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TWO KILLED IN BELFAST HOTEL

Believed They Were of Irish Constabulary

French Newspaper Prints Alleged Interview With de Valera—Lord Mayor of Cork Drops Out of Sight.

Belfast, Jan. 27.—Two strangers last evening made inquiry at a hotel near the Belfast police headquarters for three persons. They were shown to the bedroom of the men, two of whom were shot dead and the third severely wounded. The assassins escaped. Later it was learned that the murder party consisted of five men armed with revolvers. Three of them kept guard while the shooting was taking place.

It has been confirmed that the victims were policemen, who were to be important witnesses at the military inquiry. The wounded man is Patrick Gilmartin of Coolmar, County Sligo. He was shot through the lungs, and his condition is critical.

London, Jan. 27.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph says that the men killed in the hotel at Belfast were named Quinn and Heffron, and that both were from the Royal Irish Constabulary depot in Dublin.

Mayor O'Callaghan. New York, Jan. 27.—Donald O'Callaghan, lord mayor of Cork, whose status in the U. S. was determined as that of a seaman awaiting a chance to re-ship from some United States port, has dropped out of sight.

REFORMS DENY STORY ABOUT BIG STEAMSHIPS

Montreal, Que., Jan. 27.—The Robert Reford Company announce that there is no truth in a story that the three largest Cunarders—Acquittania, Mauretania and Imperator—would be withdrawn from service, ostensibly for repairs, but in reality because of the slump in passenger traffic.

The White Star Dominion Line announced that the Poland, formerly the Manitow, of 6,848 tons, has been assigned to the Hamburg, Danzig, Halifax and Philadelphia service.

IN WALL STREET. New York, Jan. 27.—(10.30)—Extreme dullness attended the early dealings in the stock market today, the nominal trading disclosing the usual irregular mixtures of gains and losses.

Royal Dutch soon rose 1 1/2 points and General Asphalt advanced a large fraction. American Vanadium, International Paper, People's Gas, Chesapeake and Ohio were higher by fractions to a point.

The heavy issues included Atlantic Sugar, May Department Stores, Crucible Steel and American Agricultural Chemical. Mexican Oil also yielded to further pressure.

Noon Report. In its essential features the market followed its dull and uncertain course of recent days. After a further advance in the European oils, especially Royal Dutch and Shell Transport, as well as more pool buying of General Electric, American Can, General Electric and International Paper, the list began to sell off.

Asphalt and Mexican Petroleum were among the first to weaken, with the latter dropping to 10 1/2. Among the specialties Sears-Roebuck lost three points and other miscellaneous shares fell one to two points.

The money market was unchanged with call loans at 7 per cent, but the British rate of exchange made a further gain to \$3.56 3/4.

IMPROVEMENTS IN YEAR IN POLICE FORCE OF LONDON. London, Jan. 27.—(By Canadian Press)—The year 1920 was remarkable for the great progress made by the Metropolitan Police in methods of prevention and detecting crime of every description.

General Harwood, the commissioner, is a firm believer in the importance of motor-vehicles as an aid to the police, and it is in this direction that the improvements have largely been carried out.

Uniform and detective superintendents have now their own automobiles in which they can rapidly go from one point to another of their large districts.

Motor side-cars are kept at various police stations for the use of officers in case of emergency, and divisional detective inspectors have their motorcycles and side-cars to drive to the scene of a crime or to visit outlying districts.

The mounted police, too, under Colonel Laurie, have been reorganized, their equipment improved, and the men working independently under the "Big Four" detectives, have done well in rounding up gangs of thieves who infest table stations, trains and omnibuses.

PARENTS OF PREMIER 50 YEARS WED



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Meighen, parents of Hon. Arthur Meighen, Premier of Canada, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on January 23. They have three sons and three daughters and six grandsons and six granddaughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Meighen, were both born and brought up in St. Mary's Out, and were married there. They lived on their own farm until they moved to Ottawa recently. Mr. Meighen is in his 74th year and Mrs. Meighen is in her 73rd year. They are both in the best of health.

DON'T AGREE WITH THE FRENCH VIEW

British Delegates Said to Find It Impossible

Split on Rock of German Reparation—The Attitude in Berlin—Reported to Agree to Five Yearly Installments.

Paris, Jan. 27.—It was understood this morning that the British delegation attending the session of the supreme allied council considered it impossible to agree to the French view point regarding German reparations. The morning sitting was cancelled so that Lloyd George might have an opportunity to talk privately with members of the council regarding the French position as set forth yesterday by Paul Doumer, French minister of finance.

Louis Loucheur, French minister for liberated regions, conferred with Lloyd George this morning, continuing a private discussion begun last evening.

London, Jan. 27.—The German government, says a despatch to the Times from Berlin, refuses to consider that the conference of the governments at Geneva, which was promised at the Spa meeting, holds, cannot take the place of the pending discussion by experts or of the conference of the governments at Geneva.

Berlin, Jan. 27.—Official announcement was made yesterday that Germany has agreed to the plan of five yearly installments for the payment of reparations as the basis for further negotiations with the Allies.

Germany, however, desires that the negotiations fixing the amount of the installments shall be temporarily postponed for discussion of five methods of assessing the reparations and appraising Germany's capacity to pay.

A New York despatch to J. M. Robinson & Sons says the French finance minister suggests 100 hundred million marks gold as allied reparation total, but Lloyd George calls it too high.

ATLANTIC CLIMBS TO 33. Montreal, Jan. 27.—National Breweries was the feature of the early trading on the local stock market today. This issue closed last night at 54 and today rose to 56 3/4, later, however, weakening a half point to 56 1/2.

Atlantic Sugar strengthened a point to 58, as did also Laurentide to 83. Other important issues were very quiet.

TO DORCHESTER. Augustus Waters and Cecil Livingston, sentenced to three years each in Dorchester penitentiary, on theft charges and Charles Whipple, on three years and two years, sentences to run concurrently, also on a theft charge, were taken to Dorchester this morning by Turnkey Boves.

POLICE COURT. In the police court this morning Leo Walsh, charged with assaulting Henry Melanson, pleaded not guilty and was remanded. Two men charged with drunkenness pleaded guilty and were also remanded.

WEATHER REPORT. Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, Director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Light snowfalls have occurred in northern New Brunswick and P. E. Island, but the weather in Canada is generally fair and mild temperatures in most districts.

Milder; Snow and Rain. Maritime—Mostly fair and milder today. Friday moderate to fresh southerly to westerly winds; milder, with light snow in north, rain in south.

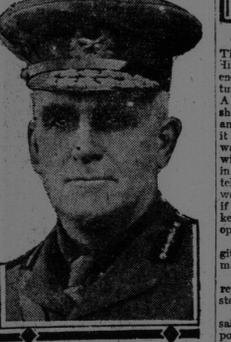
Gulf and North Shore—Fresh westerly winds, mostly cloudy, with rising temperatures today; light local snow and milder tonight and on Friday.

New England—Cloudy and somewhat warmer tonight. Friday fair, with rising temperature; fresh north and north-east winds.

Toronto, Jan. 27.—Temperatures: Highest during 8 a.m. Yesterday night

Table with 3 columns: Stations, Highest during 8 a.m. Yesterday night, Lowest

HUGHES NOT DYING.



Gen. Sir Sam Hughes, who denied that he was dying in New York and said that he is getting used to reading advance notices of his own obituary.

REPORT ON DEBS TO PRESIDENT

Matter of Pardon and Freedom From Atlanta Prison.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Recommendations of the department of justice for a pardon for Eugene V. Debs, now serving a prison term at Atlanta for violation of the espionage act, probably will be submitted to President Wilson within the next few days.

Officials of the department said today that a study of the case had been completed and put before Attorney-General Palmer. They gave no indication as to whether a pardon will be recommended.

President Wilson has said, however, that he would not pardon Debs, as he believed such action might lower the morale of the people of the United States in the event of another war.

JANUARY WEDDINGS

Starkley-L'Euey. In Fitchburg, Mass., on Jan. 18 the marriage of George G. Starkley, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Starkley, of St. John and Marie Effie L'Euey, took place.

They were attended by Miss Mabel Starkley, sister of the groom and Argus L'Euey, brother of the bride. The bride wore a traveling suit of blue silverstone, with beaver trimming and hat to match and carried a shower bouquet of roses. The bridesmaid wore grey silk and carried pink roses.

After the ceremony luncheon was served at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. L. Gardner, with Kendall catering. Mr. and Mrs. Starkley left the city for a short trip to Boston and New York. On their return they will reside at 800 Water street, Fitchburg. They received many gifts of gold pieces, silver and china.

McCauley-Shanks. A quiet wedding took place yesterday at the Portland Methodist parsonage, 28 High street, when Rev. Harry E. Clarke united in marriage Miss Jennie Eileen Shanks to William Gordon McCauley. The bride was prettily attired in a plum colored costume, with tulle hat and carried a bouquet of carnations and roses.

She was attended by Miss Kate Fox, while George McCauley supported the groom. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful presents, including a large reading lamp from the staff of the retail office of M. B. A. Limited, of which she was a valued member. The groom is overseas for three and a half years with a St. John siege battery, and at the present time is a popular member of the St. John police force. Mr. and Mrs. McCauley will reside in Wright street.

JAPANESE PROTEST. Tokio, Jan. 27.—Japan will enter a protest against a construction with U. S. capital, of a large wireless station at Shanghai, with branches at Tien-Tsin, Chi Chi and Harbin, says the newspaper Nichi Nichi of this city.

This action will be based on the contention that the work would infringe upon concessions granted Japan, authorizing this country to erect wireless plants in the interior of China.

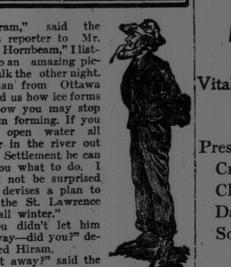
Adhesion to the third (Moscow) International has been rejected by the Swiss socialists.

LARGEST BUSINESS OWNED BY ONE MAN

Washington, Jan. 27.—Earth tremors in the Philadelphia region, yesterday, probably were due to settling of the sands and not to a seismic disturbance, in the opinion of Father Francis A. Ponder, in charge of the seismic laboratory at Georgetown University.

NOW A COMPANY. J. R. Booth, great lumber king of Ottawa, who has turned his business into a joint stock company, with a capital of \$10,000,000. Mr. Booth has conducted the business for almost seventy years.

As Hiram Sees It



"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "I listened to an amazing picture talk the other night. A man from Ottawa showed us how ice forms and how you may stop it from forming. If you want open water all winter in the river out in the Settlement he can tell you what to do. I would not be surprised if he devised a plan to keep the St. Lawrence open all winter."

"You didn't let him get away—did you?" demanded Hiram.

"Get away?" said the reporter. "I don't understand."

"If he keeps the St. Lawrence open," said Hiram, "Montreal'll be the winter port of St. John and get nothin'."

"I'll give you three minutes," said the reporter, "to tell me what St. John is getting now."

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THEY TAKE STAND AGAINST DANCING

Vital Problem, Declares Social Service Council

Present Period Amusement—Crazy, Says Clergyman—Classify Folk or Gymnastic Dancing Separate from Social.

London, Ont., Jan. 27.—At last night's meeting of the social service council an appeal for more consideration for Indians all over the dominion was made by Lieut. Loft of the St. Nation's Tribe. He believed Indian affairs should be under provincial rather than federal administration.

General W. S. Hughes, dominion inspector of prisoners, favored doing away with capital punishment and substituting life sentences.

The question of dancing caused a hot discussion. Rev. E. H. Bean of Milverton advised the chair to defeat a recommendation favoring social dancing. He declared that the present age is amusement-razy and instead of putting on the brakes to save some of the young people, more dances were being added.

He said he would like to know the difference between social dancing and commercialized dancing.

The following motion was finally accepted: "Not because it is the least important, but because we are still in the experimental stage, we mention dancing as one of the last of recreation in which members of both sexes may unite. We think it wise to classify folk or gymnastic dancing and social dancing in separate groups. In many communities the former will be permitted where there is strong opposition to the latter. Unquestionably there is need for wise experimenting along this line. We cannot hold ourselves aloof from this vital problem."

FIGHTING FOR MEN LET GO AT POST OFFICE

Soldiers Who Lost Work in Toronto After the Holiday Rush.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 27.—(Canadian Press)—Determined efforts are being made by G. W. V. A. headquarters officials to behalf of eighty-four temporary postal workers in Toronto, who were released from their employment following the cessation of the holiday rush there. Correspondence is passing daily between the G. W. V. A. and post office department and the civil service commission in attempt to overcome what is considered a too strict interpretation of the civil service act with regard to these men.

According to the information at dominion headquarters of the G. W. V. A. the eighty-four men are all returned soldiers and twenty per cent of them are amputees.

RAN AWAY FROM COLUMBIA TO ENTER M'GILL

How New York Girl Sought to Dodge the Examinations.

New York, Jan. 27.—(Canadian Press)—Miss Blanche A. Spellman, sixteen years old, of this city, who disappeared on Monday, has been located in Montreal. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Spellman, went there last night to bring her home, after receiving a letter from her. She wrote that she had run away from her examinations at Columbia University to enter McGill and was staying with friends.

Miss Spellman left home on Monday morning, presumably to take her mid-year examinations in English and economics. Her failure to return home after 7 o'clock alarmed her parents, who notified the police.

Knew Laurier as Boy

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 27.—Louis Vincent Bourcier, who would have been 102 years old next May, died last night. He was born in Quebec, and for many years was in business there. He knew Sir Wilfrid Laurier when the statesman was a boy. On the last occasion Sir Wilfrid spoke in Toronto they met again for the first time in fifty years.

Mr. Bourcier, in the last year or more, often spoke of his last meeting with Sir Wilfrid.

SISTER OF HON MANNING W. DOHERTY MARRIED

London, Jan. 27.—(Canadian Associated Press.)—The marriage of Dr. Agatha Doherty, sister of Hon. Manning W. Doherty, minister of agriculture for Ontario, to W. J. Myatt of London, a prominent English financier, took place quietly here yesterday.