

Government Offices Blown Up By Land Mine—

Loss of Life in City This Morning

THE DAWN MINE

Terrific Explosion in Beresford Place This Morning

G. I. D. OFFICER KILLED

Several Government Offices Blown Away—Premises Damaged

Practically on the stroke of 6 o'clock this morning the sound of a terrific explosion reverberated all over the centre of the city, and it was subsequently ascertained that the block of buildings situated in the crescent in front of the ruins of the Custom House had been blown up.

D. M. P. MAN HELD UP

At 6 o'clock this morning a powerful land mine almost completely wrecked the headquarters offices of the Customs and Excise at Beresford Place, and did considerable damage to a number of houses in the vicinity.

Unfortunately there was loss of life. A member of the G.I.D., Mr. P. J. Kelly, was killed instantaneously in the hall, being literally blown to pieces.

Two other G.I.D. officers were badly shaken, and are suffering from shock. The three constituted a small guard on the office, and took up duty recently owing to the repeated attempts to fire the place.

HAVOC OF THE MINE.

The building now presents an utterly wrecked appearance. The heavy, substantially-constructed outer door was driven from its position and hurled into the interior of the building.

All the partitions and stonework on the ground floor were levelled. The lower half of the house was blown through the strong dividing wall of the offices next door.

Messrs. Michael Murphy, Ltd., steamship owners. The upper floor has collapsed, the staircase has disappeared, windows are gone, and debris is everywhere.

The mine was then taken and laid against the door, and the six laid off in the morning. The terrific explosion soon followed.

Mr. Kelly's address was ascertained to be 39 Auburn St., and one of the injured is John Gahan, 132 Parnell St.

BELGIAN ATTITUDE

Foreign Minister & Occupation of the Ruhr

(Reuter's Telegram.) Brussels, Wednesday. The Foreign Minister declared in the Chamber last night that the Belgian and French pressure in the Ruhr would not be slackened until Germany had fulfilled her obligations.

Paris, Tuesday. It appears that the French Government has decided to strip the right bank of the Rhine, occupied by the French on Feb. 25 last, should not come under the authority of the Inter-Allied Rhine High Commission, but be placed under Franco-Belgian military control.

This view is expressed by the "Temps," which refers to Mr. Ronald McNeill's statement on the subject in the House of Commons yesterday. The "Temps" is confident that this Lilliputian problem will be easily settled.

An Innsbruck message states that 17 Italian workmen, accompanied by a priest, who were passing through Germany to Belgium, were forced to leave the train at Pöchlarn, Upper Bavaria. The crowd assumed that they were on the way to the Ruhr, and maltreated them. The priest and several of the workmen were injured. The party returned to Innsbruck.

WILD PROMISES

Major Hills on His Defeat at Edgemoor

Major Hills, the defeated candidate in the Edgemoor Division, left Liverpool this morning for London. He will see the Prime Minister on his arrival in the Metropolis.

Discussing the reason for his defeat, Major Hills said the chief cause was the fact that 1,000 electors had not taken the trouble to vote. Then they had the wild promises of reduced rent and increased wages. "Sometimes," said Major Hills, "these promises come off. They have come off this time."

CANAL TRAFFIC

Boat Owner's Explanation of the Slump

TOLL CHARGE REBATES

Evidence of the loss of the coal traffic on the Royal Canal was given at the Canal Commission to-day by Mr. Thomas Kelly, boat owner, Harbour View, Kiltcock, Co. Kildare.

Some years ago there were 8 or 10 boats carrying coal regularly, but at the present time there was only one boat regularly employed. In Mullingar there was a large quantity of coal used, but owing to the low rates the railway had got all the traffic.

If a trader brought 100 tons of coal per month to Mullingar the trader got 35 sh. but the railway had a rebate of 35 sh. But the railway had a rebate of 20 sh. per ton for the 200 tons per month by rail to Mullingar.

That had resulted in the canal traffic in coal being practically wiped out.

In this respect also there were restrictions in loading coal at Spencer Dock, witness added, and it was cheaper to take coal from a ship in the Liffey than to take it from the Spencer Dock. Only two firms had wharves in the Spencer Dock.

There were no facilities for loading at the dock during wet weather. There were no stores for perishable goods like flour, and it was a great disadvantage the refusal of the use of cranes in the dock had done away with the timber traffic as timber could not be unloaded there.

WINDOWS BROKEN

Amongst the premises which have suffered by the explosion, Kelly's was—Messrs. Wudie and Co., N.E. & Co., Messrs. M.J. Murphy, Ltd., Dublin General Steamship Co., G.P.O. Foreign and Colonial Parcels. It has now been definitely established that the ground on the building consisted only of the two G.I.D. men, Kelly and Gahan. The latter is making satisfactory progress.

In addition to receiving the force of the explosion, Kelly's was also caught under heavy debris from the upper floor.

Board of Works officials superintended salvage work during the day. A "Herald" representative was informed that practically all the documents would be saved. They were simply tossed about in the boxes containing them. During the day they were taken away to other offices.

ESTIMATE OF DAMAGE.

The damage to the building is not less than £3,000.

Armed G.I.D. men held and searched all motors passing through Beresford Place during the day.

Mr. Kelly's death is very recently reported by the "Herald," with whom he was very popular.

A few weeks ago, when an attempt was made to burn the offices, the raiders seized cash for about £50,000, which, of course, the raiders valued, as well as about £200 in cheques.

The offices were the headquarters for Sargent Livingston for Customs and Excise, and had nothing to do with income tax.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

A Press Association message states:—A constable of the D.M.P. states he saw a man carrying a heavy parcel towards the building. Two of them held him up with revolvers and ordered him to clear off if he valued his life.

A minute later he heard a terrific explosion, and the whole of the building appeared to be blown sky high.

The wreckage in the offices of the Dublin Steamship Co. adjoining was badly removed and all the windows of adjacent houses blown out.

NOT LABELLED

Belfast Man and Sale of Margarine in Dublin

In the Northern Police Court to-day, before Mr. Cooper, John O'Neill, 25 Nottingham street, was summoned by the Dublin Corporation at the instance of Inspector Tully for exposing for sale margarine which was not properly labelled. He was further charged with selling a pound of margarine to the complainant, which was not properly labelled.

Inspector Tully stated that on Thursday, 25th January, he visited the defendant's shop, 16 Little Denmark street, and asked the assistant for a pound of butter from a piece of stuff on a shelf resembling butter. The assistant said it was margarine, and witness pointed out to him that it was not labelled. When questioned Mr. O'Neill said he knew nothing about labelling margarine, and that he had never seen it labelled in any shop.

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EASTER EXCURSIONS

Holiday Arrangements of L. N. W. R. Co.

The Easter holiday arrangements of the L.M. and S. (or L.N.W.R.) Co. intimate that by the Royal mail route via Dun Laoghaire and Howth cheap tickets will be issued on Thursday, March 22, by day and night mail services to stations in England and North Wales. They will be available for return on any day within 15 days. On Easter Sunday a day trip will be run to Holyhead by the 8.30 a.m. steamer, tickets being at single fare, available for return on the same day or by the 3.5 a.m. mail steamer from Holyhead on Monday, April 2.

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London Opinions

Extracts from this Evening's Newspapers

(From Our Correspondent.)

Wednesday Evening. The Government defeat at Edgemoor is in some ways more serious than the reverses of Mitcham and Willesden for Edgemoor is a legendary stronghold of the ultra-Conservative City of Liverpool, and its compact of Tory traditions, this constituency goes Labour, it is clearly time to beware of "discord in the spheres."

One thing may be taken for granted, the three defeats involving the loss of three Ministers, the last of them Major Illis, a man of considerable promise and ability, must have convinced the Government that there can be no question of any scheme of housing decontrol next year. Housing, it is admitted on all sides, has been the main issue at all these disastrous by-elections, and the voice of the electorate has been so clear and emphatic that Ministers can no longer be under misapprehension as to the popular view of their policy.

BRITAIN AND RUHR. Mr. Bonar Law's apology last night for the feeble course pursued by the Government in regard to France and the Ruhr was singularly unconvincing, says the "Star." "We do not believe," he said, "that intervention would be of the least use. It would be regarded as hostile by France, and we are not prepared to do it."

There is no tranquility in this what-the-heck-of-it attitude, but much ground for serious uneasiness. When Mr. Bonar Law goes further, and suggests that "if the Government were to take a more decisive attitude, we should have to go further than making speeches, and prepare ourselves for the possibility of entering our will on France by war," we believe that grossly overstates the case. It is true that two partners cannot address a serious emergency to another unless they are prepared to dissolve the partnership. If it were there would be an end of all partnerships, and what is wanted is not a threat to enforce any plan of our own on France, but an open, complete, and definite warning to France that we dissociate ourselves from her plan because we believe it to be unwise and unjust.

HEAVIEST BLOW. The battle of Edgemoor (says the "Evening News"), like Mitcham and Willesden, resulted in a disaster for the Government. In four days three of its members have been taken away to the west, and its far from unanimous majority is reduced by six on a division. Of the three, Edgemoor is by far the heaviest blow, for it has "long been looked upon as a safe Conservative seat, and the recent triumph of a Government majority of 4,666 into a minority of 1,030 is a serious matter."

Naturally, the Opposition is jubilant, but its leaders know well enough that their by-election results are a vote against the Government, not a vote in favour of Labour or of Liberalism. Neither of these has done anything to strengthen its position since the recent General Election. It is the Government which has disappointed expectations, and whose general policy is meeting with the condemnation which it deserves.

SLEEPING SICKNESS IN GLASGOW?

The Glasgow health authorities to-day report that they have checked the outbreak of what is believed to be sleeping sickness of which 26 cases have been discovered recently. Six of the patients died. It is added that no fresh case has been traced for several days.

Entertaining the Wounded—The Royal and Drival theatres to-day provided artistes who kindly gave their services at the weekly concert to the wounded and convalescent soldiers of the National Army at Marlborough Hall, Glasnevin. The artistes were motored from Poolbeg street to the hospital and back again this evening.

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His son, Viscount Windsor, M.P. for Ludlow Division, Salop, succeeds, and a by-election will, therefore, be necessitated. Although not feeling well Lord Plymouth yesterday attended the King's levee, and returned a little before 4 o'clock. Soon after, when removing his uniform, he was taken with a seizure from which he did not recover.

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POISON MYSTERY

Coroner's Inquiry Into Newport Woman's Death

SON'S EVIDENCE

(Special P.A. Telegram.) Newport, Mon., Wednesday. Mr. Lyndon Moore, the Newport Coroner, continued to-day the inquest concerning the death of Mrs. Jenny Morgan, who died in January of this year. The local town hall, where the inquiry is being held, was again crowded.

When the Court adjourned yesterday, Willie Morgan, a son of the deceased, was in the witness box, and this morning his examination by the Coroner was continued.

He remembered saying he said that his father was never in his witness's office. His brother Cyril frequently came to the office, as he brought his dinner. Witness had never left his brother in the office, and he had never, for perfectly proper reasons, given him any weed-killer.

Witness—No, sir. He never mentioned weed-killer to me. Witness went on to say that Mrs. Carthy never called at the office. His grandfather called, but did not come inside. There was only a very small garden at his house. He got a letter from Mrs. Carthy asking him to meet her for something important, but did not do so.

The Coroner—Did you see her afterwards? Witness—Yes, at my house, but I did not see her again. OBJECTION TO DOCTOR.

Witness added that he had two interviews with Dr. Davies. When he saw the doctor in February the doctor advised him to state a full statement to the police and to state the plain truth about the case. He did not see anybody about that. During his mother's illness he heard her saying many things, and as far as he knew, he was the first one to suggest that a doctor should be called to her. He suggested it to his father on Dec. 9.

The Coroner—Did he say anything? Witness—No, sir. He did not object to a doctor, but he did object to having Dr. Lloyd Davies.

The Coroner—It is a terrible question to ask you, but up to that time what were the reasons between your father and mother? Witness—My father was peculiar to my mother. After the Bourneville holiday in October my mother said she thought it would be best for us to go away.

Witness proceeded to tell very few words between his father and mother, but after October they became perfectly friendly. When his mother became ill he suggested both to his father and mother that she should have a nurse. His mother said she objected to one from a hospital, but not to an ordinary nurse. His father replied that if they had a nurse it would only be another one to look after.

The Coroner—But he did look after a nurse? Witness—No, Cyril and I did. They failed to get a nurse, and he told his father. A day or so afterwards a girl came in, but she did not nurse as she did not understand it. His father then got a nurse, but she did not stop long.

Questioned as to what happened afterwards, witness said his father wrote to his (witness's) aunt at Pontypool, but objected later.

The Coroner—She came? Witness—Yes, and during that time my mother seemed to improve, this being kept in a cupboard. He had seen his father prepare arrowroot for his mother and give it to her, and he had also made chicken broth for her.

On February 4, witness went on, he took a tin and a bottle from his home with the object of asking Dr. Lloyd Davies to examine some specks on the tin, which had contained arrowroot. His mother's complaint had worried him very much, and he thought the doctor could throw some light on the matter.

On February 14 he asked Dr. Davies if he would like to have the tin and the bottle, and the same night they disappeared from the cupboard in which witness had put them.

Further questioned, witness said his mother had complained to him about the salt taste of the malted milk. That was on the day the specks were found in the arrowroot. He remarked that if his mother died an inquest would have to be held. Dr. Lloyd Davies told him Dr. Crinks had said it was a case of arsenical poisoning.

Brood mares of much value have been held back from "export" at the North Wall since Friday last on account of the roughish weather prevailing in the Irish channel. Sturdier classes of horses have in the meantime, however, been sent across the water from Dublin by short sea route steamers to Holyhead.

KILLED IN KERRY

Five Members of National Army Victims of a Trap-Mine

PRISON ESCAPES

Rail Destruction Continues—Signal Cabin Burned Out in Co. Kildare

Whilst a party of National troops were investigating a dump discovered in Knocknagoshel, Co. Kerry, a trap-mine which was amongst the contents exploded when disturbed, killing two Captains, a Lieutenant, and two soldiers. A third soldier was seriously wounded.

The work of destruction continues in the G.S. and W.R. Last night a party of armed men arrived at Kildangon Station, between Kildare and Athy, and burned out the signal cabin. The firing of the cabin does not interfere with the service.

Fourteen men interned in Galway Jail cut through the bars of their cells with hacksaws and escaped early yesterday. A general attempt to escape was made in the west wing of the prison, and 25 men were actually caught outside their cells and taken back. The other 14 crept to the outer wall, over which rope ladders were apparently thrown to them.

OFFICIAL REPORTS

Two Dublin Men Amongst Killed in Kerry

The following official report was issued from G.H.Q. last night:—"Three officers and two other ranks were killed, and one Volunteer seriously wounded, as the result of a mine explosion in Knocknagoshel, Co. Kerry, this morning."

"From details to hand it appears that intelligence was conveyed to the troops at Castlesand of a dump in the Knocknagoshel area. A party of troops left to locate the dump in Ballynary Wood."

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CASTLE GUTTED

Damage Estimated at £100,000 in Wexford Blaze

Wilton Castle, the property of Mr. Philip C. Alcock, retired British Army Captain, who lives in Shropshire, about 3 miles from Enniscorthy, was burned to the ground on Monday night by between 20 and 40 men, many of whom carried rifles. The raiders, who had barricaded the main entrance gates, remained in the vicinity for 2 hours, by which time the buildings were practically gutted.

The damage is stated to be about £100,000.

CAPTAIN WOUNDED

Accidental Shooting at Baldonnell Aerodrome

Capt. Louis Connolly (19), of Ballinacoe Co. Longford, was accidentally shot at Baldonnell Aerodrome, this morning.

£42,500 Compensation Claims in Co. Louth

(From Our Correspondent.) Ardoe, Wednesday. The extensive destruction of property in the Ardoe district as a result of which several of the finest mansions in the county no longer exist has led to huge claims for compensation for losses. At to-day's meeting of the local District Council the following claims were received:— Major Barrows, £30,000 for the destruction of Milestown House and furniture. Mr. John J. Russell, Sub-Sheriff, £7,500 for the burning of his dwelling-house and offices at Ballyrossan.

The Great Northern Railway, £4,000 for the mining of Dromin Junction, involving the complete wreckage of the signal cabin, waiting-rooms and stationmaster's office. Henry Maguire, a post office assistant, who received a bullet wound when he was gapped with armed raiders robbing the post office, £2,000 for injuries sustained.

C. I. D. CAPTURE

Printing Plant Seized and Eight Arrests at Fairview

C.I.D. officers to-day raided a house in Cadogan road, Fairview, and discovered that the premises were the printing works of "Tolach na h-Ireann."

The place was furnished (we are officially informed) with printing plant of Arab make. Eight arrests were made, and large quantities of literature seized.

EARL OF PLYMOUTH

Died Suddenly in London Yesterday Afternoon

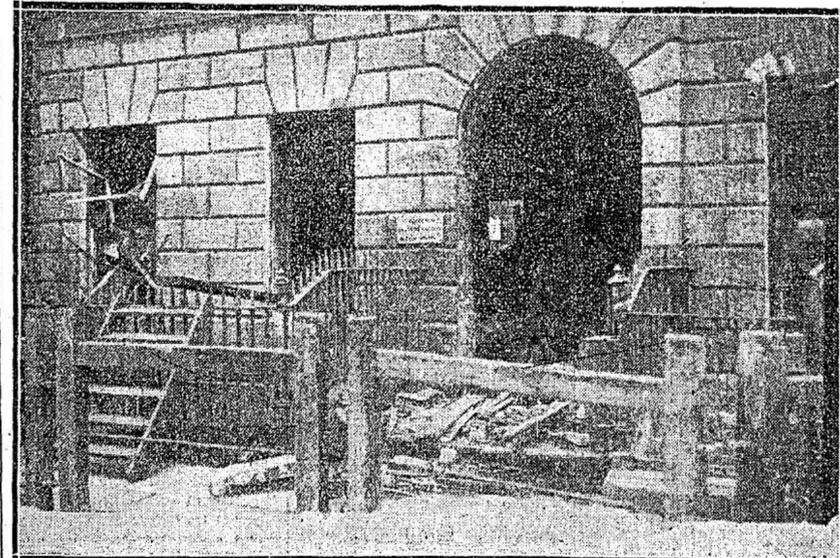
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HAVOC WROUGHT BY LAND MINE



The picture shows the havoc wrought by the explosion of a land mine placed by armed men in the offices of the Collector of Taxes, at Beresford Place, this morning.

Ostais na h-Eireann

RECRUITS WANTED FOR RAILWAY PROTECTION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE CORPS (PROTECTION BRANCH)

RECRUITS will be accepted at Corps Headquarters—WELLINGTON BARRACKS; Or at Corps Command Headquarters at the following places:—

- GLANMIRE STATION, CORK.
- LIMERICK
- THURLES
- CLONMEL
- DUNDALK
- MULLINGAR

Between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Daily. Applicants should bring references from a Clergyman or from present or past employer.

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE:

ENLISTMENT For 12 months or such shorter period as may be determined by the Army Council. RATES OF PAY—Privates 3/6 per day and Maintenance. DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE Wife 4/- per day. Wife and Child 5/6 per day. Wife & 2 children 6/6 and 9d. per day extra for every other child under 12 years of age.

O.I.C. Recruiting, Wellington Barracks