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MUST BE DEATH OR GLORY NOW, SAYS DE VALERA

Revelation in Letters Captured by the Free State

Were Written to Supporters in United States—Speaks of Possibility in One Big Effort, But Some Anxiety is Expressed.

(Canadian Press.) Dublin, March 15.—The Government publicity department last night issued the texts of captured letters from Eamon De Valera to supporters in America. One was to Joseph McGarrity, 8714 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, and the other to Deputy J. J. O'Kelly. In the first he charges his opponents with "villainous misrepresentation," and says there is no doubt there is a bit of the scoundrel in Kevin O'Higgins. He admits some of his own men falling by the wayside, but proceeds—

"There can be no turning back for us now. One big effort from our friends everywhere, and I think we would finally smash the Free State. Our people have a hard time and suffering before them, and we have, of course, to face the possibility of the British forces coming back and taking up the fight where the others lay it down. But God is good."

He expresses anxiety about his chief representative in America, and asks McGarrity to watch to prevent him being rushed into foolish adventures, or being made the instrument of the designs of cliques.

These letters were signed on February 4, De Valera succeeded in the critical moment has just arrived here. Both sides are strained to the utmost, but I think we can hear it better than our opponents, though this moment we received the biggest blow since we started. If this war were finished, Ireland would not have the heart to fight again for generations, so we must see it through."

In his letter to O'Kelly he says the latter's letter of February 12 was a "heart-breaking reading, and asserts it had been possible to secure harmonious working. He writes that Ginnell was sent out to safeguard Republican interests in Washington and New York and also to get in touch with other countries in the western hemisphere. Ginnell's credentials, he says, had necessarily to be of a sweeping character, though not intended for re-publication. "If Father O'Flanagan and yourself," he wrote, "consent to go to Australia, I would like to relieve the American situation."

The letter then deals with a loan in connection with which De Valera says no arrangements have yet been made. "If we can raise revenue here at all," he adds, "we shall not attempt it."

Dealing with money questions the letter contains the following—"I need scarcely tell you how great our own needs are in that respect. The army is suffering intensely and its dependents also. We can only afford Ginnell his barest needs."

He repeats a reference to the critical stage of the situation and the necessity of one big effort to smash his opponents, adding: "It must be death or glory for us now." In still another letter he advises caution in America. He had heard of some intriguing tales from that country, he declared.

BIG BUSINESS MEN OF HALIFAX BOOTLEGGERS?

Inspector Tracey Creates a Sensation in Court by a Statement Made Today.

Halifax, N. S., March 15.—Testifying in connection with a temperance violation charge against a man named Cruckshanks in the police court this morning, Inspector E. S. Tracey created a sensation when he declared that if the true facts were known prominent business men would be found behind the activities of bootleggers. He said he believed the accused was only a tool and "some of the best" men in the city are in the rum game working through "tools."

"Why not get after them?" asked the magistrate. "Can't get at them," replied Mr. Tracey. He explained that by "best" men he meant leading business men. The prisoner was fined \$200 and costs or three months hard labor. He declared that all the money he had in the world was \$150.

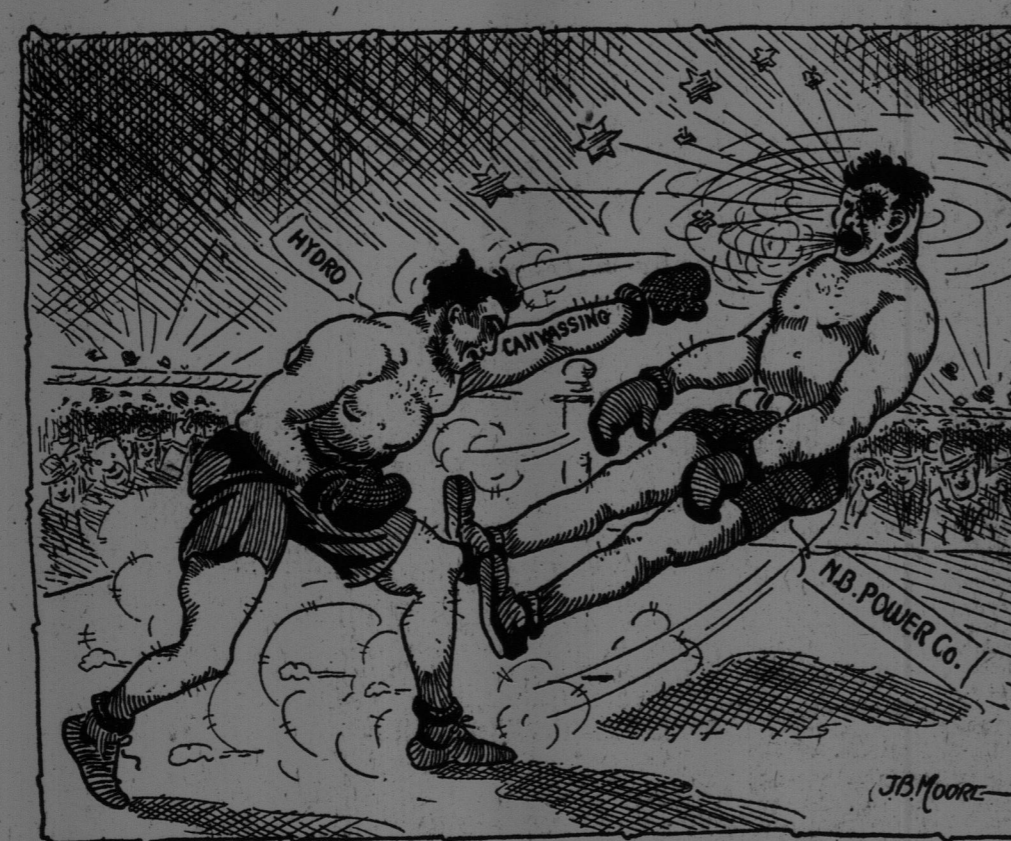
DOMINION IRON AND STEEL FOR THE OPEN SHOP

Sydney, N. S., March 15.—Declaration that the policy of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company is to maintain an "open shop" and that the principle of the check-off is wrong and will not be accepted by the company is made in a statement issued here yesterday by President Wolvin.

CHILEAN CABINET OUT

Santiago, Chile, March 15.—The Chilean cabinet resigned last night.

THE FIRST KNOCKDOWN



Carrying the war into the enemy's camp. Hydro at cost is a winner, make no mistake about that!

Threat of War Comes From Westphalia Today

London, March 15.—A preliminary conference of British, French and Italian representatives to consider the Turkish counter proposals to the Lausanne draft peace treaty will be held in London next week at the suggestion of the British authorities.

EIGHTEEN BELOW IN FREDERICTON

(Special to The Times.) Fredericton, N. B., Mar. 15.—It was eighteen below zero here last night. The Fredericton U. N. B., at a social evening to be held in the Masonic Building on March 20, is to be addressed by Lieut. Governor Todd, and Lt. Col. J. C. Carleton Brown, the latter an alumnus, who will speak on "Canada and the Near East, where he was during the war. Members of the Provincial Government are to be invited to be present.

Admits Lenine Seriously Ill

Berlin, March 15.—The Russian embassy admits that Nikolai Lenine, Bolshevik Premier, is in a serious condition in consequence of a second apoplectic stroke. Later it was said that the Premier had recovered. The bulletins had indicated his partial recovery.

MR. VERNON FOR DEFENCE IN THE SYDNEY CASE

North Sydney, N. S., Mar. 15.—The preliminary hearing into the charges against John William Young and Frank Taylor, accused of assaulting Inspector Thibault at Vicker's beer shop at Sydney Mines on Saturday night will open before Magistrate M. McLean this afternoon. The counsel for the defence will be G. H. Vernon K. C., of Truro, who defended John Paris in St. John.

SLEEPS 10 DAYS. BOY WAKES; HE MAY RECOVER

Vancouver, B. C., March 15.—Jack Turill, a 16 year old boy who had been asleep for ten days, has a fair chance for recovery. He woke yesterday morning, talked a little, ate two light meals and called for a cigarette before he lapsed into sleep again, ten hours later.

WILL PROSECUTE FOOTBALL SEC'Y

Winnipeg, March 15.—Consent of the Crown to prosecute David W. Roy, former secretary treasurer of the Dominion Football Association, on a breach of trust charges, in addition to other charges, was announced yesterday by John Allen, Deputy Attorney-General in Assize Court.

PORT AU PRINCE HAS BIG FIRE

Port Au Prince, March 15.—A spark from a soldering iron which was being used to close a hole in a gasoline can yesterday started a fire in the Texas Company's building which destroyed that building and razed two-thirds of a business block in the wholesale and commercial district. The fire burned four hours. Forty persons were injured, one of them fatally.

GET READY FOR RIVER SEASON

It is said that one St. John river steamship company is contemplating building a new steamer for the spring season. It is also reported that there will be at least one change in the captain of one of the present steamers. Work of repairing the vessels is being carried on.

Says Rum Fleet Is a Menace To Navigation

Captain of Big Steamship is to Make Complaint to Washington. New York, March 15.—Captain Ettore Bear of the steamer President Wilson, which arrived yesterday from Italian ports, announced he would make formal complaint to the federal authorities against the rum-running fleet of New York harbor, which he said was a menace to navigation. He declared that the entire outside waters between Fire Island and Ambrose Lightship were infested with small craft which in Tuesday night's fog, sounded bells and whistles from all sides. As a result of this confusion, he said, he was thrown off his bearings and instead of being at the mouth of the bay, as he supposed, he found himself actually in the Hudson River.

De Valera Calls On Erin to Mourn

"Government of Republic" Declares Indefinite Period of Mourning. Dublin, March 15.—A proclamation by the "Government of the Republic of Ireland" has been issued, decreeing an indefinite period of national mourning, during which sports and amusements are to be suspended and theatres and moving picture houses closed, and, in particular, horse racing, hunting, coursing and all outdoor sports discontinued.

WOMAN HELD AS SLAYER OF HOTEL MAN FACES JURY

Mrs. "Billie" Wells, Former Stage Beauty Is Pale But Determined Will Fight Murder Charge on Ground That She Was Not in House When Man Died. New York, March 15.—This "and worn looking from two months' confinement in jail, her pallor accentuated by the dead black of her costume, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth ("Billie") Wells on Monday went on trial in the Nassau County Court House, Mineola, on a charge of second-degree murder. She is charged with having killed Captain James Pettit, proprietor of the Massapequa Inn, on January 7, while living there as hostess. She was the last person known to have seen him alive. Immediately after the shooting she rushed out crying that Pettit had killed himself. Her indictment followed when the grand jury was convinced from the nature of the man's wounds that he did not commit suicide.

Longshoremen Wanted Extra

Passengers at Boston Had to Handle Their Own Baggage. Boston, March 15.—Boston-bound passengers of the steamer Andania, which left at 10 o'clock until seven, yesterday, as the longshoremen on Monday went on trial in the Nassau County Court House, Mineola, on a charge of second-degree murder. She is charged with having killed Captain James Pettit, proprietor of the Massapequa Inn, on January 7, while living there as hostess. She was the last person known to have seen him alive. Immediately after the shooting she rushed out crying that Pettit had killed himself. Her indictment followed when the grand jury was convinced from the nature of the man's wounds that he did not commit suicide.

SEVEN DIE IN ALMS HOUSE FIRE

Angela, N. Y., March 15.—Fire women and two men were burned to death in a fire that destroyed the Allegheny County Alms House today. The women's quarters and the administration building were destroyed. The victims were bedridden and unable to escape.

Not Ended Yet, Says Chief Hawthorne

J. B. Hawthorne, chief inspector under the Prohibitory Act, arrived in this city this morning from Fredericton and will return this evening. Asked about the case of the cattle which was seized at Manchester April 1, the day that the embargo on Canadian cattle is removed.

Another Change In Hockey Dates

Fredericton, N. B., March 15.—Another change has been made in the probable dates of the games which the Charlottetown Abegweits will play at Sussex and Chatham. Dr. Sterling received word this morning that E. Z. Island was digging itself out more rapidly than expected and that the expectation was that the Abegweits would be able to play in Sussex on Monday night, March 19 and in Chatham on Wednesday, March 21. The dates have therefore been set forward to those stated.

No Sympathy Asked

In examining the talesmen, Mr. Levy made it clear that his client did not seek sympathy. He was rebutting the District Attorney's question to talesmen as to whether the fact that Mrs. Wells is a woman would affect her decision when he broke in with: "We are not asking for sympathy at all. Mrs. Wells will stand on the one side of the law and the other side of the building at the time Pettit was shot. He added that she is a friend of acquaintance.

THE ISLAND BLOCKADE

A bulletin by the C. N. R. states that, owing to snow blockade in P. E. Island, intending passengers are being notified that it will be two or three days before train service will be restored between Borden, Charlottetown and Summerside. This means that there is practically no train service on the island. It is the first time since 1905 that such conditions have existed there.

YOUTH LEAPS FROM WASHINGTON SHAFT

Albert B. Seip of Washington, Plunges 504 Feet Wind Tears Off His Shoes—Broken—Scientists Figure He Hit With Impact of 800,000 Foot-Tons. Washington, March 15.—Albert Birney Seip, a young man of this city, said to be a grandson of General Birney, former Minister to France, hurled himself from one of the windows near the top of the Washington Monument last week and plunged 504 feet to his death on the flagging below. Every bone in his body was broken and his shoes were torn from his feet by the force of the wind as he fell downward through the air at an estimated speed of 120 miles an hour.

As Hiram Sees It

"Look-a-here!" said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter. "What's that there bunch of Rubes up to Fredrickton an' down to City Hall been tryin' to do to the poor taxpayers of this town?" "I had not heard anything of an alarm-ringing thing," said the reporter. "Have you?" "Yes, sir," said Hiram. "They went an' fixed it up to get right an' power for St. John without knowin' what they was doin'."

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