

WAVE OF MURDER SWEEPS ULSTER

Nine Killed; Father and Three Sons Slain as Mother Looked On

TENSION IS INCREASED

Report Thirty Thousand Men Enrolled in Constabulary for Immediate Service

BELFAST, March 24.—A red wave of murder, in which at least nine men were killed, rolled through Ulster province today. Following the killing of Owen McMahon, a Catholic saloonkeeper, three of his sons and another male member of the household, while Mrs. McMahon pleaded with the assassins for mercy, news was received here of the violent death of three more men in the same county. The slain men were killed in a battle with Orangemen.

Whole Family Obliterated.
The murder of McMahon was believed to be in reprisal for the shooting of Orangemen and police. It is feared that this is only the beginning of reprisal murders in Belfast. A band of armed men broke into McMahon's home shortly after midnight. The victims were dragged from their beds and lined up against the wall.

Mrs. McMahon, sobbing and wringing her hands, rushed into the room and knelt before the leader, pleading with him to spare her husband and boys. The leader gruffly told her to keep quiet and the shooting began.

Four of the men were shot to death but a fourth son and a brother, who roomed at the house, were only wounded. The bartender died later from his wounds.

McMahon was a Roman Catholic and was evidently suspected of giving active support to the Sinn Fein movement in Ulster.

Reserves Called Out.
Reserves of the Ulster constabulary have been called out. Firing is in progress along the frontier.

It was learned this afternoon that the armed men who nearly annihilated the McMahon family attempted later to raid a hospital but were driven off.

Bands held up a freight train at Armagh and looted it. A detachment of heavily-armed men attacked the royal Irish constabulary barracks at Strabane, County Tyrone, but was beaten off. William A. Campbell, a municipal corporation official, was shot to death this morning.

LONDON, March 24.—Thirty thousand men are reported to have been enrolled in the Ulster special constabulary for service against the Irish Free State troops along the southern Ulster frontier, according to the Westminster Gazette today. Late advices said that while there had been no further pitched battles, sniping continues all along the front.

The government has begun an investigation of a sensational speech at Belfast by Lady Craig, wife of Sir James Craig, premier of the Unionist government of Ulster. Lady Craig said she had been informed by a London friend that 15,000 men in London were ready to take up arms in defense of Ulster.

RESIDENCE IS PADLOCKED

Police Chief Charges House at 314 South Norfolk Place of H-Famer. A restraining order against the house at 314 South Norfolk place was issued Friday by District Judge Valjean Biddison on application of the county attorney. The court's ruling orders that the house be placed under padlock and key at once, pending a hearing on a temporary injunction. The county at-

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Expedition to Patagonia, After Prehistoric Beast, Well Prepared for Task

By the Associated Press.

BUENOS AIRES, March 23.—Elaborate arrangements for the capture or destruction of the aurochs, a creature reported to have been seen in an Andean lake have been made by the expedition which left tonight (Thursday) for Patagonia under the auspices of the Buenos Aires zoological garden.

The members of the party are all armed, carrying elephant rifles and lassos. A quantity of explosives also is being taken to mine the lake and thus scare out the monster—be it pleistocaurus, glyptodon or megatherium as variously reported.

The zoo's taxidermist is taking along embalming materials for use in case the beast is killed. Another item of the outfit is a gasoline motor with which to propel

the boat to be constructed on the shores of the lake.

Professor Oneill, director of the zoo, who organized the expedition has directed that, if it fails to find the animal after six weeks' search, the party shall proceed to other parts of Patagonia. He said to the correspondent:

"I am laughed at, but I am convinced that some large, strange animals exist in Patagonia. When Theodore Roosevelt visited Argentina he was presented with a fragment of hide picked up in Patagonia with long hair still attached to it. The hide was a half-inch thick and curiously reinforced beneath the surface with tiny rods of bone. It must have belonged to some huge animal recently alive. What was it?"

torney filed the application of Chief of Police George Blaine, who said that the place is conducted as a house of ill-fame.

Mrs. Britton is named as owner of the house. In the petition for the padlocking order it is alleged that numerous parties have gathered at the house for immoral purposes. Chief Blaine says that this is the first move to be made against "questionable" places in the residential district. The strict campaign carried on against the room-

ing houses has driven undesirable into the residential district, according to the chief, who says that such places will be locked up as rapidly as evidence is secured.

Not His Fault.
A Bradstreet man was taking a Smith Center man's financial statement the other day, says the Pioneer, and the inquirer asked, "Owe any at the bank?"
"No, damnit, they won't let me!" replied the local man, fiercely.

NARROW MARGIN APPROVES PACT; COUNT 67 TO 27

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Ohio, Randolph, Louisiana, Tennessee, Florida; Underwood, Alabama; Williams, Mississippi.

Democrats voting against ratification: Ashurst, Arizona; Calkins, Arkansas; Culberson, Texas; Gorry, Rhode Island; Glass, Virginia; Harris, Georgia; Harvink, Mississippi; Hefflin, Alabama; Hittlercock, Nebraska; King, Utah; Overman, North Carolina; Pittman, Nevada; Reed, Missouri; Robinson, Arkansas; Shepard, Texas; Shields, Tennessee; Simmons, North Carolina; Smith, South Carolina; Stanley, Kentucky; Swanson, Virginia; Walsh, Massa-

chusetts; Walsh, Montana, and Watson, Georgia. Total 23.

Among republicans voting for ratification were:

Cameron, Arizona; Capper, Kansas; Cunniffe, Iowa; Curtis, Kansas; Edge, New Jersey; Harrell, Oklahoma; Jones, Washington; Kofoid, Minnesota; Leavitt, Wisconsin; Lodge, Massachusetts; McCort, Illinois; New, Indiana; Newberry, Michigan; Nicholson, Colorado; Norris, Nebraska; Pepper, Pennsylvania; Phillips, Colorado; Poindestee, Washington; Rutherford, West Virginia; Wadsworth, New York; Watson, Indiana.

Two Senators Absent.

The absentees were Crowe, republican, Pennsylvania, and Jones, democrat, New Mexico, both of whom would have voted for ratification if they had been present. It was announced.

Fernald, republican of Maine, was paired with Jones, democrat of New Mexico (absent), as both were in

favor of ratification. Fernald voted. Crowe was not paired.

They were not paired.

The solid hours of reservations, amendments and the articles of the treaty preceded the final vote, which was on a resolution of ratification.

Reservations offered by Reed, democrat of Missouri; Johnson, republican of California; Shields, democrat of Tennessee, and others were voted down with regularity.

It took only a majority to defeat the reservations, whereas it took two-thirds of those present and voting to ratify.

The voting was carried out in a brilliant setting. Crowded galleries looked down on the senate "pill" while the voting progressed. In them were leading figures of the official and diplomatic life of the capital and many women, including Mrs. Harding, who followed every move with close attention.

One newly discovered iron ore deposit in Switzerland is estimated to contain 22,000,000 tons of ore and another 15,000,000.

WIDOW WHIPS YOUNG BURGLAR

Oklahoma City Woman Catches Intruder Robbing Cafe—Nabs Him.

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 24.—When Mrs. Alton J. Beaton, a widow, came to her restaurant here early today to open for business, she found a young man pilfering the contents of the cash drawer. The young man sought safety in flight, but Mrs. Beaton caught him as he came through the door. A lively fight ensued and when two policemen arrived several minutes later with a patrol wagon Mrs. Beaton had the young man's bloody nose almost hidden in the dust and was sitting outside his back.

SET NEW GAS RATE HEARINGS

Corporation Commission Will Hear Kicks in Gaslaw District.

MIAMI, March 24.—Members of the Oklahoma corporation commission will hold hearings in northeast Oklahoma towns affected by recent increased gas rates effective April

1 before making the final order, it was learned here today. The commission will be at Bartlesville March 27 and Miami March 29. A notice issued by the commission states that all cities supplied by the Quaspar Gas company will be visited.

Mathers Will Make Test Of 1921 Good Road Law

ARDMORE, March 24.—James H. Mathers, county attorney, announced this morning that he had filed a second brief with the supreme court in the case of Errett Dunlap versus Carier, county commissioner, testing the validity of the 1921 good road law. This is the first suit of the kind filed under the new law and Mathers is advised that the validity of bonds totaling \$6,000,000 in the state are involved in this opinion.

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