

WHOLESALE SLAUGHTER OF CHILDREN, AGED AND SICK IS PLAN OF DOUKHOBOR LEADER

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TO THROW CHILDREN INTO COLUMBIA RIVER
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Winnipeg, Feb. 20.—Wholesale slaughter of children and aged and sick persons, so that Doukhobors of Western Canada may roam the country, unhindered, as a vagrant class, in protest of exorbitant taxation is contemplated by Peter Vereggin, leader of the Doukhobors community, according to the Winnipeg Free Press today. The paper says:

"Declaration to this effect was presented to the Free Press in a statement by M. M. Kottinoff, manager of the Brilliant, B. C., office of the Christian Community of Universal Brotherhood. This office is the headquarters of the Doukhobors for British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Alberta also are involved, however.

"All children under ten years of age, together with the maimed and infirm, will be 'thrown into the Columbia river.' If Vereggin's terrible proposal is acted upon, this will represent nearly half the Doukhobor population of Western Canada.

Fanatics Agree With Him
"Fanatics, who respect Vereggin's judgment, agree with his offer," Kottinoff declares. "They urge that the shill-shill go about the country preaching the coming of Christ and conducting themselves as a vagrant working class belonging to the proletariat."

"Doukhobor women," Kottinoff says, "probably will oppose the killing of the children and will protest against the throwing of the small babies into the river."

"Vereggin," he says, "may put forward another scheme. He will have the women of the colonies educated to make themselves sterile like women in wealthy families of Europe and America."

"Vereggin," he asserts, "realizes the killing of children would be a crime, but certain operations are permitted by European laws." The upshot of Doukhobor children is becoming absolutely impossible in the economical way.

Continuing, the statement declares liquidation of all material property owned by the sect in British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan was discussed with favor at a mass meeting of the British Columbia colony. The committee will sell their lands and stock to pay their debts if the idea takes root, and will become wanderers.

Final Charge Upon British For Policing of Ireland

London, Feb. 20.—Submitting a supplementary vote of \$1,500,000 to the House of Commons, today, for all the police forces in Ireland, Sir Hames Greenwood, the Secretary for Ireland, said this represented the final charge upon British tax payers for policing Ireland.

Since the signing of the Anglo-Irish treaty, the Secretary stated, six thousand officers and men of the Royal Irish Constabulary, who had been recruited in Great Britain, and 16,000 of all ranks of the auxiliary police, had been disbanded. The force in Southern Ireland was now almost entirely Irish and predominantly Catholic, he added.

TRADITIONS AND PRECEDENTS MUST BE SCRUPULOUSLY OBEYED IN FORTHCOMING ROYAL WEDDING

Upon State Chamberlain's Office Devolves Responsibility for Bringing Wishes of Princess, Bridegroom and Royal Family Into Harmony—Any Overriding of Rights Might Cause Trouble.

London, Feb. 20.—Officers of church and state are hastening toward completion of the formality and detail which a royal wedding necessitates, with only one week remaining before the nuptial ceremonies of Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles in Westminster Abbey.

An English church wedding, of which folk of humble station are the principals involves a formidable amount of formality, but when the bride is a daughter of the reigning monarch, these difficulties are infinitely multiplied. Upon the State Chamberlain's office devolves the responsibility for bringing the wishes of the Princess, bridegroom-to-be and the Royal Family into harmony with traditions and precedents to which such great importance is attached.

This, in itself, is a colossal task, involving the searching of whole libraries for records of past ceremonial stages—elaborate, too, regarding those whose positions in court society or office entitle them to be invited to the wedding, and others, members of the House of Lords for instance, who have an inherent right to expect invitations, but for whom the Abbey does not afford adequate accommodations; preference in assigning seats to those who are finally invited; the drafting of orders for processions in the Abbey in accordance with fixed rules of precedence and precedence from the whole military, naval and air force of various units to compose the several escorts; and a guard of honor, are among the myriad incidents which must receive most careful consideration and the employment of much tact and discretion. Any over-riding of rights, or unintentional blunder in discrimination, might lead to serious complications.

COURAGEOUS ACT OF TEAMSTER Plunges Into Icy Waters and Saves Team from Drowning.

Port Arthur, Ont., Feb. 20.—When the team, hauling a load of 100 logs, broke through the ice and was submerged in Larsen Lake, a teamster, name not given, in the employ of the New Ontario Construction Co., threw off his outer garments, dived into the cold water, unhitched the animals and, with the aid of two others, effected their rescue. Logs and sleigh also were recovered.

GIOLITTI MAY HEAD ITALY'S CABINET

Rome, Feb. 20.—The latest plan of King Victor Emmanuel for solution of Italy's ministerial crisis was understood today to be his decision to invite former Premier Giolitti to form a new cabinet which would include former Premier Orlando and Enrico De Nicola, president of the Chamber of Deputies.

NEW BRUNSWICK GIRL SUICIDES IN METROPOLIS

After Unsuccessful Search for Work, Without Funds, Luda Blakney Ends Her Life.

N. Y. CANADIAN CLUB INTERESTED IN CASE
Endeavoring to Locate Unfortunate Girl's Relatives, and Will Defray Necessary Expenses.

New York, Feb. 20.—(Canadian Press)—Members of the Canadian Club tonight are endeavoring to trace the relatives of Luda Blakney, a pretty 23-year-old Canadian girl, who committed suicide by jumping from her rooming house on West Twenty-second Street on Sunday. The girl is reported to have come to New York from New Brunswick, recently, but information regarding her home town and her parents is very incomplete. Officials of the club are investigating the case and, if it is found that assistance is required, either for the shipment of the girl's body to her parents' home, or in arranging for burial abroad, members of the club will defray all necessary expenses.

The girl's body was found by the keeper of the boarding house Sunday morning lying in the bed in the room. The gas had been allowed to escape from a light fixture. A doctor, who was called, said that the girl had been dead for several hours. A letter was enclosed in her hand. It was from Mrs. Z. Davolok and was dated from 'King's Cove, N. B.'

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CONTINUED EMBARGO ON CANADIAN CATTLE CAUSES DISSATISFACTION

Winnipeg Man, at Meeting of London Meat Traders' Union, Bitterly Attacks British Government.

London, Feb. 20.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Speaking at the annual meeting of the London Meat Traders' Union, which passed a resolution expressing great dissatisfaction at the non-removal of the embargo against Canadian store cattle, Col. Mullins, of Winnipeg, made a bitter attack on the British Government. Colonel Mullins questioned the impartiality of the Minister of Agriculture, Sir A. Griffith-Boscawen, in his refusal to carry out the promise of his predecessor and remove the embargo.

OFFICERS AMBUSHED ALONG DUBLIN ROAD

Members of Royal Barracks Force Attacked by Band of Armed Men.

Belfast, Feb. 20.—Lieutenant Mead, of the Army Service Corps, was shot and killed and Quartermaster Sergeant Cunliffe was seriously wounded as the result of an attack from ambush along a road near Dublin this afternoon. The driver put on speed to escape the ambush. Both men were killed. Lieutenant Mead, who was stationed in the Royal Barracks at Dublin, was proceeding from there in a tender with Sergeant Cunliffe, two privates and a driver when attacked by an armed gang. The driver put on speed and reached King George's Hospital, but Mead was dead when he arrived. Some of the attacking party are reported to have been wounded in the exchange of shots.

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DUBLIN CROWDED WITH DELEGATES FOR AID FHEIS

Convention to Have Important Bearing on De Valera's Efforts to Block British Treaty.

ONLY ONE ISSUE TO BE DETERMINED

Believed Impossible to Secure Two-Thirds Majority of Sinn Fein Delegates.

Dublin, Feb. 20.—The hotels of Dublin were crowded tonight with delegates who, tomorrow, will attend the opening of the Ard Fheis, or National Sinn Fein Convention. More than 2,000 delegates had arrived up to a late hour this evening. The convention is expected to have an important bearing on the efforts of Eamon De Valera and his followers to prevent the treaty with the British Government from being carried into effect.

Elaborate arrangements have been made for recording the votes, but even if the balloting takes place at eight o'clock, the result may not be determined until eleven o'clock. Therefore, it is considered possible that the results will not be available until early Wednesday morning. The 1,500 Dublin clubs have a right to elect two delegates each, but notification has been received that there will be a total nomination of 2,600 persons, of whom it is expected 2,200 actually will attend the gathering.

Only One Issue.
The issue to be determined by the delegates is clearly recognized as being for and against the treaty. Mr. De Valera has given notice of a resolution that the Sinn Fein organization will continue to adhere to the spirit and the letter of the constitution adopted by the Ard Fheis in 1917, and that "accordingly, until international recognition of Ireland as an independent Republic has been secured, the aim of the organization shall be, as before, dependent upon that recognition."

It was conceded, tonight, that a two-thirds majority cannot be obtained. There is much interesting speculation concerning the line Mr. De Valera, as president, may take on the effect of the resolution. The meeting will determine whether the Republicans or the adherents of the British State shall control the party machine, which is an important consideration in view of the forthcoming elections.

GOT RICH FORGING LIQUOR PERMITS

Man and Woman Indicted for Their Work in New York.

New York, Feb. 20.—Assertions that \$30,000 a day was "cleared up" by Edward Donegan and Miss Ragina Sassano, in the wholesale forgery of liquor withdrawal permits, were made by Assistant United States District Attorney Cahill, when the pair went on trial today.

GANG'S LEADER GIRL WITH WINSOME SMILE

She and Accomplices Have Pillaged Chicago Homes of \$200,000 Worth of Loot.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—The girl leader of a bandit gang, described as a beautiful blonde, carrying an automatic pistol and wearing a winsome smile was being sought by the police today. In the past five months this girl and her accomplices have pillaged homes and shops of more than \$200,000 worth of loot, according to Michael Hughes, Chief of Detectives.

FLOATING MINE IN STEAMERS' PATH

Boston, Feb. 20.—A floating mine, two miles south of Block Island, in the direct path of steamers plying between this port and Norfolk and Philadelphia, was reported to the United States hydrographic office today by the steamer Transportation. The mine projected two feet out of the water, officers of the vessel said.

REVOLT LEADER KILLED

Mexico City, Feb. 20.—General Pablo Marrero, who last week started an uprising in the State of Chihuahua, was killed this morning near Ciudad Lerdo, in a fight with federal forces.

TROOPS SENT TO QUELL DISTURBANCE

Sympathizers With Striking Textile Workers in Pawtucket Valley Start Something.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 20.—Two troops of state cavalry were dispatched to the Pawtucket Valley tonight to quell disturbances that arose late today when strike sympathizers stormed the office of the B. B. & K. Knight Company at Pawtucket in an effort to prevent the removal of a quantity of cloth. The cavalry, which arrived shortly before 10 o'clock, cleared the streets of traffic and ordered all residents within doors. There was no effort at resistance.