

KILLING OF PRIEST CAUSED BY DRINK

Cadet Was Absolutely Mad at the Time, Says One of Policemen Witnesses.

Cork, Dec. 20.—It was brought by an auxiliary policeman at the military court, which is holding an enquiry into the shooting of Canon Magner and Timothy Crowley at Dunmanway, that Cadet Harte, who fired the shots, had been drinking steadily and that he was "absolutely mad" at the time. The auxiliary policeman who was in the car of which Harte was in charge, said Harte had stopped the car, got out, walked two hundred yards and addressed the civilian and searched his pockets. The cadet, according to the policeman, then assaulted the civilian, who later proved to be Timothy Crowley, farmer's son, while presenting a revolver. He fired and the man fell.

Harte next went to the priest, Magner, who was seated in the back of the car, but was waved away by Harte, who is declared to have matched the priest at hand from his head, and throwing on the ground, made him kneel. He fired twice, killing the clergyman. Afterwards he went thru Canon Magner's pockets and scattered the contents on the road. Harte finally was prevailed upon by the district inspector to re-enter the car.

Other auxiliaries who were in the party led by Cadet Harte corroborated this testimony. The result of the enquiry is to be announced later. The military enquiry into the Cork case and looking opened at the military barracks Saturday. It was strictly private, witnesses being admitted only one by one.

Maurice Healey had been instructed by the chamber of commerce and the employers' federation to represent them at the enquiry, but was informed that no lawyers would be admitted. In consequence, these two bodies have declined to give assistance to the court.

BARRING CANADIAN WHEAT A DOUBTFUL EXPEDIENT

Washington, Dec. 20.—The president of the United States is without power under existing law "to shut out wheat imports," but he apparently has certain powers under the Lever act to stop future trading in wheat, the federal trade commission says in a special report to President Wilson, made public today at the White House. The commission says it is questionable whether the barring of Canadian wheat "would have the effect its advocates expect," and, while making no recommendations one way or the other, indicates that it believes this move would be inadvisable.

The commission says that "while evidence is not available that future trading is responsible for the decline in wheat prices," it does not appear that future trading in wheat as at present operating is of indispensible service to the grain trade. It suggests, however, that if regulatory action is to be employed, the question be considered by congress and that legislation "not connected with war powers be enacted."

CHINESE CUSTOMS RAISED FOR RELIEF OF FAMINE

Peking, Dec. 20.—The Chinese foreign office has notified the foreign legations that a ten per cent. increase in the customs duties, to be applied to foreign relief in the districts where millions of Chinese are hunger sufferers, will become effective January 16. It proceeds, it was stated, would be dispersed by the Chinese authorities, attached to the ministry of the interior.

The principal powers are reported to have given their assent to the plan, although Great Britain and France were said to have made it a condition of their approval that there be adequate supervision over the disbursement of the funds.

STILL AWAIT WORD OF MISSING BALLOON

Likely to Have Dropped in Some Inaccessible Place in Northern Quebec.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—(By Canadian Press).—No information has yet been received by the department of the naval service in regard to the balloon which escaped from its moorings at Long Island, nearly a week ago, and has not been located since. The department was requested by the Washington authorities to keep a watch for the balloon, which is supposed to have one or more men aboard. Fears are entertained that the balloon, which is supposed to have drifted into northern Quebec, may have dropped in some inaccessible place. The fact that no word has been received from any individual who saw the balloon is thought by some to indicate that she passed over inhabited sections at night. No further communication has been received from Washington in regard to it.

Want Heavy Bail for Release Of Man Charged With Stabbing

Saskatoon, Sask., Dec. 20.—Bail to the amount of \$10,000 is being asked by the attorney-general's department for the release of McLaren, the man who is charged with stabbing Johnny MacIntyre, local pugilist. Counsel for the accused asked for the release of his client over the Christmas season, but Magistrate Brown held that he had to respect the wishes of the crown, and ordered a remand of one week when the prisoner was arraigned this morning.

Italian Aviators Have Joined The Forces of D'Annunzio

Rome, Dec. 20.—The Idea Nazionale says it learns from Zara that two Italian military airplanes have joined the forces of Gabriele D'Annunzio at Fiume.

PONZI TURNS LYRICIST IN SECLUSION OF JAIL

Boston, Dec. 20.—Chas. Ponzi, whose slogan last summer of "50 per cent. profit in 45 days," won him the confidence of thousands of investors and ultimately a five-year prison sentence in the jail at Plymouth, has written words for a song. In a letter from the jail received today by a Boston newspaperman, Ponzi asked for information, as to the necessary copyright procedure. The title of the lyric was not mentioned, but Ponzi announced that the lines had been composed for the tune of "Casey Jones."

SHOWER OF PRAISE FALLS ON OTTAWA

Merchants in High Feather Over Removal of Obnoxious Luxury Tax.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—(By Canadian Press).—Telegrams are being received from many parts of Canada this morning congratulating the government on its decision to abolish the luxury tax, except on certain articles. The order abolishing the tax came as a surprise, but apparently it was a welcome surprise for buyers and sellers alike.

Since the taxes came into effect there has scarcely been a day in which one or more messages of criticism and complaint had not been received by some member of the cabinet.

Luxury tax stamps which are in the possession of merchants will be redeemed by the department of customs and inland revenue, Hon. R. W. Wilmot, minister at the head of that department, stated. The license fee of two dollars, which was charged all merchants, when the luxury tax regulation became effective, will not be rebated.

The dropping of the luxury tax will mean a reduction in the staff which had been engaged for the purpose of checking these collections. While in most cases transfers were made from one branch of the department to another, in order to handle the luxury tax collections as economically as possible, there were of necessity some new appointments of temporary employees for this work. These will all be dispensed with, except for the number actually necessary to look after the collection of the sections which remain.

Brought in Nearly \$50,000,000. The taxes in question, since they became effective, brought in nearly \$50,000,000 in revenue. Wines and other spirituous and fermented liquors brought a total of \$14,822,110; confectionery, \$765,427; chewing gum, \$33,512. These articles are still taxable. Matches, \$1,967,023. For the period, April-November, 1920, revenue on domestic articles was: Sales tax, \$7,208,018; manufacturers' tax, \$1,838,050; stamps, \$5,106,024. From importations: Sales tax, \$6,515,886; excise, \$4,801,682.

The net playing cards, still effective, brought in a revenue of \$142,420. In the manufacturers' tax, which is abolished, the chief item of revenue for the period effective was from automobiles, which brought a revenue of \$6,161,755.

FEDERAL DEVOLUTION IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM

London, Dec. 20.—Receiving a delegation of members of parliament, who advocated a system of federal devolution for the United Kingdom, Premier Lloyd George admitted the necessity of some such measure, as the present parliament could not possibly carry the great burdens of empire and at the same time give proper attention to matters of purely local concern.

The premier said it would be a simple matter to deal with Scotland and Wales, as the whole population of these islands was only five million, but how would they deal with England with its population of thirty-six millions? Were they to divide England into provinces, or have a separate parliament for England? If they had a separate parliament for England it would be so important that it would be only a minor question than the imperial parliament. The argument for federalism was so clear that he did not see why anybody would resist it, the premier added. But when they came to deal with the practical difficulties, there was a great deal of propaganda to be done in securing some sort of an agreement, even among the advocates of federalism.

POPE ORDAINS NEPHEW OF CARDINAL RAMPOLLA

Rome, Dec. 20.—Pope Benedict yesterday gave another proof of his unflinching gratitude to the memory of the late Cardinal Rampolla, under whom he worked for many years, by personally conferring holy orders upon Mariano Rampolla, a nephew of the cardinal. This ceremony is seldom performed by a pontiff, and the action of the Pope shows his peculiar interest in the young priest. Many guests were present when the rite was performed.

The Pope presented Father Rampolla with a beautiful golden chalice, decorated with coral, pearls and topaz; two rich chasubles and a mitre.

Meighen Promises Oliver B. C. Claims Are in Mind

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 20.—Premier John Oliver has been informed by Premier Meighen that the federal government is hearing in mind the claim advanced two years ago at the Ottawa conference on behalf of British Columbia for the return to the province of the land within the railway belt and the Peace River block.

LEAVES OTTAWA POST.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—(By Canadian Press).—Official announcement was authorized today of the retirement from the public service of William MacKenzie, who since April, 1908, has filled the important position of secretary of the imperial and foreign correspondence.

DE VALERA IS ASKED TO DISGORGE FUNDS

Massachusetts Friends of Irish Freedom Want Them Sent to Ireland.

Boston, Dec. 20.—A request that he immediately send to Ireland the funds collected in the Irish Liberty bond drive was telegraphed last night to Eamonn de Valera as "president of the Irish republic" by the Massachusetts council of the Friends of Irish Freedom.

The telegram in part said: "We understand that millions of dollars collected for Ireland during the bond sale are deposited in American banks in your name and remain in your personal control. We believe the suffering people of Ireland are entitled to the use of these funds at once. Therefore, at a regular meeting of the state council it was voted to respectfully urge you to send all available funds to Ireland. As a large part of the funds in your possession was subscribed in Massachusetts, through the instrumentality of the Friends of Irish Freedom, we know that we speak the sentiment of the Irish people of this state when we urge you to act on this suggestion at the earliest possible moment."

The message was signed by Daniel Moran, president of the council.

Cherbourg, Dec. 20.—Eamonn de Valera, "president of the Irish republic," was not among the 700 passengers who landed here this afternoon from the steamship Aquitania from New York. The captain of the vessel said he had not been aware of the report that De Valera was aboard the Aquitania until he was asked by the correspondent of the Associated Press.

R. Sparring, who was a passenger on the steamship, said he knew De Valera well and that he occupied a room next to that of De Valera in a New York hotel. De Valera, he added, left the hotel a few days before the sailing of the Aquitania.

The police here were particularly severe in requiring verifications of the passports of passengers landing in Cherbourg from the Aquitania.

Remains of J. T. Hamill Arriving in Ottawa Today

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The remains of J. T. Hamill, president of the Murphy-Gamble Company of this city, who died from exposure in Galveston, Texas, after having been missing from his home for a number of weeks, are expected to arrive here tomorrow morning from Toronto. Interment will be made in Beechwood Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon.

SHOT FOR HAVING SINN FEIN SUMMONS

Farmer Said to Have Been Thrown From Lorry and Left for Dead.

London, Dec. 20.—A despatch received by the Central News from Tralee says that because a farmer named O'Connor was found to be possessed of a summons to a Sinn Fein court, he was placed in a military lorry and taken away by the forces of the crown. Shortly afterwards he was thrown into the road and shot and left for dead. The moans of the wounded man attracted attention to him and he was removed to a farm house, and a priest was summoned.

According to the despatch, an officer having been sent to the stable, will enquire the priest from entering the farm house, but permits two armed men to go inside. When they entered three shots were heard, and when finally the priest was permitted to go inside, he found O'Connor dead.

Boy Is Killed by Horse When Kicked in Forehead

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 20.—(Special).—Leo Shannon, aged nine years, son of James Shannon, residing in the fifth concession of Tyndensing township, was on Saturday afternoon a victim of a distressing accident and one that proved fatal. The lad was assisting in doing the chores and had occasion to go into the stable, when a horse kicked him in the forehead, inflicting a terrible wound. The victim was yesterday brought to the hospital, where he was operated upon to relieve the pressure upon the brain.

SCHOOLROOM STOVE CAUSES GIRL'S DEATH

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 20.—(Special).—A fatal accident befell eight-year-old Margaret Hill, a pupil of S. S. No. 5, Westlinton, North Hastings. While standing near the stove, getting warm, her clothing became ignited and gained such headway that before the teacher and other scholars could extinguish the flames, the poor little was so badly burned that it was impossible to save her. Dr. Hardinger of Coe Hill was called, and the girl taken to her residence for treatment, but died shortly after arriving there.

SMALL BOATS BURN.

St. Catharines, Dec. 20.—Fire from an unknown cause at an early hour completely destroyed three boat houses in the old canal with all contents and damaged a fourth. Two motor boats and seven canoes and rowboats went up in smoke.

ALASKA TANKER ASHORE.

Chitkatik, Alaska, Dec. 20.—The Sunda of Alaska went on the rocks at Snow Pass, Wrangell narrows, today, and is reported to be leaking badly. Captain Sullivan reports that the ship is up into deep water, and he will be forced to abandon the vessel. The Atlas is a ship of 2203 gross tons and carries a crew of 20 men.

FRONTENAC SEEKS TEACHERS.

Kingston, Dec. 19.—(Special).—There is a great scarcity of school teachers in Frontenac county, and the present time there are 20 teachers without certificates. There is a movement on foot throughout the county to centralize the school sections.

THREE-YEAR SENTENCE.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Three years in Kingston penitentiary was the sentence meted out to Phileas Thibault, St. Patrick street, when he pleaded guilty today to a charge of procuring a woman for unlawful purposes.

SOVIET SHIP FIRED ON; FRANCE ASKED TO EXPLAIN

London, Dec. 20.—The Russian ship, Zelnab, was fired upon recently by a French torpedo boat destroyer, five miles from Port in the Black Sea, according to a wireless message from Moscow today. The despatch adds that Foreign Minister Tchitcherine has demanded an explanation from the French government and claimed compensation for the damage done the vessel.

AMBUSHES NO GOOD SAYS CORK BISHOP

Calls Defence of Them by Irish-Americans Scandalous in Reply to Protest.

New York, Dec. 20.—Bishop Daniel Cohalan of Cork, replying to the cable protest of the American Association for Recognition of the Irish Republic against excommunication of Irishmen who ambush British crown forces, declared that it was "scandalous" for the association "to defend why the Irish Republic had not been recognized by the United States. In his reply made public here today by the association, the bishop termed as "nonsense" the association's charge that he was using his spiritual authority in the interest of the British. "I desire Irish independence as sincerely as you," the message said. "When you come with an army able to fight the enemy and defend the Republic, I will act as chaplain. It is scandalous for you to defend touch-and-run ambushes that do no political good, and expose the lives of the defenceless and unprotected to such dangers as murder in reprisals, and the homes of the city and country to reprisal destruction. The ruin of Cork is the result of your policy."

The message concludes with the query: "Why not get the Irish Republic recognized by the United States?"

DEFER CONFERENCE ON REPARATIONS

Allied Delegates Find Reports on Points Raised by Germans Unfinished.

Brussels, Dec. 20.—The allied delegates to the second financial conference do discuss German reparations have decided to adjourn the great session next Thursday and reconvene the conference in Brussels probably on January 10. The delegates found on the inter-allied session this afternoon that the reports on the points raised by the Germans had only been half finished, and a definite reply to the German requests for concessions probably will be given only at the January session after the reports of the delegates have been reviewed by their governments and the allied views harmonized.

The delegates continue to predict that real results will be obtained, although they are now going to the conference in this direction than had been expected. The question of the cash balances to be paid by Germany on the 1st of January, which had been made necessary to summon other experts. The reports of the French experts on the Upper Silesian question also have been reviewed by their governments and the allied views harmonized.

VIOLENT EARTHQUAKES NEAR ISLAND OF YAP

Tokio, Dec. 20.—A naval wireless message from the island of Yap in the South Pacific Ocean, today announces that the most violent earthquake shocks occurred in the vicinity of the island, lasting several hours. The earth shocks were followed Saturday by a storm which created extensive damage. Experts here regard the shock as having been the same as that reported in Tokyo, December 17, and believe there has been a tremendous upheaval of the bed of the Pacific Ocean.

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Montreal Policemen Go With Reels to Own Fire

Montreal, Dec. 20.—Constable Jos. Lyons, of the St. Johns police department, had rather a novel experience yesterday morning, when accompanying the fire brigade to extinguish a blaze he discovered on his arrival that it was his own house which was on fire. The damage is estimated at \$800 and the constable's family were obliged to take refuge with relatives last night.

SCHOONER LLOYD GEORGE IS WRECKED OFF PONCE

Lunenburg, N. S., Dec. 20.—Word was received today by Twicker and Company of the loss of their schooner, Lloyd George, on Reef off Ponce, Porto Rico, on December 14. The advice which, came from Captain Charles Conrod, who was in command, made no mention of the fate of the crew, and it is presumed they are safe.

London Emphatically Denies Anglo-Spanish Trade Treaty

London, Dec. 20.—At the foreign office today denial was made that a commercial treaty with Spain was in preparation. It was said further that neither country had even officially expressed a desire for such a treaty.



To Our Customers:

We regret that owing to the policy of the Chevrolet Motor Company in dividing the city of Toronto into a number of independent dealers, we find it impossible to make a sufficient profit to protect the investment we made as their distributors, and have had to cancel our contract.

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CELEBRATE LANDING OF PILGRIMS TODAY

Exercises to Be Carried Out Almost on Ground Where They First Trod.

Plymouth, Mass., Dec. 20.—The landing of the Pilgrims 300 years ago will be celebrated tomorrow for formal exercises on the ground and almost on the spot where they first trod.

In prose and verse the epic of their venture and its accomplishments will be retold by scholars. From United States Senator Henry Cabot Lodge as orator, will come the historical relation of the Plymouth plantation's establishment and its significance. Le Baron R. Briggs, who is dean of the faculty of arts and sciences of Harvard University, as the official poet, will span the years from 1620 to 1920 in verse. Governor Calvin Coolidge, the vice-president elect will make an address appropriate to the occasion and singers will intone again "The Breaking Waves dashed High," and Mrs. Felicia Hemans' stirring hymn.

The exercises which are sponsored by the Pilgrim Tercentenary commission will be held in Old Colony Theatre, a stone's throw from Plymouth Rock. Less than a thousand persons can be present due to the size of the small hall that is used from time to time as a motion picture house, stock company theatre or dance hall.

Select Audience Invited.

For the formal observance of tomorrow a select audience has been invited, including the ambassadors of Great Britain and of Holland, renewing the links in the chain of the Pilgrims' travels. The New England governors and members of the judiciary together with official representatives of various patriotic societies, including the Society of Mayflower descendants also were included and in most cases will attend. The descendants as a body would overflow the little hall.

Plymouth Rock was Moved Today and Broke in the Process.

The split was an old one caused originally when the rock on which the Mayflower passengers landed, was separated from its granite base in 1775, and was hauled by a yoke of oxen to Town Square. Ultimately the rock was placed upon a monument and the monument was placed upon a new base.

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London Banker Arrested; Constables in His Home

London, Dec. 20.—According to The Daily Mail, Thomas Parrows, whose bank suspended payment today, was arrested at his home in St. Leonard's, Sussex, at midnight. The physicians who were attending him certified that his farm was too ill to be moved, and therefore two constables were placed in his home.

WARSHIPS ARRIVE TODAY.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 20.—Wireless advices from the cruiser Aurora and destroyers Patricia and "Patriot," who are now en route to this port, following their presentation by the British government to the people of Canada, are to the effect that they will arrive at eight o'clock tomorrow morning.

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