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COLLINS IRISH ARMY CHIEF; INDICATIONS OF BIG ENGAGEMENT

Free State Government Concentrates on Downing Insurgents and Establishing Order Before Summoning Parliament.

(Canadian Press Cable)

London, July 13—The provincial Irish Free State government's decision to concentrate its energies on downing the insurgents and establishing order throughout the country before summoning the new parliament is taken to indicate that military operations on a considerable scale are impending.

The Republicans, since their defeat in Dublin, have been strengthening their position on the southwest and are now prepared to put up a big fight. They are reported to have taken a line from Waterford across the country to Limerick as a defensive front, entrenching themselves in preparation for the expected Free State assault.

Communication between Dublin and the country to the wet of this line has been almost non-existent for some days and what is happening there is largely a matter of conjecture to the public, although a statement given out last night by Patrick J. Little, head of the Republican publicity department is believed to be correct. He said the Republican forces were in complete control of the whole country from Kerry to Newtownbarry and from Kerry to County Mayo.

Cork is supposed to rank as the Republican capital, but the military headquarters are either at Mallow or Limerick. There is an unconfirmed story that the Republicans recently seized the radio apparatus from a steamship in the Waterford harbor and transferred it to Mallow, thereby enabling the insurgent commander, Liam Lynch, to keep in touch with the whole Republican area.

Notwithstanding that a Dublin despatch saying Eamonn De Valera was in Dublin, reports recur that he is with the rebels in the southwest. The mystery of his whereabouts furnishes the subject for a fresh rumor every day, and there is even one story that he is dead.

The situation in Limerick is contrarily reported. According to one version there was sharp fighting in the town on Tuesday night and the civilian population is suffering from a food shortage in consequence of the rival forces commandeering supplies. The other account is that peace is being maintained under a precarious truce.

Meanwhile the Free State army to the various depots for intensive training. It is said that among other reasons for postponing the parliament meeting many members of the Dail who hold commands in the army cannot be spared from their military duties.

Collins is Chief.

Dublin, July 13—Michael Collins has been appointed commander in chief of the Irish National Army, so it was officially announced today. Collins, Richard Mulcahy and General Owen O'Duffy will comprise a war council in supreme charge of military operations throughout the country. Mulcahy is also named chief of staff of the army.

O'Duffy has been the officer in command of the southwestern division of the Irish forces. It is in the region covered by this division that the principal opposition to the Free State government remains.

Mulcahy, who is also the minister of defence, is considered the ablest strategist in the country.

Other appointments made in reorganization of the general staff are: Assistant adjutant-general colonel, Commandant Kevin O'Higgins; vice-commandant of the southwestern division, Lieut.-General Finian Lynch; director of intelligence, Major-General Joseph McGrath; director of organization, Commandant General Diarmuid O'Hegarty.

CLAIMS OF THE REPUBLICANS

Dublin, July 13—Patrick J. Little, head of the Republican publicity department last night said Eamonn De Valera had not called to see him, and, so far as he knew, had not called at the publicity bureau. When questioned as to the progress made by the Republicans, Little replied:—

"We are in complete control of the whole country from Kerry to Newtownbarry, and from Kerry to County Mayo. We are using all the post offices and are collecting customs and excise taxes at the same rate of twelve thousand weekly.

"Listowel, County Kerry, has been taken by our forces. We captured two hundred men with rifles, ammunition and fifty-three machine guns, as well as some armored lorries." We are in complete control of the City of Cork, where life is proceeding normally as the Republic is an accepted fact.

"We have supervision of the press in the south, especially the Cork Examiner. We are able to put in our own stuff, we have an arrangement about that."

The Republican publicity director also said that Free State officers in command in Limerick had refused to fight against the Republicans.

Dublin, July 13—A Republican communication issued at Cork last night says that at Caherconlish, County Limerick, the Republicans captured Brigadier-Generals Hayes and Connolly of the Free State forces, together with their men and twenty rifles. Sniping is in progress in Limerick. The Republicans also claim the capture of a post held by Free Staters near Clonmel, Tipperary.

IS VERY ILL.

The condition of Thomas H. Lawson, who has been critically ill at his home, 11 Horsfield street, was said this morning to be unchanged. Very little hope is held out for his recovery. A great number of friends in the city will regret to learn of Mr. Lawson's sickness and will extend sympathy to the family.

EAGLES WON.

The Eagles defeated the Sparrows on the Paradise row diamond last evening, 5 to 4. The batteries were: For the winners, Garfield, E. Boyce and L. Boyce; and for the losers, Spragg and Fleming.

FIRE PROTECTION FOR BEACONSFIELD

Delegation Says District will Pay for Service from City Equipment.

Feeling Towards Union with City Said to be Growing—Matter to be Negotiated—Tenders for Paving Haymarket Square—Other Matters Before Council.

Plans for the formation of a fire district in the Beaconsfield section to be served by city apparatus were developed at a meeting of the common council this morning. A delegation from that section appeared and asked the council to consider the question with the understanding that the residents of Beaconsfield would pay the cost of extending the city department's scope into this territory. The suggestion was commented on favorably by the mayor and all the commissioners and it was decided to open negotiations as soon as possible in order to reach an agreement on the matter. The delegation consisted of Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, K.C., George Maxwell and A. Collins.

Dr. Baxter said that a suggestion to establish a central fire station in Fairville to serve the whole of the parish of Lancaster had been advanced. He said that the west side department answered alarms in the Beaconsfield district, and suggested that an area roughly from Tilton's Corner to the C. P. R. shops might be made a fire district and the residents be assessed the proportion of the city taxes for fire protection.

It would require legislation to obtain taxing power in that area, he said. He said that the plan might give sufficient revenue to increase the personnel and equipment of the city department. He said there were several hundred houses in the area.

Mr. Collins said there was not enough water in Lancaster heights to put out a bonfire.

The mayor doubted if the new main would remedy matters. He hoped the

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RUTH STRIKES OUT WITH BASES FULL

Pruett Sends Babe to Bench Hitless Three Times

Ken Williams Evens it With Walker in Home Runs and Hornsby Gets His 23rd—Ty Cobb Makes Five Hits.

(Canadian Press.)

New York, July 13—Knocking Hoyt out of the box, the St. Louis Browns evened the "crucial series" with the Yankees, by taking the second game 7 to 4 and today held a lead of a game and a half over their New York rival. Hub Pruett, sensational young southpaw, struck out Ruth three times, once with the bases full, and Ken Williams hammered out his twenty-first homer.

The Giants increased their lead to four and a half games as a result of driving Alexander to cover and downing Chicago for the second time, 5 to 1, while Philadelphia upset St. Louis in both ends of a double-header, checking the Cardinals winning streak of eight straight games.

Hornsby rapped out his twenty-third homer of the season. Ty Cobb's five hits and Heilman's fourteenth homer helped Detroit trouce the Athletics 7 to 3. Cleveland hit Karr and Pennock for twenty hits, all of them singles and won from Boston 11 to 7. The Dodgers sustained their seventh straight setback in the west, losing to the Reds, 4 to 1.

Yellowhorse outpitched Frank Miller, but the Pirates could not hit in the pinches and Boston won 4 to 3. Urban Faber let Washington down with four hits and Chicago was victorious 4 to 1.

GET CONTROL OF FOREST FIRES

Vancouver, B. C., July 13—With about 8,000 men still employed in fighting bush fires in this province, the forestry department are rapidly getting the fire situation in hand, unless high winds spring up. There is still no sign of rain.

SIX DIE IN STRIKE.

Kansas City, July 13—Two white men and four unidentified negroes dead, forty eight persons injured, some of them seriously, was the toll this morning of a wreck in the outskirts of Kansas City last night in which Missouri Pacific flyer No. 11 westbound, crashed head-on into a local freight train, as the result of confused orders.

Bottles Found Near Scene of Murder; Hair And Blood on One; Handkerchief Also

Detectives, With Something Tangible To Work on, Much Encouraged in Work of Tracking Down The Slayer

Hairs, Under Microscopic Examination, Seem to Correspond With Those of Slain Man; Theory as to Wounds in Head Constructed in View of the Discovery Made Today; Making Analysis of Clay; Inquest to be Begun Tonight

One week ago this morning, Frederick H. Trifts was found murdered in his automobile in Douglas avenue. This morning two empty whiskey bottles—one blood stained and with hairs adhering to it—and a blood stained handkerchief, also with hairs on it, were found in a grass plot nearby, the first tangible clue to aid the detectives. They have been untiring in their work during the week that has intervened since the crime shocked this city, and today they are encouraged to continuance of the search for the slayer, and now with something to work upon.

This Morning's Happenings.

Detectives Biddiscombe and Donahue yesterday searched the grounds surrounding the residences of Dr. J. D. Maher and George Keeffe in Douglas avenue, but found nothing to reward their search. They continued this morning and about 250 feet from the place where the deed was committed found the articles mentioned. The first bottle was standing in tall grass about three feet from the sidewalk just beyond the double house, 303 Douglas avenue, occupied by H. G. Weekes and J. E. Cowan on the same side of the street as the Meterological Observatory and just beyond it. This would be on the side opposite where the automobile was. The bottle bore the label of John Begg's Gold Cap Scotch Whiskey and had the cork in it. There were several patches of blood on it and to some of them hair adhered. The find was taken to the central police station and examined very carefully under a microscope. The hairs are dark with a slight reddish tinge near the ends and were said to correspond to the hairs found in the murder car. There was a suggestion of gray about them.

The detectives then returned to the scene of their find and soon came upon another bottle identical with the first, though it had no cork in it and there were no hairs or blood marks upon it. The second bottle was found about ten feet from where the first one had been. In a few minutes Detective Donahue came upon a handkerchief smeared with blood.

Blood Mark on Sidewalk.

On the sidewalk directly in front of where the first bottle was found there was a patch of dried blood about four inches in diameter. Examined carefully under a magnifying glass there was no doubt that it was blood. The blood marks on the handkerchief, which was of a good quality of linen, did not have the appearance of having come from one with a nose bleed. Some small hairs were found in the handkerchief.

The handkerchief was found about ten feet from where the second bottle was found and about twenty feet from the location of the first one, in the direction of the bridge. One hair was found just under where the first bottle had been. It was quite evident, that the bottle had been there for some few days though not long enough to impair the brightness of the label. There were no other distinguishing marks about it.

The Marks on Murdered Man.

When the body of Mr. Trifts was found on the morning of the murder it was at first thought that he had been shot because of a small round mark above the left eye which resembled in some respects a bullet mark. Closer examination revealed that there was no evidence of shooting. Now it is thought the mark was made by a bottle.

One explanation offered is that Mr. Trifts was struck first on the top of the head and fell forward with his head over the steering wheel. A heavy blow might then have been delivered on the back of the skull, which was fractured. With Mr. Trifts' head resting on the quadrant at the top of the steering wheel the heavy blow on the back of the head would easily force his forehead deep into the small knobs at the end of the spark lever or throttle on the top of the steering column. The wound on the top of the head was one that might have been inflicted by a heavy blow with a bottle, as well as the fracture at the base of the skull. The opinion was expressed this morning that sufficiently heavy blows to kill a man could not be delivered with an empty bottle without the bottle breaking. Police records of some forty years ago would show that a man was killed in St. John in just such a manner. One has only to take hold of the neck of an empty bottle and swing it to realize the force of a blow which might be delivered by such a weapon.

It was suggested this morning that some one might have been passing along the avenue at that point and had a nose bleed, which would account for the spot of dried blood on the pavement, and have used the handkerchief and then have thrown it away. This is possible but regarded as very probable. The natural thing to do and that thing the majority of people do is to take home a handkerchief with some blood on it and have it laundered instead of throwing it away. The handkerchief was of good quality. Careful examination failed to reveal a laundry mark or other distinctive mark by which the identity of the owner could be traced.

It was a man's handkerchief with a hem about a half inch wide. It was very much soiled and had several marks of blood on it. It was found just off the sidewalk about fifteen feet from the spot of blood. There were two or three short hairs on it, some of which looked like eye lashes.

If the articles found this morning have any connection with the crime, it would appear to be indicated that the person or persons guilty of the brutal murder har retraced their steps in the direction from which they had come. Taking all the circumstances into consideration it seems most probable that the dastardly deed was committed in the automobile, which was headed towards Main street, having come apparently from the direction of the bridge. The fact that the two bottles and the handkerchief were found on the opposite side of the street within a hundred yards of the scene of the crime points to the probability that the guilty party or parties made off in the direction from which they had come.

A systematic search was made of the land surrounding the place where the articles were found but nothing of importance was discovered. An empty lemon extract bottle and a cigarette box which had once contained Rex cigarettes were the only things brought to light.

Analyize Clay.

Five samples of the clay taken from the wheels of the murder car and one specimen taken from a road near the city were sent this afternoon to the chemical department of McGill University, Montreal, for analysis. The result of the analysis will be awaited with keen interest.

The adjourned inquest will be held tonight in the court rooms at 8 o'clock and a large number of witnesses have been summoned to testify concerning the case. The jury is composed of James Sproule (foreman), Thomas Hill, Justice G. Lake, John I. Cambridge, James Murray, Arthur S. Godsoe, E. J. Todd and Herbert J. Keyes.

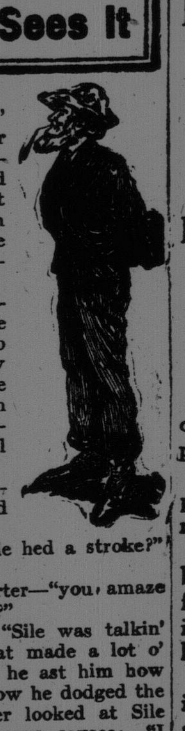
TIED UP BUNKER TRADE FOR WHILE

Coal Shippers at Sydney Suspend Strike Pending Settlement.

Sydney, N. S., July 13—After tieing up bunker trade all yesterday afternoon, eighteen coal shippers who went on strike for higher wages voted to return to work pending a settlement of their grievances, which it is expected to accomplish between now and July 23.

The shippers, when working full time at the present rates, can make $21.10 a week, but they ask forty-four cents an hour which would give them $26.40 a week. They say they were promised a new contract by the Dominion Coal Company.

As Hiram Sees It



"By the way, Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "how is our friend Sile Jones. I haven't heard you speak of him for some time. Has he been heading any subscriptions lately?"

"Who—Sile?" said Hiram. "The ony one you'd ever git him to sign 'ud be one to pay fer the rope to hang the feller that takes 'em round. But Sile's gittin' better. I guess he'll soon be all right agin."

"Why," said the reporter, "I never heard he had been ill."

"Didn't you know Sile hed a stroke?" demanded Hiram.

"No," said the reporter—"you amaze me. How did it occur?"

"Well," said Hiram, "Sile was talkin' one day to a feller that made a lot o' money in the war, an' he ast him how he got away with it—how he dodged the income tax. The feller looked at Sile fer a spell an' then he says, saysee:—'I never tried to—I paid it.'"

"Well?" queried the reporter.

"It was when he said that," said Hiram, "that Sile hed the stroke—yes, sir."

THE BREAK-UP ON FRIDAY LIKELY

Hague Conference Cannot Dissolve Today — No Get-Together Over the Foreign Property Question.

The Hague, July 13—Actual dissolution of The Hague conference on Russian affairs probably cannot take place before tomorrow, as the session of the sub-commission on credits has been postponed until then and no meeting is scheduled for today between the Russian and non-Russian delegates.

Meanwhile the experts trying to reach an agreement with the Soviets are holding meetings for the discussion of their final stand on the question of foreign owned property in Russia confiscated by the Soviets, about which all the minor differences centre.

Many of the delegates have made train reservations for tomorrow or Saturday and have advised the hotels they will surrender their rooms.

The deadlock over the property question is so tight and both the Russians and the non-Russians are so firm that it seems unlikely any formula can be evolved to save the conference from disruption.

FREDERICTON SECOND SACKER REINSTATED

Fredericton, N. B., July 13—Harry Anderson, regular second baseman of the Fredericton Baseball Club, has been reinstated after a few days' suspension for failure to report on time after the local team's recent trip to Moncton. He explained that he had been informed there was no game here until Tuesday night and everything was satisfactorily patched up. The Fredericton team thus went into the first game with Somerville, this afternoon at about strength.

WEATHER REPORT

Phelix and Pherdinand

AFTER ALL, THE BEST WAY TO CALL A FELLER A LIAR IS TO USE THE LONG-DISTANCE PHONE!

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis: The area of low pressure which was centered in Illinois yesterday has passed with great rapidity to northern Quebec and the pressure is now highest over the Great Lakes. Thunderstorms are prevailing this morning in Manitoba, elsewhere in the dominion, the weather is quite fine.

Fine; Moderately Warm.

Maritime—Moderate southwest winds, Fair and warm today. Friday, fresh northwest winds, fine and moderately warm.

Gulf and North Shore—Fresh westerly winds, fair and moderately warm today and Friday.

New England — Generally fair and cooler tonight and Friday, preceded by showers and thunderstorms this afternoon; fresh southwest shifting to northwest winds.

Toronto, July 13—Temperatures:

	8 a.m.	Highest Yesterday	Lowest During Night.
Prince Rupert	48	56	51
Victoria	52	60	51
Kamloops	56	78	56
Calgary	48	80	50
Edmonton	..	74	..
Prince Albert	58	..	60
Winnipeg	34	76	60
White River	50	70	52
Sault Ste. Marie	50	60	63
Toronto	66	81	68
Kingston	64	82	66
Ottawa	68	84	76
Montreal	66	84	70
Quebec	52	86	58
St. John, N. B.	56	60	64
Halifax	48	74	..
St. John's, Nfld.	62	..	64
Detroit	74	86	78
New York	60	88	70

BANK OF ENGLAND RATE IS REDUCED AGAIN; NOW 3 P. C.

Money Market Given Another Surprise Today and Gives Traders Benefit of Half of One Per Cent Cut.

(Canadian Press Cable.)

London, July 13—The Bank of England today reduced its discount rate to three per cent. This is a reduction of one half of one per cent from the rate set on June 15.

The reduction of the official minimum furnished another of the periodical surprises which the Bank of England has given the money market.

It was anticipated a few weeks back when the federal reserve bank rate in the U. S. was lowered that the bank rate here would follow suit, but hope for this vanished with the tightening conditions in the money market and the collapse of mark exchange, as well as heavy borrowings by the government from the Bank of England.

The government, however, has since repaid practically all this indebtedness and as the foreign exchange situation is admittedly less strained the bank has given traders further help by taking one-half of one per cent from the minimum. The reduction also is expected to stimulate the buying of government securities on the stock exchange.

PRESENT CANE TO JAS McKINNEY

Feature of the Orange Picnic at Grand Bay Yesterday.

A pleasing feature of the Orange picnic at Grand Bay, yesterday, was the presentation of a cane to James McKinney, Sr., one of the oldest members of the order in the city. During the afternoon the picnickers were called together, and J. Starr Tait presented to Mr. McKinney a gold-headed cane, suitably inscribed, with a few words of congratulation for his record in the order. Mr. McKinney, although taken by surprise, expressed his thanks for the kindness of his fellow-members. Mr. McKinney, who is eighty-five years old, has been a member of the Orange order for sixty-six years. He is a charter member of Johnston Loyal Orange Lodge, has been an active member for sixty-three years, and is a past member. He was formerly a lieutenant of artillery. Mr. McKinney's five sons are all Orangemen, and four of them were present at the picnic yesterday to witness the honor paid to their father.

JOE MOORE AND GIRL SWIMMING STARS ARE HERE

Ready for Big Meet on Saturday at Lily Lake, But Would Like Weather a Bit Warmer.

Noted swimming and diving stars, who are to participate in the big aquatic carnival at Lily Lake Saturday afternoon, reached the city on the Boston train at noon today. The party consisted of Joe Moore, Canadian skating champion; Mrs. Charlotte Boyle Clune, chairman of the Women's Sports Association of New York; Aileen Riggin, Olympic diving champion; Helen Meaney, national and metropolitan champion; Gertrude Eperle, junior national 220 yards champion; Ethel Baker, 300 yards champion; Dennis O'Mara and Louis Balbach, former world's champion. They were met at the station by Frank White, who is arranging for the big aquatic classic and Joe McNamara of Boston, who is to judge the diving events and also participate in other capacities at the meet. They were driven to the Victoria Hotel where they will be during their stay in this city.

The young ladies expressed pleasure at being in a position to come here to participate in the big meet, but said they hoped the weather would get warmer. They made enquiries regarding the temperature of the water and when somebody said about sixty degrees they all shivered and said "O-o-o-o-o-o."

Joe Moore said he was glad again to visit St. John and renew acquaintances. He confessed he would feel more at home if he had a pair of skates along with him, but laughingly remarked he would try to do a few stunts in the water. He said that he is keeping in condition for skating and daily takes a spin on a bicycle. He is also playing ball, which he considers is a great form of wholesome exercise.

Mr. White announced today that Roy Beckett, a sixteen year old boy who jumped into the icy water in Marble Cove on February 25 and saved the life of another boy, Charles Domville, would participate in the meet.

SPEAK OF TOLMIE AS CONSERVATIVE LEADER IN B. C.

Victoria, B. C., July 13.—Hon. S. F. Tolmie, M. P. for Victoria City, will not for some time be able to say definitely whether or not he will permit his name to go before British Columbia Conservatives as a candidate for the leadership of the Conservative party. He said he would consult the wishes of his constituents first. The provincial convention will be in August.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, July 13.—Opening: Wheat, July, 115 3-4; September, 114. Corn, July, 62 1-4; September, 64 5-8. Oats, July, 34 5-8; September, 37 1-8.

HOOVER SAYS HE HAS NEW PLANS

Peace Move in Railroad Trouble Slowed Down.

Railroad Executives Refused Conference with Jewel, but Hope Still Exists—Things Better in Trouble Centres.

(Canadian Press)

Chicago, July 13—Although moves for peace in the rail strike apparently were slowed down somewhat today the general trend still seemed to be toward negotiations for a settlement despite the flat refusal of railroad executives to enter into a peace party with B. M. Jewell, head of the striking shopmen.

One of the most optimistic notes was sounded by Ben W. Hooper, chairman of the United States railroad labor board, who fostered the rejected conference. He announced that he had formulated new plans for ending the walkout.

The board chairman made the announcement without yielding from the position he has maintained since the strike began, asserting that any proposals from him would be in harmony with the transportation act.

One remaining hope, Mr. Hooper declared, lay in the fact that the railroad chiefs who rejected the proposed conference were not authorized to speak for railway executives generally.

The thirteenth day of the shopmen's strike thus held considerable promise of important developments. Former trouble centres calmed during the last twenty-four hours. At Bloomington, Ills. state troops withdrew from the Chicago and Alton yards and confined themselves to the shops, while Sheriff Morrison, with a force of deputies, took over guarding the yards.

As a result of this move, Alton trainmen who refused to handle trains within the military controlled yards, yielded in their attitude and service on the Alton through Bloomington showed signs of improvement.

Bloomington still remained one of the tense spots of the country, however. Today was pay day on the Alton and the road sent word to striking shopmen that the checks today would be their final pay, that they would be expected to turn in all passes and other company property and would no longer be considered as employes of the road.

The troops remained vigilant as shopmen gathered for their checks.

Telegraph to President.

Chicago, July 13—B. M. Jewell, head of the railway employes department of the A. F. of L., today sent a telegram to President Harding replying to the president's proclamation on the strike situation, and opening a new phase of the grievances of striking railway shopmen.

The telegram, which also was signed by the six international presidents of the railway shopmen, declared that the strikers had walked out because wages fixed by the labor board were in violation of the provisions of the Transportation Act, and because of the violation of the labor board's decision by the railroads.

The strikers insisted that no interruption of commerce or interference with the mail had been caused by an unlawful act by the shopmen. The telegram lays such interference directly to the attempt of the railroad to operate with incompetent workmen. President Jewell and his associates reiterated their desire to co-operate in any effort to bring peace but declared that up to the present the rail executives had refused to meet the representatives of the employes.

Washington, July 13—The intention of organized labor to give every support to the striking shopmen was emphasized in a statement last night by Samuel Gompers, president of the A. F. of L., declaring in reference to the president's proclamation that the "courage and solidarity of the workers in their resistance to arbitrary and autocratic orders is most commendable," and a later announcement of instructions to insure the support of all unions affiliated with the metal trades department of the federation.

The unions were instructed that no further repair work on locomotives of railroads on which strikes were in progress would be authorized in outside shops employing union labor.