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INSPECTOR SLAIN; DUBLINS COMBED

**Two Masked Men Kill
District Official.**

FIANCEE SEES VICTIM SHOT

**Two Priests in Monasteries
Arrested in Raids.**

CARETAKER ALSO HELD

**Entire Business Section Searched
for Slayers—Castle Strongly
Fortified, Streets Barricaded.**

DUBLIN, Dec. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—The entire business section of Dublin was raided by the police tonight following the shooting of District Inspector O'Sullivan of Dublin Castle.

The inspector was passing a fancy fair in Henry street, accompanied by a Miss Moore, to whom he was engaged to be married.

Inspector O'Sullivan died in a hospital an hour after the shooting. He was fired upon by two masked civilians.

Two Monasteries Raided.
Two monasteries also were raided by the military and police in Dublin this morning. They arrested two priests, one of them Father Dominic, who was chaplain to the late Terence MacSwiney. The other priest was released, but Father Dominic was held.

Father Dominic had been staying at the Franciscan Capuchin Priory. The priest who was arrested and subsequently released was a medical student attending Keven Barry, a rebel leader, previous to his execution at Mount Joy prison in November for his part in an attack on a military escort last summer.

Caretaker Also Arrested.
The caretaker of Father Matthew Hall also was arrested.

In order to prevent a surprise attack at points considered vulnerable, Dublin castle was strongly fortified today. On the northwest corner of the castle, the street was closed and barbed wire barricades were placed.

Dublin castle's weekly summary of events in Ireland, today contained leading articles on the "Truce Talk" which it terms "just simple, plain propaganda."

New Peace Move Reported.
Out of the crop of rumors circulating in Dublin today regarding renewal of efforts toward peace between England and the Sinn Fein organization there emerged an interesting report that the military authorities in Ireland actually began negotiations last week for a conference to arrange a truce.

According to this report, which is accepted as true, the overtures came from the republicans, and one meeting was held to consider preliminary matters. Then came the Cork fires, which were said to have so incensed the republicans that they broke off the discussions. Intermediaries began trying to induce them to meet again with the military authorities.

Amnesty to Be Asked.
It was understood the principal initial condition the republicans will seek to impose is amnesty for all members of the Irish republican army, including the men whom the government has been endeavoring without success to capture.

The work of the chief intermediaries, Archbishop Clune of Perth, Western Australia, and Bishop Fogarty of Killoaloe, was proceeding with the utmost secrecy and it was not considered likely that either would consent to make a statement to the press until the negotiations are well advanced.

There was intense interest in the movements of Edmond de Valera and in some quarters it was believed not improbable that he soon would arrive in Ireland.

HOME RULE CLASH AVERTED
**Lords and Commons Dispose of
All Points in Controversy.**

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—The possibility of a conflict between the house of lords and the house of commons over the Irish home rule bill has been averted. The amendments of the measure made by the lower house were amicably discussed in the upper chamber today and all were disposed of in a manner that will permit the measure becoming a law tomorrow.

Members of the house of lords who had stood firmly against the bill were in consultation with members of the government overnight. It was asserted today that the virtual deadlock between the two houses must be compromised or the bill would be lost and the home rule measure of 1914 would automatically become law as soon as ratification of the Turkish treaty formally ends the war.

Many members of the upper house of parliament objected to the provision of the bill for the council of Ireland to oppose the clause providing that if Ireland declines to accept the form of government established by the measure, a crown colony government will be imposed. Some writers declared that when the

12,148,738 IS CENSUS OF U. S. POSSESSIONS

**NATION'S TOTAL POPULATION
IS 117,857,509.**
**Gain of 25,663 Is Shown Over
Preliminary Figures—Figures
for Each State Announced.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The population of the United States with outlying possessions is 117,857,509, the outlying possessions totaling 12,148,738. These possessions are: Alaska, 54,895; American Samoa, 8056; Guam, 13,275; Hawaii, 255,912; Panama Canal zone, 22,858; Porto Rico, 1,299,809; military and naval service abroad, 117,235; Philippine Islands, 10,350,640; Virgin Islands of the United States, 26,051.

The population of 105,708,771 for the continental United States shows a gain of 25,663 over the preliminary figures announced October 7.

These are the final population figures of the country and states, the statistics announced early in October having been the preliminary compilations. The population of the states is as follows:

- Alabama, 2,248,174; Arizona, 323,903; Arkansas, 1,752,204; California, 3,426,861; Colorado, 939,629; Connecticut, 1,289,651; Delaware, 223,093; District of Columbia, 437,571; Florida, 968,470; Georgia, 2,395,532; Idaho, 431,866; Illinois, 6,435,240; Indiana, 2,939,390; Iowa, 2,404,021; Kansas, 1,769,257; Kentucky, 2,416,630; Louisiana, 1,758,509; Maine, 768,014; Maryland, 1,449,661; Massachusetts, 3,552,256; Michigan, 3,668,412; Minnesota, 2,387,125; Mississippi, 1,790,913; Missouri, 3,404,055; Montana, 548,889; Nebraska, 1,249,372; Nevada, 77,497; New Hampshire, 443,982; New Jersey, 3,155,909; New Mexico, 460,350; New York, 10,384,329; North Carolina, 2,559,123; North Dakota, 645,680; Ohio, 5,759,394; Oklahoma, 2,025,283; Oregon, 783,389; Pennsylvania, 5,720,917; Rhode Island, 693,957; South Carolina, 1,633,734; South Dakota, 636,547; Tennessee, 2,337,885; Texas, 4,963,238; Utah, 449,396; Vermont, 352,424; Virginia, 2,309,187; Washington, 1,356,421; West Virginia, 1,463,701; Wisconsin, 2,632,067; Wyoming, 194,402.

PORTLAND'S HEALTH GOOD Better Than 1919.

**Report of City Bureau Shows 1920
Health conditions in Portland
showed a marked improvement during
the fiscal year ending December 7,
over the year previous, according to
a compilation of vital statistics,
prepared by May Nustbaum, registrar
of statistics of the city health bureau.**

During the year there were 398 more births than during the previous year, and 338 fewer deaths. Boy babies outnumber the girls, for out of a total of 5237 babies born, 2688 were boys and 2549 girls. In the year a total of 2194 deaths were reported to the bureau including both sexes.

TUMULTY DECLINES JOB President's Secretary Refuses to Be Chief Custom Justice.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson, announced today that he had declined the appointment as a chief justice of the court of custom appeal, which had been offered him by the president, and that he would begin the practice of law in Washington after March 4.

Mr. Tumulty said he had no doubt of his confirmation by the senate, as he "had received assurances from leading republicans that there would be no impediment placed in the way of it."

LARGE BONUSES PLANNED Some New York Houses to Give 50 Per Cent and Advance Pay.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Christmas will be observed in the financial district this year. For the most part, the banks, trust companies and other financial institutions have had a prosperous year.

Several prominent banks have announced bonuses ranging from 15 to 25 per cent of yearly salaries.

In several instances Christmas gifts are expected to amount to 50 per cent of the year's pay, accompanied by an increase of salary for the coming year.

Stock exchange firms and commission houses not expected to be so liberal as in the past.

CARDINAL GIBBONS GAINS Physicians Say Chances Are That Prelate Will Recover.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 17.—Cardinal Gibbons, who has been indisposed for the last 10 days, had a restless night, but was reported to be in good condition today.

His physicians said that while the cardinal's condition was serious, it was not necessarily alarming. The doctors said his depression was probably caused by advanced years. There was every indication, they added, that he would recover.

KNIGHTS WILL INQUIRE Condition of Children in Ireland to Be Probed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The Knights of Columbus, through William J. McKinley, supreme secretary, announced tonight they had accepted the invitation of Herbert Hoover to investigate reports of starving children among the children of Ireland.

FIREMEN RESUME NAP AS CITY JAIL BURNS

**HOWLS OF SINGLE PRISONER
ARE THOUGHT JOKE.**
**Habit of Spreading False Alarms
Almost Costs Life of Man
Confined in Bastille.**

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The habit of yelling fire when there was no fire almost cost Fred Worthington his life early yesterday when the city jail, in which he was a prisoner, was partially destroyed by a blaze of undetermined origin.

Worthington shouted for help and his cries were heard by the firemen in their sleeping quarters, which were close to the jail. The men thought the prisoner was trying to spread a false alarm, and rolled over in bed for another nap.

Edward A. Clier, who lives half a block from the jail, looked out of his bedroom window as he was dressing and saw flames pouring from the jail roof. He notified the fire department and the blaze was extinguished.

After the fire was out the firemen cut a hole in the jail wall and rescued the prisoner, who had been overcome by smoke. His condition was at first considered serious, but he has recovered partially.

Worthington, who was serving a sentence in the city jail for drunkenness, has been charged with arson and transferred to the county jail. He was alone in the city jail when the fire broke out. He stoutly denied that he was responsible for the blaze.

The police said he was a disorderly prisoner and frequently shouted that the jail was burning.

BOMBER IS SENTENCED Prisoner Declares Revenge Sought for Inadequate Settlement.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 17.—Marcus Elton Smith, charged with bombing and partly wrecking the home of Frank R. Shong, claim agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad on one of 20 years in superior court here today. He pleaded guilty and was given the minimum penalty.

Smith said he sought revenge for what he considered inadequate settlement of his claim for reimbursement for injuries received while working as a Milwaukee brakeman several years ago.

WILSON BUYS RESIDENCE President Purchases Former Fair- banks Home in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Purchase for President Wilson of the former home here of Henry P. Fairbanks was announced today by R. W. Bolling, the president's brother-in-law. The house will be the permanent residence of the president after his retirement from office March 4.

The price paid is reported to have been in the neighborhood of \$150,000. The house was built about four years ago and is of colonial brick and limestone. It is surrounded by grounds of nearly half a square.

2057 MILES OF ROAD WORK IS AUTHORIZED

**\$21,548,552 TO BE SPENT
DURING 1920 AND 1921.**
**\$7,022,041 Is Largest Sum In-
volved in Single Project and
Goes to Pacific Highway.**

SALLEM, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—A total of 2057 miles of highways in Oregon, involving estimated financial obligations aggregating \$25,479,250.94 and actual expenditures totaling \$21,548,552.28 have been authorized under the direction of the state highway commission during the years 1920 and 1921, according to a report prepared here today by Roy Klein, secretary of the commission. This statement will be made a part of the report of the commission's operations for the last two years and will be submitted for the consideration of the legislature at its session here next month.

The largest sum of money is involved in the improvement of the Pacific highway. This improvement includes 140.65 miles of paving, 69.17 miles of macadam and 133.89 miles of grading at an estimated cost of \$7,022,041.07. Second in importance is the Columbia highway project, which it is estimated will cost \$6,614,312.25.

This improvement includes 106.78 miles of paving, 147.82 miles of macadam and 173.25 miles of grading. Other road projects estimated to cost more than \$1,000,000 each include the west side Pacific highway, \$1,969,342.42; John Day river highway, \$1,608,596.97; Oregon-Washington highway, \$1,070,455.93; coast highway, \$1,713,355.61; and the Dalles-California highway, \$1,008,576.99.

Other road improvement projects, together with the estimated cost of each, follow:

- Salem-Dallas highway, \$355,000; McMinnville-Tillamook highway, \$736,307; La Grande-Enterprise highway, \$222,811; Tualatin highway, \$841,921; Ashland-Klamath Falls highway, \$318,000; Coos Bay-Roseburg highway, \$350,500; Lapine-Lakeview highway, \$154,000; old Oregon trail, \$891,342; Baker-Cornucopia highway, \$336,331; Crooked river highway, \$331,500; McKenzie river highway, \$338,945; Crater Lake highway, \$597,200; Flora-Enterprise highway, \$123,000; Corvallis-Newport highway, \$165,042; Mount Hood loop highway, \$260,000; Grants Pass-Crescent City highway, \$266,000; Williamette Valley-Florence highway, \$134,000; and county road, \$43,000.

Of the total mileage of these improvements there are 419 miles of paving, of which 347 miles already have been laid; 638 miles of macadam, of which 369 miles have been completed, and 1000 miles of grading, of which 761 miles have been turned over to the state.

The report of the commission will show that bonds aggregating \$22,266,000 have been authorized for road improvement work, of which \$19,140,000 has been expended. This leaves bonds yet to be sold totaling \$13,066,000. Inasmuch as approximately half of the money represented in the bonds yet to be disposed of is obligated in completing projects now under way or contracted, it was previously reported that the commission

MOTHERS TO VISIT FRANCE Battlefields and Cemeteries to Be Viewed by Organization Members.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—Alice M. French, president of the National War Mothers, announced today that her organization had arranged to charter a special ship during the first week of next June to visit the American war mothers to view the battlefields and cemeteries in France and Belgium.

Hundreds of war mothers are anxious to view the battlefields on which their sons fought, she said.

OFFICERS TO BE TRAINED 12 Camps Will Be Established by United States Next Summer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Reserve officers' training camps will be operated for six weeks next summer, beginning about the middle of June, it was announced today at the war department.

There will be one camp for infantry officers in each of the 12 combat divisions, but the specific places were not designated.

AIRPLANES ARE RELEASED Inter-Allied Commission Permits German Consignment to Pass.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—The 11 aluminum airplanes consigned to the United States, but held up in Hamburg by the inter-allied commission of control, have been ordered released, according to an announcement today by the imperial treasury department here.

The commission held that their sale was a violation of the peace treaty.

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JELLICOE DEFENDS JUTLAND TACTICS

**German Naval Gunners
Lauded by Briton.**

**LESSON FOR BRITISH SEEN
Night Maneuvers of Enemy
Held Better Than Own.**

**FIRE RAPID, ACCURATE
Beatty Declared Right in Engaging
for Him and His Base.**

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Another chapter was added to the controversy over the battle of Jutland when the admiralty today published the eagerly awaited volume of 400 pages on this crucial naval engagement, containing Admiral Jellicoe's dispatch describing the battle and the narratives of the British squadron commanders.

Admiral Jellicoe, in his dispatch, dated June 18, 1916, declared he felt no anxiety regarding the advanced position of the forces under Vice-Admiral Beatty, commander of the battle cruiser squadron, and that when Beatty sighted the enemy battle cruisers the vice-admiral took the correct and only possible course in engaging the enemy, endeavoring to keep between the enemy and his base.

Controversy Is Raised.
There has been much controversy over the question whether Jellicoe should have gone to Beatty's assistance when it appeared that battle was imminent.

The facts which contributed to the British losses in the battle, said Admiral Jellicoe, were indifferent armor protection for the battle cruisers and the disadvantage of the light conditions for the British.

"A disturbing feature of the battle cruiser action," Admiral Jellicoe reported, "was that five German battle cruisers engaging six British vessels at the same time were able to sink the Queen Mary and the Indefatigable."

German Organization Good.
"The German organization at night was very good," continued the admiral, "and their system of recognizing signals was excellent, while the British was practically nil. The German searchlights were superior and were used to better effect than the British."

He said he was reluctantly compelled to the opinion that under night conditions the British had much to learn from the Germans.

The report said that the gunnery of the German battle cruisers in the early stage was of a very high standard. They appeared to get on the targets and begin hitting within two or three minutes after opening fire, even at a range of 18,000 yards.

System of Fire Is Studied.
"The Germans appeared to use some such system of fire as the Petravik method, as the guns did not go off exactly together and it gave excellent results. The rapidity of the fire was very great. Their shells were able to fire with great accuracy after having been severely punished. It is quite evident that all the

