

D'ANNUNZIO SLAIN WHEN FIGHT STARTS

Venice is Grief Stricken Over Rumored Death of Poet-Airman.

WARSHIPS TAKE PART IN ACTION

Zara Has Been Captured by the Regular Italian Forces.

Rome, Dec. 27.—It was reported from Fiume today that Gabriele d'Annunzio, the insurgent leader in that city, had been killed while trying to prevent a fight between his legionists and regular Italian soldiers.

Zara Is Captured

London, Dec. 27.—Zara, a Dalmatian port south of Fiume has capitulated to Italian government forces operating against Gabriele d'Annunzio, according to a Central News despatch received here today. The surrender occurred after a siege lasting several days, the despatch states.

Venice in Sorrow

Venice, Italy, Dec. 27.—The reports of the death of Gabriele d'Annunzio spread quickly throughout Venice today. The Italian colors on the flag-staff in St. Martin Square were immediately half-masted, and shortly afterwards flags on private houses throughout the city were lowered.

Battleships in Action

One report says that, notwithstanding the absence of D'Annunzio, fighting continues, the Legionaries trying to prevent the passage of the regular troops, which are composed chiefly of Carabineers. It is asserted that the battleship Andrea Doria participated in the operations against Fiume by firing grenades which killed several persons. One of the grenades struck the torpedo boat destroyer Zepare, setting the vessel on fire.

Report is Denied

London, Dec. 27.—Gabriele d'Annunzio is said to have been slightly wounded, according to the Milan correspondent of the London Times. The report that d'Annunzio has been killed, the correspondent adds, is officially denied.

Thirty Are Killed

Rome, Dec. 27.—The casualties sustained by the regulars in the fighting with d'Annunzio's Legionaries up to the present are reported to be thirty killed and about one hundred wounded. The wounded include several Carabineer officers. The rebel forces have blown up four bridges over the Ricon.

SENATOR HAS WAY TO STOP FUTURE WARS

Five Great Powers of the World Must Act Together He Says.

Washington, Dec. 27.—A disarmament by the five great powers, would be "the one great step" toward peace, Senator Johnson, Republican, California, declared in the Senate today, commenting on an editorial on the subject appearing in a New York paper.

"We are all agreed, I take it," the senator said, "that if there is a real desire among the powers of the earth to prevent war they can prevent it by disarmament, and it is the five great nations of the earth, who constituted the five Allies and Associated Powers in the world war, who most together and decide upon disarmament would have taken the one great step that could be taken toward the promotion of peace and the prevention of all future wars."

ITALIAN SHOT IN FIGHT DEAD

Allege That Fatal Assault Was Development of Card Game.

Hamilton, Dec. 27.—F. Angelo Poon, an Italian, who was shot on Christmas morning following a night at cards with companions, died in the general hospital here today. Giovanni Hancock, who was arrested on Saturday, was charged with the murder. He was remanded for a week by the magistrates without having been given an opportunity to plead. His wife, who was arrested on Saturday, and who was being held as a material witness, was released today. She has two small children.

HON. MR. WIGNORE COMING

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Hon. W. R. Wignore, minister of customs and inland revenue, and Hon. Wignore, left this morning for St. John, N. B., to spend New Year's day.

Alberta May Make Banns' Publication Marriage Essential

New Laws to Govern Weddings Are Expected When Legislature Meets.

Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 27.—A new marriage act is expected to be on the docket of the government legislation at the forthcoming session of the legislature. Among the most important changes that are proposed in the new act is making a publication of banns a necessary condition of marriage. At present there is no provision of the law requiring that banns be published. It will also be required that the taking out of a license precede every legal marriage.

AUTO DEALERS STILL SEEKING TAX FREEDOM

Telegrams Are Pouring Into Government Demanding Removal of Tax.

WANT REBATES ON MONEY PAID ALREADY

Federal Authorities Not Likely to Agree to This Policy However.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 27.—Telegrams are still pouring in into the finance department from automobile dealers urging rebate of manufacturers' tax paid on automobiles prior to cancellation of the tax last Monday. In anticipation of Wednesday's delegation, when the automobile interests are to see the minister of finance—a fresh sheaf of telegrams was to hand today.

In their communications that automobile dealers practically all make their claim that they have stocked cars on which the manufacturers' tax has been paid, but which they are now unable to collect from the customer.

In this regard, it is pointed out here that the cancellation of the tax was due to repeated representations from business interests generally that the tax was injuring trade. The further point is taken that following a change in method of taxation, it is not unusual to remit taxes already paid.

Were the remitting policy of taxes on autos readily admitted, it is stated the consequences following say a tariff revision might be very serious.

However, the situation created in the automobile trade as a result of the tax being cancelled will be thoroughly studied.

Candy manufacturers also are making further representations urging that their products be relieved on luxury tax.

C. N. R. POLICEMAN KILLED INSTANTLY

Fifteen Minutes After He Went on Duty He Was Crushed to Death.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 27.—Edward Freda, aged 37 years, a policeman in the employ of the Canadian National Railways, was instantly killed at the Deep Water Terminal here today. He was caught between some moving flat cars and a buffer and crushed to death. Fifteen minutes after he went on duty he was killed. Freda was a returned soldier, a native of Quebec, N. S., and leaves a widow and one child in this city.

Takes Five Years For Home Brew To Reach "Ripe" State

No Improvement in Production During Last Eighteen Months Expert Says.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 27.—Those who brew their own liquors have not improved the product in their eighteen months of practice. Herman E. Lithgow, chief of the division of the Food and Drugs of the State Department of Health, said in his annual report today.

"It's all raw stuff," he added. "The home brewers, however, developed more kick for their makes in the year, samples reaching the State Health authorities showing an increase in alcoholic content from 12.54 last year to 29.40 in the past 12 months."

Expert Lithgow had a word of advice for the Legion of Home Brewers, 1,429 samples of whose work were received by the Department. The only way the liquor now being put out can be improved is to let it ripen for four or five years.

'WITCH' CURSED BABE CHARGED IN NEW YORK

Startling Accusation Made Against Woman Who Alleges Annoyance.

BURNING AT STAKE SUGGESTED BY WOMEN

But Magistrate Dismisses the Case Because There Was No Evidence.

New York, Dec. 27.—Edison of pilgrim days resounded within the walls of Washington Heights court today when screams "witch, witch, she's a witch," were hurled at Mrs. Rosalie Avorin.

She appeared as complainant against Mrs. Sophie Stern, whom she charged with having publicly annoyed her with untrue accusations, but suddenly she turned defendant when Mrs. Stern came to court with her two year old daughter who had been "cursed," she said by Mrs. Avorin, and had lost the power of her legs.

Cursed The Baby

"Up to a couple of months ago," said Mrs. Stern while her sympathizer boomed Mrs. Avorin, "my baby was strong and healthy. Then this woman went and cursed it."

"You're honest, that woman is a witch. Two hundred years ago she would have been burnt to the stake."

"The witch, the witch," yelled the woman spectators.

Bart, went the Magistrate's gavel. Then he dismissed the summons against Mrs. Stern for lack of evidence.

TORONTO IS THE HARDEST HIT BY UNEMPLOYMENTS

Four Per Cent. Increase in Jobless Men in Canada Reported.

INCREASE THIS YEAR IS 75,000 WORKERS

Committee Now in Session at Ottawa to Seek Solution of Trouble.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Unemployment in Canada is stated to be about four per cent. greater than would be the normal condition at this time of the year. This means that there are approximately some 75,000 more men out of work in the different sections of the country than there have been other years at this time. This figure was arrived at at this morning's session of the executive of the employment service of Canada, which was held at the labor department.

Worst in Toronto.

NEW YORK HARBOR MEN MAY STRIKE

Union Rejects Owner's Offer of New Terms and Decides to Quit.

New York, Dec. 27.—The harbor boatmen's union voted tonight to reject the new working agreement for 1921 tendered by six hundred independent owners and to go on strike January 1. Arthur Ulmer, secretary of the union, declared 2,200 men will be affected.

STRIKING MINERS RETURN TO WORK

London, Dec. 27.—Striking miners in the Rhondda coal field district today voted to resume work pending negotiations between their employers and the South Wales executive.

A general strike of the miners in 14, refusal of one company to restate eleven men dismissed on the ground that their work was not remunerative to the firm.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA

Auto dealers are renewing demands on Government to free trade from burdensome taxes. Seventy-five thousand dollars provided to help workmen of Montreal.

Alberta likely to change marriage laws, making publication of the banns essential.

Lumberjacks at Boston have purchased much wood alcohol and taken it to the woods. Fatalities are anticipated.

New York court started when a charge of being a witch is laid against a woman.

Over 650 extra policemen are being trained in New York to help meet the crime wave.

One hundred thousand dollars was stolen from a mail bag at the central post office.

Several more murders are reported from various parts of Ireland.

Girl is slain in vain attempt to save policeman friend from hand of assailant.

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MURDERER IS HIDING IN THE DEEP FORESTS

Bloodhounds Fail to Pick up Track of Armed Assassin.

Wilson, Ark., Dec. 27.—Armed with an automatic pistol, Charles Giles, negro, 40 years old, is believed to be hiding today somewhere near the Mississippi River after killing O. T. Craig, a Mississippi county planter, and his daughter, Mrs. Mabel Wilson, and seriously wounding Craig's two sons, Dick and Hugh, on Saturday.

Giles also fired upon and seriously wounded three deputy sheriffs who were among those who went in pursuit of him.

Bloodhounds were unable to follow the negro's trail, because of heavy rains.

RUMORED RESIGNATIONS

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Rumors that Sir Louis Davies and Mr. Justice Idington, are resigning from the Supreme Court of Canada lack official confirmation.

Both judges, however, have reached an advanced age and decision to retire would cause little surprise.

FIUME UNDER FIRE OF LAND AND SEA GUNS

Warship That Deserted from Italians to D'Annunzio is Sunk.

GUNS TRAINED ON MILITARY BARRACKS

Orders Are to Do City as Little Damage as Possible.

Trieste, Dec. 27.—The regular army under General Cavaglia are bombarding Fiume in combination with the navy, a systematic siege being underway.

The guns are being directed against the barracks, the palace and similar buildings, the intention being to damage the city as little as possible.

The destroyer Espero, which recently deserted to D'Annunzio's side, has been sunk by a shell from the cruiser Andrea Doria.

The poet's resistance is of the most dogged nature. The casualties among the regulars are estimated at fifty killed and 100 wounded.

KILLED BECAUSE HE REFUSED A DRINK TO PAIR

Russians Started Fight When Visit to Friend for Drink Was Denied.

SIX SHOTS FIRED IN THE FRACAS

Man Alleged to Have Done the Shooting is Now in Prison.

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REPORT GAMBLING IN COURT HOUSE

Hudson County Judge in Scathing Denunciation of Alleged Wrongs.

New York, Dec. 27.—Justice Francis J. Swayze in a charge of the Hudson County Grand Jury at Jersey City today called the way yesterday for a big gambling investigation with allegations that men are being run within a stone's throw of the Hudson County Court House and that officials of the county and law officers were gambling in the Court House itself.

No statement on the subject has been issued from the prosecutor's office.

Justice Swayze mentioned in his charge that one member of the Grand Jury was reported to be interested in gambling operations.

"I do not know anything about the truth of that report," said Justice Swayze, "but it is shocking that such a charge should be possible in this county. It is more important now because we are going to be inundated with criminals from New York."

"I am told in such a way that I have to believe it that almost within the shadow of this Court House, surely within a little more than a stone's throw, gambling is being constantly going on, and not only that but in the Court House itself, by the officers of the county and of the law."

"This is intolerable. I mention no names today, because I do not want to act hastily in this matter. But if necessary I shall mention names as they come to me, and leave you to investigate the truth of these stories."

IS RE-ELECTED MAYOR
Koppe, Ont., Dec. 27.—At the municipal elections today Mayor George A. Toole was re-elected by acclamation for 1921.

Mail Robbers Get Hundred Thousand Dollars in Havana

Not a Trace Yet of the Whereabouts of the Missing Cash.

New York, Dec. 27.—Mail sacks containing \$100,000 in cash consigned to a firm in Havana, Cuba, were ransacked in the post office of that city several weeks ago, and as yet the money has not been recovered, it was learned today.

IRELAND SCENE OF MORE CRIMES OVER HOLIDAYS

Several Killed in Conflicts Between Sinn Fein and Crown Forces.

CURFEW ORDER IS IGNORED FOR TIME

Girl Killed in Attempt to Save Her Policeman Friend from Death.

Dublin, Dec. 27.—The holidays passed fairly quietly in Dublin contrary to expectations. The curfew order was not relaxed, but on Christmas Eve it was to some extent ignored by rioters throughout the night and there was much shooting, several persons being slightly injured.

Two Are Killed

A young soldier in civilian clothes was shot dead by a sentry in the grounds of the Royal Hospital in Kilmalham on the west of the side for refusing to halt when challenged. In different parts of the country men were shot dead by armed gangs.

The young woman Elizabeth Scates, who was killed in Lermick, lost her life in a brave attempt to protect her companion, Constable Richardson. She rushed in between him and several assailants and received a bullet in her heart.

MONTREAL TAKES STEPS TO GIVE WORKLESS JOBS

Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars Ready to Start the Work.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—It was decided this afternoon at a meeting of the citizens' unemployment committee that work should be found as soon as possible during the period of unemployment. To this end it was arranged that an appeal should be made through advertisements in the daily papers to secure jobs for such men as could be employed and that such other funds as were in hand should be used to give necessary relief to those for whom employment could not be found.

As a start, it was announced that the Dominion government, the city administration and the provincial government had promised \$25,000 each to pay the necessary expense of the unemployment committee and start the work.

BOSTON GREATEST FISHING PORT IN WORLD IS CLAIM

Boston, Mass., Dec. 27.—The city was said to become the greatest "fishing port in the world" with the announcement today that 122,236,000 pounds of ground fish had been brought here during 1920, shattering all records of the past 32 years. It is estimated that at least 300,000,000 pounds will have been added to this total before the year closes. The heaviest previous receipts were in 1910 when the total reached 109,232,968 pounds.

MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION

Fort William, Ont., Dec. 27.—A. H. Denis, was this morning re-elected by acclamation to fill the mayor's chair at Fort William for 1920.

FLAMES DROVE EMPLOYEES OUT

FORD BOOSTED COAL BY PANICKY PURCHASES

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 27.—More than 100 men and women escaped unhurt in severe weather when fire destroyed a four-story structure in the business district here today and damaged three other buildings. The loss is estimated at more than \$300,000.

SPEEDING UP TRAINING OF EXTRA POLICE

New York Calls 650 Special Constables to Help Stop Crime Wave.

SEEKING SLAYER OF GANG LEADER

Four Men Given Sentences Ranging from Ten to Twenty Years.

New York, Dec. 27.—Placing of every railroad, street car, ferry and highway entrance into the city under special police guard and the calling out of 650 embryonic policemen for final training were announced by Police Commissioner Enright tonight as the latest measures to check New York's tide of outlaws.

Police previously had been ordered to halt, question and search, if necessary, all suspicious characters, and to seek explanations from all persons found in unfrequented thoroughfares between the hours of midnight and dawn.

Instructors of the policemen "rookie" organization were directed to "speed up" the training of the new 650 men so that the force might be augmented as soon as possible.

Was it a Feud?

Meanwhile, the department, fearing gang feud as a result of the murder of "Mack" Eastman, former notorious gang leader and war hero, ordered themselves in an attempt to establish the identity of his slayer.

A theory that Eastman, as the head of a "whiskey ring," met death as a result of a quarrel with associates over division of profits, was being investigated. In this connection the police instituted a search for a woman known as "Lottie," said to be one of the "Mack's" inmates.

Charles Jones, with whom Eastman was associated in automobile business after the war, said today he was endeavoring to locate the gangster's slayer. He added that he would see to it that Eastman has a good funeral and that there will be a lot of good men to show their friendship toward him. Jones asserted Eastman had "gone straight" since he left prison ten years ago, and he knew of no reason why he should have been slain.

Given Long Terms.

Four men, the youngest of whom the oldest 24 years old were given maximum sentences of from 10 to 20 years imprisonment, when found guilty of robbery today in the court of general sessions. Judge Rosinsky, in pronouncing sentence said pleas of insanity would be of little avail in his court, and that law breakers had better expect the "limit of conviction."

The four men were William Karstein, 18, charged with the hold-up and robbery of a laundryman; John Eastgill, 24, charged with the hold-up and robbery of a wine dealer; Joseph Port, 22, and Ase Ganin, 22, charged with the hold-up of a lower East Side resident.

SOVIETS ORDER MARTENS TO BE DEPORTED SOON

Red Leader in United States is Ordered Not to Make Appeal.

New York, Dec. 27.—Ludwig C. A. Martens, Russian Soviet "Ambassador" to the United States, today notified the Department of Labor that upon instructions from the Moscow government just received by cable he will surrender himself for deportation January 3rd.

The Moscow advices directed Martens not to appeal from the order for his deportation, signed by Secretary of Labor, Wilson, recently, but to return to Russia as soon as possible with his entire Russian staff.

Cancellation of all contracts negotiated for the Russian government with United States firms, said by Martens to amount to some \$50,000,000.

FOUR DEAD IN DRINKING BOUT

Gas Stove Exhaust Was Found Open in Room With the Dead.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 27.—A holiday drinking bout caused the asphyxiation of four persons, in the opinion of officers who investigated the finding of the bodies of three men and a woman in a south end tenement today. The victims were Thomas Burke, 40, his wife, John D. O'Connell and Joseph Richards, all still working.

The men died in a room in which a gas stove was found with one exhaust open and Mrs. Burke's body was in an adjoining room. Evidence of heavy drinking was plentiful, the police said.