

AMBUSH REPRISALS RAZE HOMES OF IRISH SUSPECTS

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Former Advisor to Wilhelm Stricken Suddenly at His Country Estate. He Recently Concluded Revision of War Diary; Broken in Spirit, Said.

Berlin, Jan. 2.—Dr. Theobald von Bethmann-Hollweg, former German imperial chancellor, died Saturday night after a brief illness on his estate at Hohenfinow near Berlin.

Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg was apparently in good health until Wednesday. He spent Christmas as usual with his family, but contracted a cold which developed into acute pneumonia. His condition became steadily worse and his private physician was summoned from Berlin, but the former chancellor had already become unconscious and never regained consciousness, dying late Saturday night.

Lost One Son in War. His wife died in 1914, and he lost his eldest son in the war. He is survived by a daughter, Countess Zech, wife of the secretary of the Prussian legation at Munich, and a son Felix, a student at Berlin.

Of the last of his frequent visits to Berlin, in mid-November, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg was seen walking in Unter den Linden, but the once stalwart figure was no longer upright, and few pedestrians recognized in the stooped figure and careworn face the former imperial chancellor.

Von Bethmann-Hollweg recently concluded the revision of the final proofs for the second volume of his war diary, which is announced for early publication.

Opposed U-Boat Warfare. One of the most prominent activities of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg in international affairs and German national life, was his testimony in 1919 as a witness before the national assembly committees investigating responsibility for the war.

His testimony brought out that he had originally opposed the submarine warfare and had issued warnings not to underestimate America's strength in the conflict.

One of the most famous utterances during the war was that concerning "a scrap of paper" as regarded the treaty guaranteeing the neutrality of Belgium.

"Scrap of Paper." "I found the chancellor very much agitated," said Sir Edward after writing of the interview. "His excellency at once began a harangue which lasted about 20 minutes. He said the step taken by his majesty's government was terrible to a degree. Just for a word—'neutrality'—a word which in war times had so often been disregarded—just for a scrap of paper—Great Britain was going to make war on a kindred nation which desired nothing more than to be friends with her."

Sir Edward replied in effect that he understood the chancellor's inability to comprehend the British action, but that Great Britain attached importance to the "scrap of paper" because it bore her signature as well as that of Germany.

"Our troops have occupied Luxembourg and perhaps have also found it necessary to enter Belgian territory," he said, on August 4, 1914. "That is contrary to international law. We know, however, that France was ready to invade Belgium. France could invade our lower Rhine flank, which would prove fatal."

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D'ANNUNZIO SPURNS WAR MEDALS Will Return Valor Badges to King of Italy TURNS BACK ON HIS NATIVE LAND

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Delegates from the Fiume council did their utmost to induce General Cavaglia, in command of Italian government troops in Dalmatia, to allow the poet-soldier to leave Fiume at the head of his legionaries, but the general sternly refused.

Exchange of prisoners taken during the fighting at Fiume began Saturday. 163 regulars being returned, and 100 legionaries being maintained in the city by special police organized by the national council of Fiume at once. The provisional government is expected to hold a new election as soon as order has been restored.

The poet's son, tried to enter Fiume Friday. He was discovered by regular forces, who turned him back, threatening arrest of his tried to evade guards sent with him.

The provisional government of Fiume began disarmament of the legionaries Saturday, and the regulars entered the city Saturday night to collect arms taken from the soldiers.

All the poet's ships left the harbor of Fiume Sunday, and will be taken to Pola. Within five days none of D'Annunzio's troops, with whom he has held Fiume against the world for 16 months, will remain, and all arms in the city will be turned over to Italy.

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A man came through the door. He felt something pressing against his ribs and heard an order: "Behave, now, keep your hands up and sit down in that chair."

He obeyed. Miss Miller called her sister, who blew a police whistle. Police came. Miss Miller sighed, sank in a chair, and tossed a silver spoon on the table.

The man, who said he was Michael Amio, of Danville, N. Y., was held in \$2,500 bail on a technical charge of burglary.

At breakfast time Miss Miller called at the police station, requesting to buy food for the prisoner. "I want him to be given the best of treatment," she said.

But Amio partook of jail fare.

King Constantine Holding Audiences, Puts Queen at Work

Athens, Jan. 2.—King Constantine has begun the holding of audiences. Queen Sophie, acting for Constantine, bestowed his first decoration on a foreigner, the Italian newspaper correspondent, Suggianini, who has been conducting the royal propaganda in Italy.

The Paris declaration Premier Gounaris has been unable to maintain his desire to protect the followers of M. Venizelos in their offices. The newspaper also asserts that coalition parties in Greece will be impossible when the families of the Venizelists have been compelled to flee from the country.

Mule and Dynamite There With a Kick, Stable Boss Dead

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Houses of the following were destroyed between the hours of 3 and 6 p. m., January 1: John O'Shea, Paul McCarthy, and Edward Casey, Midleton; Samuel Cotter and a Mr. Donagan, Ballydam, and Michael Dorgan and a Mr. Ahern, Knockgriffin.

A notice was handed to each of the above persons stating why the houses were destroyed. Each resident was given an hour to remove valuables but no furniture and the houses were then destroyed. Nothing apart from the houses and the furniture was destroyed.

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Any person knowing others to possess arms or ammunition must report the act immediately or render themselves liable to prosecution, Major General Sir Edward Strickland, commanding troops in Munster, announced Sunday in a notice issued here. It is also forbidden to assist rebels in any way, by providing them with food, clothing, vehicles or shelter.

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The people are warned they must not fail to report the rebels and their movements without the slightest delay. Appearance before a military court is the alternative, the notice states, adding that an attitude of neutrality inconsistent with the position of the locality is punishable. It declares persons who do not do their utmost to prevent damage to government property will be dealt with severely in person and in estate.

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