

MICHAEL COLLINS, HEAD OF IRISH PROVISIONAL GOVT. SHOT AND KILLED

Michael Collins, head of the Irish provisional government and the Irish national army, was shot and killed from ambush at Bandon, County Cork, tonight a few hours after he had been given an ovation by the people of Cork City, who for the first time saw the Free State hero in the uniform of commander-in-chief.

Several Attacks
Several attacks have been made against the life of Michael Collins, head of the provisional government and commander-in-chief of the Irish Free State army. The latest attempt was a bombing outrage, when his car was ambushed last Friday afternoon on the Dublin side of Stillorgan. The official communication issued in connection with this attack did not indicate whether Mr. Collins was in the machine at the time. The driver was wounded and the car wrecked, a bomb and more than a score of shots being fired.

In Dublin on April 17, while Mr. Collins was on his way home after having addressed a meeting at Naas, County Kildare, he was attacked by a group of men, some with rifles, who rushed his car and opened fire. The Collins party returned the fire

and one of the assailants was captured. Collins was not injured.

Assassination Forecasted
Mr. Collins, in addition to being commander-in-chief of the Free State army, was Finance Minister in the Dail Eireann Cabinet. He was one of those who succeeded in obtaining a temporary injunction in New York on Monday restraining Eamonn de Valera or his agents from withdrawing funds collected for the Irish Republican cause deposited in banks in New York City. It became necessary in view of the recent operations of the irregular forces for Collins to assume active charge of the Free State army in the field, and for some time past he had abandoned the civil part of the government for the military.

Recent arrivals in London from Dublin declared that the assassination of Collins was forecasted in Ireland. It was planned to secure the removal of the sole remaining outstanding figure in the provincial government, and it was said to be also in part a measure of reprisal against the shooting of Harry J. Boland, the close associate of Eamonn de Valera by Free State soldiers.

NEW BRUNSWICK IN VITAL STATISTICS

Shares Highest Birth Rate with Manitoba—Highest Death Rate.

There were 123 pairs of twins and three sets of triplets born in the eight provinces of Canada, which are included in the bulletin on vital statistics for January. The province missing from the record is Quebec.

The deaths of 11 persons, who had reached the age of 100 or better were reported for that month. The oldest of the 11 was aged 110, an Indian widow of British Columbia. The next oldest was an Irish widow of Nova Scotia, aged 108. The cause of death in the first case is given as "cerebral hemorrhage" and in the latter as "old age."

The birth rate per 1,000 of population in January was 2.1, while the death rate was 1.0. These rates are the same as those for a year ago, although it is pointed out in the bulletin that the comparison is as between provisional and revised figures.

The highest birth rates given are those for New Brunswick and Manitoba, these being 2.6 in each. The lowest birth rate is 1.5 in British Columbia. The highest death rate is 1.3 in New Brunswick and the lowest 6 in both Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The deaths reported from cancer for that month are 408 as compared with 404 for the corresponding month of 1921. The deaths from tuberculosis numbered 417, as compared with 450 for January 1921. Nearly thirty nine per cent of all deaths were charged to six groups of diseases, namely diseases of the heart, pneumonia, tuberculosis of the lungs, senility, diseases of the arteries and broncho pneumonia.

Estimate of Wheat Yield Is 350,000,000 Bus.

Winnipeg.—The grain Trade News in its weekly crop report made public here estimates the wheat yield of the three prairie provinces this year at 350,000,000 bushels. This compared with a total crop in the banner year 1915 of 360,000,000 bushels. However, the total acreage in 1915 was only 13,867,715 while this year the prairie provinces have between 20,500,000 and 21,000,000 acres sown to wheat.

According to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics estimate, based on conditions prevailing at the end of July, the prairie provinces should harvest 297,781,000 bushels. The Canadian Pacific Railway, in its weekly crop report issued yesterday estimated the yield of the prairie provinces at 317,000,000 bushels.

London-Paris Airplane Crashes

Paris, Aug. 23.—Five passengers on a London-Paris airplane narrowly escaped death yesterday when the machine crashed at Berck-Plage, about two miles south of Boulogne. The mishap was due to engine trouble. Although the machine was smashed, the passengers escaped with minor injuries.

"Obedience is one of the first things a fellow must learn" remarked the Man on the Car, "yet he goes through life as stubborn and bull-headed as a yearling calf that has never been halter broke."

FURNISH WARDROBE AT LESS THAN PAR

Stranger Caught Pilfering Things from Haberdashery Stores.

(Quebec Telegraph)
Robberies in local retail stores have been frequent of late, according to information gathered by a representative of the Telegraph.

A case was reported which gives an instance of the degree of audacity which has been reached by some of the delinquents. A man dropped into an Upper Town haberdashery store, not far from the Post Office, yesterday, and as he was wearing rubber shoes his presence was noticed only several minutes after he had been in the establishment. While, being shown, at his request, shirts of various kinds, he slipped a pair of silk garters, worth \$1.00, into his pocket. This was actually observed by the proprietor, as well as by a messenger boy who was working behind the counter. The boy thought it his duty to tell the boss at once about what he had seen and when the man was about to leave—although he had bought nothing, was asked to pay for the garters, which he did, without fuss and without the color rising unduly in his cheek.

On his way out of the store the would-be thief dropped four little tags on the floor, of the kind generally attached to the goods to mark the price, and so on. The merchant immediately took possession of the tags and tried to guess the store where he believed that robberies similar to the one attempted in his store had been perpetrated successfully.

It was, as a matter of fact, found, about an hour later, that the robber had entered another haberdasher's store near the Basilica, and had taken four neckties with him without paying for them.

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FIRE WASTE WITHOUT INSURANCE

The picture represents one of the many Canadian villages destroyed this year by forest fires. It is rare in such conflagrations that more than a fraction of the loss is covered by insurance. There are practically no insurance policies whatever carried on Canada's timber resources, as the menace of careless campers, smokers, fishermen and trappers is yet too serious. The thousands of villages in close proximity to the forests must share the penalty of burning up the timber, and usually there is not the compensation of an equivalent insurance because of the severe hazard. The experience of New Brunswick is fairly representative of other provinces. There the forest fire losses on the average kill more timber than would build 5000 large homes and half of the fires are set by the gross negligence of those who build camp-fires and use cigarettes, cigars and matches.

In a recent speech to a large body of Quebec City business men, Mr. Robson Black, Manager of the Canadian Forestry Association, declared:—"Every forest fire this year exchanged valuable public-owned timber lands for worthless wastes of charcoal and firewood. It is sheer business stupidity, as inexcusable as the exchange of pounds sterling for paper roubles at par."

TWO PILOTS AND TWO OBSERVERS CRUSHED TO DEATH WHEN AIRPLANES COLLIDE

Pisa, Italy.—Two military airplanes collided in mid-air, near here, today, at a height of 1,000 feet. The two pilots and two observers were crushed to death under the wreckage of the machines.

COMMENT OF LEWIS ON COAL STRIKE

Philadelphia, Aug. 22.—John I. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, in a statement issued following the adjournment of the conference between the anthracite operators and miners, which failed to reach an agreement, issued a statement in which he blamed the present industrial trouble in the Canadian coal fields on the "Break-down in the Canadian Industrial Disputes Act as concerns the basic and essential industries of Canada."

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YOUNG WOMEN WHO SUFFER

Letter Points Way Towards Relief—Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

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GOOD CROP OF APPLES IN N. B.

Although there will be a good crop of apples in this province this year, the fruit will not be as clean as that of the average year, said A. G. Turney, provincial horticulturist, following his return from an inspection trip of the St. John Valley orchards, between Fredericton and St. John. Continued wet and muggy weather which has existed during a considerable portion of the season is attributed as the cause of this condition, such weather favoring the spread of apple scab which was recently reported in the orchards along the river.

One of the peculiar situations noted was the fact that the orchards near the mouth of the river, in the vicinity of Long Reach, were producing cleaner apples than those nearer Fredericton, which is rather unusual. While there is more apple scab this year than usual very little has been observed in orchards which have been well sprayed. A number of horticulturists have sprayed their trees twice, but this has not proven sufficient to combat the scab, which has been furthered in its spread during wet weather, which has prevented spraying.

Strawberries have, however, benefited by the weather this season, and new plantings placed last year have done very well.

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