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GREAT IRISH LEADER LATEST VICTIM

RICHARD MULCAHY TEMPORARILY LEADER OF FREE STATE

Michael Collins Assassinated and Died Asking Forgiveness for those Who Killed Him; Ireland in Despair

LONDON, Aug. 23.—Michael Collins, head of the provisional government and of the Irish national army, was shot and instantly killed from an ambush at Bandon, County Cork, last night, a few hours after he had been given an ovation by the people of Cork, who for the first time saw the Free State hero in the uniform of commander-in-chief of the army. Collins' death came at a time when the dissipation of irregulars was considered complete.

CORK, Aug. 23.—"Forgive them." These were the last words of Michael Collins as he lay dying from an assassin's bullet last night. They were addressed to Major General Dalton.

The assassination occurred between Macroom and Bandon. Collins was accompanied by the members of his staff and was visiting various military positions in the south of Ireland. A large number of irregulars were in the ambushed party.

An armed car accompanying the national army officials inflicted heavy casualties upon the republicans. Just as the attack was beaten off, a bullet struck Collins' skull and he expired in a few minutes. The body was brought to Cork this morning and transferred to the steamer for conveyance to Dublin.

A national funeral will full military honors will be accorded him. The body will lie in state prior to its interment in Glasnevin cemetery where Griffiths was buried.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—The assassination of Collins was preceded in Dublin by a kind of battle of propaganda, both provisional government and irregular advocates posting placards setting forth the respective aims and claims of their parties. One poster charged the provisional government with secretly sending an emissary to assassinate De Valera. A sinister fear that Collins was marked for death pervaded the atmosphere of the capital for the past week. If he had any premonition of the fate that awaited him, he did not show it but walked calmly forward, a handsome heroic figure, boyish and confident.

DUBLIN, Aug. 23.—Despatches say it is believed Collins was accompanied by seven Free State officers when he was killed from ambush. Several soldiers are believed to have been killed or wounded during the attack on Collins' party. Major General Dalton who was of the party is reported to have been slightly injured.

DUBLIN, Aug. 23.—It was announced this morning that in view of the assassination of Michael Collins, the Dail Eireann would be summoned immediately, the meeting to take place probably on Saturday of the present week.

DE VALERA BECOMES CAVALRYMAN IS MORE ELUSIVE THAN EVER

LONDON, Aug. 23.—De Valera, former leader of the Sinn Feiners and leader of the irregulars in Ireland has become a cavalryman and consequently is more elusive than ever. All members of his contingent are mounted.

FEW VOTES SO FAR TODAY AT ELECTION

Only 82 Ballots Were Registered up to 1:15 This Afternoon at Civic Referendum.

There was no rush to the polls this morning by property holders to vote on the Booth School repairs and the Hays Creek bridge bylaws and up to 1:15 this afternoon there had been but 82 votes cast. Sixty per cent votes will be required to carry both. The polls will close at 7 this evening and the result will be made known very shortly after.

City Clerk Woods is acting as returning officer with Harry Birch, Frank Morris, E. Unwin and H. Hampton assisting.

DELORME MAY BE QUITE SANE

Head of Asylum Refuses to Give Certificate of Insanity.

MONTREAL, Aug. 23.—Interdiction proceedings taken by relatives of Adelaide Delorme, the priest who was charged with the murder of his half brother Raoul and committed to the asylum will be affected by the announcement of Dr. Brochu, superintendent of the asylum where Delorme is held, that he cannot give a certificate that the priest is unable to attend to his own affairs.

The certificate is required so that a trustee can be appointed to administer Delorme's affairs. The decision virtually amounts to a statement that Delorme is not insane and is causing a number of complications. If pronounced sane he can be placed on trial for the murder.

PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY MEETS NEXT SPRING

VANCOUVER, Aug. 23.—The coast will be the scene of two playoffs in professional hockey next spring. It was decided today when coast and prairie moguls concluded a conference.

The champions of the National League are due to play the winners of the Pacific Coast series in whichever city is successful following this the winners of the Western Canada League will meet the coast winners in a battle for world honors. The games will be played in Vancouver where the prairie players have already had experience. The World Series is being staged on the Pacific Coast because there will be no ice in the East by the time the final games get under way.

FIRE DESTROYED RAILWAY ROUND HOUSE AT CORBIN

FERNE, Aug. 23.—A fire of unknown origin totally destroyed the roundhouse and machine shop of the Eastern British Columbia Railway at Corbin, B. C. The estimated damage is \$70,000.

BIRTH
A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Baker, of Lotbiniere Street at the General Hospital on Monday.

EXCHANGE.
Sterling, 84.47 3-8.
United States, 3-32.
Hong Kong, 58.10.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen May Become President Of China If The Military Leaders Agree

PEKIN, Aug. 23.—The republican cabinet announces that President Li Yuan Hung is willing to resign in favor of Sun Yat Sen, the deposed head of the South China Government, provided Parliament approves.

The attitude of Li Yuan Hung is friendly but Dr. Sun has refused to come to Peking until he is assured that the various military factions of China have settled their differences.

The military leaders are now conferring with a view to an agreement and the prospects are bright for the establishment of a stable government in China under the southern leader.

Following the rebellion against the Manchu monarchy in 1911 Dr. Sun Yat Sen became provisional president but he was set aside in the election that followed, and Yuan Shai Kai became president and he suspended Parliament and became almost a monarch. He died in 1916. Since that time there has been an almost constant struggle between the reactionaries and the modernists. Eventually the south broke away and set up a republic with the capital at Canton and Sun Yat Sen provisional president.

The government of China is nominally a democratic one based largely on the British constitution, but in fact it is still very largely an autocracy. Dr. Sun

BOTTOMLEY BANKRUPT

Amount of Liabilities About Ten Times Greater Than Assets

LONDON, Aug. 23.—Horatio Bottomley is a bankrupt as well as a criminal. His affairs are being wound up. As a result of a creditors' meeting it has been found that his debts amount to £56,174 and his total assets £5,420. The assets included a sum of \$20, the value of the watch and chain of the bankrupt.

Bowser Again is Chosen Leader of Conservatives With Stevens Close Second

VANCOUVER, Aug. 23.—W. J. Bowser, leader of the Conservative opposition in the Legislature and former Premier, was re-elected leader of the party at the Conservative convention last night. The official vote was Bowser, 252; Stevens, 201; Howe, 27.

When the result was announced there were wild cheers, which were interrupted long enough to enable the other candidates to move that the vote be made unanimous.

Mr. Bowser, in a brief address, expressed the belief that the convention would proceed as a unit to the business before it.

The name "Liberal-Conservative Party" was adopted by the convention, although some objection to the title developed.

The rule calling for a deposit by each delegate of \$20 toward the travelling expenses pool caused

ASKS ARMY STAND FIRM

Irish Nationalists Issue Proclamation Following Death of Collins.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—Richard Mulcahy, chief of staff of the Nationalists has issued a proclamation to the army in which he said: "Stand calmly to your posts, then bravely and undaunted to your work. Let no cruel act of reprisal blemish your honor. To each of you falls Collins' unfinished work."

A message of condolence has been received from Lloyd George. The provisional government announced that Collins' body would arrive at Dublin tonight.

Mulcahy is Temporarily in Charge of Affairs in Ireland Following the Assassination

(Special to Daily News.)
DUBLIN, Aug. 23.—With an ovation given him by cheering thousands in the city of Cork still ringing in his ears, Michael Collins, Ireland's hope and commander of the Free State army, was shot and killed in ambush by the rebels at Bandon near his birthplace last night.

Fighting at the side of his staff of seven officers and their escort against rebels who held up his car on the road, Collins fell mortally wounded at the moment when victory over the forces of disorder in Ireland seemed almost within his grasp. As he lay in the dust clutching a revolver Collins raised his head and murmured "Forgive them." They were his last words.

Several attempts had been made in recent months on his life by bombs and rifle shots. When Arthur Griffiths died ten days ago Ireland, pining for peace, looked to Collins, and the death of "Mickey" has now plunged Ireland into the depths of sorrow and almost despair.

Collins was formerly an extremist in the cause against England, but turned round when he discovered De Valera's irreconcilable attitude was against securing a united Ireland.

A public funeral is planned with full military honors in Dublin.

Chief of Staff Richard Mulcahy is temporarily, at least, wearing Collins' mantle of responsibility, and his first act was censorship of the intimate details of the death of Collins.

The slain man was in his early thirties. Born of humble parents in County Kerry, he was engaged to be married to Miss Kitty Kieman.

A special session of Dail Eireann has been summoned.



W. J. BOWSER
Conservative Leader is continued in office by Convention.

FUEL SITUATION VERY SERIOUS

Shortage of Coal Will Amount to About One Fourth of Year's Production.

OTTAWA, Aug. 23.—The fuel situation is a very serious one at present in Eastern Canada and its effects will also be felt in the west, according to experts who are giving it their attention. J. A. Ellis has been named fuel controller for the province of Ontario and his duties will be to see that every part of the province has coal before the cold weather sets in.

Controller's Report.

The report of the Dominion fuel controllers has the following:

The strike dated from April 1 last. All anthracite mines were then closed down as well as the unionized bituminous mines producing about 60 per cent of the total output of soft coal.

The result is that there is now over four months' shortage in the year's production of anthracite and an equal period in respect to say 60 per cent of the bituminous production.

The annual production of anthracite in the past has been affected—apart from local causes—by the varying severity of different winters, and the resultant extreme fluctuation in annual production has been about 11 per cent.

Hence it is quite clear the stoppage, which will be five months if the mines do not resume work before September 1, cannot possibly be overtaken in time to meet the needs of this coming winter. Furthermore, the transportation of the supplies will be congested, because normally Canada imports 50 per cent of the year's supply in the months of April to August inclusive.

Extent of Shortage.

Varying opinions are held as to the extent of the shortage that will be caused by the closing of the mines since the first of April last and no one is able to say that the mines will even resume work on the first of September. All agree that there will be a considerable shortage and the utmost care must be exercised to conserve anthracite supplies for use during the coldest winter months.

It must be remembered that the past four winters have been very mild and that possibly next winter may see the return of lower temperatures than have been experienced in the period referred to.

FAIR DATES FOR DISTRICT GIVEN

Provincial Government Department of Agriculture Announces Exhibition Dates

VICTORIA, Aug. 23.—The provincial government Department of Agriculture announces dates of exhibitions in Northern and Central British Columbia as follows:

Prince George—September 4-6.
Mapes—September 8.
McBride—September 12.
Prinsep, Rupert—September 12-16.
Quesnel—September 15-16.
Fort Fraser—September 16.
Terrace—September 19.
Smithers—September 20-22.

PREPARING FOR THE CHAUTAUQUA VISIT

Committee in Charge of Local Arrangements is Becoming Active

The Chautauqua committee which has charge of the arrangements for the visit of the Chautauqua company to this city on August 30 and 31 and September 1 and 2, are beginning to get busy with the arrangements. It is proposed to have the entertainments and lectures in the Empress Theatre with possibly the Westholme for the opening day.

F. J. Maguire is the chairman of the committee with Sidney Bazett-Jones, secretary. While the committee guaranteeing the expenses of the affair was formerly over thirty, there are slightly less than that number now remaining in the city.

One of the features of the Chautauqua will be the visit of "Wee Jamie" Clark, the pipe major of the famous kilted band.

Mrs. C. C. Mills and child returned to the city today after having spent several weeks in Vancouver visiting.

LABOR ASKS EXCLUSION ORIENTALS

Trades and Labor Council Goes on Record Regarding Immigration.

MONTREAL, Aug. 23.—The total exclusion of Orientals from immigration into Canada was endorsed by the Trades and Labor Congress this morning. It was also recommended that there be effective supervision and regulation of immigration generally to prevent further unemployment aggravation in industrial centres. The monetary provisions and head tax it was held were futile against the influx of Orientals.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN IRELAND ARE BAD

Many Big Business Concerns Hardly Able to Continue Export for Support of Banks.

DUBLIN, Aug. 23.—Grave economic conditions exist in the west of Ireland owing to the policy of the destruction of property by the irregulars. The collapse of some of the big concerns has been only just averted by steady support from the banks. The farmers have been unable to pay interest on loans and bankers will be compelled to withdraw support from many.

The business prospects are bad, prices are falling and produce is spoiling in the warehouses because traffic is disrupted.