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Mrs. Thompson And Bywaters Hanged

LAST MINUTE EFFORTS FAIL TO PREVENT LONDON EXECUTIONS

Man Confesses in Unavailing Effort to Save Woman—He Meets Death Calmly; She Collapses and Is Carried to Scaffold—Declares Innocence in Last Interview.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Jan. 9—Mrs. Edith Thompson and Frederick Bywaters were executed today for the murder of the woman's husband, Percy Thompson, on October 4.

Bywaters was executed in Pentonville prison at nine a. m. Mrs. Thompson was hanged a few minutes later in Holloway jail.

Bywaters, who made an 11th hour attempt to save Mrs. Thompson by a "confession," met his death calmly, so far as reports indicated. Mrs. Thompson had to be carried to the scaffold. She collapsed last evening and was in the care of physicians throughout the night.

Both the condemned met death with protestations of innocence. Bywaters maintained that Mrs. Thompson had had no part in the killing of her husband and insisted that he had slain Thompson in self defence.

Last Interviews.

The woman, in her last interview with her family, assured them that she went to her death with no guilt on her soul.

The executions took place without demonstrations on the part of the crowds that had gathered outside both jails. Women marched in a drizzling rain before the walls of Holloway jail carrying placards inscribed "If These Are Hanged, The Judge and Jury Are Guilty of Murder," and Murder Cannot Abolish Murder."

The crowds gathered in the early hours of the morning, aware that British custom allows only a few officials to witness executions, but nevertheless determined to be as close to the scenes of the hanging as the law would permit.

After last minute efforts to reprieve the prisoner had failed, Mrs. Thompson and Bywaters were visited by their relatives. Mrs. Thompson in the course of her last interview with her parents, brother and sister, said:

"I am prepared. I have nothing on my soul." She added that Bishop Stepney, who visited her earlier in the night, has asked whether she had anything to confess, and that she had replied:

"Nothing. I am innocent."

Bywaters was allowed to spend an hour and a half with his mother, who was overcome with grief.

An organization calling itself the "League of Christian Intercession," announced late in the night that it had made a last unsuccessful petition to the King to reprieve the condemned.

Notwithstanding the agitation against capital punishment which the cases have excited, none of the London newspapers except the Socialist Herald raises its voice today in protest. Ramsay MacDonald, chairman of the Labor party, in a communication to the Herald angrily declares the executions to be an "outrage to every sensibility which marks civilized beings from savages."

Persons living near Jentonville prison said they never before had seen such crowds gather for an execution. When the authorities of both jails, posted on the gates the brief official notice that the death sentence had been carried out, the spectators rushed forward in such numbers that the police found it difficult to maintain order and were obliged to summon reinforcements to clear the street.

Kept Asking for Bywaters.

The last message between the lovers was entrusted last evening to the Bishop of Stepney, who carried to Mrs. Thompson from young Bywaters some words which she took to the scaffold as a secret. Soon after her talk with the bishop, Mrs. Thompson collapsed. Throughout the trying hours of the night she was under the care of a physician and at five o'clock this morning she succumbed to the strain and sank into unconsciousness. She revived somewhat, but when the hour of execution arrived she was only semi-conscious and had to be carried to the place where she was put to death.

In her moments of lucidness she kept asking for Bywaters. Until almost the last moment the doctor remained with her.

The executions brought to an end one of England's most sensational murder cases since the Crippen affair, and incidentally, provided the first instance of capital punishment of a woman in England for fifteen years.

Story of the Crime.

Percy Thompson, a shipping clerk, was stabbed to death in a dark street near his home in Ilford, a London suburb, early on the morning of October 4, last, while returning from a theatre with his wife. When found, the body was propped against a wall, and his beautiful young wife was kneeling nearby hysterical.

Upon the strength of her story to the police, Bywaters, 20 years old, steamship steward, was arrested two days later and accused jointly with Mrs. Thompson with murder. Immediate sensation was caused when the police submitted at the first hearing an alleged confession in which Bywaters appeared as declaring his love for Mrs. Thompson had prompted the act.

Later a series of remarkable letters was produced, in which Mrs. Thompson, addressing Bywaters in the most endearing terms, urged him to study the effect of various poisons on the human system and told of bungling several attempts on her husband's life by introducing various substances into his food. One letter told of using powdered glass from three electric light bulbs, but with "no effect."

Interest in the case was intense, and when the trial opened on December 7, in Old Bailey, the courtroom was crowded with curious spectators, some of whom had stood in line from one o'clock in the morning to gain admission.

WERE HANGED TODAY.

One the left the picture shows Frederick Bywaters; on the right, Mrs. Edith Thompson.

Carman Freed In Half Million Gem Robbery

New York Police Sending Out Pictures of Trio From the Rogues' Gallery.

New York, Jan. 9—Frank B. Carman arrested in connection with the robbery of $500,000 worth of jewels from Mrs. Hugo Schoellkopf of Buffalo, at a New Year's eve party here, was discharged in court yesterday.

Carman, a former actor, who had been Mrs. Schoellkopf's host on New Year's, in an apartment in West 52nd street, was held without bail on affidavit charging suspicion of having acted in concert with others in robbing his wealthy guest in a suite below his.

The police, who believe that three men were involved in the robbery and that they comprised the same band who robbed Mrs. Charlotte King Palmer of $800,000 worth of jewelry in 1920, are sending to the police of every city in the U. S. and Canada photographs and fingerprints of a trio whose pictures in the rogues' gallery have been identified by a half dozen persons as those of the men suspected in the Schoellkopf case.

RUSH FOR MEXICO TO SEEK JEWELS

Diamond Diggers Going to Mexico to Dig for Diamonds—Revival of the Legend of Guenero.

Mexico City, Jan. 9—The lure of diamonds has started an expedition into the wilds of the State of Guerrero, in the southern part of Mexico. A group of prospectors experienced in mining in Africa has left Mexico City in search of mythical diamond mines.

Many years ago Mexico City was stirred by a revival of the old story that diamond mines existed in Guerrero. General Vincent Guerrero brought a number of diamonds to Mexico City as a present to Emperor Iturbide. The sale of these diamonds enabled Iturbide to pay his troops. Guerrero, in friendly conversation, said he had found the diamonds in the State of Guerrero, but he refused to give the location, yet he stated he had written the location on a paper placed in a certain church.

GET ESTIMATES IN READINESS FOR PARLIAMENT

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—(Canadian Press)—In preparation for the coming session the cabinet will meet this afternoon and on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Estimates are under review.

Hon. W. S. Fielding sailed last Saturday on the Pittsburgh and will probably reach Halifax on next Saturday or Sunday. The only members of the Government who will not be present when the House meets are Hon. W. C. Kennedy, Minister of Railways, who is convalescing from his serious illness and Hon. James A. Robb, Minister of Trade and Commerce, now making the return voyage from Australia.

SIR HENRY IS STRONGLY URGING IMMIGRATION

Would Have Cry Go Up All Over the Dominion

Undoubted Evidence in Great Britain of Revival of Interest in Prospects of New Life in Canada—What South Africa is Doing.

(Canadian Press.)

Port Arthur, Ont., Jan. 9—Sir Henry Thornton, president of the C. N. R. system, was a guest at a luncheon tendered by the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce last night.

Sir Henry urged that a cry from one end of Canada to the other should go up for more immigrants, that he believed it the duty of the Canadian government immediately to formulate an immigration policy and commence working it.

London, Jan. 9—(Canadian Press Cable)—There is undoubted evidence of a revival of interest in many parts of Great Britain in the prospects for emigration to Canada. Enquiries are increasing daily at the official dominion and provincial bureaus and at the offices of the transportation companies. A new governmental emigration bureau has been opened at Southampton and a second exhibition motor van is touring the hamlets and villages of England and Scotland. Schools also are being canvassed.

In connection with child emigration, it is understood that representations made to Hon. W. S. Fielding, while here, concerning the advisability of granting allowances for children traveling with their parents instead of limiting such assistance to children traveling under other auspices. The minister, it is understood was favorably impressed with the idea.

South Africa.

It is interesting to observe South Africa's propagandist policy here. Put briefly, South Africa invites none except those with money. Her advertisements for men with, say two thousand pounds capital appear broadcast over the United Kingdom, the result to date being that in eighteen months she has attracted settlers possessing an aggregate of two million pounds sterling. South Africa also has done exceptionally well in attracting ex-officers of the Indian army on similar lines to the schemes inaugurated by British Columbia. A flourishing colony of ex-naval officers is rapidly developing in the Sunday River district, Province of Cape of Good Hope. The labor problem of South Africa is vastly different from the situation in Canada. Also the dominant nationalist sentiment has to be considered. These two factors have resulted in the Union of South Africa virtually shutting the door against raw labor from Great Britain.

A Plymouth Plan.

London, Jan. 9—(Canadian Press Cable.)—A novel scheme for overseas settlement in order to relieve the unemployment situation in Great Britain has been formulated by an influential committee at Plymouth. The idea is to form a re-settlement committee on a territorial basis, the members of which would ally themselves to whatever colony was selected for settlers for the purpose of creating employment therein and developing specific areas for the chosen body of emigrants. The necessary capital would be obtained from ordinary investors, the government guaranteeing the interest over a given number of years.

The dominions under the proposed scheme would be asked to draft a number of practical plans for employing 3,000 men every two years.

BIG SNOWFALL PLEASES THE LUMBERMEN

Sherbrooke, Que., Jan. 9.—The heaviest snowfall of the season came last night, totalling about a foot and a half. Lumbermen are pleased, for the lack of snow has somewhat hindered the drawing of logs.

Port Henry, N. Y., Jan. 9.—The Champlain Valley region last night was in the grip of a blizzard. The storm started at ten o'clock yesterday morning and last night 12 inches of snow had fallen, with no signs of a let up. The snowfall was the heaviest since 1919.

WOMAN TAKEN ON MURDER CHARGE

Mineola, N. Y., Jan. 9.—Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Wells, housekeeper at Massapequa Inn, Massapequa, was arrested yesterday, charged with the murder of her employer, James S. Pettit, who, with a shotgun wound in his heart, was found yesterday morning in his bedroom at the hotel.

THE GRAND CIRCUIT

Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 9.—The Grand Circuit Stewards at the second day of their annual meeting here today expected the re-election of Harry K. Devereaux of Cleveland as president.

It was reported unofficially yesterday that Philadelphia and Poughkeepsie would retain their memberships in the Grand Circuit but would not give meetings this year. Devonshire track, Windsor, and the Michigan State Fair, Detroit, were the only new applicants.

It is understood that July 30 to August 10, has been set for the Windsor, Ontario meeting.

AN EARLY ARRIVAL.

Brantford, Ont., Jan. 9.—A meadow lark was observed perched on a fence near the Canadian Packing plant this morning by Chief Lewis.

St. John Wants A Queen For Carnival

The Times to Conduct Competition for Royal Position for Week of February 10-17—Who Will be "Miss St. John," Everybody Asking Already.

St. John now wants a queen for the carnival of February 10-17. Who will she be?

The Evening Times has been asked by the joint Rotary-Y. M. C. I. executive to take charge of the selection of the lady who, as "Miss St. John" shall rule over the events of the week, and this newspaper gladly accepts the task.

It will not be an easy one. There are thousands of beautiful, attractive young ladies in St. John, and to choose one from the many is not going to prove a sinecure. However, the committee in charge of the carnival has decided that we must have a Queen, and a Queen we shall have. And she whom nature has destined to bear the name of "Miss St. John," as representative of the comliness and beauty of our fairer sex, will wear the royal robes, which will be provided by the Evening Times for the winner.

When the announcement of the decision to choose a Carnival Queen was made today, there was a great flutter amongst the young ladies and their friends. The subject was talked over in many of the offices and public places in the city and some of the wiseacres—men of course—had the winner picked almost before the realization of the enormity of the contract had struck them.

Interest in our future Queen is not limited entirely to St. John. J. J. Fitzgerald, chairman of the Montreal winter sports committee has written the local executive, asking if Miss St. John could go to Montreal for the week of February 5 to meet there Miss America and Miss Canada and take in the big event in the Quebec metropolis. It would be interesting to see such a trio gathered together and should such an event come to pass, it is certain that Miss St. John will not have any cause to take even second place in the group.

The organization of the big beauty contest, which the Evening Times has assumed, will necessitate considerable work and the details of the competition will be announced in a day or two. In the meantime the citizens will have an opportunity—nay, it will even be their duty—to look about and choose from amongst the many beautiful young ladies which it is our good fortune to have in our midst, those who will be eligible to bear the cognomen of Miss St. John, to wear the royal robes of the Carnival Queen, and if expedient, to go out from us the fairest lady of the fair City by the sea.

According to present plans it will not be left to Montreal alone to compare in person the merits of Miss Canada with Miss St. John, for an invitation has been extended to the Montreal prize winner to visit us during our Winter Carnival. Mr. Fitzgerald in his letter to the local organization intimated that this could possibly be arranged for February 12 and 13, so St. John people will likely be able to see both Queens at the same time.

Important announcements in connection with the Carnival Queen Beauty Contest will be made in the Evening Times very soon.

COULDN'T SELL OR PAWN.

Burglars Return George Awrey's Trophies Because They Are Marked.

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 9. — Burglars called at the home of George Awrey, Queen's University athletic director, and collected all the valuables they fancied. On looking over the loot the burglars found a lot of it bore marks showing that it was presented to him by the Tiger football and other clubs, so they brought it back, leaving a note explaining that, as the stuff was of no use to them because of the markings, which would make it easy to trace, they decided to bring it back to him.

MONTREAL WOMEN PROTEST AGAINST THE ARBUCKLE PICTURES

Montreal, Jan. 9.—Roused to action by a recent newspaper report that "Fatty" Arbuckle would be allowed to resume the making of moving pictures, members of the Montreal Women's Club have passed a unanimous resolution urging the Quebec board of censors to refuse to lift the ban on his pictures "in the interest of public morality.

THREE OR MORE DEAD; MUCH PROPERTY LOSS, DUE TO CLOUDBURST

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 9. — At least three lives have been lost, two men are still missing and property loss estimated at $75,000 resulted from a cloudburst which destroyed the West Fork Logging Company's camp, near Morton, on last Saturday morning.

GASOLINE EXPLODES; NINE WORKMEN HURT

Pontiac, Mich., Jan. 9.—Nine workmen sustained injuries here yesterday when the storage house of the Wilson Foundry and Machine Company was wrecked by the explosion of 10,000 gallons of gasoline that had been unloaded from a tank car a short time previously.

THE DELORME CASE.

Quebec, Jan. 9.—(Canadian Press.)—Abbe Adelard Delorme, who is confined in the Beauport Asylum, has asked the court to be released and allowed to stand his trial.

The petition will be heard either in Chamber or in open court on the 15th instant.

MONCTON WEDDING.

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 9.—In L'Assomption Church here yesterday Andre Bourque of Springfield, Mass., and Miss Mary Leblanc of this city were married by Rev. H. D. Cormier, assisted by the Rev. H. L. Belliveau and Rev. A. Leblanc as deacon and sub-deacon respectively.

CHARGED WITH MURDER; CUTS THROAT ON TRAIN

Joseph Tattrie was Being Taken to Jail at Truro, N. S.

Amherst, N. S., Jan. 9.—Joseph Tattrie, charged with the murder of his wife at Tatamagouche early yesterday afternoon, committed suicide this morning by cutting his throat with a razor while en route from Tatamagouche to Truro, where he was to have been jailed. The prisoner, who was under the charge of Constable McPherson of Tatamagouche, asked permission to go to the toilet when the train was leaving Oxford station for Oxford Junction. While in the toilet he cut his throat.

PAL REED AND HARRY GREB ARE MATCHED

Newark, Jan. 9—Pal Reed of Boston has been matched to meet Harry Greb, light heavyweight champion of the U. S., in a twelve round bout at the Armory here January 29. It is expected that Mickey Walker, world's welterweight champion, will be on the same card. Reed secured the match with Greb as a result of his victory here last night over Tommy Loughran of Philadelphia.

New York, Jan. 9—Pal Moran of New Orleans and Lew Tendler of Philadelphia, leading contenders for the world's lightweight boxing championship, will meet in a 15-round bout at Madison Square Garden, Jan. 19.

Detroit, Jan. 9—Bryan Downey won the newspaper decision in a 10-round bout with Bob Sage here last night. Sage was overweight, his 162½ pounds costing him a forfeit of $250.

Sherbrooke, Que., Jan. 9—In an exhibition hockey game here last night at the Stadium the Berlin, N. H., team, managed by Jimmy Gardner, an old Canadian player, and with several former Montrealers on their line up, including Billy Sharpe, Trihey and Spriggans, defeated the St. Pats of Sherbrooke 6 to 4.

Maritime Sport.

Stellarton, N. S., Jan. 9. — In the fastest game here this season, the Stellarton Independents defeated the Amherst Independents last night 5 to 4.

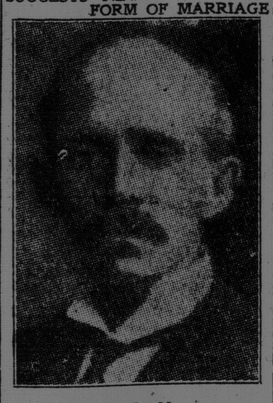
Moncton, N. B., Jan. 9.—The C. N. R. house hockey league is providing much sport for local C. N. R. men and their friends. Tonight the Outlaws will meet the Audit Office, and the Freight Claims Department will cross sticks with the superintendent's office employes.

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 9.—Two K. of C. hockey teams have been organized here and will meet for the first time Friday evening inn the Arena rink.

Worried Over Lenine.

London, Jan. 9 — Nikolai Lenine's condition continues to cause the gravest anxiety at Moscow, according to a Regi despatch to The Times.

SUGGESTS NEW FORM OF MARRIAGE



Lord Hugh Cecil adds a new suggestion to the discussion following General Bramwell Booth's plan for an inter-church discussion of divorce laws. He suggests that legal unions of divorced persons, authorized by the state, be instituted, which would not give the same dignity as marriage, as a compromise to meet the views of some of the churches.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter, limping painfully, "I desire to pay my humble tribute of respect to the citizen who clears the snow from his sidewalk."

"You kin count me in on that," said Hiram, rubbing his spine, "he's a good feller."

"At the same time," said the reporter, "I would like to prescribe a course of treatment for the citizen who does the work so badly that a hog-back rises sinuously in the middle of the sidewalk, and in the uncertain light of evening in our fair city lures us to our doom. Something ought to be done for him."

"Yes, sir," said Hiram,— "it orto. He orto be laid down on that hog-back an' his spine bent over it as many ways as a good rassler could invent. Then his ankles orto be broke—an' his knee-cap busted—an' his thighs skinned—an' a few bumps riz on the back of his head. Yes, sir—I'd pay quite a lot of attention to that feller. I'd leave him so's he'd hev me in mind whenever it snowed. I'd make a market fer snow-shovels, too—By Hen!"

Great Drum of Cable in Death Roll on Ship

Tossed About by Huge Wave, It Wrecks Forecastle, Kills Two British Veterans, Injuries 19 Others.

New York, Jan. 9—A drum of 150 fathoms of steel cable, torn from its mounting on the deck of the British freighter Valacia by a huge wave which smashed over the bow during a storm on Dec. 29, was hurled into the forecastle and killed two men and injured 19 members of the crew, so officers of the vessel declared on her arrival here from London yesterday.

The drum sent rolling in every direction by the motion of the ship which was riding tempestuous seas, wrecked both forecastle before members of the crew were able to get it under control.

About 25 men were below decks, resting from their arduous work, when a mountainous sea broke over the bow and poured tons of water into the hold. Above the hiss of the sea pouring through a rent in the deck sounded a brazen report like that a huge gong, and the drum disappeared into the flooded compartment. It crashed through compartment walls, pinned sleeping seamen in wrecked bunks and left a trail of blood and destruction as it rolled about.

After a fight which lasted an hour, and during which the Valacia was often in danger of foundering, the drum was lashed.

Arthur Hassell and Charles Tippett, of London, British war veterans, were found to have been killed. Nineteen men were treated for injuries, varying from severe bruises to broken arms and legs. The inside of the ship was badly wrecked.

Calgary By-Election.

Calgary, Jan. 9—William McCartney Davidson, publisher of the Calgary Albertan, independent, and Clinton James Ford, Liberal, have been nominated as candidates for the provincial by-election in this city necessitated by the death of Robert C. Edwards.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The depression which was in New Jersey yesterday now covers the Maritime Provinces and the western depression is now centred over Lake Huron. Snow has been general from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces but as a rule the fall has only been light. In the western provinces a few light snowfalls or flurries has occurred with a change to much colder in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Forecasts:

Snow or Rain.

Maritime—Fresh to strong variable winds, cloudy and mild, occasional snow or rain today and on Wednesday.

New England—Rain or snow this afternoon and tonight. Wednesday partly cloudy and somewhat colder; fresh shifting winds becoming strong northwest tonight.

Toronto, Jan. 9.—Temperatures:

Stations	8 a.m.	Highest during Yesterday	Lowest night
Prince Rupert	44	42	38
Victoria	44	44	42
Kamloops	30	88	28
Calgary	22	40	16
Edmonton	8	6	*4
Prince Albert	*18	14	*28
Winnipeg	*14	22	*14
Sault Ste. Marie	22	22	22
Toronto	32	32	26
Kingston	18	18	16
Ottawa	16	22	16
Montreal	16	20	14
Quebec	18	14	10
St. John, N. B.	26	26	24
Halifax	34	32	30
St. John's, Nfld.	28	24	24
Detroit	34	—	30
New York	34	34	32

*Below Zero.

French Troops In 38 Trains Are On Way Into Germany

Essen Their Objective—Commission Finds Berlin in Default on Coal Deliveries—British Representative Casts Negative Vote—U. S. Observer Somewhat of Same Mind.

(Canadian Press.)

Berlin, Jan. 9—Thirty-eight trains carrying French troops left Mayence yesterday with Essen as the destination of the forces, says an Essen telegram today.

The arrival of heavy artillery and sappers is reported from the neighborhood of Neuss, (three and one-half miles southwest of Duesseldorf.) The staffs of several French regiments arrived at Duisberg last evening and this morning and the troops themselves were expected to reach there today.

Paris, Jan. 9—The reparations commission today voted Germany in wilful default in her coal deliveries. The vote was three to one Sir John Bradbury, the British member, cast the negative ballot.

Sir John explained he was unable to vote for the proposition because he felt that this action took the matter out of the hands of the commission and placed it under the jurisdiction of the governments. He believed the question could well have been handled by the commission, in view of the circumstances surrounding the delivery of coal by Germany last year.

London, Jan. 9—The present French movement into the Ruhr involving Dusseldorf, will terminate at Essen, according to information received in British official circles from their own observers in the Rhineland. The British maintain they are without knowledge of the French plans.

Roland W. Boyden, U. S. representative with the commission, called upon to give his views, made a brief statement. After pointing out that he was expressing his personal sentiments, he took the view that while a default actually existed in German coal deliveries or 1922 the conditions under which the default occurred were such as to require special consideration.

Mr. Boyden, it is further understood, declared the sum total of deliveries in kind by Germany, including coal, were too great a burden upon her. The present default in coal, he thought, should have been considered from this point of view.

Troops at Dusseldorf.

Paris, Jan. 9—Reports from Duesseldorf today said that all troops necessary for the expected coercive movement of France in the Ruhr would be assembled at the point of concentration near that city by noon. Reinforcements were being sent to take the places of the advancing units.

Premier Poincare is understood to have been vexed by the failure of the reparations commission to declare Germany in default on her coal deliveries at its meeting yesterday. It was reported that he had sent a note to the German Government setting forth the decision of the commission on the wood default, together with a paragraph of the Versailles treaty covering the prospective French steps and an announcement of his intention to act.

Anticipating a possible strike of workers in the Rhineland, the premier is reported to have hired provisionally a small army of strike-breakers, including miners, railwaymen, butchers, and bakers, who could be sent into the region at short notice to replace German labor.

The French public is taking the situation in perfect calm and there is practically no opposition to the government's prospective move. Opponents of the premier naturally express skepticism at the success of the undertaking and indulge in the usual criticisms. The Communists alone are showing a certain agitation and have indicated that they are trying to stir up trouble both here and in the Rhineland where Marcel Cachin and Gaston Monmoussen are operating. The government, however, attaches no undue importance to their activities, although it has indicated that it would prosecute them should they go too far.

Essen, Germany, Jan. 9—Advance troops of the French army, largely with technical equipment, have already reached the neighboring town of Kettwig (seven miles southwest of Essen) and the section between Duesseldorf and Essen is half covered by French military forces, according to private advices reaching here today.

The German Chancellor.

Berlin, Jan. 9—"Force remains force—whatever its guise." This declaration was made today by Wilhelm Cuno, German chancellor, in connection with the reported intention of France to extend her military occupation into the Ruhr district of Germany.

The chancellor added that Germany would regard the application of arbitrary force as a breach of the Versailles peace treaty, and as "the use of might against a defenseless people."

The German Government, for the time being, is wholly stressing the legal aspect of France's attitude as based on her treaty prerogatives, and has not yet indicated the line of action it purposes to adopt in the event the French invade the Ruhr.

POLITICS IN COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTION

Amherst, N. S., Jan. 9.—Councillor S. J. Soley, of Port Greville, one of the most prominent lumbermen of the Parrsboro shore was elected warden of the Cumberland county council today. The council divided along party lines. Councillor Soley being the nominee of the Farmer-Conservative group and Councillor S. H. Peppard of Port Howe, deputy warden in the old council, being the nominee of the Liberal group. The vote was 12 to 10. G. N. Allan, M. P. P., Pugwash, warden of the last council was defeated in the last municipal elections.

FREE STATE TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE VATICAN

Papal Nuncio to be Sent to Ireland

Negotiations in Progress for Diplomatic Relations—Osmond Esmonde Now in Rome—Forming a New Irish Party to Support the Government.

(Canadian Press.)

Dublin, Jan. 9.—Negotiations are in progress for diplomatic relations between the Vatican and the Irish Free State, so it is reliably asserted. It is understood here that the papal secretary is in favor of definite relations especially as Ireland is a country largely Catholic, only indirectly represented through the British ambassador. It is believed a papal nuncio will be sent to Ireland when arrangements are completed.

One of the early steps in connection with the establishment of full relations, it is reported, would be the creation of another cardinalate, which probably will be awarded to the Archbishop of Dublin. Ireland already has strong unofficial representation at the Vatican with the influential Irish College. Osmond Esmonde, son of Senator Sir Thomas Grattan Esmonde, also is in Rome as the diplomatic representative of the Free State, but not accredited to the Vatican.

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New Irish Party.

Dublin, Jan. 9.—A new Irish party will be formed to support the government and to select candidates for the coming general elections. This decision was reached here yesterday at a convention attended by representatives of every county. President Cosgrave was one of the delegates.

The party will pledge itself to efforts for the unification of Ireland, development of national culture, industrial and commercial progress and agrarian reform.

Cork, Jan. 9.—Three hundred Irregulars prisoners who had been under detention in the jail here were conveyed by steamer yesterday to Dublin.

Dublin, Jan. 9.—Three National soldiers, including an officer, were wounded on Sunday from ambush six miles from Tullamore while proceeding to mass.

Montreal, Jan. 9.—There is no possibility of the quarrel between Republican Irish and Free State Irish of New York over the consulate spreading to this city, it was said here yesterday. It was said that the difference between the two sections of Irish in this city are purely "academic."

GOES TO DEATH WITH HELP NEAR

Hidden by Blinding Snow Storm, Unknown Man Slips from Ice Cake into River.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 9—With rescue a few yards away, unable to see because of blinding snow, a man who for more than an hour had clung to an ice cake in the Detroit River gave a last despairing cry and slipped into the water to his death yesterday.

For more than an hour the fire boat James R. Elliott cruised in the darkness through heavy ice floes, with members of its crew out in the boat's yawl, searching for the castaway. At intervals they heard his cries, each growing weaker, but were unable to locate him.

Dynamite In Mouth; Blows Head to Atoms

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 9.—Clinching a stick of dynamite in his teeth, Emil Pillman of Sechele, B. C., lighted the fuse and blew his head to atoms at the home of Mrs. Hulda Andren, here. Mrs. Andren said she had rejected his affections.