

SEEK TO RUN DOWN IRISH ASSASSINS

All England Stirred by Attempt on Life of Viscount French

ATTACK NOT UNEXPECTED

Dublin, Dec. 20.—Government police are engaged in tracking down the men who yesterday attempted to assassinate Viscount French, lord lieutenant of Ireland. Belief is expressed that evidence has been obtained that may result in the arrest of several of those who planned and carried out the attack.

Documents were secured by the authorities last night, when a store in this city was raided, the officers having been led to the place by papers found on the person of a man named Savage, who was killed while running from the scene of the attempted assassination.

The authorities are investigating the associates of Savage in the hope of finding a clue to the identity of the assassins. Absence of independent witnesses and the quick escape of the attack caused a number of discrepancies in accounts of the occurrence. It was at first said that Policeman Loughlin, guard at the Ashdown cross-roads, had been killed, but it developed he was only wounded.

When the firing began he ran in the direction of the viscount's motor car, but tripped and fell. While he was lying on the ground a bullet passed through one of his feet. He is now in a hospital, where it is said his injuries are slight.

Aim at Wrong Auto Detective Sergeant Halley, who was also wounded, is at the viceregal lodge. He was a bodyguard of Viscount French, succeeding Constable Hoey, who was recently killed by parties unknown.

Most recent reports state the motorcar in which the viscount rode was not struck by bullets, the attacking party centering its attention on the automobile immediately behind which was empty. This car was shattered by a bomb which exploded inside the vehicle. The viceregal lodge is under close guard of police, no one being allowed to enter. Large crowds from Dublin visited the scene of the attack yesterday afternoon.

Viscount French and Mr. Sanderson, his secretary, refuse to see newspaper men and officials generally are very reticent. It is stated, however, that the lord lieutenant was probably the least surprised of any one by the attempt against his life. It is known that he has expected an attack and is quoted as saying recently he was "governing Ireland, pistol in hand," but that he "was not going to evade danger."

It is recalled that the Sinn Fein newspaper "Republican," edited by Harry Figgis, printed in one of its September issues: "Viscount French will not be here much longer, but the nation will continue. Its freedom will be won when French has passed from the scene."

When four Sinn Feiners, charged with soliciting funds for the Irish parliament, were sentenced to various terms of imprisonment in Criminal Court at Burnfoot, Donegal, yesterday, Magistrate Porter expressed his disapproval to be "savagely" and said he would bring his magistrate's commission to the winds. Magistrate McLoughlin also protested and was removed from the court.

James Ian MacPherson, chief secretary for Ireland, has arranged to come to Dublin immediately, but will be closely guarded, even in England, says the London Daily Mail. Mr. MacPherson is under constant guard of two detectives and when he reaches Ireland his bodyguard will be increased to twelve men.

IRISH BILL MODELED ON U. S. SYSTEM

London, Dec. 20.—(By A. P.)—The proposed Irish bill, which Premier Lloyd George will outline in the House of Commons on Monday, will, it is believed, forecast a government for Ireland analogous to the state governmental system in America. It is understood to provide for separate parliaments for Ulster and southern Ireland respectively, with a superior body chosen by both sections, representatives to be elected, as the states elect members to the American House of Representatives.

The idea will be to give a large amount of autonomy to each section of Ireland, with thoroughly easy machinery providing for their combination as soon as they desire to unite, the bill being intended to pave the road for elimination of the idea of the partition of Ireland.

It is expected that the premier's announcement will be most conciliatory and is understood to have kept before it as primary points, first that the secession of Ireland and the establishment of an independent Irish republic could not be tolerated, but that on the other hand the present system of government could not be continued and that it was impossible to ignore the fact that there were two great sections of Ireland, each of whose claims must be considered. Precautions are being taken by the Scotland Yard officials against possible attempts to attack Premier Lloyd George or prominent members of the Irish office in London.

Money, Money, Who's Got the Money in 1920 Race?

Maybe Financial Interests Back Lowden for President, Maybe Wood—Anyhow Acrimonious Debate Has Sprung Up

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Washington, Dec. 20.—The Wood and Lowden races have begun, or some one has begun for them, a slightly acrimonious debate as to which of the two is the candidate of the money interests. It started with an attack upon the Illinois governor, charging that his candidacy was closely associated with certain big financial personages.

Governor Lowden is the son-in-law of George M. Pullman, of Pullman palace car fame. As such his name is anathema to certain more radical Republicans. William Allen White having already gone so far as to serve notice in his paper, the Emporia Gazette, that in case of Lowden's nomination he would bolt the ticket.

The Lowden people, hearing of a loan attempt to subsidize an excellent and worthy candidacy, have at once ascribed it to the Wood promoters. In reply they, or some one in their interests, called attention to the wealthy gentlemen who would like to see General Wood nominated. And the story was circulated that when the Wood campaign was under consideration a meeting was held in the home of the late Henry C. Frick, of Pittsburgh.

Dan Hanna Backs Wood As a result of this meeting ample means were available, it was said, for the Wood campaign. Since then Hanna has declared for General Wood in his newspaper, the Cleveland News, in spite of the fact that Ohio has a favorite son in the person of Senator Harding, and Mr. Hanna is credited with the intention of fighting to take some of Ohio away from Harding and to give it to Wood, precipitating something like the situation that existed in 1912, when Roosevelt entered the home state of President Taft and fought him there for the delegates.

In the interest of Governor Lowden it is suggested that the Wood promoters, wishing to distract attention from the support of their candidate by Mr. Hanna, William Cooper Procter, the late H. C. Frick, and perhaps George W. Perkins, are pointing the finger at Governor Lowden's friends. But these reports are hard to trace and it may be that some one interested in Governor Lowden, after reading William Allen White's editorial and knowing that Mr. White and his friends like General Wood pretty well, has stirred the waters in order that people will remark upon how agreeable to certain persons of great wealth the leading candidate for the Republican nomination, General Wood, is.

Well-Financed Candidates Or it may be that the friends of some third candidate, Senator Harding, for example, have started the whole thing in order that the public should know what is the undoubted fact, that in all these preliminary maneuvers the money is down upon two men, Wood and Lowden. From a source in New York, surely well informed upon finance and politics, it is learned that these two, as things stand today, would be the well-financed candidates. They would carry the money.

The Wood movement has the financial backing that was always available for Theodore Roosevelt, plus some backing that the general himself has obtained by reason of the popularity that his Flatburg training-camp movement and his quarrels with the Wilson administration have won for him.

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The Pershing candidacy has its financial connections, through General Daves and through Pershing's father-in-law, Senator Warren. But the Pershing candidacy is new. Moreover, the present indications are that the Pershing candidacy will not be a primary candidacy. It will not need money. In a way it resembles the candidacy of Senator Harding. It is potential rather than actual.

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