

## DEATH PENALTY IS TO BE DEALT ARMS BEARERS

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against the British government. It was learned that territory which will be put under martial law is the southwestern part of Ireland where bands of raiders from the Irish republican army have been operating from the mountains where they made the headquarters. Premier Lloyd George said the British government cannot recognize Dail Eireann, the Sinn Fein parliament. (According to reports received from Dublin, Sinn Fein leaders declared they would repudiate all peace negotiations that were not sanctioned by Dail Eireann.) The premier in referring to the peace message of the Rev. Fr. Michael O'Flanagan, acting president of the Sinn Fein, said it was "one of the most foolish signs of a new spirit in Ireland." He added: "The message from Father O'Flanagan and a message from the Galway council required great courage on the part of the writers. But these already have been repudiated."

"Those controlling the murder organization in Ireland are not ready for peace and therefore the government has decided on a double policy," said the premier. "We have no option but to continue and intensify the military campaign against a small but mighty organization which constitutes a desperate minority. On the other hand, we have no option but to encourage every agency in Ireland which is really anxious for an honorable settlement and peace," the premier added.

In outlining the regulations in the districts covered by martial law, the premier said the death penalty would be inflicted upon persons convicted of wearing unauthorized uniforms and harboring Irish rebels.

The premier revealed that the government has replied to the recent peace message from Father O'Flanagan, acting president of the Sinn Fein, affording him all possible facilities for discussing the peace situation.

At the same time, continued the premier, the government is willing to extend aid in other directions to assist responsible persons to discuss a truce and a settlement.

The premier read documents that had passed between the government and Irish leaders who were seeking a peace agreement. One of these was a communication which had been sent to Galway promising the bishop of Galway to facilitate a meeting of elected representatives of Ireland to discuss peace. The note made the except, however, that safe conduct could not be promised to Sinn Fein members of Parliament who were implicated in crime.

## RELATIVES PLEAD FOR WHITESIDE

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fore the board in his behalf, and every point in connection with the case, from the validity of the contract and Whiteside's claims against the county, to the character and reputation of the prisoner, was brought to the attention of the pardon officials.

Detail was made of the newspaper accounts of the manner in which Whiteside disposed of the bodies of the paupers, which he turned over to the anatomical board of the Indiana Medical College.

Whiteside's case was presented to the board by Sumner Clancy, an attorney, who was assisted by Joseph Williams of Madison, who said he had been a friend of the Whiteside family for years. Clancy, in opening the case, declared the county still owes Whiteside \$300 on his contract, and declared that this contract was impossible of fulfillment on the part of the prisoner. According to Clancy's statement, which he read from a copy of the contract, Whiteside was to furnish three foot, three inch coffins at a price of \$5 each; four foot, nine inch coffins at fifty cents each, and coffins more than five feet at a price of \$14 each.

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## STORMS JAIL AND HANG 3

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lynchers to the last. He maintained his air of bravado until the noose tightened around his neck and his feet swung clear of the ground.

Boyd was too weak to protest or resist. He had to be carried from the automobile to the improvised gallows.

He went to his death with hardly a murmur.

Valento walked to his place under the death limb with a laugh for his executioners on his lips. He laughed in their faces when they took him from jail.

"Fits, known as 'the bully,' screamed and cried like a child and pleaded for his life. At the scene of the lynching he became so violent and screamed so loudly that he was struck over the head with the butt of a gun and quieted. A gag was then pushed in his mouth. Boyd was slowly pulled up until his feet were three feet clear of the ground.

Some of the lynching party stepped back and raised their rifles to fire at his body. They were told not to do so.

"Let 'em just die," the leader of the band is said to have ordered. Boyd's neck was broken by the noose. Fits, screaming and kicking, was dragged under the tree. A blow from the butt of a gun quieted him and he was executed in a manner similar to Boyd.

The band stayed on the scene until assured all three men were dead. Then they departed quietly.

**GANGBANGERS TO SEE BODIES.**

Sheriff Boyes said that he had not recognized any of the members of the party. There was no pursuit as the members of the mob disappeared in their automobiles after the lynching.

Coroner Frank Phillips was notified and early today he cut down the bodies and removed them to the morgue.

A few moments after the lynching some people began to struggle out to the cemetery, and as the word of the lynching spread, crowds began assembling from all parts of Sonoma County. Many of those in the crowd demanded pieces of the ropes with which the men were hanged for souvenirs.

Several asked Sheriff Boyes to leave the bodies hanging that all the county might view them. Boyd, Valento and Fits and a woman

named Dorothy Quinlan were arrested Sunday after a fight with Sheriff Petray and deputies in a local hotel. It was said that the men were members of gangs guilty of recent crimes in San Francisco and were wanted by the San Francisco police.

## WITNESS TELLS OF LYNCHING

A citizen, who says he witnessed the lynching of Charles Valento, George Boyd and Terence Fits, told the story, as follows:

"They dragged the fellows up slow. A bunch in the crowd had their guns out and were ready to fill the gangsters with bullets, but others shouted not to shoot, as they would hit their friends. The men with guns were pushed back and no shots were fired.

"The three men didn't kick much at first. Then one man's neck began to stretch. You could see it. Valento next began flopping his arms like a chicken. He did this for quite a while and the crowd shouted 'he's getting his medicine now.' Boyd didn't kick much because he was too near dead from Jackson's bullet wound and Fits was too scared and beaten up to do anything. He got a lot of rough treatment before he was strung up.

"I guess they kicked for five minutes before they died. While I was passing one of the guards down town, I was mistaken for one of the lynchers. 'Put on that mask, you fool!' the guard said to me. I pulled out my handkerchief and put it across my face.

"Most of the guards were armed with shotguns and revolvers.

"I watched the hanging until the men had stopped kicking. Then I was sick and I turned away. I had been crouching across the road from the cemetery. It was sickening. Dozens of flashlights and spotlights from automobile cast a deadly hue over the scene as the lynchers worked."

**SHERIFF HAD NO CHANCE.**

Sheriff Boyes arrived at the scene shortly after 2 a. m. in company with Coroner Frank Phillips, who cut down the bodies and removed them to a downtown undertaker's establishment.

"I had no chance," said Sheriff Boyes. "Six guns were pointed in my face by the mob and two men rushed around the corner and grabbed my arms. As I was leaving, the telephone bell rang and with a pair of pliers a man cut the wire."

Every man was masked. They were too busy organizing."

## JAPANESE AND CHINESE CAUSE LEAGUE CLASH

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Shantung peninsula by Japan on the ground that Great Britain holds Hong Kong.

Members of the Chinese delegation charge Baron Hayashi with traducing the Chinese in his remarks on the Shantung issue. The Japanese diplomat was reported to have said: "The Boxer rebellion was the best criterion by which to judge the Chinese."

A resolution, signed by eleven states, urging the teaching of Esperanto in all schools to facilitate international conversation, was introduced today.

Lord Robert Cecil, representative of South Africa, presented the report of the blockade committee, recommending the breaking of diplomatic relations with any nation that becomes aggressive toward a fellow member of the league. The re-

port leaves the question of how to deal with the United States and other non-members that may refuse to join in a blockade against an aggressor to the international blockade commission which will not report until the next meeting of the Assembly in 1921.

## HARDING PUTS MOST WEIGHT ON U. S. AFFAIRS

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some doubt, however, whether, having been on the Supreme bench, Hughes would be willing to accept a Cabinet post.

Charles Evans Hughes, standard bearer of the Republican party in 1916, arrived early to discuss with President-elect Harding the pressing questions which face the new chief executive.

Mr. Hughes was driven at once to the Harding home where he joined Senator and Mrs. Harding at breakfast. Then the two leaders sat down together to talk over in detail conditions both at home and abroad.

Mr. Hughes is the first of the men and women prominent in National affairs who are expected to come to Marion to aid Senator Harding with their counsel and advice. He will be followed Sunday by Herbert Hoover, Elihu Root and

William Howard Taft are expected before the end of next week, while Senators Hitchcock and Shields from the Democratic ranks, also are scheduled to arrive in the near future.

Developments in world politics, especially at Geneva, have lent added importance to the Hughes visit. He has been a deep student of the League of Nations and his attitude toward that covenant is said to closely approach that of Senator Harding in many respects.

Senator Harding, it is said, places confidence not only in his opinion as an international lawyer, but in his ability to untangle complicated questions of eco-

nomics and finance. For it is known that the conference here will deal with domestic as well as foreign problems. This has been indicated clearly by the close study made by the President-elect of the report of the Secretary of Treasury and the deliberations of the House Ways and Means Committee and of industrial conditions throughout the country.

## HUGHES REGARDED CABINET MATERIAL

Mr. Hughes is regarded, by men in close touch with Senator Harding, not only as an adviser and party leader, but as a Cabinet possibility. They declare

his record as Governor of New York, as a justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and as Republican candidate for President would make him available and widely acceptable as Secretary of State.

With Senator Knox and Elihu Root, he is ranked among the leading Cabinet candidates.

Senator Harding, who plowed through a tremendous amount of accumulated correspondence yesterday, sought relief last night in a brisk walk, a lone Christmas shopping excursion and a visit to the Marion Club, where he chatted with old friends.

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