

IRISH FREE STATE INAUGURATED AS A DOMINION OF BRITISH EMPIRE

Governor-General Timothy Healy Takes Oath of Office; Ministers and Members Sworn in—One Deputy Shot and Another Seriously Wounded on Way to Parliament.

A despatch from Dublin says:—Inauguration of the Irish Free State as one of the Dominions of the British Empire took place on Wednesday. The ceremony was simple and unmarred by hostile demonstrations from the Republican minority.

The oath was administered to Timothy Healy as Governor-General by the Lord Chief Justice at Mr. Healy's residence in Chapelizod, on the Liffey, three miles west of Dublin, and afterwards the new Governor-General administered the oath to Professor Michael Hayes as Speaker of the Dail.

Mr. Cosgrave was the first one to be sworn and to sign the roll. The form of the oath of allegiance was primarily to the constitution of the Irish Free State and then to King George as the head of the people forming the British Commonwealth.

Mr. O'Higgins and the other Ministers took the oath in turn, followed by the members of the Dail.

The oath was administered to each man individually and most of the repetitions were audible throughout the Chamber. Some of the military members, including Defence Minister Mulcahy, were in uniform.

A later despatch from Dublin says:—Sean Hales, a deputy of the Irish Parliament, was shot and killed on Thursday as he was leaving the Ormond Hotel for Parliament accompanied by Brigadier-General Patrick O'Malley, who was sworn in as Deputy Speaker of the House on Wednesday. General O'Malley was seriously

wounded, being shot in the head and arm.

When the deputies emerged from the hotel, the assassins appeared to be loitering on the porch. Nothing happened as the deputies passed the group. The shots were not fired until Hales and O'Malley had the cab and were getting into it. Then the murderers opened fire. They operated in two groups. Eight to ten shots were fired, most of them directed at Hales. Another hotel guest who stood chatting with Hales and O'Malley as they entered the cab had a narrow escape from being hit.

A body of British soldiers, arriving on the scene, opened fire on the deputies' assailants, who were scattered and pursued. It is not known whether any of the attacking party were injured.

The shooting of the deputies is in fulfillment of a constant threat. Not only the Ministers who ordered the recent executions, but all the members of the Dail Eireann who voted in favor of repressive measures had their names published in a black list and were warned that they would be held responsible.

Hence some of the Ministers and several of the members of the Dail have for some time past taken up their residence in the Government offices. But some were willing to risk their lives by residing outside.

Hales was a prominent supporter of the Government and had been a strenuous fighter against the British. He was one of Michael Collins' closest personal friends.



U. S. DELEGATES TO CANADIAN CONVENTION

The International Postal Conference opened in Ottawa December 4th. The picture shows the delegates attending from the United States. Bottom row, left to right, W. Irving Glover, Third Assistant Postmaster General; Hubert Work, Postmaster General; John Edwards, Solicitor. Top row, Edwin Sands, Superintendent of Foreign Mails; Peter J. Schardt, Div. Supt., railway mail service.

CLUNG TO ICE FLOES WHEN LAUNCH SUNK

Parents and Baby Rescued After Floating for Three Hours in St. Mary's River.

A despatch from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., says:—The passenger launch Mopla, running between this city and Neebish Island, sank in the St. Mary's River on Wednesday night when its hull was crushed by striking an ice-cake. Its three occupants, Mr. and Mrs. Guy McIntyre and their baby narrowly escaped death. Mrs. McIntyre is in a hospital suffering from exposure. Her legs were frozen.

When the boat sank the occupants jumped into the river and clung to cakes of ice, McIntyre struggling to save the baby as well as himself. He managed to get onto a fairly safe ice sheet. His wife climbed onto a floating piece which constantly tipped and rolled, keeping her drenched. For three hours they floated with the current in near-zero weather.

Their screams finally were heard by a coastguard at Oak Ridge Park, a mile and a half away, and he came to the rescue.

The Natural Resources Intelligence Branch of the Department of the Interior at Ottawa says:

"Canada's dairymaking industry is coming back for the 12 months ending September we exported about twice as much butter as in the corresponding period a year ago, or to be exact, 17,994,188 lbs., as compared with 9,140,561.

"The quality of butter made in Alberta is showing a decided improvement since legislation was passed last year eliminating country cream stations and providing a system of government grading and inspection. The provincial butter grading stations at Calgary and Edmonton, through which about 60 per cent. of the butter passes, report that this year 26 per cent. graded 'special' as compared with only 8 per cent. in 1921. That is an almost revolutionary improvement."

Stamp Tax Imposed on All Receipts

A despatch from Ottawa says:—Another of the new taxes, imposed by the Government's budget legislation at the last session of Parliament, will become operative at the beginning of the new year. This is the stamp tax on receipts given in acknowledgment of the payment of sums of ten dollars and upwards. The tax is not a graduated one like that on cheques. In the case of receipts a two-cent stamp is to be affixed to each instrument regardless of the amount involved.

New Zealand Votes Against Prohibition

A despatch from Wellington, N.Z., says:—Complete figures on the licensing referendum show that the majority against prohibition was more than five times the majority whereby prohibition was defeated in 1919.



Jack McKelvey
Captain of Queen's University football team, which won the Dominion Championship.

POWERS STAND PAT ON STRAITS CONTROL

Turks Put Up Protest on Every Item of Allies' Terms But Will Probably Yield.

Lausanne, Dec. 9.—Notwithstanding their conciliatory attitude at yesterday's session of the conference, when they accepted the general terms of the allied plan for the regulation of the Straits, the Turks took a more independent line to-day in the discussions by experts of the concrete application of the proposed rules. While there is little doubt that they intend finally to accept the allied plan, it is apparent that they will bargain on every item.

One point as to which the Turks expressed great surprise to-day had to do with one of the clauses relating to the passage of warships. This clause provides that the limitations to which the allies' consent cannot be applied in time of war to the passage of the belligerent situation in the Black Sea or any power concerned.

When the allied experts pointed out that this means that in time of war a belligerent power would have the right to send its whole fleet to the Black Sea if it chose, the Turks said they had not understood the clause in that sense and wanted limitations, to apply alike to all times. The allies will not yield this point, although they are willing to limit still further the tonnage of the warships to be allowed to pass through the Straits in time of peace. The Turkish demand that the limit be 10,000 tons will be accepted.

The Russians have notified the Secretariat of the conference that they will attend the discussions of the Straits regime by the sub-committee.

The Turks may withdraw their demand that the Greek population of Constantinople leave the city. Practically all the other Greeks in Turkey, to the number of more than a million, have gone, but it is possible that the energetic protest of the allies, backed by America, may effect the annulment of the decree in banishment against that small part of the population of Constantinople which forms the backbone of business.



Finds Big Trade in China.
F. C. T. O'Hara, Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, who points out to Canadians that there are "staggering" opportunities for trade in China. "They will buy everything we are prepared to sell," he says.

Peace-Makers Are First Victims of Rebel Plot

A despatch from Dublin says:—Republican documents captured recently revealed a plot to kidnap deputies and assassinate the Ministers before the Free State was formally inaugurated. A general assassination seems now to have been substituted for the original plan. The Republicans declare that they regard all deputies supporting the Government as traitors to the Republic. Hales and O'Malley, the first victims of the campaign, were peace-makers between the rival army sections, and abandoned their peace effort only when they found it hopeless.

CANADA'S WAR MEMORIAL TO STAND ON HEIGHT KNOWN AS HILL 145

Speaker Lemieux Selects Site of Monuments on Vimy Ridge—Construction Will Begin Next Spring and Will Occupy Five Years.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—Canada's great monument on the summit of Vimy Ridge will commemorate not only her army's great victory of April, 1917, but also the valor and sacrifice of her missing soldiers. The names of 19,000 missing Canadian soldiers will be inscribed on the memorial. The erection of the memorial will be commenced next spring, says Brigadier-General H. G. Hughes, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., engineer of the battlefields memorial committee, who spent a few days in Ottawa on his way from Europe to Victoria, B.C., where he will remain with his family until some time next month. The construction of the memorial and the laying out of the park on the 250 acres of land on Vimy Ridge occupied by France to Canada will occupy five years and will cost half a million dollars. The whole, General Hughes states, will be the most striking war memorial of its kind in the world. General Hughes, accompanied Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Speaker of the House of Commons, and a member of the battlefields memorial committee, in his recent tour of the sites for the monuments to be erected by Canada. General Hughes gives great credit to Mr. Lemieux for the part he played in securing from the French Government the tract of land on Vimy Ridge, which is forever sacred to Canada. The Speaker of the Commons, Gen. Hughes says, by his tact and diplomacy and his knowledge of the French language, was able to conduct negotiations with the French Government, to smooth away difficulties which might have arisen and to secure a grant in perpetuity of the land directly from the President of France.

Mr. Lemieux, with Gen. Hughes, too, selected the site for the memorial on the elevation known to those who served in the Vimy Ridge sector as Hill 145. The Speaker of the House of Commons also inspected the work on the figures for the memorial, which Mr. Alward, the sculptor, whose design is to be followed, is doing in London, England. The Canadian memorial at St. Julien is nearing completion and will be unveiled on July 1 next. On the site of the memorial at Passchendaele Canadian maples have been planted and are growing. Of the Canadian army of France and Flanders, Gen. Hughes is the last living member to inhabit the historic neighborhood of the Ypres salient. He has resided, as engineer of the battlefields memorial committee, at Poperinghe, through which Canadian and British troops moved in thousands during the war. In the Ypres salient, he says, 100,000 British missing soldiers lie and are uncovered in the work of reconstruction at the rate of two or more a day. With them in some sections of the front he sees German opponents, the remains of three of whom, lacking means of identification, were dug up a short time ago. Ypres itself, Gen. Hughes says, is being rapidly rebuilt. Gen. Hughes lodges at "Skindies," familiar of yore to British and Canadian troops. There he was on Armistice Day, November 11, and thence he walked alone from Poperinghe to Ypres and back along the unlighted road, peopled only by the spirits of the armed thousands who trod it in the years of the war.

Customs Arrangement Between Canada and Australia

Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 10.—Hon. J. A. Robb, Canadian Minister of Trade and Commerce, has successfully completed preliminary negotiations with the Commonwealth Tariff Board for reciprocal customs arrangements between Australia and Canada. Mr. Robb intends to sail for home this week.

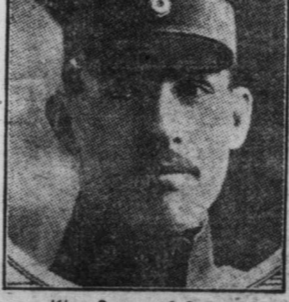
Grain Cargo Would Fill 2-Mile Train

Head of Lakes, Dec. 9.—The steamer W. C. Agnew cleared to-day for Buffalo with the huge cargo of 510,000 bushels of oats. The weight of this immense cargo is 8,770 tons and it would fill 250 large box cars, requiring a train two miles in length to carry it.

The Christmas Tree.

Deep in the wood's enchanted heart I saw a Christmas tree,
An overgrown with slender trunk
Of perfect symmetry.
From topmost twig to lowest branch
That swept the frozen drifts
On all its tasseled boughs were hung
The loveliest of gifts.

Light a Christmas Candle, Neighbor,
In your window let it shine,
It may help to tell the story
Of the Christ Child's love divine.



King George of Greece
Who protested against the Greek executions, and was confined to his palace in Athens as a prisoner when he attempted to flee from the country. His uncle, Prince Andrew, has been tried for treason and sentenced to life-long exile.

REBEL PRISONERS EXECUTED AS WARNING TO REPUBLICANS

A despatch from Dublin says:—Reprisals swift and terrible have followed the assassination of Deputy Sean Hales and the wounding of Deputy O'Malley in Dublin on Thursday. On Friday morning Rory O'Connor, Liam Mellows, Joseph McKelvey and Richard Barrett, all of whom were irregular leaders of some note, were executed at Mountjoy Jail, where they had been imprisoned since their capture at the Four Courts in July.

The official announcement was accompanied by an explanation that the executions were "reprisals for the assassination on his way to the Dail Eireann of Brigadier Sean Hales, and as a solemn warning to those associated with them who are engaged in the conspiracy of assassination against the representatives of the Irish people."

This announcement has had a stunning effect upon public opinion. The reaction, so far as the Republicans are concerned, is dubious, and every one is prepared for an intensification

of the vendetta which claimed Hales as its first victim.

A policy so relentless as that disclosed by the executions is probably without parallel in history. Time alone can prove its wisdom or otherwise. Neither in Government nor military circles can any information be obtained additional to that contained in the bold statement relating to the executions. It is not clear, for instance, whether the dead men were first tried by court-martial. At any rate, they were regarded as immune from the penalties imposed in the non-retroactive powers conferred in October upon the military courts, and in pursuance of which previous executions have been ordered. It should be remembered—and in point of emphasis of the stern decision of the Government to challenge the terrorist tactics of the irregulars—that Rory O'Connor and his colleagues were captured as long ago as July. Other equally prominent irregulars are prisoners, and it is stated that they will be brought to trial as soon as possible.

MURDER AND ARSON, SWIFT RETALIATION

Adherents of Valera Begin Counter-Reprisals for Execution of Republicans.

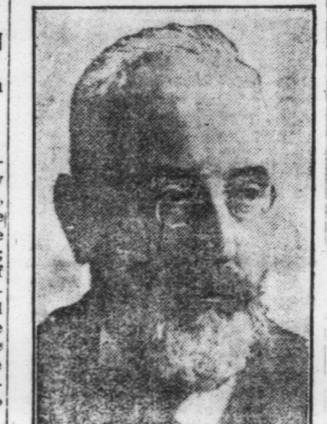
Dublin, Dec. 10.—By way of counter-reprisals for the execution of Rory O'Connor and his three companions, Republicans to-night destroyed by fire the residences of J. J. Walsh, the Postmaster-General, Berkeley Road; Zan McGarry, Military Governor of Maryboro' convict prison at Philipshaven, Clontarf; and Michael Hodunphy, Assistant Secretary to the Government at Clonliffe Road. The farm produce stores of Mrs. Jeannie Wysd Power, one of the Senators nominated by the Government, were also destroyed.

The house of John McGarry, Dublin member of the Parliament, came in for special attention of the incendiaries, and his wife and two children were slightly burned. The children were removed to a hospital.

The Irish Times, Unionist, and the Irish Independent, pro-peace, deplore Friday's executions. The Freeman's Journal, virtually a Government organ, is silent.

The proprietors of the Independent and the Freeman have received warnings from the Republicans to leave Ireland immediately or be shot.

Saturday passed quietly. Troops were unusually active combing the streets for armed men, and the Hales' funeral occurred Saturday. The body will be buried at Cork.



Governor-General of Ireland.
"Tim" Healy, who this week took the oath of office as representing the King in the Irish Free State, which takes its place among the self-governing Dominions of the British Empire.

Doukhobor Colony Destroyed by Fire

A despatch from Nelson, B.C., says:—Two big community houses and the entire group of auxiliary dwellings belonging to the Doukhobors at Ball Lake, B.C., have been burned to the ground, rendering seventy people homeless and causing the death of S. Trobatsky, according to word received here.

Weekly Market Report

Toronto.
Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.22 1/2; No. 2, 76 to 78c.
Manitoba oats—Nominal.
Manitoba barley—Nominal.
All the above, track, Bay ports.
American corn—No. 2 yellow, 88c; No. 3 yellow, 87c; all rail.
Barley—Malting, 60 to 62c, according to freight outside.
Buckwheat—No. 2, 73 to 75c.
Rye—No. 2, 76 to 78c.
Millfeed—Del. Montreal freight, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$24; shorts, per ton, \$26; middlings, \$28.50; good feed flour, \$2.
Ontario wheat—No. 2 white, \$1.08 to \$1.10, according to freight outside; No. 2, \$1.05 to \$1.07.
Ontario No. 2 white oats—41 to 43c.
Ontario corn—Nominal.
Ontario flour—Ninety per cent. pat, in jute bags, Montreal, prompt shipment, \$5.10 to \$5.20; Toronto basis, \$5.05 to \$5.10; bulk seaboard, \$4 to \$5.
Manitoba flour—1st pat, in cotton sacks, \$7.10 per bag; 2nd pat, \$6.60.
Hay—Extra No. 2, per ton, track, Toronto, \$15; mixed, \$13.50 to \$15; clover, \$13.50 to \$15.
Straw—Car lots, per ton, track, Toronto.
Cheese—New, large, 25c; twins, 25 1/2c; triplets, 26 1/2c; Stilltons, 27c.
Old, large, 27c; twins, 28c; Stilltons, 28c.
Butter—Finest creamery prints, 40 to 42c; ordinary creamery prints, 38 to 39c.
Dairy, 20 to 31c.
Cooking, 21c.
Dressed poultry—Chickens, 4 lbs. and up, 28c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 25c; fowl, 5 lbs. and up, 28c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 25c; do, under 4 lbs., 17c; geese, 24c; ducks, 35c; turkeys, 50c.
Margarine—20 to 22c.
Eggs—No. 1 candled, 33 to 35c; selects, 43 to 44c; cartons, new laid, 75 to 80c.
Beans—Canadian, hand-picked, 14c; primes, 15c.
Maple products—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.50; per 5 imp. gals., \$2.40; Maple sugar, lb., 23 to 25c.
Honey—60-lb. tins, 12 to 12 1/2c per lb.; 5-2 1/2-lb. tins, 13 1/2 to 14 1/2c per lb.; Ontario comb honey, per doz., \$3.75 to \$4.50.
Potatoes—New, Ontario, No. 1, 80 to 90c; No. 2, 75 to 80c.
Smoked meats—Hams, med., 26 to 28c; cooked ham, 38 to 40c; smoked rolls, 26 to 28c; cottage rolls, 36 to 38c; breakfast bacon, 22 to 35c; special brand breakfast bacon, 38 to 40c; backs, boneless, 39 to 43c.
Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$2 1/2 to \$3 lbs., \$20; 90 lbs. and up, \$18; lightweight rolls, in barrels, \$1 1/2; heavyweight rolls, \$1.75.
Lard—Pure tines, 16c; tubs, 16 1/2c; pails, 18c; prints, 16 1/2c. Shortening, tines, 13 1/2 to 13 3/4c; tubs, 13 1/2 to 14c; pails, 14 1/2 to 14 3/4c; prints, 16 1/2 to 17 1/2c.
Choice heavy steers, \$7 to \$7.60; butcher steers, choice, \$6 to \$7.25; do, good, \$5 to \$6; do, med., \$4.50 to \$5; do, com., \$4 to \$5; butcher heifers, choice, \$6 to \$7.25; do, med., \$5 to \$6; do, com., \$4 to \$4.50; butcher cows, choice, \$4 to \$5; do, med., \$3.75 to \$3.75; canners and cutters, \$2 to \$2.25; but, cher bulls, good, \$3.50 to \$4.80; do, com., \$2.50 to \$3; feeding steers, good, \$5 to \$5.50; do, fair, \$4 to \$5; stockers, good, \$4 to \$4.50; do, fair, \$3 to \$4; calves, choice, \$10 to \$12; do, med., \$8 to \$9.50; do, com., \$3 to \$7; milch cows, choice, \$10 to \$100; springers, choice \$90 to \$110; lambs, \$11 to \$12; sheep, choice, \$6 to \$7.25; do, culls, \$2 to \$5; hogs, fed and watered, \$11; do, f.o.b., \$10.25; do, country points, \$10.
Montreal.
Corn, American No. 2 yellow, 92 to 93c; Oats, No. 2 CW, 64 to 65c; No. 3 CW, 59 to 60c; extra No. 1 feed, 57 to 58c; No. 2 local white, 55 to 56c.
Flour, Man. spring wheat pats, firsts, \$7.10; Rolled oats, bags, \$3.30 to \$3.40; Bran, \$2.4. Shorts, \$26. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$16 to \$17.
Cheese, finest easterns, 22 1/2c. Butter, choicest creamery, 37 to 37 1/2c. Eggs, fresh, 45 to 46c; selected, 40c; No. 1 stock, 35 to 36c. Potatoes, per bag, car lots, 90c.
Canners \$1.75 to \$2; cutters, \$2.25 to \$2.75; cows and heifers, slightly better quality, \$2.75 to \$3.50; bulls, com., \$3; calves, best, \$10; do, med., \$13; do, com., \$11.50 up; hogs, \$11.50 to \$11.75; sows, \$9 to \$10.
Saskatoon, Sask.—The population of this city is now estimated at 33,722, nearly 8,000 more than the figures resulting from the last Dominion census which was 25,743, according to Henderson's Directory for 1922-23. The directory, however, contains names of people living just outside the city limits, estimated at 2,000.
Vancouver, B.C.—For the first time this season British Columbia apples are leaving for the United States, the Okanagan Fruit Growers having shipped a carload of McIntosh Reds to Boston, while another car of the same variety went to New York. In all there are 1,500 boxes in the shipment, which should materially relieve that market.
Japanese Islands Shaken by Quake
A despatch from London says:—A severe earthquake at Kishiu, the southernmost of the three principal islands of Japan, is reported in a Tokio despatch to the Central News. Many persons are said to have been killed or injured, and hundreds of houses destroyed.
Nagasaki is the principal city of Kishiu, being situated on the west coast of the island. The surface of the island is of a mountainous nature. There are a number of active volcanoes, the greatest of which is Aso San, whose crater is twelve miles in circumference.
Monarch of Ocean Nearing Extinction
A despatch from Ottawa says:—Sperm whales are disappearing rapidly, and on account of their great commercial value, are being hunted without regard to the danger of their extinction. Dr. E. E. Prince, Dominion Commissioner of Fisheries, told the National Conference for the Preservation of Wild Life, in session here. As an evidence of this depletion he told of the experience of a whaling crew which caught only one whale after a whole season in the South Atlantic. Yet this one whale rendered the voyage profitable.
A resolution was passed that sperm whales be hunted under license, and a return submitted to their Government by the companies or individuals owning whalers. International co-operation would be necessary to insure such legislation being effective.

CANADIAN NEWS ITEMS

Newfoundland—Subject to ratification by the Newfoundland legislature, the Premier of Newfoundland has concluded an agreement of settlement between the Reid Newfoundland Co., the Government of Newfoundland, Armstrong, Whitworth, Ltd., and the British Government, the outcome of which is expected to be the erection of a pulp and paper plant at a cost of \$18,000,000, which will outlive the famous mills established by the late Lord Northcliffe.

New Glasgow, N.S.—Operators on the Malagash properties have discovered, at a depth of 200 feet, a six-foot face of almost pure white salt, which analysis has proven to be 99.1 per cent. pure. The engineers state there is an almost inexhaustible supply of this product and that it is apparently improving in depth. This discovery opens a valuable new industry in the territory.

St. John, N.B.—The contract between the City of St. John and the New Brunswick Electric Commission for a minimum of 10,000,000 and a maximum of 15,000,000 kilowatt hours of electric current per year from the Provincial Development Commission was signed by representatives of the city and the commission. Payments under the contract will not begin until May 1 next, as it is not expected that preparations for the use of the current in the city will be completed much before that date.

Quebec, Que.—A gold rush has set in in the northern part of the Province of Quebec, in the district of Abitibi. This adjoins the gold and silver districts of Northern Ontario, and there has always been a question as to whether or not there might not be valuable deposits in this new Quebec, as well as in New Ontario. Within the past two weeks many claims have been staked out by prospectors.

Toronto, Ont.—The Horse Show at the Royal Winter Agricultural Show was bigger than the Madison Square Show of which the New Yorkers are so proud. It had 160 exhibitors and 1,200 entries, American breeders who have never before shown in Canada being represented.

The Pas, Man.—The annual Dog Derby of two hundred miles, for a purse of \$2,500, will be held this winter on February 22, it was decided at a meeting of The Pas Dog Derby Association. The course will be the same as last year, from The Pas to The Pas Lumber Company's camps on the Carrot River and return. Entries are expected from St. Paul, Minn., Northern Ontario, and Vermont, while a team of Labrador huskies also is a possibility.

Medicine Hat, Alta.—The Rosery Flower Co., which distributes its blooms to many points in the United States as well as Eastern Canada, is erecting three new greenhouses and with this addition will have over six acres under glass, which they claim will make it the second largest plant in the Dominion.

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