

FRESH DISORDERS OCCUR IN ULSTER COUNTIES AND SEVERAL LEADING UNIONISTS WERE KIDNAPPED

Many Prominent in the Affairs of Northern Ireland Among Those Carried Off—Desperate Struggle Took Place Between Attackers and Special Constables on Border Line—Collins Issues Statement.

Belfast, Feb. 8.—A large number of the leading Unionists of Counties Fermanagh and Tyrone, in the Ulster area, were kidnapped from their homes early today and taken to unknown destinations. Fifteen arrests have been made in connection with the kidnappings.

Extensive kidnappings also were reported early today in County Sligo, where Sir Joselyn Gore-Booth, a brother to Countess Markievicz, a member of the Dail Eireann, was reported to be among those carried off by the kidnapers.

In the Clogher district of South Tyrone, Thomas McDowell, a magistrate and a member of the district council; and nephew, A. A. Richardson, Thomas, a school master, and William Watson a land steward, were carried off at the point of revolvers.

A detailed account of the encounter in South Fermanagh shows that a desperate struggle between the attackers and the "A" and "B" specials occurred on the border line, a few miles from Clones.

Constables Clash.

About twenty "B" specials, and the sons of some Ulster farmers, were kidnapped and spirited away as well as a lorry load of "A" specials with arms and ammunition. The raiders accidentally met a lorry and called upon its occupants to halt, which they did, but opened fire. The fire was returned, and one of the specials was wounded. Another party of raiders, just outside of Clones, met a lorry load of "A" specials, who refused to halt when challenged. The raiders opened fire, wounding a number of the specials and killing one of them. At that moment another lorry load of specials came on the scene from the direction of New Town and succeeded in rescuing their comrades, including the wounded from the first lorry, which was left in the road by the raiders, together with a quantity of arms and ammunition.

The "B" specials who were kidnapped were taken from an area of about six square miles of Fermanagh county, along the border of County Monaghan. All telegraph wires were cut in this district.

Eight constables of the "B" special class were kidnapped from Lisnakea, in South Fermanagh.

While six policemen were engaged in patrol duty in Belleek, County Fermanagh, four automobiles filled with armed men drove up and opened fire. The police returned the fire, wounding several occupants of the automobiles. The policemen were uninjured.

Collins' Statement.

Dublin Feb. 8.—Michael Collins, head of the Provisional Government, interviewed this afternoon with reference to the raids in North Ireland, said: "It was what I feared and what any sensible person would expect. Naturally the people whose feelings were outraged by the impending Derry executions would take some action of this kind, and the blame lies with those who delayed until the last moment, a decision of the fate of the Derry prisoners."

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It is stated here that when Mr. Collins was in London recently he made urgent representations to the British authorities warning them that the Derry prisoners would be likely to happen. He said he thought the execution in County Monaghan of the three Sinn Feiners, sentenced to be executed Feb. 9 in the Londonderry jail, was made from Belfast late yesterday.)

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COMMITTED FOR TRIAL ON DAUGHTER'S STORY

Father Charged With Firing Three Shots at Wife With Intent to Kill.

Montreal, Feb. 8.—The evidence of his eight year old daughter, Betha, caused Morris Zimring, of 1262 St. Dominique street, to be committed for trial here today on a charge of firing three shots at his wife with intent to kill. Mrs. Zimring, who was not seriously wounded, retained while giving evidence, but was not arrested. She testified that she did not know whether Zimring had shot at her. The little girl, however, described the shooting in detail and on her father asking why do you want to kill me, she replied: "You cannot make a liar of me."

Her testimony will appear for voluntary statement next Tuesday.

SIR JAMES CRAIG PLACES RESPONSIBILITY FOR KIDNAPPING OUTRAGE ON BRITISH GOVT

Belfast, Feb. 8.—Sir James Craig, Premier of Ulster, issued a manifesto to the people of Northern Ireland, this afternoon, declaring the British Government was responsible for today's kidnapping outrages because of its demobilization of the special constabulary following the Irish truce.

The kidnapping incidents of today, declared Sir James, would strengthen the Ulstermen's determination that what Ulster has she holds.

MERCHANTS' BANK SHAREHOLDERS RATIFIED MERGER PROPOSALS

The Institution Now Becomes Part of Bank of Montreal—Two Shares Merchants Stock Will be Exchanged for One of Bank of Montreal Stock, Plus \$1,050,000 in Cash, Which Means \$10 Addition on Share.

Montreal, Feb. 8.—By an almost unanimous vote of shareholders of the Merchants' Bank, at the special general meeting held here this afternoon and evening, the proposal that the bank be absorbed by the Bank of Montreal was ratified. The voting stock of 87,524 shares in favor of the proposal, and 135 shares against. Under the proposal two shares of Merchants Bank stock will be exchanged for one share of Bank of Montreal stock plus \$1,050,000 in cash, which represents an addition of \$10 a share.

Prior to this result, two amendments were placed before the shareholders and each was voted down. One was by N. K. Lafontaine, the well known lawyer, whose examination of Sir Montagu Allan, President of the Merchants Bank, formed an outstanding feature of the meeting. It set forth that the shareholders should not approve the proposal unless information was furnished as to the

condition of affairs of the Merchants Bank, and circumstances under which negotiations with the Bank of Montreal were initiated. The other was by W. F. Nickle, M. L. A. for the district, and directed the attention of the Federal Minister of Finance to the "deplorable affairs of the Merchants Bank," and urged that an inquiry be instituted by the Government to ascertain upon whom the responsibility for the condition of the bank should rest.

President's Address.

In the course of his address Sir Montagu Allan said that he regretted to state that the confidence of the shareholders in the bank had been shaken by the general manager of the Merchants Bank, and J. D. G. Kippen, manager of the Montreal branch, had been implicated. He charged that the latter speaking in French, Grand President Moshier dealt with the C. B. of R. E., as a purely Canadian organization, refusing to be governed by international affiliation, and made a strong plea for Canadian labor men to keep control of their own affairs. The recent twelve per cent wage cut was also discussed, and Mr. Moshier asked that the recent award of the Conciliation Board be put into effect on the C. N. R.

Speaking of the proposal to separate the L. O. R. from the National system, Mr. Moshier expressed himself in favor of a central management of the system with unit management for settling local questions.

The visiting delegates were banqueted at the close of the public meeting.

DETECTIVE HELD ON CHARGE OF BRIBERY

Is Alleged to Have Bribed Witness to Withhold Testimony Against Tex Rickard.

New York, Feb. 8.—Charged with bribing Nellie Casco, 13, of Brooklyn, to withhold testimony against Tex Rickard, fight promoter, accused of assaulting three minor girls, Nathan Podd, a private detective, was today remanded to the Tombs by Justice Wasservogel. He will be arraigned on the charge of felony, Friday afternoon. Bail was fixed at \$10,000.

Following a statement to Acting District Attorney Ferdinand Pecora, that she had met Rickard nearly every day since last summer, the Casco girl according to the police declared Podd's wife had induced her to meet the detective. Podd, the police declared, paid the girl an unspecified sum of money on her agreement to change her testimony against the fight promoter.

Podd is alleged to have taken the girl, first to a home near Coney Island, and later to the Wappinger Falls farm. Detectives traced the child to her hiding place after Podd had paid a \$3 fine imposed on her father, and then accept the money in payment in Canada, when the liquor was put aboard the boat. The court decided that each transaction carried out in this manner is within the meaning of the Ontario Temperance Act.

A similar charge of "selling" against the British American Brewing Company, Limited, was withdrawn by the officers when the case against the Waterbury company was dismissed.

NO PROGRESS IN SEARCH FOR TAYLOR'S SLAYER

Police Officers Admit They Are Up Against Blank Wall.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 8.—Officers trying to solve the mystery of the murder of William Desmond Taylor, motion picture director, here last Wednesday night, reported tonight that they had made but slight progress in the past 24 hours.

The blank wall, which they said, unidentified influences appeared to have thrown up between them and the true facts, remained unperced, although the police department and the officers of the sheriff were attempting to make separate breaches through it into new fields of inquiry.

The police continued to concentrate their efforts upon the search for Edward F. Sande, former secretary and butler for Taylor, missing since Taylor made a charge of grand larceny against him last August.

Mabel Normand, and Mary Miles Minter, motion picture actresses, friends of the film director, who have been questioned about the case, remained in seclusion today. Both police and sheriff's investigators said late in the afternoon, no further statements had been sought from them.

ONTARIO COURT RULES AGAINST LICENSE DEPT.

Ontario Temperance Act Lets Americans Get Their Beers from Windsor Breweries.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 8.—License department officers again failed in an attempt to prevent the export of beer from the breweries of the border cities to the United States, when Magistrate Gundy threw out a charge of "unlawfully selling" against the Walkerville Brewing Company. The point at issue was whether or not it was legal for the brewery to accept telephone orders for beer from United States purchasers and then accept the money in payment in Canada, when the liquor was put aboard the boat.

The court decided that each transaction carried out in this manner is within the meaning of the Ontario Temperance Act.

POINCARÉ DETERMINED TO HAVE GUARANTEES

Must Know What's What Before Participating in Genoa Conference.

Paris, Feb. 8.—Premier Poincaré today reaffirmed the French Government's determination to seek guarantees before going to the International Economic Conference at Genoa. He made this clear at a secret session of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Chamber of Deputies, to which he gave complete details of the Government's plans and copies of documents.

The Premier said it was France's right and duty before going to Genoa, to get the necessary assurances that none of her rights under existing treaties nor those concerning the League of Nations, would be jeopardized. But as to whether the French delegates actually would go to the conference or not, he said:

"It is not for France either to accept or decline an invitation issued in her name."

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GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE DISCUSSES WAGE CUT

President Moshier, C. B. of R. E., Addresses Moncton Audience on Labor Questions.

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 8.—The Grievance Committee of the C. B. of R. E. here today held their 24th annual meeting behind closed doors. Review of the committee's work during the past two years, and the recent wage reduction of twelve per cent were the principal matters under discussion.

Tonight, a public meeting in City Hall was addressed by A. R. Moshier, Grand President for Quebec, Desrochers, vice-president for Quebec, the latter speaking in French. Grand President Moshier dealt with the C. B. of R. E., as a purely Canadian organization, refusing to be governed by international affiliation, and made a strong plea for Canadian labor men to keep control of their own affairs.

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STEAMER THISTLEMORE EMBEDDED IN SANDS

Grounded on Peaked Hill Bars—Crew Rescued by Coast Guards.

Highland Light, Mass., Feb. 8.—Eighteen of the crew of the Purman Line freighter Thistlemore, which went aground last night on Peaked Hill bars, were rescued today by British coast guards. Because of moderating winds, and the remainder of the ship's company, decided to remain on board the wrecked vessel over night. Early tonight coast guards of the Peaked Hill and Cape stations, who had been fighting high winds and heavy seas since early morning in efforts to take of the Thistlemore's crew rested from their labors, as no more sailors would consent to leave the ship. The coast guards were standing by in the event of a change in weather again threatening the steamer's safety.

The freighter grounded late yesterday, and during the night fears that she was breaking up induced her Captain to send out urgent calls for assistance. Owing to the high seas, the coast guards were unable to shoot a line aboard until today.

The Thistlemore left Boston, yesterday, for New York to finish unloading a cargo of freight from Liverpool. She registers 1,146 tons. Coast guards tonight reported that the vessel was solidly embedded in the sands and in no immediate danger.

ELECTION RESULT IN CHARLOTTETOWN

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Feb. 8.—The election here today resulted as follows:—Mayor, R. H. Jenkins; Councilors, P. A. Smith, William Moran, Robert Rattery, John Pierce, Dr. J. Yeo, H. McConnors, G. W. McLeod and T. W. L. Prowse; Water commissioners, John McKenna, James MacDonald and J. A. Webster.

The vote for Mayor was: R. H. Jenkins, 1,300; G. B. Miller, 908; J. J. MacKinnon 430.

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Keating said pamphlets put out by the bureau, although written by Dr. Viereck, were signed with the name of "convincing organization." Among such papers, he said was "thou shalt not kill," supposed to emanate from Quaker sources.

CHICAGO MAYOR UNDER SUSPICION

Witness Describes Dr. Hale as "Go Between" for German Information Bureau.

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Inspector Charles Miller, of the Ontario Provincial Police, and Detective Hughes, also of the Canadian secret service, came to New York on Tuesday night. They visited the immigration authorities at Ellis Island and said that, by comparison of finger prints, they were convinced the man was Joseph Debarde. He had been serving a sentence of two years for robbery in the Dominion of Ontario, and was being deported by the Dominion officers, the immigration officers formally deporting him because of his criminal record.

GOVERNMENT TAKES PROMPT ACTION IN ULSTER DISORDERS

Commander of British Troops in Ireland Ordered to Give Northern Government All Necessary Aid in Defense of North Ireland's Boundary—Told "Not to Hesitate to Ask for Reinforcements if Necessary."

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The Government also telegraphed the Commander of the British troops in Ireland to give the Northern Government all necessary aid in defence of the Northern Ireland boundary, and not to hesitate to ask for reinforcements if necessary.

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ORDER: SUSPENSION OF GOVT WORK IN OTTAWA

Special Work for Unemployed—Laborers Demanded Increased Wage.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—Steadily mounting wage demands of men, for whom work was provided by the Government in Ottawa to relieve their distress, have led to the discontinuance of the work and a hundred men, who have been receiving \$4 a day will again be jobless.

The work being closed is the construction of a retaining wall along the Rideau Canal. The wall has been erected as far as the Grand Trunk bridge at Ottawa East. It will be carried no further now. An interesting story attaches to the discontinuance of the work. The men employed in it had recently received two increases in wages in response to their demands. It is as a consequence of their demanding still more from the Government, that the work is stopped.

STEAMER COYLET ABANDONED AFIRE

Crew Picked Up and Taken to Savannah by S.S. Soroca.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 8.—The British steamer Coylet, bound from Avondale for New Orleans, was abandoned afire and in a sinking condition tonight twelve miles southwest of San Key. The crew was picked up by the steamer Soroca and will be taken to Savannah. Other vessels, which answered distress calls from the Coylet, returned here tonight. The Coylet registered 3,201 tons.

SWEDISH STEAMER THYRA TOSSED BY RESTLESS SEAS

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 8.—A heavy gale and stormy sea raged around the rudderless Swedish steamer Thyra, today, her rescue ship, Lady Laurier, today. The following radio was received from the Canadian Government steamer: "Heavy gale and sea from east to northwest; approximate position at 3 p. m., 42.54 north latitude, and 62.06 west longitude."

The Thyra lost her rudder on January 29 and the Lady Laurier, the fourth ship to go to her rescue, is attempting to get a tow line on board her.