors to Sharpness on Saturday for a match which was to have a very important bearing on the destination of the League champion ship. Cheltenham had to win or draw to stay in the hunt, and Sharpness, of course, had to win.

Sharpness made two changes in the team which defeated Cam Mills last week, H. Lightfoot coming in at left-back, and Edwards taking the place of Dicky Taylor. Sharpness won the toss, and, after an early penalised for fouls, from the second of which Buckland came near with a long shot. Edwards and Long had a failure for Sharpness, but Buckland cleared in the nick of time. Gells struck a fine shot for the visitors, and in the next minute Hall made a dashing save from Edwards. Watson eventually clearing. Browning had a long shot just before the half, and after the last, but Hall saved smartly; and from a corner Sharpness got a chance, but dallied too long with the ball.

Sharpness were very dangerous with a strong wind behind them, but Pegler spoilt it by fouling an opponent. Sinkinson was playing a fine game for Cheltenham, and though he had a hot pair in Everett and Edwards he came out with credit. Wake supplied with a neat pass by Smith, but his centre was just beyond Davey, who was a long one which sailed over the bar. A scrimmage in the goal mouth looked ugly for Sharpness, but Lightfoot cleared, and it was only inches wide with a fast drive for Sharpness. Fogerty put in a terrific drive, which Thomas saved at the expense of a corner, which was cleared. E Smith had a fine chance to open the score for Cheltenham, but drove over the bar. A long shot by E Smith for the visitors came near to scoring just afterwards, Thomas saving at the expense of a corner. In the next minute P E Smith was inches wide with a pile-driver.

Sharpness, with the wind behind them, were playing with a very strong wind, carried heavy pressure, but Cheltenham, but Buckland and Watson defended finely, and Sharpness had to concede.

Sharpness	0
Cheltenham Town	0

CHELTENHAM v. DEVONPORT SERVICES.

Town Win Again.

The visit of the Devonport Services fifteen to the Cheltenham ground on Saturday afternoon drew a capital crowd, who expected to see the Town repeat the victory they gained on a similar fixture a month before earlier in the season. Dyer took the place of Riley in the home three-quarter line, and Watson, Vaughan, and Goring returned, and he Town were fairly well represented. The sun was shining brilliantly when the teams came the field, and it was noticed that the flag near the entrance was flying half mast, as a mark of respect to the late groundsman (Mr. Wiggett). The teams were:—

Cheltenham.—Watson, Goring, Liddiard, Dyer, Hart; James, Vaughan; Harry, Shelley, Coldham, Thornton, Woods, Light, McIlroy, Brown, and Brock.

Cheltenham kicked off, with the wind behind them. For some minutes play was rather ragged, both sides fumbling badly, and there was little in the way of combined movement. Play settled for a time in the centre, the Town picked up, and passed through. The home three's backed up splendidly, but Dyer, in attempting a long shard, threw the ball rather high and the visitor fastest to the ball, Hoskins, disarmed to the attack, and there was some rapid work by Vaughan, particularly in the opening, but the home back got out of passing. The ball was kept too close, and the Town made efforts to get through, but through were met by resolute tackling by the Services, and Hoskins, and Hoskins, were hard pressed, and following some scrimmage in the goal mouth Lieut. Hoare Worrane came very near scoring.

A corner, which was taken with Cheltenham forcing the pace, Lang had to punch clear.

The wind was making the ball rather difficult to control, but as the game progressed the home backs got their handling, and James opened up a movement which looked likely to produce a score. He came away well to the Services' 25, and then passed to Harry, who in turn gave to Worman. The latter was well placed only a few yards from the line, but he fell to a tackle, and in spite of the desperate efforts made by the Town forwards to get through, the visitor line intact.

Some exciting play developed, and following a scrum Dyer, splendidly placed, attempted to drop a goal. The shot, however, was disallowed owing to the ball being touched while in flight.

Vaughan came into the picture with a fine run, but his pass to Liddiard on the left was intercepted. He got to the Services' left winger, and the latter, running through the home half, beat Watson and scored behind the posts. It was a fine run, Lang covering fully three-parts of the length of the field. The kick was charged down.

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HALF-TIME.

Cheltenham ..... 1 goal (3pts.)
Devonport Services ... 1 try (3pts.)

The second half had not been in progress many minutes when Sheppard, the Services' speedy centre, raced through and sent Morgan to the goal line, where the upright Morgan took the kick himself, but he hooked too long and the ball, though well directed, was charged down by Barnett.

Then followed a dashing run by Hart which was left touchline. He made pass, failed to score. A couple of minutes later, Hart, with a long penalty goal James made a good but unsuccessful shot for goal.

Cheltenham were playing with plenty of zest, and Owen, who came in for Vaughan, scored an uncontested try.

The quality of the football was very poor, and probably being responsible, but the tackling was very keen, and Watson and Goring were the outstanding backs.

Cheltenham were the superior side, and following a scrum in the visitors' 25 Vaughan, who had come out through to score a clever try. Hart just failed with the kick, the wind diverting his shot. The, end came a few minutes later, with the Town comfortable winners.

Cheltenham 2 goals (1d.) 2 tries (15pts.)
Devonport Services ..... 2 tries (6pts.)

GLOUCESTER v. ST. BART'S HOSPITAL.

At Gloucester. Both teams were weak. Gloucester being without Thomas, Loveridge, Voyce, McIlroy, and Bartlett, and the visitors were of their principal men, who were engaged on examinations. Teams:—

Gloucester:—G. Thomas; E. H. Hughes, Roy James, J. Stephens, S. R. Crowther; J. Bowen, T. Bullington, T. Bullington, J. Saxby, A. Rea, H. Pitt, F. Russell, G. Hughes, W. Hughes, and H. Hall.

St. Bart's:—W. F. Sandford, E. M. Ward, E. Pentreath, W. A. Lloyd, J. T. Taylor; R. Johnson, T. P. Williams; R. Williams, H. Robertson, J. Knox, W. J. Lowther, H. Lloyd, J. R. Maley, V. C. Thompson, and G. D. Briggs.

Referee: Mr. Gordon Thomas.

Mr Gordon Vears received an ovation when taking charge of the game.

Bart's set up a smart attack in a bout of passing, though they did not progress far. Rea was prominent for Gloucester, and he was in the home quarter until James put up a good kick to touch and relieved. A midfield by Boughton, who had the sun in his eyes, and Bullington, who had Rae for a vis-a-vis, gave the home side a good start. Gloucester got in a scrimmage, and Russell got in a smashing shot, which Boughton fielded and passed home.

Gloucester forwards now took a hand in the game, and Crowther, in the midfield quarter, where Crowther picked up and passed to Hughes, who dribbled and raced down the field and pushed over. Bullington kicked.

Things looked dangerous for Gloucester, but Boughton saved.

Bart's were leading the Bart's forwards, and the City were by no means having the better of the game. Bart's had a spell of strong attack, the defence napping, and ran in with a try, which Boughton failed to convert.

Gloucester afterwards landed a penalty goal for Bart's.

HALF-TIME

Gloucester ..... 1 try (3pts.)
St Bart's ..... 1 penalty goal (3pts.)

In the second half Gloucester had a try for St. Bart's, which was unconverted. Gloucester had a try by Hughes, Bullington, Crowther, Pitt, and Foulkes scored tries for Gloucester, one of which. James converted.

FINAL:

Gloucester 2 goals (1d.) 3 tries (12pts.)
Bart's ..... 1 goal (3pts.) 1 try (4pts.)

FURNACE ROOM TRAGEDY.

Young Woman Asphyxiated.

Sweetheart in Critical Condition.

Dundee, Saturday.

Mary McKay, a young woman, aged 21, at Ardarroch House, Dundee, and John Gordon, a native of Hillown, Banffshire, with whom she had been keeping company, were found to day lying unconscious in the furnace room. A doctor was summoned, and it was found that the girl had died, apparently from asphyxiation caused by fumes from the furnace. Gallows way was in a critical condition.

The couple had attended a dance in Dundee last night, and on returning to Ardarroch went, it is thought, into the furnace room to shelter from the heavy rain.

To-Day's Racing.

LIVERPOOL.

Most unfortunately the weather was at its worst for the final state of the meeting at Aintree, Lengthy showers poured down in heavy rain, and it was cold and boisterous as well. In the circumstances it was in