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Ireland To Be Free State

(By The Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 7.—The centuries old quarrel between England and Ireland was ended, as had been fervently hoped, in the small hours of Tuesday morning by the signature in the prime minister's cabinet room of "a treaty between Great Britain and Ireland," consisting of eighteen articles, giving Ireland the title of the Irish free state and the same constitutional status as Canada, Australia and other overseas dominions.

The question of allegiance, which up to the last moment threatened to wreck the negotia-

tions was surmounted by permitting the members of the Irish parliament to swear allegiance to the constitution of the Irish free state and "be faithful to his majesty the king."

The treaty has yet to run the gauntlet of the Ulster government and of the imperial parliament. The imperial parliament has been summoned to meet on December 14, and will be opened in state by the king, who has taken the closest personal interest in the Irish nation which he practically instigated when he opened the Ulster parliament.

To The School Children Of Polk County

Last year and the year before we sent letters to your teachers, asking that they tell you about the little homeless orphan boys and girls at the Tennessee Children's Home in Nashville, and how much we needed your help in raising money to provide them with good, wholesome food for which many of them almost starved before they were sent to us, and warm winter clothing which many of them never had before, and to help find them each a good home and a good mother and father to love and cherish them as your mothers and fathers love and cherish you.

The response to this appeal was wonderful and, through the help from the school children and other friends we have been able, during the last year, to actually find homes for two hundred and thirty little homeless boys and girls, and to help many others in various ways.

This year we are going to make our Christmas appeal to you thru the newspaper because we feel that in this way a still larger number of people will hear of our needs and will help us to meet them, but we want each of you to feel that this appeal is to you personally and we want you to take this up with your classmates,

with your Sunday School, with your fathers and mothers and all your friends and to raise all the money you can and send it to the Tennessee Children's Home Society, 901 Acklen Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

We want you also to help us find good homes for ten little boys and twelve little girls from two to nine years of age, and for the seventeen little babies from one to ten months of age now in the Receiving Home.

As you, in your own comfortable homes with your own good mothers and fathers plan for the coming of Christmas and Santa Claus, will you not think of these little children who have none of these blessings and help find homes and mothers and fathers for them? And will you not raise all the money you can to help us care for and find homes for all the other homeless boys and girls who will come to us during all next year.

We are depending upon you and we know you will help all you can, for we are sure you have read that "It is not the will of your Father that one of these little ones should perish."

Your friend,
Mrs. C. D. Sullivan,
Superintendent.

Thirty Negroes Make Dash For Liberty

Thirty negro prisoners, confined in the cells on the first floor of the Knox county jail, made a futile attempt to stampede and escape Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, when jailer Earl Hall opened the main door to the apartment in which the prisoners spend much of their time, when out of their cells.

Jailer Hall had just opened the door to commit a new prisoner, when Bill Chaney, who, jail officials say, was placed in jail Saturday night, sprang from cell No. 2 or 3 and rushed toward the door. As Jailer Hall looked up to see what was about to happen Chaney is alleged to have dealt him a blow on

Parents Plead With Governor

Nashville, Dec. 7.—The mother and father of Maurice Mays, the Knoxville negro condemned to die in the electric chair at the penitentiary on the morning of December 15, pleaded in person for executive clemency before Gov. Taylor yesterday. They also presented a petition signed by Knox county citizens asking that the death sentence be commuted to life imprisonment.

the right side of the face.

Realizing that a wholesale jail delivery had been planned, jailer Hall called to deputies in the office of the jail. Before assistance could reach the corridors of the negro apartment, 30 negroes were preparing to make a dash for liber-

However, Jailer Hall and one of the negroes grappled in the doorway and this prevented other prisoners from making their exit.

The negro believed to be the ringleader of the gang fought desperately, but Hall succeeded in striking him down. No attempt was made by Jailer Hall to use his revolver.

One of the negroes dropped to the floor and pretended to be seriously hurt. A physician was summoned to the jail and examination revealed that he was only pretending.

Alonzo Clark, one of the negroes in the party, has been convicted of first degree murder and is under sentence to die in the electric chair at the state penitentiary.

When Jailer Hall walked down the flight of steps yesterday to place a prisoner in the cell, the usual Sunday morning quiet pervaded the atmosphere of the jail. Officials of the jail believe the men had planned to make a daring getaway and all appeared to be ready to dash through the steel-lined corridors and reach the street.

Sitting in the office of the jail were Deputies E. F. King, Austin Cate and Mumpower, and when Jailer Hall cried for help the deputies, armed with revolvers, rushed down the steps and reached the place in time to quiet the mutinous prisoners.

Officials at the jail were unable to say last night who planned the attempt to get away. Jailer Hall said that a investigation would be made this morning and the prisoners who made the plans and those who tried to execute them will be watched more closely.

Chaney, who struck Jailer Hall, has already been transferred to solitary confinement in the dungeon as a means of punishment for his attack upon the officer.

On previous occasions prisoners have attempted to escape after stampeding the officers in the corridors, but all attempts have been foiled.

Inspections of cells have resulted in the discovery of bolts of iron, small scraps of chains and other substance being found tied up in pieces of blankets or handkerchiefs, making weapons similar to "blackjacks or sanbags."

Supreme Court Affirms Asbury Fields Case

To Be Executed Jan. 19—Hood Hicks Granted A New Trial

Among the decisions handed down by the supreme court at Nashville, last Saturday were the following:

The supreme court affirmed the conviction of Asbury Fields, of Bradley county, for the murder of J. R. Pierce, in July, 1921, and sentenced Fields to be electrocuted on January 19, 1922.

The proof on which Fields was convicted showed that, having recently been released from the penitentiary at Nashville, where he had served a sentence for forgery, Fields came to Bradley county, and, after some negotiations, convinced Pierce that he had about 200 gallons of corn whiskey concealed in the woods which Pierce agreed to buy; and, for the purpose of completing the sale, Pierce was lured to the woods in the night time, where he was assaulted by Fields and killed by blows over his head with a hammer. The motive of the crime was robbery, since Fields had in his possession after the murder a little over \$1,000 of Pierce's money.

Fields claimed that he had sold the whiskey to Pierce and delivered it and received the money from Pierce in the trade, and that, thereafter, Pierce was murdered by one of his associates in a dispute about the whiskey.

The court found his claim to be wholly disproven, even to the point that it was shown that Fields had no whiskey at all.

Hood Hicks vs. State. Polk criminal docket. Conviction for murder in the first degree. Reversed and remanded for a new trial. This case was reversed for the error of the trial judge in instructing the jury that the credibility of a dying declaration introduced in evidence by the state

was to be tested by the jury as the credibility of witnesses appearing before the jury was to be tested, the charge containing no instruction cautioning the jury with regard to such evidence as required by the opinion of the supreme court in Dickason vs. State, 139 Tenn., 601.

State ex rel. Frank M. Thompson, attorney general vs. John Holt, sheriff, Cocke equity docket. Decree of chancellor reversed and suit dismissed.

This was a suit filed on the relation of the attorney general to remove Holt from the office of Sheriff of Cocke county under the provisions of the Custer law of 1915. The grounds on which the ouster was sought were that Holt was a defaulter in the office of the county court clerk at the time he was elected sheriff; that he was derelict in enforcing the laws against the sale of intoxicating liquors; and that he was grossly negligent in executing process placed in his hands. The court held that defalcation in a previous and different office does not constitute grounds for removal from a subsequent office, under the provisions of the ouster law; and that the proof did not sustain the other two grounds on which Holt's removal was sought.

Abe Mickle vs. State. Bradley criminal docket. Conviction for receiving and concealing stolen property with sentence to the workhouse for 11 months and 29 days. Affirmed. Mickle is a junk dealer in Cleveland, Tenn., and was convicted in this case for buying four automobile tires from a boy 13 years of age, who had stolen the tires from a local garage.

Editor's Chair

No Rose Bed

(By the Office Boy.)

Buleve me, i no a lotta things id ruther be than an editor. The other day i seen a man with a stove pipe hat ballin out the boss and whut he sed to him wuz a plenty.

This bird with the stove pipe hat sez "sure running a partysan hipocritikle paper and i wunt you to no that so fur as me and my amily is concerned we will subscribe to Montgoremrys Vindikator frum now on so help me Isham."

And my boss tries to butt in but its no use.

"An furthermore sez this bird with the stove pipe lid "the nex time we have an icecream soshul at our church we wont even tell yur darned old paper about it."

Attacks His

Own Grandfather

Charlie Carter (colored) was arrested this morning (Thursday) charged with felonias assault on his grandfather, Jim Carter.

Charlie has been up in the court on various charges heretofore, but has always managed to come clear.

Just what the trouble between Charlie and his grandfather was about has not been learned.

