

Father of Irish Chief Shot Down

Dr. Thomas O'Higgins, Parent of Free State Minister of Home Affairs, Latest Victim of Killers.

Pleas of Wife Ignored

Dublin, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Dr. Thomas O'Higgins of Maryborough, father of Kevin O'Higgins, free state minister of home affairs, was assassinated last evening.

The official announcement today said: "Dr. O'Higgins, coroner of Queens county, was shot dead by armed men last evening."

The victim is a brother-in-law of Timothy Healy, general of the free state.

Slay Aged Man

The tragedy occurred at Woodlands near Strabally. A party of armed men drew up near the O'Higgins residence at 7 o'clock Sunday evening

Dublin, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Miss Mary MacSweeney and Mrs. Clark, widow of Tom Clark, who was executed in 1916, were arrested, together with their mothers, in a raid by free state forces today upon the republican central publicity offices here, which had just been reopened.

and three members of it approached the house and demanded admittance. Dr. O'Higgins replied that in consequence of a communication recently captured, he would not admit any one, but on the plea of wanting to see the document, the raiders induced him to open the door. One of the armed men then entered, leaving his two companions on the door step. While the raider inside was reading the document, Dr. O'Higgins, who was 70 years old, disarmed him, snatching away his revolver. The raider shouted to his two companions to fire. They responded with the fatal shots, which rained into the top of Dr. O'Higgins' skull, others of the raiding party also firing at him through the windows.

"For God's Sake, Don't Fire"

The raiders were reloading their rifles when Mrs. O'Higgins and her daughter rushed upon the scene, the former crying:

"For God's sake, don't fire" and then, "You've killed him!"

One of the armed men told her to stand back, as he had orders to fire, and at that instant a volley was fired over the heads of the two women.

The leader of the gang came from the kitchen and demanded Dr. O'Higgins' revolver. Mrs. O'Higgins asked him to send for a priest, but he refused and continued to demand the revolver.

Dr. O'Higgins was one of the oldest medical officers in the country. During the conflict of the British and Irish he was arrested and detained at Curragh for some months.

Application Refused

Judge Powell, in the chancery court, ruling in the case against Eamon de Valera, David O'Donoghue and Stephen O'Mara, brought by William Cosgrave, president of the Dail Eireann, and others as trustees of the national fund, to prevent the defendants from withdrawing \$10,000 of the funds from a Dublin bank, said there was no evidence connecting De Valera and O'Mara with the money.

He therefore refused to grant the application against them but continued the injunction against O'Donoghue, pending trial of the action.

A Committee here is planning a public reception for James Larkin, who recently was released from Sing Sing prison, New York, by Governor Smith.

U. S. Freight Traffic Continues to Make Gains

Washington, Feb. 12.—(Special)—The amount of freight handled by American railroads continues to beat all records for previous years, according to the report on revenue freight made by the American Railway association for the week ending January 29.

The roads handled 871,164 cars which is described as exceeding all records for the same week in the five previous years. This was an increase of 5,586 cars over the previous week and 139,778 cars over the same period last year and 189,559 cars over the same week of 1921.

The records show that 497,967 cars of merchandise and miscellaneous freight were handled. This form of business is generally regarded as an index to business conditions. It is an increase of 2,066 cars over the previous week and 78,493 cars over the corresponding period of 1922, and 102,250 over 1921.

Loadings of hay and grain products were 46,819 cars, a decrease of 1,461 cars over the previous week and 3,579 cars less than the same week last year. It is still 6,894 cars above the average weekly loadings of the same period for the last five years.

The roads handled 35,426 cars of livestock during the week, an increase of 1,646 over the previous week and more than 3,000 cars over the same periods of the two previous years.

Steamer Brings \$3,500,000 Cargo of Egyptian Cotton

Boston, Feb. 12.—The largest cargo of Egyptian cotton ever brought to this country by a vessel flying the American flag arrived here on the shipping boat steamer Hog Island, from Alexandria. It was the eighth cargo of Egyptian cotton to arrive at this port this season.

The Hog Island brought 14,250 bales, valued at \$3,500,000. Not only were the vessel's holds filled to the hatch covers, but all the storerooms, the firemen's fore-castle and every inch of space on the ship were utilized for cargo.

American Parents Blamed for Growing Divorce Evil

Home Has Gone Out of Business; Children Left to Own Devices, Says Dr. Callfas; Flays Double Standard.

Full blame for the constantly growing divorce evil in this country was placed squarely on the shoulders of American parents by Dr. Jennie Callfas, member of the Omaha school board, in an address at Monday afternoon's session of the Nebraska conference of social workers at Hotel Fontenelle. "Causes and Cures of the Misfit Home" was her topic.

"The American home has gone out of business," declared Dr. Callfas. "It is no longer the laundry, the bakery and the center of the family's social amusements. If children want amusement, they go to the motion picture show, to a dance hall, on the streets or to some other place. We are constantly planning new ways to amuse the children outside the home, whereas, in my opinion, we should establish some place where parents could be taught to amuse them within the home. As it is, parents send the children to school and then depend on the teacher to do the work they themselves should do."

Children Left Alone. "The American mother goes out and spends the afternoon at a card party and before leaving gives the children money so that they can amuse themselves at a picture theater. She never asks where they are going, or with whom. Perhaps the children are home when she returns and have found the door locked, and after this occurs a few times they decide to stay away longer next time.

"If the mother could look into some of the dark corners of the balcony in some of the movie houses she might find what many social workers have found—a man with his arm around her young daughter, or perhaps something worse. We know and appreciate the fact that the theater owners have done and are doing everything they can to prevent this evil, but we also know that they are not succeeding to any great extent. It is this practice of leaving children too much could be brought in and punished instead of the children who are delin-

quent perhaps the results would be better.

"Government statistics tell us that most girls who commit suicide or are to their own devices that is one of the causes of divorce and misfit homes.

"I recently visited one family, the parents of which had been divorced. There were three lovely daughters. During their childhood they had heard nothing but complaints from a mother who had become angry on the world. Added to this was constant quarreling between husband and wife, followed by the subsequent divorce. What was the consequence? The girls were married one by one, and each began by having the same troubles as the mother. The result was three more divorces, with more children to bear the burden of sins and evils of their parents.

Bames Auto. "I often think when I'm attending juvenile court that if the parents

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"Sheik of Omaha" Goes to Des Moines

Walter H. Clark, the "sheik" of Omaha, whose prospective bride failed to appear for the wedding after all arrangements had been made at the Chamber of Commerce, where he was employed as janitor, is gone. No more will he charm the women with his Lotharian wiles, and if any one of the 84 whom he claims he had listed in his diary wants to see him she will have to go to Des Moines, to which city Clark went Monday afternoon.

Clark said he had received a message from Malvern, Ia., that the woman who left him at the altar was seriously ill. Asked if he intended to hasten to her bedside, the "sheik" was noncommittal. But soon he became loquacious and modestly let it be known that several more of those listed as "victims" of his love-making had telephoned him, seeking appointments. To these, he said, he turned a deaf ear, as he had decided to leave them all "flat."

He said he had a good position awaiting him in Des Moines.

Administration Opposed to Embargo on Anthracite

Washington, Feb. 12.—The administration does not believe it necessary to place an embargo on shipment of anthracite coal to Canada on account of the shortage in New York. The administration is of the opinion that the shortage grows out of transportation difficulties.

This was indicated in the following telegram sent to Governor Smith by President Harding after receipt of a message from the New York executive:

"Telegram received. I am informed the situation in northern New York is a result of failure in transportation rather than of supply, and I believe conference in progress this morning between the federal fuel distributor and the New York fuel distributor will result in relief."

"So Many Responses That I Was Swamped"

said Mr. W. C. Clayton, who was in Omaha recently, seeking salesmen to represent a large Philadelphia concern.

"The Omaha Bee has the other papers beat twenty ways. My 'Want' Ad in your paper brought so many responses that I was swamped."

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Public Funeral Is Held for Cumberland Mine Dead

Cumberland, P. C., Feb. 12.—Public funeral services for Cumberland mine disaster Thursday, which bereft this little community of 24 of its citizens and disabled the coal mine on which the community has been depending for its livelihood.

All of the bodies have been recovered and buried except one.

Gale Plows Hay on Coast

Steamer Beaten to Pieces at Snow-Covered Seattle—Mile-a-Minute Wind Sweeps Pacific.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 12.—Buffeted by a high wind and heavy seas, the steamer, Fidalgo, was virtually beaten to pieces against the Albers Brothers Milling company's dock here early today and sank in five fathoms of water. The vessel, a small Puget Sound freighter, was valued at \$30,000 and had aboard a cargo of 3,904 sacks of oats.

The crew of the Fidalgo, consisting of seven men, leaped to the wharf a moment before the steamer overturned and sank.

Dozens of small craft were torn from their moorings during the night and early morning, and several were reported still adrift at a late hour. The gale reached a velocity of 40 miles an hour. No damage was reported to larger shipping.

Frozen Snow. Seattle was today covered with a hard, frozen crust of snow, ranging in depth from a few inches to nearly a foot as the result of yesterday's storm, the worst of the winter. Telephone wires, coated with ice, were blown down in several places and many street lights were put out of commission. A number of automobile accidents and injury to passengers and pedestrians were charged to the snow and ice. Half of the roof of one home was blown off by the high wind.

In outlying sections of the city, the snow drifted to a depth of several feet during the night.

Gale Sweeps Coast. San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 12.—A storm marked by every characteristic of extreme winter weather from below zero temperatures to mile-a-minute gales, is sweeping the Pacific coast today from the "cradle of storms" south of the Aleutian islands, to the plateau regions west of Denver, prostrating wire communications and crippling train service.

Northeast and northwest gales sweeping in from seaward of North Head, at the mouth of the Columbia river and Tatoosh island, off the coast of Washington, snapped off scores of telephone and telegraph poles between Seaside and Portland, Ore., and piled up great snow drifts across railroad tracks and highways. Father south, blizzard-like swirls of the great storm felled wire lines in the high Sierras. Snow flurries, borne on sharp winds, swept Utah and Wyoming, forcing use of snow plows along the rail lines.

Zero in Rockies. Denver, Colo., Feb. 12.—High winds west of the continental divide throughout the Rocky mountain states with temperatures ranging from 12 below zero at Hayre, Mont., to 46 above at Roswell, N. M. Interrupted wire service in many sections today.

The storm disturbance centers in Oregon, where the barometer pressure is an inch below normal.

Snow was reported in parts of Montana, Wyoming and Colorado, with rain general on the eastern slope, except from Sheridan, Wyo., east to the Mississippi valley, where unusually warm weather and sunshine is reported to be general.

Blizzard Coming

Helena, Mont., Feb. 12.—Montana is in the pathway of a blizzard sweeping down from Canada. Fourteen below zero at Helena was the coldest reported this morning, but all stations in Montana which send daily reports to the weather bureau here showed temperatures of at least zero for the night. Five inches of snow in Helena was the most precipitation recorded for the 24 hours ending this morning.

Recovery crews tonight were tapping the tenth artery to the south of the main entrance.

Son of Upton Sinclair Must Explain Publication

Madison, Wis., Feb. 12.—Upton Sinclair, novelist, may come to Madison to defend his son, David, against charges of violating the publication rules of the University of Wisconsin, it was learned yesterday. Charges were caused by an issue of a magazine, here on Friday, entitled the "Scorpion," a publication not authorized or supervised by the university.

German Bride of Doughboy Passes Mother-in-Law Test 100 Per Cent

New York, Feb. 12.—At least one of the 38 German brides who returned from the Rhine with the American doughboys passed the mother-in-law test. She was Mrs. William M. Wheeler, late of Coblenz.

Bright and early this morning a sturdy, erect figure in khaki entered the lobby of the Hotel Rutledge, where the brides are quartered. It was "Bill," bill private.

Clinging to his arm was a bent little woman with white hair and keen, appraising eyes. It was "Bill's" mother, Mrs. Wheeler of Everett, Mass.

"Well, Wheeler to come down, please," the soldier said to the elevator operator. And then the two stood there, silent, waiting. The elevator opened and a plump, smiling, fat girl of 24 came out. A little girl of 2 years was clinging to her hand. The bride ran at once to the two figures. Paying no attention to the lobby, she threw her arms around the grayed woman.

"Mamma," she said, excitedly, and then an old-fashioned kiss resounded. The little woman did not stop to sur-

Who'd Have Thought There Was So Much Dirt Between Here and the Atlantic?

Investigation of the administration of veterans' bureau affairs was ordered by the senate.

Col. Walter A. Bethel was nominated to be judge advocate general of the army, succeeding Major General Crowder, new ambassador to Cuba.

Mrs. Mae Ellen Nolan was sworn in as a member of the house, succeeding her late husband as representative from the Fifth California district.

Salaries ranging from \$125,000 a year down, the senate of investigating committee was informed, are paid by the leading petroleum companies to their chief officials.

In an effort to bring both the shipping and debt funding bills to an early vote, republican leaders decided to have the senate, each day, consider one measure for a few hours, then the other.

Predicting that the United States, in the near future, would begin to export gold, Comptroller of the Currency Cressinger, in his annual report, declared this would represent a long step in the restoration of world economic equilibrium.

House Votes to Hear Troubles of Herrick

Washington, Feb. 12.—Despite objection by Representative Mondell of Wyoming and other republican leaders, the house voted to hear Representative Manuel Herrick, republican, Oklahoma, whose oratorical effort last week was cut short on objections by Representative Stafford, republican, Wisconsin, that his remarks were shocking to the sensibilities of all members.

As on the former occasion, the Oklahoma representative spoke on his resolution proposing expulsion from the Washington Times and Washington Herald as a result of publication dealing with his alleged romance with a young woman of this city. Characterizing the articles as "libelous and scandalous" the speaker asked immediate action on his proposal, but the house ignored the request.

Blast Furnaces in Mahoning District Ordered to Reopen

Youngstown, O., Feb. 12.—Orders to put in operation the Youngstown Hanna blast furnace of the Republic Iron and Steel company, idle since November, 1920, have been issued and the furnace probably will be blown within a week, it was announced today.

The furnace of the Brier Hill Steel company is being relined and will be lighted as soon as the stack is ready. According to another announcement this will place at work 36 of the 48 blast furnaces in the Mahoning district and insure the heaviest operations since the boom times in 1920.

Diplomats Reach Frisco

San Francisco, Feb. 12.—Joseph E. Willard, formerly ambassador to Spain, arrived here on the steamer President Cleveland on his way home from the orient after a world tour. The same steamer brought M. V. Mesquero, former Brazilian consul at Shanghai, who is transferring to the consulate at Tampico, on account of his health.

Ambassador Gives Dinner

Rome, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Ambassador Child gave a dinner tonight with 29 covers in honor of Premier Mussolini. In their speeches the premier and members of his cabinet expressed the most friendly feelings for America. The dinner was followed by a brilliant reception and ball.

French Consider War Declaration; Clash Reported

Berlin, Feb. 12.—(AP)—German policemen clashed with the French today at Gelsenkirchen, but there were no fatalities, according to reliable sources. A policeman and two French officers were reported to have been taken to a hospital with wounds.

Tanks Sent to Herne

Dusseldorf, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Reports that the Germans are organizing a general strike at Herne, not far from Bochum, have led to the dispatch of French tanks to that place.

The Germans are boycotting the Ruhr district and the French have been obliged to take over the work of some of the German police.

The boycott is becoming more and more popular throughout the Ruhr and the Germans have decided to extend it to Essen, refusing to do business with the French and Belgians beginning today.

Consider State of War

Paris, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Considerable talk is going on in political and financial circles in Paris as to whether France, Belgium and Italy are going to succeed in bringing Germany to terms by the action now being taken in the Ruhr valley under the treaty of Versailles.

It is pointed out that every intensification of the allied action results in the reinforcement of the German resistance, and doubt is frequently expressed in some of the more aggressive quarters as to whether the pressure to oblige Germany to accept the system of productive guarantees can be applied unless the allies resort to the declaration of a state of war.

Poincare Sensitive

Premier Poincare is understood to be very sensitive as to public opinion abroad regarding the seizure of the Ruhr, feeling acutely the criticisms voiced in the United States and England following each protest of the German government against measures which it declares illegal. Those who take an aggressive stand hold that a state of war, which would not necessitate the use of force, is the only way to solve the problem.

German Leaves Manor to Briton Who Saved Grandson

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 12.—Major J. C. Thorne of this city has received word that he has been left a manor in Germany by Herr Gartner, whose grandson, Major Thorne, while a prisoner of war, saved from death under a train in Leipzig. A codicil to Herr Gartner's will recites that the legatee, "although an enemy of my country, did in the station, while under armed guard, jump in front of an approaching train and save little Karl."

Major Thorne at the time of the rescue was being transferred to Cassel for solitary confinement following an attempt by him to escape from a prison camp.

Herr Gartner's granddaughter has offered \$10,000 for the manor.

The Weather

Forecast. Tuesday, cold with zero temperature by night. Wednesday, cloudy with light snow.

Hourly Temperatures. 5 a. m. -22 10 a. m. -20 5 p. m. -18 11 p. m. -16

German Appeal to America

Note of Protest Against Occupation of Ruhr by French Received by United States Officials.

"Not Justified" Is Claim

Washington, Feb. 12.—Latest seizures of German territory made by the French military forces in the Ruhr have been made the subject of a renewed protest by the German government. The note of protest, a copy of which has reached diplomatic quarters here, characterized the French occupation as one of purely arbitrary action and force, committed by taking advantage of the defenselessness of the German nation.

The text of the note follows: "The French government, in the note dated February 2 and transmitted to the German embassy (in Paris) on February 4, reproached the German government for a violation of the treaty of Versailles, a violation which was said to have occurred by the German administration of railroads, having stopped service of the international trans-Paris-Bucharest and Paris-Munich-Prague trains. The French government, at the same time, announced that for this alleged violation of the treaty it would occupy and sanction the German towns of Offenbourg and Appenweier. The occupation of both towns actually took place on the day the note was handed to the German embassy at Paris.

Obligated to Suspend Trains. The German administration of railroads, on account of shortage of coal and other difficulties of transport, caused by the Franco-Belgian invasion of the Ruhr, was obliged to suspend a great number of international German railway services. Among these were also the trains mentioned in the note. In view of the time and circumstances under which the stoppage of the services of the two trains took place, such stoppage obviously amounted to an emergency measure of a transitory nature whereby there can be no question of a violation of treaty.

"But even if, formally speaking, the treaty had been violated, it would mock every state of peace if the French government took occasion of such minor importance as the suspension of two train services, to send without further notice its troops into German towns.

"The French government has indeed, with a view to concealing the apparent disproportion between the cause of reproach and the French measures, tried to enumerate other alleged violations of the treaty by Germany.

Reproaches Refuted. "In reply to this the German government refers to its former exchange of notes with the French government. The German government points out that it has, in every single case of reproach made for having violated its obligations, by detailed argument refuted such reproach without the French government having even tried to refute on its side, the argument put forth by Germany.

"The French government does not mention a legal title on which it claims to have imposed its sanctions. In this case, therefore, the French government does not even dispose of visionary grounds for imposing sanctions. In reality the whole amounts to one of purely arbitrary action and force, committed by taking advantage of the defenselessness of the German nation. The German government formally protests against this procedure before the entire world.

"On the day the French note was handed to the German embassy in Paris, the interallied Rhineland commission in Coblenz transmitted a note to the German Rhineland commission in which the commission expressed its approving of the occupation ordered by the French government, of Offenbourg and Appenweier. It had decided to place these territories under the auspices of the bridgehead of Kehl and to extend the powers of its delegates to Kehl accordingly.

No Right Under Treaty. "The Rhineland convention circumscribes the material as well as the local scope of the powers of the Rhineland commission. According to Article 1 of said convention, the territories subject to the competence of the Rhineland commission comprise only those parts of German territory the occupation of which was provided for by Article 5 of the armistice of November 22, 1918, and by Article 7 of the additional convention of January 16, 1919. The towns of Appenweier and Offenbourg lie beyond this territory and no article of the Rhineland convention or of the treaty of Versailles gives the Rhineland commission the right, of its own accord, to extend the scope of its competence.

The approval expressed by the Rhineland commission of the measures taken by the French government does not legalize these measures which violate the treaty and likewise does not give a legal title to the illegal ordinance of the Rhineland commission. The approval shows, however, that the commission of the Rhineland commission lets itself be made the tool of French policy. The German government protests also against this violation of the treaty and of right."

Omaha Elected President of Advertising Managers

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 12.—L. H. Wilson of Omaha was elected president of the Midwest Advertising Managers' association at a conference here, called in Arkansas, Iowa, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri. Omaha was represented at the meeting.