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COLLINS WAS SHOT DOWN BY A SNIPER

CAR RAN INTO AMBUSCADE

Story of Irish Leaders' Death Told by a Young Machine Gunner.

London, Aug. 28.—Among those who followed the coffin of Michael Collins through the streets of Dublin was a boyish young fellow wearing ragged civilian clothes and a tweed cap perched jauntily on the back of his head. He carried a Lewis gun, the gun that poured lead into Collins' attackers.

In a difficult manner Collins' follower told the story of the attack. "The car in which Collins was riding ran into an ambush," he said.

"There were at least 250 of them in the ambushing party against twelve of us. It was 9 o'clock when we passed through the village and we hadn't gone more than 400 yards when from both sides we caught the deadly fire of the machine guns. The driver of Collins' car wanted to go ahead at full speed, but Collins ordered him to stop and took command of the situation. He directed our fire against the irregulars. For nearly an hour two machine guns kept up an incessant fire but up to then no one was hurt and it began to look as if the irregulars were going to scatter.

"It was during a lull in the fire of the attackers that Collins noticed a sniper creeping on his hands and knees some distance down the road behind him. Mick immediately waved a dozen yards in that direction with the intention of stopping any further encircling movement. At that moment heavy firing swept the road from both sides. The gun in the whippet car behind Mick's open car had jammed and our fire lessened. The sudden burst of firing caused Collins to turn and a few seconds later he lay dying shouting words of encouragement to the men to go on and not mind him. Immediately the cry arose 'Collins is shot, and the men rushed to his aid.

"Although bleeding terribly and in great pain he lived for fifteen minutes and continued to fire his revolver to the end."

Quinn the man who drove Collins' car into the fatal ambush said Collins was killed attempting to shoot or capture one of the attacking party who tried to cut in behind the Free State party.

"Gen. Collins ran forward with his pistol in his hand" said Quinn "when shots suddenly rang out on both sides of the road. He fell."

"Mick was great under fire" said other members of his party ruefully. They asked him to go back because of his country's need of him but he refused to leave them saying "No I won't leave the boys. I am one of them and will fight with them."

Quinn confirmed the report that Collins continued to fire even as he lay wounded.

CONVENTION AT MONCTON

Moncton, Aug. 27.—Mrs. W. G. Clark of Fredericton, presided at the opening of the United Baptist Missionary Union which began a three days' convention in the Moncton First Baptist Church Saturday evening. An address of welcome by Mrs. H. H. Coleman, on behalf of the local Baptist Society, and a reply by Mrs. D. Hutchinson, St. John, and greeting extended by Mrs. E. Val Tilton, on behalf of the Methodists, contributed a part of the proceedings.

Visiting missionaries, Dr. Zella Clark, Miss Martha Clarke, Miss Mabel Archibald, Miss Cora Elliott and Miss Evelyn Eaton were introduced and the latter gave a short talk.

Rev. F. W. Patterson, of Winnipeg, showed stereopticon views of the Baptist mission field in western Canada.

The convention sermon was preached by Rev. H. B. Stillyell, of Toronto, at 11 o'clock this morning. This afternoon a young people's service was held, the speakers being Mrs. Edna Wilson, of Fredericton; Miss Gertrude Dodds, of the medical college at Vellone, India, and Miss Mabel Archibald, of the missionary station at Chicacole, India.

FRUIT CROP IS A HEAVY ONE

St. Catharines, Ont., Aug. 28.—As proof of the immense crop of peaches and pears in the Niagara district this year, trees in all directions are breaking down under their loads of fruit.

There would be many more broken limbs, too, if the fruit farmers had not propped up many branches. If the growers can get sufficient helpers to pick the fruit, it will be a profitable year for the Niagara growers. Vegetables also are a large yield.

COMMISSION TO MEET AGAIN ON WEDNESDAY

Hope to be Able to Reach Decision on German Request for Moratorium.

Paris, Aug. 27.—In a strong desire to reach an unanimous decision on Germany's request for a moratorium, the reparations commission this morning found a pretext for further delay by resolving to invite Germany again to be heard before the commission on Wednesday. Meanwhile the members of the commission will consult together in the hope of avoiding a vote which will divide it.

The members of the commission met at 11 o'clock today and sat until 1 p. m. The delegates expressed their views on Germany's request of July 12, for a three year's moratorium. Semi-official declarations later showed that uncertainty had not yet been reached, except on the point that the present uncertainty should not be prolonged and that a decision of the reparations commission should be rendered at the soonest possible moment, Wednesday if possible.

After the meeting a communique was issued to the effect that the commission considers itself not in a position to render a decision before Wednesday on the request of Germany for a moratorium. It added that the commission had informed Germany that if she desires to exercise her right to be heard the commission will listen to her representatives during Wednesday.

Thus the commission now has two clear days before it for unofficial efforts to find a formula upon which it can agree unanimously. The representatives of Germany if it is decided to accept the commission's invitation, will be heard on Wednesday, so that a decision will be forthcoming from the commission on Wednesday evening at the earliest. Sir John Bradbury, the British member of the commission does not expect a decision to be handed down before Thursday.

WANT GLIDER PLANE SECRETS

Berlin, Germany, Aug. 28.—The marvelous record made by the German gliders at this year's motorless airplane competitions at Gersfeld has attracted competitors at Gersfeld from France, Great Britain and Japan and also a high American officer. With the exception of the last named they came disguised as tourists, but the Germans were quick to detect them and to take precautions to keep them from getting too close to the planes or obtaining details concerning their construction. It is expected, however, that such secrets as there may be will become known within a few days.

Pilot Mertens, who last Saturday flew one hour and ten minutes, made a nonstop flight yesterday from Wasserkuppe to Gersfeld, a distance of ten kilometers (6.2 miles). A biplane which was pushed off today despite adverse winds landed half way down the hill, but remained undamaged.

Police Activities.
The city police were called to Waterloo Row during the week-end by a report that a man was lying beside the road. No one was found on their arrival. A Sunday night disturbance in a restaurant also caused a call.

N. S. Coal Strike May Come to an End This Week

SENTIMENT IN FAVOR OF THE NEW WAGE SCALE IS HOURLY GAINING STRENGTH IN THE COAL FIELDS—

SOME "DIE-HARDS" AMONG THE STRIKERS—

MASS MEETING ABANDONED ON ACCOUNT OF RAIN.

Sydney, Aug. 27.—The general strike of Nova Scotia coal miners is likely to be over by the end of the present week, competent observers say.

Sentiment in favor of the acceptance of the new wage scale negotiated here Friday night between the British Empire Steel Corporation and the executive of District 26 of the United Mine Workers of America seems hourly to be gaining strength in the coal fields, according to late reports reaching Sydney from many quarters.

It is not denied that there are many "bitter enders" and "die-hards" among the strikers, and that the voting on Thursday is likely to reveal opposition of considerable strength, but competent observers believe that at least seventy-five per cent of the referendum vote will favor an immediate settlement. An insurgent movement in opposition to the new pact, organized during the week-end by a section of Phalen local, petered out this afternoon and the failure lent additional strength to the advocates of the new wage pact.

HAD CHANGE OF HEART

A section of Phalen, which started the movement, held a meeting on Saturday and decided to make strenuous efforts to call off the referendum altogether. Their plan was to send out telegrams to the mainland locals asking them to ignore the order for a referendum and continue the strike. When the Phalen men met again this afternoon, it was apparent that a change of heart had taken place, and the movement was abandoned so far as calling off the referendum was concerned.

A general mass meeting of the strikers had been called for Sunday afternoon at the Dominion ball park, but had to be abandoned because of a torrential downpour of rain which continued throughout the early afternoon.

The wet weather also put a stop to all but the most perfunctory picket work on the part of the troops and the United Mine Workers.

At New Waterford Saturday there was a meeting of strikers at which the new agreement came in for considerable criticism and a standing vote seemed to show that the opposition was in a majority.

In the United Mine Workers' camp tonight it was forecast that the voting Thursday would show Picton, Cumberland and Sydney Mines districts almost unanimous in favor of a settlement, and a substantial majority for the pact in the Glace Bay area, with New Waterford possibly showing a small majority against. Official representatives on both sides reported all quiet tonight in the strike area and all hands marking time, awaiting the outcome of the referendum of August 31.

KEPT THE CASH BUT LEFT WALLET IN ALLEYWAY

W. Waldron local manager for the L. R. Steele Company met with the loss of sixty dollars in cash last week through the accidental dropping of his wallet on the street or elsewhere. He believed he had placed it in an inside pocket but found later that he had not. He reported his loss to the police Friday night. Saturday a boy named Hewey brought the wallet to the police station stating that his mother employed at the restaurant of W. A. Lindsay, King street, had found the wallet in the alleyway beside the building.

The wallet had contained six ten dollar bills, twenty preferred stock certificates and ten common stock certificates valued at two thousand dollars and a cheque for twenty dollars in the name of K. E. Fowler. Who ever found the wallet appropriated the cash. The stock certificates and cheque were found on the ground in the alleyway.

Still Was Seized.

Chatham Gazette: Inspectors Stewart and Quarterman seized a still about eight miles from town Monday night also a few gallons of the finished product. Magistrate Gaynor yesterday and was fined \$200.00 under the Inland Revenue Act and \$50.00 and costs under the N. B. Prohibition Act. The still was a good one and it is believed had been in use for some time. A quantity of mash was also destroyed.

To Resume Sawing

The Hawkins Lumber Company will resume sawing at its mill, Nashwaak-sis, Wednesday the 30th inst.

SHOULD BETTER THE QUALITY OF LIVE STOCK

Winnipeg, Aug. 26.—A great opportunity for improvement of farming in the west is being missed in not bettering the quality of the livestock, declared Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture, who arrived here last night after spending two months inspecting the experimental farms and agricultural conditions in the west.

"This is a serious drawback, and should be remedied," the Minister said. "Quality is what is needed in our livestock. The man who has a good beef animal ready for the block need never fear for the want of a market."

Mr. Motherwell said he found general conditions in the west fine both agriculturally and politically. "The only question you hear being asked everywhere" he said, "is, who is to be made the goat for the failure to evolve the wheat board, and the consequent anticipated loss to the farmers of the west?"

"The experimental stations," he said, "have been operated almost ever since the war began under the difficulties of cramped finances. This has been unavoidable; but should the finances of the country permit, I will endeavor to have the Government make financial provision for more complete equipment."

Old Government House.

The last issue of the Toronto Saturday Night contains an article on the Old Government House, Fredericton, from the pen of Mrs. Greta Bidlake. The writer is well known in this city although a native of Albert County. She was in attendance at Normal School a few years ago.

WINE REGION MAY BURN UP

Paris, Aug. 28.—Forest fires in the famous wine grape region of Medoc are spreading, according to advices from Bordeaux today. Six small towns are in the line of fire and their destruction is apparently inevitable. The inhabitants are removing their furniture and driving their cattle to places of safety. The village of Gullot is already encircled with flame.

Hundreds of soldiers have been rushed into the district and are aiding the various departmental fire fighting forces. It is believed the fires are incendiary and already one suspect is under arrest.

THOUSANDS PASS BEFORE COLLINS' BODY

Homage Paid to the Murdered President of the Provisional Government.

Dublin, Aug. 27.—With imposing military honors, the body of Michael Collins, Ireland's warrior statesman was placed on a catafalque before the main altar of the great cathedral. Here tomorrow morning a solemn requiem mass will be celebrated for the repose of his soul. Sunday's total suspension of civic activities permitted the people to render unreservedly the homage they so wished to render to the memory of their beloved leader. Not from the metropolis alone, but from the country districts nearby, there streamed to the city hall where the body lay in state, countless thousands to gaze upon the features of the man to whom, more than anyone else, the people had looked for a peaceful settlement of Ireland's woes.

They came by train, by donkey cart by jaunting car and on foot; they choked Dublin's streets, yet without disorder formed in line, awaiting their turn to enter the cathedral, and passed before the coffin of their comrade who had given his life in the cause of the Free State. They knelt before the coffin, beneath the flickering candles, and prayed for the eternal happiness of Michael Collins and for the advent of peace in their unhappy country, in which terrible things continue to occur.

The war of hate and ambush goes on. Today's newspapers reproduce a striking portrait of Collins from a painting made by Sir John Lavery as a memento of the signing of the treaty between Ireland and Britain. He is seen sitting with folded arms, his handsome intellectual face in repose, his manner debonaire.

TO MERGE THE CITY AND FARM

Havelock, Ont. Aug. 28.—For the first time since he became head of the Ontario Government, Premier Drury spoke in East Peterboro yesterday to a thousand people at the U. F. O. picnic at Havelock. He discussed the controversy with J. J. Morrison over his broadening out policy and he termed it unfortunate. He denied that he was any less loyal to the Farmer's interests than was his "good friend J. J. Morrison."

His political ideal he outlined as an union of urban and farming interests into one party and he declared that he was sure the political ideas he was espousing at the picnic would meet with equal favor in urban centres.

His broadening out he hoped would have a national scope.

The fault of the old parties had been in not recognizing agriculture as the basic industry of this country. He did not agree with the suggestion of U. F. O. secretary Tuesday that the Government should be conducted without an opposition which the Premier said was the eyes of the whole people.

He strongly defended the policy and administration of the Government and declared he was not afraid to face the electors when it became necessary.

GOVERNMENT MAY RUN THE U.S. RAILWAYS

WILL NOT PERMIT SERVICE BREAKDOWN

Secretary Weeks Intimates That the Government May Take Over System.

"The government will not permit the transportation service to break down," Secretary of War Weeks said today in discussing the failure of the railway executives and the striking shopmen to make terms and call off the transportation strike.

"It is entirely unlikely," the secretary continued "that the Administration will intervene further in the railway strike negotiations. The Administration has done everything that can be done about a restoration of peace between the warring factions, without tangible results."

"It is now up to the railroad companies themselves to run the railroads or let some one run them who can."

The Secretary was asked if this remark might be interpreted as meaning Government operation of the railroads.

"That is just what it does mean," he replied, "although there is no immediate thought of taking over the transportation facilities of the country."

Secretary Weeks said that the several executive departments of the Government had considered every possible means of co-operating to avoid a tie up of the transportation facilities and that while there would be but little difficulty experienced in handling the mails the situation with respect to the movement of food and fuel presented a rather serious problem.

The secretary however declined to go into details for handling the situation by the government in case of an emergency and the possibility of a food and fuel famine.

The secretary looks with much favor upon the suggestion in some quarters that destroyers employed in the dispatch of mails through the various cities along the seaboard.

IMMIGRATION IS RESTRICTED

Ottawa, Aug. 28.—Immigration to Canada continues to fall off according to the latest statistics covering the months of April, May, June and July.

The decrease in that period compared with the corresponding months is 34 per cent. Arrivals total 32,849. Of this number 16,000 come from the British Isles, 10,449 from the United States and 6,400 from other countries.

In the same months of last year 6,230 came from Great Britain, 14,219 from the States and 9,447 from other countries.

The new restrictions, which make it harder for immigrants except from Great Britain and the United States, are mainly responsible for the decrease, especially those under the classification of "other countries."

The whole immigration plan it is expected will be gone over and revised next season when, in view of the improved conditions throughout the country, it is expected that there may be some let-up in the stringency of present regulations.

Bicycle Was Damaged

In Brunswick street shortly before one o'clock this afternoon a bicycle was damaged by a motor. The cyclist skidded and ran into the approaching car. Fortunately a broken front wheel of the bicycle was the extent of the damage.

C. P. R. Conference

The regular monthly conference of officials and employees of the C. P. R. Atlantic Division will be held Tuesday at the Board of Trade Office. Mayor Reid and President J. A. Cain of the Board of Trade have been invited to attend.

T. C. L. Ketchum of Woodstock is here today enroute to Dalhousie to report proceedings of the Court of King's Bench.

Begin in good time and you'll end in good time.