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HEADS OF BOTH IRISH CALLED TO LONDON FOR IMPORTANT CONFERENCE

Collins and Craig Summoned by British Government— Shocking Murders at Belfast Have Horrified England and Ireland.

(By The Associated Press.)

LONDON, March 25.—Michael Collins, head of the provisional Irish Free State Government, was reported as preparing to leave Dublin for London this morning in response to the imperial government's invitation to a discussion of the situation growing out of the recent grave events in Ireland.

Nothing had been heard from Sir James Craig, Ulster premier, who was also requested to come, except the statement overnight that he had not yet received the government's message. It was assumed, however, that he would be on hand for the conference, which it is hoped will bring forth some means of restoring order.

The invitation asked the heads of the two Irish governments to bring with them such colleagues as they might deem necessary parties to the discussions. The London morning newspapers comment at length on the situation, especially expressing horror at the savage murders in Belfast of five members of the family of Owen McMahone. They term the tragedy the worst massacre in Ireland since Dublin gunmen slaughtered 14 British officers there in November, 1920.

Latest reports from Belfast say the crime has profoundly shocked the conscience of every decent element of the city, and it is feared more murders will occur as reprisals.

Some of the newspapers which in no wise condone the outrages committed by Southern extremists and contend that the north has given many provocations, roundly denounce the continuance of violence in Belfast. They are disposed to hold the northern government responsible to a great extent for having, as they say, failed to exercise sufficient repressive measures.

LONDON, March 25.—The Colonial office received notification today that Arthur Griffith, president of the Dail Eireann and Eamon J. Duggan, Minister of Home Affairs, would arrive in London on Monday, in compliance with the request of the British government for a conference on the critical Irish situation.

Should the Ulster government accept the invitation to the conference it is expected the conferees will meet here on Tuesday.

BELFAST, March 25.—Gummen were busy again today. Three men ambushed John Beresford, a Protestant and an employe of a morning newspaper. He was wounded twice.

Several men entered the home of a coal hawker in Georges street, East Belfast, set it afire, and then shot a woman and a donkey belonging to the hawker. David Carlisle was stopped in the street by several men who interrogated him regarding his religion. He turned and fled, escaping unhurt, although a shot was fired after him.

BELFAST, March 25.—Premier Sir James Craig today received a telegram from Winston Spencer Churchill, imperial secretary for Colonies, inviting him to a conference in London on the Irish situation. The premier replied that the message would receive the earnest consideration of the northern government and that a further reply would be sent shortly.

The Ulster cabinet has been summoned to meet on Monday for other business, and it is understood Secretary Churchill's invitation will be considered at that time.

A member of the cabinet expressed the belief that unrest caused by the revision of boundary clauses in the Anglo-Irish treaty was responsible for the present disorders in Belfast.

Locals Won and Lost.

The Gastonia high school debating team lost in the debate held here last night to Shelby's team. Misses Annie Blair Anders and Rachel Henderlite represented the affirmative side. Mr. Frank Kincaid and Miss Elizabeth McMillan representing the negative side won from Lincolnton. The Shelby teams won both sides of the debate.

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, fair tonight, warmer in extreme west portion; Sunday increasing cloudiness, probably followed by showers in interior.

Disturbing Elements Put Damper on Stock Exchange

Bonus Legislation, Impending Coal Strike, Labor Disturbances and Tighter Money Had Depressing Effect on Wall Street This Week.

(By The Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, March 25.—Business on the stock exchange during the week fell off moderately from the active and broad movement of the preceding week. With the diminished dealings came an irregular but general reaction of prices.

Causes for the reversal were presented by the confusion attending bonus legislation at Washington, tighter money rates and labor disturbances, of which the impending coal strike was the foremost influence that the industrial conditions were more hopeful, especially as affecting the iron and steel trade. Higher prices for finished and semi-finished products kept pace with a pronounced expansion of output.

MINERS UNION WILL ATTEMPT TO GET 200,000 NON-UNION MINERS TO WALK OUT APRIL 1ST.

Officials Are Bent on Tying Up Entire Coal Producing Power of the Nation—Will Concentrate on Pennsylvania Field Where There Are 100,000 Non-Union Miners—Lewis Confers With President of Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

(By The Associated Press.)

CLEVELAND, O., March 25.—Leaders in the nation-wide coal strike, of union miners, set for April 1, turned attention today toward winning 200,000 non-union miners to the walkout, which seemed assured the United support of half a million union men. Calls for the non-union men to act will be issued in several states early next week, probably on Monday.

The program of striking the non-union fields was decided on by the general policy committee of the United Mine Workers of America, which in concluding its formal meeting here yesterday also affirmed the union's policy of a general suspension of work, with no wage contracts being made for any soft coal district until an agreement had been reached for the central competitive field. Doubt that the policy could long be maintained in some partly unionized fields was expressed by Frank Farrington, the Illinois leader, who voted to support it, but declared the Illinois union would make a contract with operators whenever the strike began to crumble.

In addition to laying plans for extending the strike, the committee meeting was marked by a private conference between John L. Lewis, the miners' international president, and Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. It ended with Mr. Lewis' announcement that Mr. Stone and himself would assist in any way that it can be utilized, but the miners' chief declined to define the nature of the proposed aid, and Mr. Stone refused to make any statement.

Mr. Lewis, who remained here today for conferences with various subordinate leaders in the strike, said he had no other conferences planned with the leaders of the three other "big four" rail brotherhoods, which have headquarters in this city. None of the brotherhoods has yet formally ratified the alliance between unions to oppose wage reductions, and the conference between Mr. Lewis and Mr. Stone was described by Mr. Lewis as a review of the "general situation confronting the mine workers." William Green, secretary-treasurer of the miners, also attended the conference, but none of its participants would say whether the financial questions were discussed.

District union officials remaining here after the committee meeting had conferences today with Mr. Lewis, the principal subject being the conduct of the strike. The union's move to strike the non-union mines will center in Pennsylvania, where there are 100,000 non-union workers. Special organizers of the union are to aid the district union officials in efforts to lead those men from the coal pits. Other non-union fields that are expected to be invaded are West Virginia, Kentucky, Alabama, Colorado, Maryland and Washington.

Union leaders professed their plan of action in the non-union districts was peaceful, and that they had no disorder contemplated and adding that if trouble developed it would be due to the mine guards that the union men said would be employed by operators.

ROY L. VAIL ADDRESSES LOCAL HI-Y CLUB

At their regular weekly meeting this week, the Gastonia Hi-Y Club was addressed by Mr. Roy L. Vail, state boys' work secretary of Charlotte, N. C. The speaker chose his subject from the boys' weekly lesson in Jenk's "Life Questions for High School Boys," which was, Fraternities and Societies. Mr. Vail in a very unusual way developed his topic and drew his points home to each boy's heart in a most unique manner.

The local club will begin soon to organize other local Hi-Y clubs among the undergraduate classes at the high school. Also other out of town speakers will be brought here to deliver addresses to the members.

SENATE MAY COMPLETE THE FOUR POWER PACIFIC TREATY THIS AFTERNOON

League of Nations May Be Asked to Take Control of Straits As Allies Are Unable to Agree to Scheme of Internationalization.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 25.—With the four power Pacific treaty itself ratified by a margin of four votes over the necessary two-thirds, administration leaders hoped to see the Senate action on the pact completed today by ratification of the supplemental treaty reserving purely domestic issues from the scope of the agreement.

Saut off from debate yesterday, however, by the agreement for voting on the treaty, opponents of the four power pact were prepared to renew their assault when the supplemental declaration came up for ratification today. This was called up immediately after the final vote on the four power treaty late yesterday, but consideration was put over until today's session, when Senator Robinson, Democrat, Arkansas, announced that he desired to present and discuss an amendment to the supplemental part. It was understood he would seek to amend the latter so that the island of Sakhalin, occupied by the Japanese, would be excluded from the scope of the four power agreement.

CAPT. STEPHEN B. DOLLEY.



Gastonia Veteran Of The World War Who Delivered An Address In Charlotte Yesterday Before The State Convention Of The Disabled Veterans Of The World War. His Subject Was "The Battle Line of 1918 And That Of Today." Capt. Dolley's Address In Full Appeared In This Morning's Charlotte Observer. Capt. Dolley Is A Candidate For The Democratic Nomination For Solicitor Of This District.

NINE MINERS DEAD NINE MORE MISSING IN COLORADO FIELD

Day Shift of 200 Men Had Just Left Mine Near Trinidad, Col., When Explosion Occurred.

(By The Associated Press.)

TRINIDAD, Colo., March 25.—Nine men are known to have perished and nine others were missing today as a result of an explosion in Sopris Mine No. 2, of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, near here, yesterday afternoon.

Eight of the nine bodies recovered from the mine have been identified. Rescue crews worked all night in efforts to rescue the nine men imprisoned or to recover their bodies.

According to company officials, the 15 dead and missing men were the only ones in the mine when the explosion occurred. The day shift of 200 men had left the mine just a few minutes before the accident, the officials said.

The cause of the explosion has not been learned.

MAY TRY FLIGHT FROM NEW YORK TO SEATTLE IN METAL AIRPLANE

Capt. Amundsen to Make Experimental Flights Prior to Proposed Arctic Trip.

(By The Associated Press.)

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, March 25.—Captain Roald Amundsen, noted Arctic explorer, who returns to New York from a visit to his home in Norway next Tuesday, may attempt to fly from New York to Seattle in one of the metal airplanes recently purchased for his new Polar expedition, it was announced here today by Haskin S. Hammar, Captain Amundsen's agent here.

Captain Amundsen, the discoverer of the South Pole, expects to leave Seattle, June 1, in an effort to drift past the North Pole on the Schooner Maud, which last year was forced to abandon a similar effort because of a broken propeller in the Behring Sea. Mr. Hammar stated that Captain Amundsen had purchased two flying machines to be used in his northern explorations, and that one of them, an all metal plane, capable of carrying nine passengers, would be thoroughly tested by the explorer before being accepted.

Captain Amundsen will make several experimental flights in the vicinity of New York, according to Mr. Hammar, after which he plans to start on his transcontinental flight. Mr. Hammar said Captain Amundsen would be accompanied on the trip by the Norwegian aviators and others of his countrymen whom he had recruited to man the Maud.

CORONER'S PHYSICIAN BELIEVES THAT HARRY SHUFORD WAS FOULY MURDERED

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More than 20 unsuccessful attempts to qualify Senate action by reservations or amendments distasteful to the administration were made by the irremediable element yesterday before the treaty was ratified by the final vote of 67 to 27. The only reservation adopted was the "an alliance" declaration proposed by the Foreign Relations Committee and accepted by President Harding, which carried by a vote of 90 to 2. On the ratification call 12 Democrats voted for the treaty and only four Republicans opposed it.

MOOSE HOME TO BE LOCATED IN SOUTH

National Official of Moose Order Addresses Gastonia Lodge—Chances Are That Linwood May Be Chosen as Site for Home.

(By The Associated Press.)

AN audience estimated at three hundred or more people, including members of the Loyal Order of Moose, heard three very fine addresses at the county courthouse Friday night. Mr. C. M. Austin, of the local bar, in a short but eloquent address, very forcibly presented the merits of the Loyal Order and many expressions of praise and commendation were heard relative to his able effort after the meeting.

Hon. William Trickett Giles, supreme lecturer of the national organization and the most valued advisor of the supreme staff, very clearly and eloquently presented the outstanding features, accomplishments and aims of the Moose movement. Among the many things outlined by Mr. Giles and of local interest was the statement that in the near future Mooseheart homes, similar to Mooseheart, Illinois, were to be established in the West, East and South and that the money for the Home for Aged Moose was now in hand and this home would be built in Dixie. For more than one reason, said the speaker, this home will be located in the South. First, because the climate insures greater comfort; second, it will be more economic, and third, decidedly more pleasant, but, for possibly the greatest reason of all, the South is the sheet anchor and salvation of the Nation and the inmates of such a home in Dixie would imbibe some of the spirit which bore the battles of Cowpens and Kings Mountain. The Moose ask no money and you could not give them an endorsement, said Mr. Giles. "We will need one thousand acres for this home for the individual cottages and five acres for separate homes for our aged members, who by virtue of age and its common affliction have become but thirty per cent efficient, but well able to care for themselves when the opportunity is provided." The speaker said he was returning to Washington directly after last night's meeting and would use all of his official and personal influence in having the National commission visit Gaston county at the earliest possible date and inspect the proposed site of Linwood. Herein lies a magnificent opportunity to secure a National Home of this growing organization now comprising 650,000 of the brain and brawn of American manhood and bring to our county a permanent home that will be a credit and honor to future generations. That the people of the Linwood neighborhood are vitally concerned and interested was attested by the large number in attendance at the meeting and the numerous calls and letters that have been received from the most representative people in the community. Nothing is being heard from Gastonia. Fifty thousand dollars in Linwood bonds are in the city.

In a comedy of errors yesterday, the Gastonia high defeated the high school team from Bessemer City by a score of 25 to 5. The fielding of both teams was exceedingly poor, considering their work in former games this season.

WESTINGHOUSE RADIO PROGRAM FOR TODAY

- Music Program.
Selections.
1. a. Cavalier's Song, Werren-rath.
 - b. My Mammy Knows, De Costa, Fellows Club Quartet.
 2. Reincarnate, Cadmen, Mrs. Etta Rider Dunkle.
 3. a. I'll Forget You, Ernest Ball.
 - b. Molly Bawn (old Irish), Chauncey R. Parsons.
 4. a. She's Mine All Mine, Kalmor.
 - b. Which Hazel, Norworth, Burton H. Mustin.
 5. Sweet, Sweet Lady, Spross, Mrs. Etta Rider Dunkle.
 6. a. Old Uncle Moon, Scott, Quartet.
 - b. Secret, Smith, Fellows Club Quartet.
 7. Le Sylphs Valse, Bachmann, Mrs. Archy L. Ritta.
 8. a. The Virginia Court Judge.
 - b. Mrs. Rastus Johnson on the Telephone, Jack Thompson.
 9. A Birthday, Woodman, Mrs. Etta Rider Dunkle.
 10. a. A Chip of the Old Block, Squires.
 - b. Three for Jack, Squires, Frederick G. Rodgers.
 11. a. I Am Going To Quit Saturday, Cook.
 - b. Enuff, Jacobs, Burton H. Mustin.
 12. a. The Big Bass Viol, Bohannon.
 - b. Sextet nor Lucia, Donizetti, Fellows Club Quartet.

FIVE OCCUPANTS OF FLYING BOAT MISSING

Robert Moore, Pilot of the Miss Miami Picked Up After Clinging to Wreck for Fifty Hours.

(By The Associated Press.)

MIAMI, Fla., March 25.—Robert Moore, pilot of the flying boat Miss Miami, missing since Wednesday morning when the boat left here for the island of Bimini in the British Bahamas, was being brought to Miami today and with his arrival it was expected that information would be obtained as to the fate of the five passengers.

Moore, more dead than alive, was picked up by the Tampa bound steamer William Greene last night about 50 miles off shore and about 100 miles north of Miami. The captain of the steamer immediately reported the finding of Moore and said he apparently was the sole survivor of the accident which frayed the Miss Miami down in the open sea. The passengers aboard the flying boat when she left here for Bimini, a 45-minute flight, were Mr. and Mrs. August Hute and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence K. Smith, all of Kansas City, and Mrs. J. S. Dickson, of Memphis.

Immediately the report of the finding of Moore was received here one of the numerous submarine chasers that have been engaged in the search for the missing boat and those it carried, put out to the steamer and, according to advices received here early today, took Moore off about 9 o'clock this morning.

Moore was unable to give a coherent account of what had happened, the captain of the William Greene wireless to Miami during the night, and the only information that had been obtained was that he had clung to the wreck of the flying boat for more than fifty hours in a heavy sea. The captain described the wrecked plane as green in color and the last to be hoisted here that it had capsized in as much as the wings of the craft were silver gray.

KANSAS CITY, MO., March 25.—A dispatch received here this morning from Miami, Fla. by the milling company headed by August Hute, one of those missing in the wreck of the flying boat Miss Miami, states:

"Pilot rescued; delirious but mumbles 'Passengers gone on.' Feet still hope."

MIAMI, Fla., March 25.—Of the six persons who left here Wednesday for a 45-minute airplane trip to Bimini, the two women died of exhaustion after the flying boat was forced to land owing to a broken propeller; a man and a woman became panic stricken and jumped overboard and were drowned, and a fifth slipped into the sea Thursday morning from sheer exhaustion. Robert Moore, the pilot, and the sixth person on the crew, was picked up by the tanker William Greene after clinging to the wreckage of his machine for 50 hours and was landed here today by the Tampa bound steamer. The submarine chaser 154 arrived in port this morning at 10 o'clock after having transferred the delirious pilot from the William Greene. He was rushed to a hospital, where it was feared the exposure will result in his death.

According to the disconnected story which the exhausted and delirious pilot told during intervals when he was rational, the two women died in his arms from exhaustion, two of the passengers became panic stricken and jumped overboard to their deaths. The surviving male passenger finally slipped quietly into the watery grave Friday morning as a result of sheer exhaustion. The incoherent story of the tragedy was told to the members of the crew by (Continued on page 6.)

PROMINENT YOUNG MAN IS FOUND DEAD IN HIS BED

Until Body Was Examined This Afternoon by Dr. L. N. Glenn Belief Was That Young Gastonia Man, Whose Dead Body Was Found in Bed in His Room at Carroll Hotel, Bessemer City, Shortly Before Noon Had Committed Suicide—Coroner Davis Orders Post Mortem Examination and Body Is Being Brought to Gastonia For That Purpose—No Motive Known for Suicide—Other Men Seen in His Room at 4 O'clock This Morning.

That Harry Shuford, whose dead body was found in bed in his room at the Carroll Hotel, Bessemer City, at 10:45 o'clock this morning did not commit suicide but that he may have been killed and his body placed in the bed is the belief expressed this afternoon by Coroner's Physician L. N. Glenn, of this city.

It was 2 o'clock this afternoon when Coroner W. N. Davis and Dr. Glenn reached Bessemer City from Gastonia. Up to that time the body of young Shuford had not been touched. He was lying on his right side. On turning his body over and examining the right side Dr. Glenn found that the entire side of his face was covered with clotted blood. This was washed off and it was then discovered that, instead of one bullet hole in his temple, there was also a jagged cut, half an inch or more in length, which had apparently been made by some blunt instrument. It was discovered also that the skull had been crushed, this having been done presumably by the blow he is believed to have received at the hands of some unknown party. Coroner Davis ordered the body brought to Gastonia and that a post mortem examination be made this afternoon. Dr. Glenn is quoted as saying that, from the examination made and the things it revealed, he did not believe Shuford could have inflicted this wound upon himself.

Since the above discovery was made some credence is given to a story told this morning by a man living nearby to the effect that about 4 o'clock this morning he saw a light in Shuford's room and saw several men there. His story was discovered this morning when it was first told.

M. Harry Shuford, aged 30, son of the late ex-Sheriff Martin H. Shuford and one of Gastonia's best known young men, was found dead in bed in his room at the Carroll hotel, Bessemer City, with a bullet hole in his temple, at 10:45 o'clock this morning. The body was discovered by Mr. Palmer, proprietor of the hotel, who had come to see why young Shuford had not gone to his office at the McLean Mills.

A fruitless search was made in his room for some note or message that might throw some light on his death but none was found. His family and friends attribute his rash act to a sudden fit of melancholia from which he had suffered at intervals since his return from the World War. His financial affairs were known to have been in excellent condition. He was to have been married on April 20th to Miss Ruth Enser, of Mount Holly, the announcement of the approaching marriage having been made some time ago. The only circumstance which lends any suspicion at all to a theory that the act was premeditated was that yesterday afternoon he paid several accounts in Bessemer City, which he was not accustomed to settle until the first of the month. Among these was his hotel bill and his account at the Bessemer City drug store.

When parties entered Shuford's room at 10:45 o'clock this morning after having been asked over the phone if he knew why the latter had not gone to the mill office, he found the young man's body in bed with his head covered. Near his head was a Colt's automatic .25 and there was a powder burn on his right temple. The bullet was under the skin of the left jaw. The door was locked from the inside and everything in the room was in its usual order. Just when the shot was fired it not known as no one in the hotel heard it. A man living near the hotel states that he happened to be up at 4 o'clock this morning and noticed a light burning in Shuford's room. The light was not burning when the room was entered by the hotel manager.

Mr. Shuford was in Gastonia yesterday afternoon and evening and met and talked to numbers of his friends. All of these say that he was apparently in the best of spirits. He called at the home of Mr. A. A. McLean on South York street at 6 o'clock. He and Mr. Robert McLean were especially close friends and were to have had a double

wedding on April 20th. During the afternoon he purchased a new Essex car from the Scott Motor Company, paying cash for it. He was in a local barber shop at 7 o'clock and talked to friends in his usual happy vein. At 11 o'clock he parked his car at the mill office in Bessemer City, took off a spare tire and put in the office and went into the mill where he talked to several of the operatives. From there it is supposed that he went to his room at the hotel. He was not seen after leaving the mill office.

When the call to arms came to American young Shuford enlisted in Captain Cherry's company here. After going to camp he was transferred to the 27th Division (New York). Overseas he attended an officer's training school, was commissioned a first lieutenant and placed in command of a company of infantry. He saw active service on the Hindenburg line and at Bellecourt. Since returning from the war he had held a responsible position with the McLean Mills at Bessemer City.

Decensed is survived by two brothers and three sisters, namely: Mr. Sam S. Shuford, Miss Lowry Shuford, Mrs. George W. Wilson and Mrs. R. M. Reid, of Gastonia, and Mr. J. Oscar Shuford, of Lincolnton. His father, the late Sheriff Shuford, died several years ago.

News of his tragic death brought a great shock to his large circle of friends here. He was greatly liked by all who knew him.

DARDANELLES AGAIN IS BIG BONE OF CONTENTION

Administration Leaders Think Supplemental Treaty Reserving Purely Domestic Issues from Scope of Agreement Will Go Through Today.

(By The Associated Press.)

PARIS, March 25.—The League of Nations is likely to be asked to take control of the Dardanelles, it has become known despite the secrecy with which the Allied foreign ministers have veiled their deliberations here. The rivalry between France and Great Britain in the near east and the constant friction which has existed between them at Constantinople are pointed to in international political circles here as showing the practical impossibility of applying any scheme of internationalization to the straits that would suit all the Allies.

For that reason Premier Poincare, the Marquis Curzon, British Foreign Secretary, and the Italian Foreign Minister, M. Schanzer, have discussed the eventuality of asking the League to relieve them of this burden.

SENATE COMMITTEE LEAVES FOR MUSCLE SHOALS, ALA.

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 25.—Members of the Senate agriculture and the House military committees were preparing for the departure tonight on two special cars for a personal inspection of the Government's power and nitrate projects at Muscle Shoals and Gorgas, Ala.

Ten House committee members had definitely decided to make the trip included Representative Hall, Iowa; Kearns, Ohio; James, Michigan; Miller, Washington; Parker, New Jersey; and Wurzbach, Texas; Republicans; Quinn, Mississippi; Fisher, Tennessee; Wright, Georgia; and Stoll, South Carolina. Democrats. Representative Miller had an engagement to speak tonight in Cleveland, O., and planned to join his colleagues later in Alabama.

In addition to the committee members, Representatives Alma, of Alabama, in whose district the Muscle Shoals properties are located, and Oliver, of Alabama, announced they would go as ex-officio members of the party.

SWIMMING POOL PLANNED FOR DAWSON

(By The Associated Press.)
DAWSON, Ga., March 18.—The local post of the American Legion began its drive for necessary funds to erect a swimming pool with great success today. Girls of the city have had the selling of the season tickets under their supervision and from their report practically the whole town will be swimming this summer.