

SEVEN MEN PUT TO DEATH FOR TRAIN WRECKS

Irish Free State Government Carried Out Sentence of Death Imposed By Court Martial After Hearing, Men Executed in Dublin

WERE MEMBERS OF REPUBLICAN ARMY, 'TIS SAID

The Men Were Found in a House Where Stolen Goods, Rifles and Ammunition Were Revealed—Their Activities Were in County Kildare

Dublin, Dec. 19 (By the Associated Press).—Four railway men and three laborers were executed here this morning for interference with trains in County Kildare.

The seven men executed were captured Nov. 13 by free state troops in a house, the location of which is unknown. With them a quantity of stolen goods, rifles and ammunition was found.

The men were tried by a military committee and sentenced to death on the charge of train wrecking.

The sentence was carried out at 8:30 this morning.

The men executed are reported to have been members of the republican army.

The official army report of the executions gives the names of the men as Stephen White and Patrick Dugan, of Kildare, laborers; Joseph Johnston and Patrick Mangan, of Kildare, railway workers; James O'Connor of Banaha, Tipperary; and Patrick Nolan of Rathfride, railway workers; and Brian Moore of Rathfride, laborer.

They were arrested with a number of others at Rathfride, in County Kildare, says the official report, which states that they were found guilty by a military committee of possessing, without proper authority, ten rifles, 400 rounds of ammunition, four bombs with detonators and one exploder.

To-day's executions make a total of 19 by the free state in a little more than a month. The previous executions were:

Nov. 17, James Fisher, Peter Cassidy, Richard Tuohy and John Guffney, Dublin republicans, shot for having revolvers in their possession.

Nov. 20, Erskine Childers, chief lieutenant of Eamon De Valera, executed for having had an automatic pistol in his possession.

Nov. 30, Joseph Spooner, Patrick Farrelly and John Murphy, executed for armed participation in a bomb attack.

Dec. 8, Rory O'Connor, Liam Melowes, Joseph McKelvey and Richard Barrett, executed for the Hales assassination.

Train wrecking, the tearing up of railway tracks and the blowing up of bridges has been practiced on a large scale by republican sympathizers in Ireland since the irregulars began their operations. This has badly disorganized the railway system and hurt trade, dispatches frequently telling of communication between Dublin and Belfast or between other important points in south Ireland being cut off.

To-day's drastic action aimed at the interference with train operation was under the blanket measure passed by the Dail Eireann last fall giving authority to suppress disorder. Previous executions have been in connection with the use or possession of arms, except that the last infliction of capital punishment, on Dec. 8, when Rory O'Connor, Liam Melowes and two other republican leaders were executed.

NOT CORROBORATED. Report that De Valera Had Been Captured by Free State.

London, Dec. 19.—A report circulated in Paris last night that Eamon De Valera had been captured by Irish Free State authorities lacked corroboration here to-day.

It was believed that the report which was printed in a Parisian newspaper may have grown out of a Dublin dispatch appearing here yesterday which said De Valera had narrowly escaped arrest while attending mass in the Catholic University church, Dublin inasmuch as he left the church just before troops arrived.

FAINING DUE TO OVERWORK. Sarah Bernhardt, 78, Had Been Most Enthusiastic.

Paris, Dec. 19. (By the Associated Press).—Sarah Bernhardt's fainting spell which came at the close of a rehearsal yesterday afternoon, was brought about by overwork, in the opinion of her friends. The great actress had just returned from a long and tiring tour of Italy. Not only was she 78 years old, she was pruned wholeheartedly into preparation for the presentation of "Sala Gaitry," a new play "Le Sujet de Rome" which was to have had its premiere last night.

One of the actress's close friends, who saw her late in the evening, reported her as much better.

CORRECTS SEN. CAPPER PAPER

Chairman Lasker Says It Gives Inaccuracies About Shipping Bill

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—The accuracy of the statements made in the questionnaire sent out by Capper's Weekly, published by Senator Capper, Republican, of Kansas, head of the farm bloc, to ascertain public sentiment on the administration shipping bill is questioned by Chairman Lasker of the shipping board in a letter received to-day by Senator Capper.

In his letter, made public by the shipping board, Mr. Lasker told the senator that whatever "may be your position upon the pending ship subsidy bill, I am sure you do not desire the readers of your paper to reach their conclusions upon either inadequate or erroneous statements. "Because the statements in the circular of the organ controlled by you are not accurate and are wholly at variance with the facts," the letter continued, "I feel it my duty to you, to myself and to the people we both represent to give you the facts and thus enable you to correct the erroneous impression your publication has created. You certainly would not wish, and I certainly could not permit, any part of your paper to be misled concerning the provisions of the ship subsidy bill or the facts surrounding it."

Mr. Lasker questioned particularly statements in the questionnaire that the government intended to sell its war-built merchant fleet to sell its merchant fleet for approximately \$200,000,000 planned to "lend \$125,000,000 to recondition the ships or build others," and then would pay out about \$75,000,000 in subsidies and aids to ship owners during the next ten years.

Mr. Lasker said he challenged any one to find where the shipping board ever had proposed to sell its merchant fleet for \$200,000,000.

HOUSE PASSES NAVAL BILL

Carrying Appropriation of \$325,000,000, 86,000 Force.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—The naval appropriation bill carrying a total of \$325,000,000, stood up precisely as framed by Chairman Kelley's subcommittee, and provides for an enlisted naval force of 86,000, the same as last year.

There was a flurry of talk over the provisions under which the president is asked to negotiate with Great Britain, Japan, France and Italy, but in the end an effort to change the language was dropped in the face of overwhelming opposition to any alteration whatever.

An amendment to strike out the section offered by Representative Logan, Democrat, South Carolina, was defeated and finally Representative Lineberger, California, withdrew his amendment, "suggesting to the president the desirability of entering into further negotiations with other powers as soon as he may deem it practicable."

HUNDREDS OF LIVES WERE ENDANGERED

When New Haven Railroad Train Was Derailed South of Boston—No One Was Badly Hurt.

Boston, Dec. 19.—The main lines of the two railroads entering this city from the south—the New York, New Haven and Hartford and the Boston & Albany—were badly shaken by accidents at the same time last night, were operating again to-day.

It was not until this morning that the New Haven completed repairs to the roadbed at Hyde Park where a Boston-Providence-New London express was derailed, although partial service was that point was restored during the night. The Boston & Albany tracks under the Beacon street bridge, where the bursting of a 42-inch water main flooded the roadway and washed away a section of the bridge were tested and found able to carry the traffic after the water had been drained into Muddy River.

It appeared to-day that there would be no fatality as a result of either accident, notwithstanding that there were more than 300 persons on the crowded New Haven express train. Miss Josephine Hadisch of North Bergen, N. J., most seriously hurt, was reported on the road to recovery.

Investigation of the derailment, still incomplete, was said officially to indicate that it was due to a broken rail.

NO TRACE OF BANDITS

Who Stole \$200,000 in Front of Denver Mint.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 19.—Hours of searching and the questioning of 16 persons at police headquarters had failed to-day to reveal any trace of the identity of the bandits who yesterday robbed a federal reserve bank trunk of \$200,000 after a gun fight in front of the United States mint here in which Charles T. Linton, one of the guards on the trucks, was wounded fatally.

BOONSTRA FOUND

Missing Airplane Operator Was Four Miles from Wrecked Plane.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 19.—Air mail pilot Henry G. Boonstra, missing since last Friday, when he became lost in a blizzard on route to Rock Springs, Wyo., has been found at the Righty ranch four miles southeast of where his wrecked plane was discovered yesterday, according to advices received by mail officials here to-day.

MOROCCAN FIRED CONSTANTLY

And Bettered Their Position Against the Spaniards.

PROSECUTION IS ASKED FOR

By Boston Finance Commission After Hearing on Realty Deal

POSSIBLE CRIME IS INTIMATED

In Purchase of North End Synagogue for Playground

Boston, Dec. 19.—The municipal finance commission to-day presented to the district attorney of Suffolk county as evidence, which seemed to show that a crime might have been committed, a copy of the testimony at the public hearings in the graft charges in connection with the city council's passage of a loan order for purchase of a North End synagogue for playground purposes.

This evidence included testimony introduced in support of charges that four councilmen had changed their votes, that the Congregation Beth Israel, which owned the synagogue set aside \$10,000 to put the deal through. It appeared in testimony also that John J. Gartland, former state senator, was given \$4,000 of this amount. His explanation of this sum was which he disposed of this sum was said by counsel for the commission at the hearings to be unsatisfactory. One witness testified that President Isaac Heller of the congregation said that "every one at city hall from the Oden Hagodol down had to be taken care of." Other witnesses testified that the term Oden Hagodol might be broadly translated to mean the big chief, or the mayor.

Heller, recalled to the stand toward the close of the investigation, denied having made such an assertion.

Copies of the report of the commission were transmitted to Governor Cox, the Senate and House of Representatives, Mayor Curley and the city council. The committee reviewed the investigation briefly and forwarded copies of the stenographic report of the hearings.

The commission's report recited the action of President David J. Brickley of the council in voting against the purchase of the site by the city and later introducing an order for \$70,000 to buy the synagogue, which was passed unanimously.

GUNFIRE ON NEW YORK STREET

Fifteen Shots in One Expulsion and Another Soon Broke Out.

New York, Dec. 19.—Two gun fights, believed by authorities to have been the outgrowth of a bootlegger feud, occurred last night on the fringe of Chinatown just two blocks from police headquarters.

The first round of fifteen shots brought a squad of police to Mott street, where they found Charles Palmer, of Brooklyn, wounded. They had arrested Joseph Bellanora, when a fusillade rang out from across the street in the rear of the crowd which had gathered to witness the fray.

Police braved the cross fire and captured James Bellanora, younger brother of the first prisoner.

FOUR BARN BURNED

In Three Pennsylvania Counties, Bringing Total Since October Up to 36.

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—Four barns were destroyed by fire early to-day in Montgomery and Chester counties. The fires were all within a radius of twenty miles. In at least two instances there was evidence of incendiarism. State policemen in large force are combing the roads in search of "barn burners" now believed to be an organized band.

The first round of fifteen shots brought the total number of barns in Montgomery, Chester and Delaware counties to thirty-six since early October. The monetary loss now totals about \$400,000.

BOSTON ROUND-UP

GATHERED IN SEVEN

Police Will Make Nightly Drives Because of Many Holdup Hold-ups and One Murder.

Boston, Dec. 19.—Seven men were taken into custody in a round-up of suspicious characters by police last night and early to-day. The driver against criminal suspects is being made in an attempt to curb the series of hold-ups which, to date, have included one murder.

The drive will continue nightly, it was announced at police headquarters.

THREE ENGINES DAMAGED

When Boston & Albany Roundhouse at Palmer, Mass., Was Damaged.

Palmer, Mass., Dec. 19.—Fire which broke out in the roundhouse of the Ware River railroad, a branch of the Boston & Albany, at about 5 a. m. to-day burned off the roof of the structure and badly damaged three locomotives stored within. Railroad men were unable to remove the engines because of the intense heat. The damage is estimated at \$5,000 but this figure may be increased when the damaged engines are taken to the shops for repairs.

MOROCCAN FIRED CONSTANTLY

And Bettered Their Position Against the Spaniards.

London, Dec. 19.—The Moroccan tribesmen throughout Sunday kept up a constant rifle and cannon fire against the Spaniards and improved their position at Tizi-Az, westward of Dar Quasudane, near Anual, according to a dispatch to the Times from Madrid. Three Spaniards were killed and 14 wounded.

CHARGE GRANT WITH MURDER

Boston Police Claim They Have Definite Evidence on Him

AS ONE OF SLAYERS OF GEO. A. WILLIS

Man With Crooked Nose Has Not Yet Been Identified

Boston, Dec. 19.—The murder of George A. Willis, superintendent of messengers for the Boston News Bureau, in a payroll robbery in the business district last Friday, was formally charged against Webster U. Grant of Uxbridge and an unnamed companion to-day. Warrants for the arrest of Grant, who is a state prison convict on parole, and "Joe Doe" on charges of murder were issued in the municipal court at the request of police officials who said they had definitely connected Grant with the killing, but had not yet identified the man with a crooked nose who is described only as his companion.

According to the police, an employe of the Boston bureau recognized Grant from a photograph as a man he had seen about the place of the murder Friday afternoon. Search for Grant was proceeding here and in Uxbridge, where the automobile was found abandoned near the fair grounds. In it was a pistol of the same calibre as that used in the killing of Willis.

The South End was searched by police in an effort to obtain trace of Grant or his alleged companion, or of a girl with whom Grant was intimate.

Police Chief James Fisher of Uxbridge and members of his force have scoured the woods and surrounding territory of that town in an effort to find Grant, who was said to have been seen in Uxbridge Friday night.

Circulars bearing a description and photograph of Grant were sent broadcast by Boston authorities. The circulars also offer 1,000 for his capture. Officials claim that Grant has been identified as a man who had from this city to Uxbridge in a stolen car late Friday.

BULLET HIT TWO MEN AND CAUSED PANIC

Yale Student Dropped Suitcase to Greet Friend and Weapon Was Discharged in South Station.

Boston, Dec. 19.—Two men were accidentally shot and a mild panic was caused among commuters at the South station when an automatic pistol in the suitcase of a temporary railway mail clerk was accidentally discharged, struck Allen W. Tracey of Canton and Philip W. Sheehan of Mansfield, gate tenders. Neither was seriously hurt.

The accident occurred when Anson H. Richards, a student at Yale, who is to work on the mails during the holiday rush, dropped his suitcase to greet a friend. Persons nearby fled, thinking a holdup was in progress.

STORM HELD LINER OUTSIDE

The Berengaria's Captain Didn't Dare to Take Chance.

Cherbourg, Dec. 19.—A violent storm compelled the liner Berengaria from New York Dec. 11 for Cherbourg and Southampton, to remain off shore near this port throughout the night to insure her safety.

Major General George H. Harries and Mrs. Harries, who wished to board the Berengaria on their way to London, ventured out at midnight during the height of the storm on board a French admiralty cutter. The trip was a dangerous one, the cutter being badly buffeted and some of her windows blown out; but she finally made the Berengaria safely and place General and Mrs. Harries on board.

SEEK MISSING FISHERMAN

Wallace King of Portland Was Caught By Snowstorm at Sea.

Rockland, Me., Dec. 19.—Search was being made to-day off this port for Wallace King of Portland, formerly of Bass Harbor, fisherman in a dory whom the Portland schooner Albert W. Black was unable to pick up when caught Sunday morning by a snowstorm about five miles south, southwest of Matineux rock.

King had neither food nor water and, with the temperature far below the freezing point, fishermen felt that he had little chance to survive unless picked up by some passing vessel.

News Briefs from Abroad

Rome, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Virginia Campbell, mother of Princess Di San Faustino, who was Miss Jane Campbell of New York, died yesterday, aged 85.

Rome, Dec. 19.—The house at Pieve de Cadore in which the great painter Titian was born, has been proclaimed a national monument by the government, as has the birthplace of the poet and dramatist, Count Vittorio Alfieri, at Asti.

Vienna, Dec. 19.—Austria's first crematorium has been declared open by the Socialist governor of Vienna despite the supreme court's injunction issued to the Christian Social government. Nevertheless in obedience to a decree dated 1784 and signed by Emperor Joseph II enacting that "the dead shall be buried," the authorities have refrained from ordering bodies awaiting cremation burned; they were buried, pending removal of the injunction.

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ANOTHER W. BERLIN SUIT.

George A. Stevens Claims \$2,000 Damages from Central Vermont.

Another case involving an accident at the Riverton crossing of the Central Vermont railway was entered in Washington county court yesterday. The plaintiff in this case is George A. Stevens, who seeks \$2,000 damages for breakage and replacement and loss of use of his automobile, which was struck by a Central Vermont locomotive on the crossing on Aug. 1 last.

Personal injuries do not enter into this case, as it did in the case of David P. Lefebvre against the Central Vermont, arising out of the death of his wife in an automobile driven by George Bardis of Northfield, which was struck on the Riverton crossing last June. In the Lefebvre case, damages of \$13,533.20 were given by a jury when the case was tried last fall.

In the specifications of the Stevens case, it is alleged that there was a high hill and bank of earth at the southerly corner of the crossing, completely obstructing the view in a southerly direction along the track from the westerly side. The crossing was "all unsafe and very dangerous," it is claimed.

At the time of the accident, the night of Aug. 1, it is claimed that the locomotive involved was traveling at the rate of 50 miles an hour, and that its light did not light up the crossing until it was immediately thereon. The bell was not rung and the whistle was not blown at a distance of 80 rods from the crossing, it is alleged. Owing to the "excessive" speed of the train, it was impossible for it to slow down or stop after the plaintiff should have been observed to be in danger, the plaintiff claims. It is further claimed that the company failed to keep a proper lookout and failed to protect the crossing by flagman, signal or other warning.

The locomotive struck the automobile, it is claimed, overturning it, and making it necessary to replace the body, wheels, guards, rims, top and other parts.

These parts, with the windshield, were lost, it is claimed, and the plaintiff lost the use of his car up to the present time. H. C. Shurtleiff is attorney for the plaintiff.

The Barre Trust company has entered suit in chancery in Washington county court against Jose Cano and wife.

FATHERS GET NEW INSIGHT

When They and Their Sons Get Together for Banquet.

An affair that proved very delightful was the father and son banquet at the Methodist church last night, when about 70 men and boys sat down at 6:30 to a repast planned by the seven boys of the Skyline class, their teacher, Miss Helen Smith, and their mothers.

There were two main reasons for this get-together. First, the boys in this class are very active this year in all lines and one of the things they have accomplished is to finish off a room in the tower of the church as a class room. This has been furnished and supplied with a gas heater and is altogether a most unique and attractive place for their class gatherings.

These boys desire very much to attend the Older Boys' conference in Newport next month and conceived the idea that it would prove profitable to their fund for that purpose and also of value both to fathers and sons to have a get-together, so the idea developed into last night's meeting.

Mervin Reynolds, the president of the Skyline class, spoke for the "sons," and gave some pointed remarks as to what the boys expected their fathers to be and do. This was so apt a talk that E. R. Davis, who succeeded him, acknowledged that he felt at a loss to respond, after knowing the high standard set by the boys for their fathers.

The address of the evening was given by Byron N. Clark, state secretary of the Y. M. C. A., who preceded his talk with a brief report of things that had come to him during the past year of the results of the Older Boys' conference held in Barre last year. He knew from the boys themselves that the meetings resulted in many decisions, and that many had united with the churches of the state, being directly influenced by the conference.

His address was a message to fathers, and he gave suggestions how to deal with boys if they are to bring them up properly. "Father" Clark has a wide experience to draw from as several thousand boys have passed under his influence at the various conferences and at Camp Abnaki.

Many other boys, besides the seven originally mentioned, evinced a desire to attend the coming Newport conference and it is expected Barre will send a large delegation.

There were yells for the class and its teachers and all who made the gathering last night so enjoyable.

HANGED HIMSELF IN BARN

Andrew G. Anderson of Bartonsville, Near Bellows Falls.

Bellows Falls, Dec. 19.—Andrew G. Anderson, a farmer living near the Rockingham town farm at Bartonsville, committed suicide Sunday night by hanging himself in his horse barn with a harness strap. His body was found by his wife within an hour of his death last night. No reason for the act is known as he had appeared as well as usual. He was a Swede, about 60 years old, and served the town several years previous to 1913. He leaves besides his wife, a son and daughter.

VETERANS TO SMOKE

Consignment of 8,000 Cigars and 2,000 Packages of Cigarettes for Fogus.

Togus, Me., Dec. 19.—Veterans in the national soldiers' home here will have plenty of "smokes" for the holidays. John A. Hadley, governor of the home has been notified that 8,000 cigars and 2,000 packages of cigarettes from the surplus army stores, have been shipped and will arrive in season for distribution on Christmas day. As the quantity greatly exceeds the requirements, part will be reserved for future holidays.

SIX GRANITE FIRMS SIGN WITH UNIONS; FOUR QUARRIES SIGN

William Barclay Donates \$3,000 Policy to City Hospital

LIFE INSURANCE FOR HOSPITAL

Gift Announced at Annual Meeting

Hospital Cared for 647 Patients During the Past Year

The gift to the City hospital of a life insurance policy for \$3,000 by William Barclay marked the annual meeting of the Barre City hospital last evening at the city court room. The policy is taken up by Mr. Barclay on himself and the hospital is made the beneficiary for the full amount, the accompanying letter by Mr. Barclay expressing the wish that the amount be added to the endowment fund of the institution, when it shall become payable by the insuring company.

This gift emphasizes anew the interest which Mr. Barclay maintains in the City hospital, as well as many other institutions and good works connected with Barre; and it was received last night with much appreciation.

The report of the executive committee, submitted at the meeting, tells of other gifts to the hospital during the year. This report is as follows:

"The Barre City hospital has closed another year. The record has been like that of many previous years in that its income failed to meet the demands on it for service, especially the demands for free service, which in the year just closed have been a little over 30 per cent of all the service rendered by the hospital.

"The aid thus given was more than all the income from funds available for these purposes, and it is the hospital's policy to continue to enlarge its sphere of service efforts must be made to increase the endowment fund and to wipe out the debt of the hospital."

"Since the last report the endowment fund has been increased by \$200, \$100 of which was bequeathed to the hospital by Mrs. Inez S. Klavara and the second hundred given by Charles Pamperl. The endowment fund will soon receive two bequests, totaling nearly \$5,000, one of \$2,000 from the late Marshall W. Jones, senior member of the firm of Jones Bros. Co., who though never a citizen of Barre, was a man who always took a kindly interest in the welfare of the city and its people.

"The other bequest is from the estate of the late Prentice J. Kent, a native of Calais and for many years previous to his death a resident of Montpelier. His death occurred several years ago and his will provided that when his widow was through with it, his residence in that city should go to the Barre hospital. Mrs. Kent died a few months ago and the property is soon to be turned over to the hospital.

"The hospital cared for 647 patients in the year ending Nov. 30, this number being 1,407 days' nursing was free service. There were 59 births at the hospital during the year and a total of 257 operations.

"The Woman's Hospital Aid continues to be a great value to the hospital, doing a most valuable work and outside of medical supplies, looking after and furnishing all supplies. Their work is greatly appreciated.

"The pupil nurses with the superintendent and assistant have, during the year, earned several hundred dollars outside of their hospital duties, this

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DARTMOUTH'S OLDEST "GRAD"

Dr. J. Whitney Barstow, 96, Died at Flushing, L. I.

Hanover, N. H., Dec. 19.—Word has been received here of the death at Flushing, L. I. of Dr. J. Whitney Barstow, 96, oldest Dartmouth graduate. Dr. Barstow was a native of Keene, N. H., born June 21, 1826, and was graduated from Dartmouth college in 1845. He was a remarkable Greek, Latin and English scholar. For over 40 years he had charge of a private hospital at Flushing. He was a fellow in the New York Academy of Medicine and a member of the New York Medical and Surgical society.

The death of Dr. Barstow now makes Leander Monroe Nute of Portland, Me., the oldest graduate of class of 1854.

FUNERAL OF MRS. PETRIE

Was Held Yesterday Afternoon at Her Late Home.

The funeral of Mrs. Helen A. Petrie was held at her late home on Summer street yesterday afternoon. Rev. William McK. Kiltbride, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiating. The bearers were Henry E. Petrie, A. M. Petrie, Frank Leith and W. H. Hosmer. Burial was in Hope cemetery.

Among those from out of town that attended the services were Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Petrie of St. Albans, A. M. Petrie of Ware, Mass., Mrs. E. Johnston and Miss Maud Greenwood of Cambridge, Mass., and Harry Recor of Binghamton, N. Y.

WIFE LEFT HIM TWO CENTS.

When She Went Away, Testified Philip Mayotte.

The adjourned session of the September term of Washington county court convened yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Judge Frank L. Fish presiding. The jury in court dockets were read, and witnesses were heard in the Mayotte divorce case in which F. L. Laird appears for the husband, who is petitioner. Judge Fish stated that the jury would not be called this week.

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