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REAR VIEW: BODY NO.

MURDERER THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN SHOT TO DEATH MONDAY NIGHT.

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From The Daily News, May 1.

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The autopsy was held yesterday afternoon at the city morgue. It was ascertained that the man died from a blow on the head with a heavy weapon, the blow being on the side of the face, crushing the skull and crushing the side of the face.

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FOUR IRISHMEN EXECUTED.

LEADERS IN IRISH REVOLT TRIED BY MILITARY COURT AND SHOT.

Chief Secretary for Ireland Retires, Giving as Reason His Mistake in Underestimating Seriousness of Sinn Fein Movement.

London, May 3.—Almost simultaneously with the announcement by Premier Asquith in the house of commons today that four of the leaders of the rebellion in Dublin had been court-martialed and shot this morning came the announcement from Augustus Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, that he had resigned as parliamentary chief of the Irish government.

The four men shot were all signatories of the republican proclamation which signified the inauguration of the rebellion. Patrick H. Pearse, "provisional president of Ireland," James Connolly, who was styled "commandant general of the Irish republic," Thomas J. Clark and Thomas McDonagh were the four for whom death was demanded. Three other signatories—McDiarmid, E. Bennett and Joseph Plunkett—were sentenced to three years in prison.

Pearse, Birrell at the same time announced that Sir Roger Casement, who was one of the prime movers in the uprising and who is a prisoner in the Tower of London, would be tried with the other expedition.

Mr. Birrell made a brief statement and admitted his error as chief secretary for Ireland in underestimating the Sinn Fein movement, adding that when he was informed that the insurrection had been put down he tendered his resignation to the prime minister and that it had been accepted.

John Redmond, leader of the Irish parliamentary party, begged the government to be lenient with the great mass of those involved in the revolt and said he was partly to blame for Mr. Birrell's earlier complacency. He expressed conditions in Ireland, as he had occurred in the secretary's views, that the failure of an outbreak was due to the failure of the secretary.

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AGREEMENT IN SIGHT.

DANGER OF CLASH IN MEXICO IS REMOVED.

The Dispatches indicate an understanding has been reached—Mexicans Believe Arrangements Will Withdraw in Two Months.

Washington, May 3.—A long telegram in code reached the war department late tonight from Gen. Scott at El Paso, giving a full report on his conference with Gen. Obregon, the Carranza war minister. Up to the time the message was decoded, the Washington government had no official knowledge of the result of the discussion between the two military advisers, although administration officials had made no secret of their satisfaction over press dispatches saying that an understanding had been reached and danger of a clash with the de facto Mexican government removed.

Gen. Scott sent a brief message during the day that he was preparing a full report for later transmission to Secretary Baker. The secretary and Gen. Bliss, acting chief of staff, were on watch for the report all day, and until far in the night. As the hours passed, however, it became clear that no action toward ratification of the agreement could be taken until after President Wilson had studied Gen. Scott's dispatch tomorrow.

The Mexican problem is being handled by the president personally, it is understood, and no steps will be taken without his sanction. It has been hinted that Mr. Wilson suggested the El Paso conference.

Officials apparently have no reason to doubt the accuracy of press reports from El Paso giving the substance of the tentative agreement and it seemed probable tonight that the tentative agreement would be promptly ratified unless state department officials found some element in it which required further discussion.

An indication of the thoroughness of the administration in the plan, hit upon by Gen. Scott, of saying the border problem was being handled by the president personally, is that the president is said to be taking early action on applications for exportation of various shipments of arms and ammunition to the Carranza forces. So much doubt has surrounded the attitude of the various Carranza generals in the north States of Mexico that no war supplies have been given clearance since the American troops started in pursuit of Villa. A total of ten million rounds of ammunition is said to be awaiting forwarding permits.

Officials of the Mexican embassy took up these questions with the state department today in an informal and entirely friendly manner. The campaign inaugurated against the Zapata forces in Southern Mexico makes it necessary that full supplies be assured for the Carranza forces operating there.

State and treasury department officials conferred later, and it is understood that Carranza's representatives were promised that if the results of the Scott-Obregon conference were as satisfactory as pictured in press reports, and the agreement was ratified by both governments, ammunition shipments would be expedited, as the Washington government was anxious to do all in its power to aid in restoring peace in all parts of Mexico.

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IRISH REBELS SURRENDER.

ALL THOSE IN DUBLIN HAVE LAID DOWN ARMS.

Nearly Five Hundred Have Been Taken to London—Enniscorthy Group Gives Up.

London, May 1.—All the rebels in Dublin have surrendered and those in the county districts are doing likewise, according to an official statement issued this evening. The Enniscorthy rebels have unconditionally surrendered, it was officially announced tonight. One thousand prisoners were taken in Dublin yesterday, the announcement added.

It was officially announced this evening that 489 of the Dublin prisoners had been sent to England.

"All the rebels in Dublin have surrendered and the city is reported quite safe. The rebels in the county districts are surrendering to the mobile columns."

"There were 1,000 prisoners in Dublin yesterday, of whom 489 were sent to England last night."

"It is reported from Queenstown that hopes were entertained that arms would be landed today in the city of Cork."

"During the night of April 30-May 1 the rebels in Enniscorthy made an offer to surrender their leaders and their arms on condition that the rank and file be allowed to return to their homes. They were informed that the only terms that could be entertained were unconditional surrender. These terms were accepted by them at 6 o'clock this morning. It was reported later that the rebels were surrendering today on these terms."

"A column composed of soldiers and Royal Irish constabulary captured seven prisoners in the neighborhood of Fermoy (County Wexford) today."

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COTTON ACREAGE INCREASE.

6.9 PER CENT. ABOVE NORMAL CROP—DECREASE FERTILIZERS.

Figures From South Carolina Approximate Smaller Increases in Acreage—Planting Late.

New York, May 1.—Compiling data from the counties of all cotton growing States, The Journal of Commerce, New York, estimates that an increase of 6.9 per cent. in the acreage of cotton above normal is indicated. The reduction last year was 14 per cent.

Along with the increased acreage put to cotton, this commercial journal approximates a decrease of 25 per cent. in the use of commercial fertilizers, induced by the scarcity of nitrate and the excessive prices charged for available products.

Throughout the country planting is late, the delay ranging from 1 to 10 days, with a general average of 5. Small grain crops are reported in poor condition. Statistics were collected by 2,000 correspondents.

Figures from South Carolina indicate an increased acreage in cotton of 5.3 per cent.; decrease in fertilizers 16 per cent.; days late 4. Refer to the general situation The Journal says:

"An increase of 6.9 per cent. indicated in cotton acreage if compared with a decrease of 14 per cent. last year. This is the consensus of opinion of about 2,000 special correspondents of The Journal of Commerce bearing an average date of April 23. Planting is still incomplete, and it is possible that our next monthly report will show even greater increases. On account of cold, wet weather small grain crops have done poorly in many localities, which acreage when abandoned will go into cotton. A 25 per cent. reduction is reported in the use of fertilizers, owing to high prices; and many farmers are increasing acreage to offset a decreased yield. The season is about one week late and germination has been retarded by cold, dry weather. On account of the scarcity of seed, apprehension is felt lest drouth should set in and necessitate replanting. Ground is generally well prepared and there is a good season in the ground."

"Preliminary estimates of cotton acreage by States, together with correspondents' estimates of fertilizer and the days late or early, compared with a normal season, are given below:

State	Inc.	Dec.	Days late
N. Carolina	.42	22	3
S. Carolina	.53	15	4
Georgia	.44	20	2
Florida	.50	59	3
Alabama	.0	34	6
Mississippi	.134	23	0
Louisiana	.145	28	1
Texas	.56	25	10
Arkansas	.106	31	0
Tennessee	.30	32	5
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BISHOPS ASSIGNED TO STATE.

James Atkins to Preside at Lower Conference and W. A. Candler at Upper.

Nashville, Tenn., May 1.—The college bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, today completed the conference assignments of the bishops for the ensuing year. Among the assignments are:

Bishop W. B. Murrah, Cuba mission, Cienfuegos, February 13.
Bishop J. C. Kilgo, western North Carolina, Gastonia, November 8; North Carolina, Durham, November 29.

Bishop Collins Denny, North Alabama conference, Bessemer, Ala., November 1; Alabama, Selma, November 29; Florida, Ocala, Fla., December 8.

Bishop James Atkins, South Carolina conference, Florence, November 29.

Bishop W. A. Candler, North Georgia conference, Griffin, November 8; upper South Carolina, Greenville, November 16; South Georgia, Thomasville, November 29.

The fall meeting of the College of Bishops will be held in Atlanta, October 26-29. Owing to recent ill health Bishop Waterhouse was relieved from active work for the present.

Chief Sumter states that automobile drivers had best be careful in future in crossing streets and in turning at the crossings, as the "stop" signs will be vigorously enforced and failure to obey them will result in arrest and fine for the violators.

PLAN TO AID BANKERS.

FEDERAL RESERVE CHECK COLLECTION SYSTEM.

Move to Extend Banks Influence Can Not be Made Effective Immediately but First Steps Are Taken.

Washington, April 30.—The federal reserve board expects to have its countrywide check collection and clearing system, announced yesterday, extended ultimately to all the banks in the United States. In a letter to member banks announcing that the new plan would be effective June 15, and outlining its details, the board says:

"It is the purpose of the federal reserve board to have the collection system developed so as to embrace the collection of checks on non-member banks and private banks and while this can not be done immediately all will be taken to afford these as rapidly as possible."

At par checks drawn upon all member banks, whose checks are collected at par by the reserve banks, to be revised from time to time, which will be furnished to member banks."

Member banks are warned not to impair their reserves by drawing against items in process of collection under the new system, as such drafts will be charged against reserves.

"Inasmuch as it is essential that the law in respect to the maintenance of required reserves be strictly complied with," says the letter, "the board will fix a penalty to be imposed upon member banks for encroachment upon their reserves. Member banks can at all times keep their reserves intact by discounting with their federal reserve bank."

An accurate method of determining the true status of the reserve held by the federal banks for each member bank will be adopted, the letter says, "and will enable the board to apply the penalty for impairment of reserve." In handling items for member banks, the letter says, "federal reserve banks will act as agents and will require authority from member banks for so acting and such negligence will assume no liability."

LAMAR LOSES APPEAL.

Sentence of Two Years in Prison Affirmed by Supreme Court.

Washington, May 1.—The supreme court today affirmed the conviction of David Lamar, referred to as the "Wall of Wall Street" in the New York general courts, on charges of impersonating Representative A. Mitchell Palmer to J. P. Morgan and others with intent to defraud. Lamar is under sentence to serve two years in the penitentiary and today's action is the final word in the courts.

The court decided that a congressman is an officer of the United States within the meaning of the statute against the impersonation of an "officer of the United States." That was the main point on which Lamar rested his case.

STRIKERS ATTACK MILLS.

Five Thousand Enter Westinghouse Plants at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 1.—Five thousand striking employees of the Westinghouse plants entered the mills of four big steel companies in Rankin and Braddock late today, attacked employees and caused property damage amounting to several hundred dollars. One rioter was arrested, but hundreds attacked the police with stones and rescued the prisoner. The rioting lasted three hours and was the most serious since the strike began.

The plants entered were those of Edgar Thompson Works of the Carnegie Steel Company, the American Steel and Wire Company, the Meltric-Marshall Construction Company, and the Standard Chain Works. District Attorney Jackson ordered the saloons in Braddock, which had been permitted to reopen three hours before the trouble, to be closed indefinitely.

DUBLIN AFTER BATTLE.

Whole Blocks Were Destroyed in Center of City.

Dublin, May 2.—The bodies of fourteen women have been found under one building destroyed by cannon. Many dead are still under the ruins. Whole blocks were destroyed in the central part of the city. Pieces of clothing from the dead were taken as souvenirs. The wreckage renders many of the streets impassable. The sniper who fired the last shot in Dublin Monday has surrendered.