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GREAT BLOCK DESTROYED BY SINN FEINERS

Nearly One Hundred Cans of Oil Were Used in Starting Dublin Fire.

CRIME WAS WELL PLANNED IN ADVANCE

Sixty Men in Party That Burned Famous Old Customs Building.

Dublin, May 25.—The destruction of the Dublin customs house constitutes the most serious damage since the rebellion. The building of which nothing remains but the shell was erected during the Irish parliament and was one of the most beautiful in Ireland. It had little to do with the customs, but housed many of the chief administration departments, and its destruction is more disabling to the ordinary machinery of the government than if Dublin Castle had been burned.

The local government board whose function it is to control all Irish representative bodies, has its offices in the building. This board has been in constant conflict with various bodies repudiating allegiance to it, and abjuring themselves with the Daily Express and its records now are completely destroyed.

All registrations and lists of shareholders of public companies were kept in the building, which was also occupied by the stamp office and the treasury office, in addition to being the central headquarters of the inland revenue department.

Shortly before two o'clock in the morning numerous young men, heavily armed, entered the customs house and held up the staff by armed men in the vestibule under guard. Two dozen petrol bombs, each containing four tins of petrol and four bales of cotton waste, were passed into the building.

The incendiary was used to have numbered about sixty, some of them carrying two revolvers each. Three policemen came into see what was happening; they were promptly seized, deprived of their weapons and placed with the other prisoners. Petrol was poured over the most important documents and the building was set on fire in a number of places.

The fire brigade was prevented from reaching the scene by armed bands. Auxiliaries soon arrived in military lorries and the raiders fired on them from the building and eventually made a sortie. A regular battle ensued.

Reinforcements of crown forces kept arriving and, under their protection the fire brigade got to work, but their task was hopeless. Troops poured into the district; Lewis guns and machine guns from the building and levelled on the building and every effort was made to hem in and capture the incendiaries. By four o'clock about fifty men had been arrested and carried away in military lorries.

Early estimates of the casualties fixed the number of civilians at five and one auxiliary killed and many wounded. Auxiliaries rescued the employees from the building, including several women and escorted them outside the military cordon. At six o'clock this evening the customs house was still burning.

Three tenders carrying auxiliary cadets and accompanied by an armored car approached the Dublin custom house shortly after one o'clock this morning. As they approached the building a number of bombs were thrown at the tenders from the railway bridge, while revolver fire was opened on them from the windows of the custom house, which was occupied by a large force of Sinn Feiners.

The cadets disembarked under heavy fire and surrounded the custom house which was to be burning. Fire from the auxiliaries and the machine guns on the armored cars was poured into windows of the custom house from which the rebels replied vigorously and a series of desperate conflicts followed between the crown forces and seven or eight parties of rebels who rushed from different doors of the building, making dashes for liberty and firing as they ran. The first party to emerge consisted of three men, one of whom was killed and the other two wounded.

By this time smoke and flames were pouring from the building and the official staff, including many women, who had been held prisoners by the rebels came flocking out with hands above their heads, waving white handkerchiefs. While the staff was making its exit, the rebels made a last sortie, this party consisting of seven men, only one of whom escaped, the rest being killed or wounded.

Some of the auxiliaries then stormed the burning building, where many were wounded and about 111 captured.

BEAUVAIS OFFERED \$25,000 IN MOVIES

Montreal, May 25.—Fred Beauvais, cited as co-respondent by James Stillman, New York financier, in his divorce proceedings against his wife, today announced that he had been offered \$25,000 for a two weeks' engagement in vaudeville and moving pictures at a United States theatrical concern. Mr. Beauvais stated that he had refused the offer.

VESSEL OWNERS STANDING FIRM FOR WAGE CUTS

Willing to Grant Minor Concessions as to Conditions of Work.

NO MORE SIGNED AGREEMENTS MADE

"Olympic" Has No Trouble in Securing a Crew for Ocean Trip.

New York, May 25.—The wage and working rules committee of the United States Steamship Owners' Association today modified certain regulations relating to duty aboard ships which had been laid down by the operators in their negotiations with striking marine unions.

These modifications, according to Winthrop L. Marvin, general manager of the association, were made in accordance with suggestions advanced by federal mediators seeking to end the nation-wide strike.

Mr. Marvin asserted, however, that the association stood firm in its determination to cut wages 15 per cent and not to sign any more agreements with seagoing unions. The modifications will be presented to secretary of labor Davis at another conference in Washington Friday.

Owners and union leaders agreed that there was no change in the strike situation tonight, and that it was a fight is the finish.

ROME IS SILENT ON UNION ISSUE

Bishop of Niagara Declares There Can be No Union on Submission Basis.

Hamilton, Ont., May 25.—One of the most important features of the opening of the Niagara Synod today was that dealing with church union. He said that the appeal sent forth by the Lambeth conference for re-union must be dealt with by the various churches to who it was addressed. A committee appointed by the federal council of the Evangelical Free Church of England and the National Free Church of Scotland to consider the pronouncement has issued advanced proofs of its report from which the Bishop quoted the free churchmen's sympathy with the lofty conception of union.

The Church of Rome, approached on the subject, has not yet spoken. Bishop Clark said, but a leading Roman Catholic review had published a striking article declaring that it would be sinful to ignore the unique gathering at which such important matters had been discussed. Regarding the attitude of the Church of Rome Bishop Clark said:

"So long as the Church of Rome insists that union can only come through submission, so long will the road to unity in that direction be barred. Rome condemns our orders. The subject of Anglican orders has been as jealously scrutinized in England as they have been in Rome and with much more knowledge of the facts. Authorities of Rome have taught ludicrous fables about English orders."

Some of the rebels surrendered. Some of the rebels were held up at the fire station by rebels, so that the fire engines did not arrive until two o'clock. At the conclusion of the fire dead and wounded rebels lay about on all sides of the building while the ground was strewn with broken glass and empty cartridge cases.

Four auxiliaries were wounded, seven civilians were killed, eleven seven wounded and about 111 captured.

MEIGHEN HAS 97 MAJORITY ON DIVISION

By Vote of 130 to 33 Oleomargarine Amendment is Defeated.

IMPORTATION WILL BE INDEFINITE

S. W. Jacobs, Jewish M. P., Willing to Risk His Soul on Oleo.

Ottawa, May 25.—The House discussed oleomargarine today from the afternoon till late in the evening, and the debate drifted on and on, in hope of prorogation this week slipping gradually away. The debate at times was keen and cut straight through party lines. A motion to give it six months' hold was defeated by 130 to 33. Since 1917 oleomargarine was first admitted its importation and manufacture have been permitted from year to year. Today's bill, as introduced by Dr. Toombs, minister of agriculture, proposed to continue importation and manufacture indefinitely.

Dr. Toombs, in the House, Dr. Toombs early in the debate intimated his willingness to make the bill applicable again for one year only.

Hon. W. S. Fielding was sorry that the minister had changed front. It was merely putting off the day of decision. If any industry could stand on its own feet it was the dairy industry. Present difficulties were merely temporary. The real question was whether margarine was a legitimate article of commerce, and it was generally admitted to be so. In that case, why should its manufacture be interfered with at all? The question before the House was not whether there should be a duty imposed upon margarine. He would not discuss that question at present, except to say that there was as much reason for putting a duty upon margarine as upon butter. The point had been raised, and it was a duty imposed upon margarine. Present difficulties were merely temporary. The real question was whether margarine was a legitimate article of commerce, and it was generally admitted to be so. In that case, why should its manufacture be interfered with at all? The question before the House was not whether there should be a duty imposed upon margarine. He would not discuss that question at present, except to say that there was as much reason for putting a duty upon margarine as upon butter. The point had been raised, and it was a duty imposed upon margarine.

Willing to Risk Soul.

S. W. Jacobs, of George Eliens Center, who is the only member of Jewish faith in the House, created a sensation yesterday by his reference to the constituents of oleomargarine. He cited as one of them, "I should be the only person in the House," he said, "to be so bold as to put my soul in jeopardy by eating oleomargarine, what business is it of any other person in Canada?" J. J. Denis, of Joliette, eventually moved the six months' hold.

INSANE PATIENT KILLED DOCTOR

Called to Bedside of Murderer Physician Was Shot Through the Head.

Togus, Me., May 25.—Dr. Melamed Ovidin, senior assistant surgeon at the National Soldiers' Home here, was shot and instantly killed by Ernest Williams, a patient in the insane ward.

Williams, who has a wooden leg, escaped from the ward recently, but was returned to the hospital. He was called to Williams' bed this afternoon when he drew a revolver, believed to have been concealed in the leg, and shot the surgeon through the temple.

China And Japan To Form Alliance

German Professor States They Are Uniting Against "Anglo-Saxon Danger."

Berlin, May 25.—Dr. Theodore Sternberg, a university professor in Tokio, Japan, writes in the Berliner Tageblatt, makes the surprising statement that China and Japan are about to enter an alliance against the Anglo-Saxon danger, as a result of the Chentao dispute.

World News Today

CANADA
Norman Garfield, under sentence of death at Woodstock, Ont., on June 2, makes sensational escape from death cell.

UNITED STATES
Senate adopts resolution calling upon United States, Great Britain and Japan to meet at once to consider disarmament.

BRITISH ISLES
Great Customs building at Dublin is burned by the Sinn Feiners. Battle follows and many are injured.

EUROPE
Bomb hurled by Communists into parade of children at Sofia injures eighteen persons.

EGYPT
All communication with Alexandria is severed and there are grave fears that a revolution has broken out there.

DUBLIN CUSTOM HOUSE BURNED AFTER BATTLE

Magnificent Structure is Set Afire by Band of Irish Raiders.

BLOCK ATTEMPTS TO SAVE BUILDING Expected That Whole Building Will be a Total Loss from Blaze.

Dublin, May 25.—The Dublin custom house was set on fire by a large band of Sinn Feiners at 1.40 o'clock this afternoon, says a statement issued from Dublin Castle at 3 p.m.

A Great Structure
The custom house, recognized as one of the finest public buildings in the United Kingdom, was set afire by a large party of Sinn Feiners with petrol at 1.40 o'clock today. The fire started in the roof and spread to the scene, and Crown forces who sought to reach the building were fired on. A fight followed, the details of which will be made public later.

Some Are Wounded
It is doubtful whether much of the building can be saved. It is said that four auxiliary policemen were wounded and seven Sinn Feiners killed and eleven wounded and sixty-two taken prisoners. The custom house was still burning late this afternoon.

SENATE ACCEPTS DISARMAMENT

Not a Vote Against Plan for United States, Britain and Japan to Confer.

Washington, May 25.—Unanimous senate approval was given today to Senator Borah's proposal for an international naval disarmament conference. By a vote of 74 to 0, the Idaho Senator's amendment was added to the naval appropriation bill authorizing and requesting the president to invite the governments of Great Britain and Japan to send representatives to a conference with representatives of the United States in an effort to reach some agreement on disarmament.

Farmer Is Killed
Brookville, Ont., May 25.—Henry W. Pierce, aged 71, of Kitley township died very suddenly after falling from a roller with which he was working in the fields. He fell from it backwards and died a few minutes afterwards of heart failure.

BOMB HURLED AMONG WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Eighteen Injured in Communist Outrage at Sofia During National Parade.

SEVERAL ARE IN DANGER OF DEATH

Sofia, Bulgaria, May 25.—A bomb thrown into a procession of school children who were observing the national holiday today caused eighteen casualties. Several of the wounded are expected to die. All those hurt were women and children.

Communists who had expressed hostile sentiments with regard to the parade are accused by the population of having been responsible for the outrage. Many of the Communist leaders have been arrested and a mob has burned the Communist Club to the ground.

EGYPTIAN RIOTS ARE SPREADING

Absence of All Word from Alexandria Leads to Fear of Trouble There.

Cairo, Egypt, May 25.—Wire communication between this city and Alexandria has been stopped by the cutting of the wires, and there was consequently no information available here today as to what was going on at the Mediterranean port. A nervous atmosphere prevailed here in Cairo. Most of the shops were closed today, and the military and police were actively patrolling the town.

WIRE FLASHES

Telegraphic News Condensed from Last Minute Messages for Quick Reading.

Admiral Wilson Dies
London, May 25.—Admiral Sir Arthur Knyvet Wilson, first Sea Lord of the Admiralty from 1909 to 1912, and who retired in the latter year, died today at Swainham, Norfolk.

Riots in Belfast
Belfast, May 25.—A fierce riot broke out between rival workmen in the neighborhood of the Newtownards at the bellergates. Troops with an armored car arrived and aided the police in dispersing the fighters.

Commons is Delayed
Ottawa, May 25.—Prorogation of parliament was postponed for several days because of the illness of the speaker, Mr. J. H. Brown.

Want to Know Terms
Ottawa, Ont., May 25.—Representatives of the employees of the Canadian National Railway have asked for a statement of the changes in the wages and working conditions schedules, which the management recently gave notice that they would endeavor to secure this year, according to an announcement issued today by Brotherhood locals.

James Duff Dead
Halifax, N. S., May 25.—James Duff, forty-seven years of age, died at his home here tonight of pneumonia. He is survived by a widow, two sons and one daughter. William Duff, M. P. for Lunenburg is a brother. He was born at Carbonara, Nfld.

Another Meighen Win
Ottawa, May 25.—An amendment by Donald Sutherland (Ontario South) to prohibit the use of milk, cream or butter in the manufacture of oleomargarine, was defeated by a majority of 61; yeas 17, nays 78.

Favor Disarmament
Winona Lake, Ind., May 25.—Calling of a conference of the nations for the purpose of securing progressive disarmament was urged upon President Harding today by the 123rd general Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Debate Fish Assistance
St. John's, Nfld., May 25.—The Colonial Legislature today debated a petition of fish trading firms to enable them to provide equipment for approximately 4,000 fishermen.

HEAVY N. S. FROSTS
Kentville, N. S., May 25.—Damage amounting to fifty per cent has been done to orchards in some districts along the Dominion Atlantic railway line in the Annapolis Valley by frost during the past few nights. Fruit growers express the opinion, however, that there will be an excellent apple crop.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO SETTLE STRIKE

London, May 25.—The government has decided to make an effort to find a solution of the situation created by the coal strike and will summon the miners and the mine owners to a conference on Friday.

BRANDED AS A SLACKER, SUES GOVERNMENT

George Kamminsky of Binghamton Will Make Test and Seek to Clear His Name.

CLAIMS HE NEVER WAS CALLED UP

His Case With Others to Come Before the Federal Grand Jury.

Binghamton, May 25.—George Kamminsky of Union has retained an attorney to begin a damage suit against the United States Government for putting his name on the slacker list which has now been published all over the country.

Kamminsky's lawyer said today that so far as he had been able to learn this is the first suit of the kind that has been started, and that Kamminsky will insist that his name be cleared and that he be given damages.

Never Asked To Register.
According to Kamminsky, he is 21 years old, the father of four children and never was called upon to register. He also said he was not brought in touch with the army or naval service in such a way that would warrant his name being placed on the slacker list. It also is alleged by Kamminsky's attorney that his case, together with others, was scheduled for consideration by the Federal Grand Jury next month, when warrants will be issued for all those whose names appear on the slacker lists for this section.

Kamminsky's attorney declares that he will make a test case to determine what compensation can be obtained by a person whose name is wrongfully listed as that of a slacker.

REBEL TO GET BRITISH RULE

Jerusalem, May 25.—The inhabitants of Trans-Jordan are reported to have risen in revolt against their newly-appointed ruler Prince Zeid, third son of the King of the Hedjaz, and to have defeated the prince's forces in a pitched battle, killing 180 of his men. The insurrectionists, it is said, desire to be governed by the British administration in Palestine under Sir Herbert Samuel, the high Commissioner.

HALIFAX WAS ALARMED

Halifax, May 25.—Recollection of the Halifax explosion of 1917 and sight of a huge volume of black smoke rising from the harbor in the vicinity of the Halifax dockyard, was sufficient to produce a near panic in some sections of this city tonight. Discovery that the smoke was caused by the fierce burning of waste oil floating on the surface of the harbor water, and prompt measures on the part of the fire department which prevented much damage to waterfront property, calmed rising excitement.

FREIGHT AGENTS MEET

Montreal, May 25.—A meeting of the foreign freight agents of the various trunk lines operating to North Atlantic ports was held here today for the purpose of discussing similar matters. Representatives of many of the leading American and Canadian lines connecting with North Atlantic ports were present and following the meeting they were taken on a tour of inspection of the harbor front.

Woman Leaps Through Window of A Train

Picked up Unhurt in Front of Cemetery—Wanted to Visit Father's Grave.

Atlantic City, N. J., May 25.—Jumping from an electric train while it was speeding past the Pleasantville cemetery, eight miles from here, Miss Vivian Conline, 19th and Concourse streets, New York city, narrowly escaped being killed. Miss Conline, who is a credit manager of a large New York department store, was returning to her home after convalescing from a serious illness when she started the passengers by leaping through the window.

BROKE FROM DEATH CELL AND ESCAPES

Prisoner to Hang at Woodstock, Ont., Makes Sensational Getaway.

BEATS UP PARSON WHO VISITS HIM

Death Watch Attacked, Keys Taken and Then Locked in Cell.

Woodstock, Ont., May 25.—Norman Garfield, sentenced to be hanged on June 2, for the murder on January 20 of Ben Johnson, restaurant and shopkeeper of this place, made his escape from jail at 3.35 this afternoon, and up to a late hour had not been recaptured. Garfield seized an opportunity when Guard Ball had unlocked his cell door and was rushing to the cell door totally unsuspecting of an attack. The prisoner grappled with the guard, threw him onto a table, seized his keys and locked him into the cell.

Beat Up Preacher
Garfield then ran down the corridor, descended the stairs, and after a short tussle with Rev. Mr. Gaetz, who was just leaving the jail after having paid him a visit, unlocked the main door and made his getaway. Mr. Gaetz is supposed to have been the only person to see him make his escape, although the jail cook, a trusty, heard the commotion in the corridor and rushed to investigate, but Garfield was by that time out of sight.

Crime Committed
Norman Garfield and his brother, Denton, were arrested in London, Ont., on January 21, on a charge of highway robbery. On the night before Ben Johnson had been murdered in his store by two bandits when he interfered with their attempt to rob him, and circumstances implicated the Garfields in this crime. On February 15 they were sent up for trial on this charge, and were tried on March 9 and 10. Norman was found guilty of murder and Denton of manslaughter. Denton was sentenced to twenty years in Kingston, and is now serving this term, and Norman was sentenced to be hanged on June 2.

WANT WAGE CUT TO TAKE IN ALL

Station Men Think it Should Include Everyone from President Down.

Montreal, May 25.—A meeting of the Brotherhood of Railroad Stationmen and Employees Alliance closed here this afternoon after a two days' session and resulted in a thorough thrashing out of the situation as it exists presently in relation to the attitude to be taken by their organization in their conference with the Grand Trunk Railway consequent on the lapse of the working agreement as to rates of pay now obtaining. This conference is scheduled to take place some time in June. The exact terms of the plan to be followed were not disclosed but it was stated that the idea prevailed among the majority of the members that, if a wage cut has to be met, it should be effective from the highest official of the road downward.

Anti-Reds Are Near Vladivostok

Old Russian Flag is Hoisted for Campaign Against Soviets.

Tokio, May 25.—Advices from Siberia are to the effect that the forces formerly commanded by the late General Kappell, the anti-Bolshevik leader, captured Nikolai, two miles from Vladivostok without bloodshed and hoisted the old Russian flag Spasskoe, on the railway about 75 miles north of Nikolai also has been occupied by Russian anti-Bolshevik troops. In Tokio the newspapers regard the capture of these places as movements against the far eastern republic and assert that the fall of Vladivostok will occur shortly.

TODAY

- IMPERIAL—Will Rogers in the Geldwyn Production "Honest Hutch" and Buster Keaton Comedy.
- OPERA—Amaranth Sisters—Mancelle Pallette, and three other good vaudeville features and Wm. Duncan Serial Drama.
- QUEEN SQUARE—Gladys Brockwell in "The Sage Hen."
- STAR—"Dancing Fool," Famous Lasky Picture.
- EMPRESS—George Arliss in "The Devil."