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### IRISH WITNESS' HOME SACKED AFTER LABORITES PROBE, CLAIM

#### "TRALEE BATTLE" ACCOUNT FICTION, SAYS COMMITTEE

**Allege Serious Conflict Between Evidence and a Fanciful Story of Secretary That Was Given in Commons.**

London, Jan. 17.—(By The Associated Press).—A supplementary report of the Irish investigating committee of the labor party which recently visited Ireland to investigate conditions in that country, was issued Monday evening by the publication of the testimony of one witness before the investigating commission resulted in a visit to his home by armed men, who, not finding the witness, proceeded to damage the furniture.

The supplementary report challenges the accuracy of the government's account of the "battle of Tralee" and concludes that the "battle of Tralee" is a figment of the imagination and alleges that "there is serious conflict between the evidence gathered by the commission and the fanciful, highly colored story of the battle of Tralee presented in the house of commons by the chief secretary."

**Deliberate Fake, Charge**  
The document cites what it intimates was a case of the deliberate faking of a photograph portraying a battle scene in order to support an account given in the house of commons. The report says the photograph in question has been suppressed, but it recounts how it pictured a wounded cadet and two dead Sinn Feiners lying in a road, and the cadet's taking Sinn Fein prisoners in the background.

The report declares that this photograph appeared in many newspapers and was viciously declared as "a picture from the Kerry front" and in the illustration of the battle of Tralee.

**Denies Battle Scene**  
"What we wish to emphasize," says the report, "is that this photograph purports to have been taken in southwest Ireland." Attention then is called to a photograph in the report showing a junction of two roads just outside Dublin City. The report adds:

"It is this exact scene, with the addition of the people referred to above, which has appeared as a picture of the battle ground. We do not know who arranged for the taking of the photograph outside of Dublin, but our belief that its publication would give an air of verisimilitude to the story of an encounter as described by Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland.

With reference to the attempted victimization of a witness examined by the commission the report says:

**Intimidate Witness.**  
"About 2 o'clock in the morning following the publication of the evidence in the newspaper we are informed from a trustworthy source that a number of armed men burst into the house where the witness lived. Fortunately for him, he was not there, but the men damaged the furniture and other effects in the house, and on leaving one of them said 'Tell him we will get him, and when we do we will guarantee that

#### WIRELESS TALK RECORD BROKEN

**Coast-to-Coast Service in 1 Hour 8 Minutes Accomplished.**

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 17.—What is claimed to be a world's record for wireless transmission was made Monday when a message from the Hartford Courant to the Los Angeles Times was relayed across the continent by the station of Hiram Percy Maxim. The reply came in one hour and eight minutes.

Several mid-western stations operated by members of the American Radio Relay League, the national organization of non-commercial wireless operators, of which Mr. Maxim is president, assisted in relaying the test message across the continent.

A record of one hour and twenty minutes for cross continent relay of a wireless message was made by the Maxim station more than three years ago.

**BANDITS KILL OFFICERS.**  
Toledo, Jan. 17.—Six bandits killed two railroad officers here Monday after holding up an express messenger and seizing \$12,000 belonging to the New York Central railroad. The officers were killed in resisting the highway-men.

He will give no more evidence. "We will make a clean job next time." "This scandalous incident," the report adds, "illustrates the peril of giving evidence on the doings of the armed forces of the crown. We regret that an attempt should have been made to victimize a witness, whose only offense was that he told the commission of his experiences with the agents of the British government."

**Peace Parleys Off.**  
Since the suspension of the negotiations begun by Father O'Flanagan there has been a complete cessation of unofficial conversations for an Irish truce and it is not likely they will be renewed for at least two months. During this interval the authorities in Ireland will be permitted to tighten up repressive measures and prove their belief that Ireland can in this manner be restored to order, and the extremists confounded.

The government view is that nobody entitled to speak for the Sinn Fein has yet come forward to discuss matters with the government, whose attitude remains unchanged.

The government declines to discuss peace until the claim for independence and a republic has been withdrawn and the republican army has surrendered its arms. Further, the government refuses to negotiate except on the home rule bill as a basis. On this ground, however, it is believed generally, it probably is willing to grant complete fiscal autonomy to southern Ireland, if peace could be attained thereby.

**Packers Protest Data Furnished British by U. S. Trade Commission**

Washington, Jan. 17.—The attention of members of congress was called Monday by the Institute of American Meat Packers, through its Washington office, to proposals submitted to the British parliament regarding the meat industry and said to be designed to restrict American packers from further extending their world trade.

The institute, in an open letter to senators and representatives transmitting a report to parliament by a sub-committee of the standing committee of trusts, says the report was a "consequence of the deliberate circulation in foreign countries by the federal trade commission" of the commission's report on its investigation of the "big five" packers conducted several years ago by direction of President Wilson.

It is charged by the institute that the trade commission not only furnished copies of its report to representatives here of foreign governments, but also asked the diplomatic bureau of the state department to transmit copies of the report direct to these governments.

#### SENATE SWINGS BEHIND 175,000 ARMY STRENGTH

**Sets Aside Decision of Week Ago Without Record Vote.**

**Action Taken Against Recommendations of Baker and Pershing.**

Washington, Jan. 17.—Congress voted Monday to limit the size of the regular army to 175,000 enlisted men. The senate, 41 to 43, set aside its decision of last week to reduce the army to 150,000 men and then without a record vote, adopted the original joint resolution of Senator New, Republican, of Indiana, directing the secretary of war to stop recruiting until the army is cut to 175,000 men.

The house, 10 minutes later, adopted a joint resolution sponsored by Chairman Kahn of its military affairs committee also directing the secretary of war to cease enlistments until there are not more than 175,000 enlisted men in the regular establishment. The house vote was 285 to 4, only Representatives Deo, Texas; Blackmon, Alabama; and Cramton, Michigan, Republican, standing out against the reduction.

**Several Change About.**  
The action of the two houses was taken against the recommendations of war department heads and General Pershing, secretary of war, in appearing before the senate military affairs committee, advised against an army of less than 250,000 men after the "present" General Pershing told the same committee that an army of 200,000 men constituted a safety margin.

The vote in the senate showed that several senators who last week went on record as favoring an army of 150,000 had changed about, placing their support behind the 175,000 figure. No reason for the change was announced, but some senators said privately that they believed President Wilson would sign a resolution placing the future army at 175,000 men but would not approve a smaller number.

**Island of Yap Up**  
Referring to a suggestion by Senator Kahn that disposition of the Island of Yap with its coal communications was a delicate problem requiring for adjustment, Senator Williams declared that it was not a question which would involve America in war.

Three-fourths of the senators don't know where Yap is, Senator Williams said, "yet we're going to yap for a bigger army and yap against the Japanese and yap against an army of 150,000."

Called up unexpectedly, the Kahn resolution in the house provoked considerable partisan debate in which Republicans charged Secretary Baker has violated the will of congress in running the total army strength above the figure for which appropriations had been made. There was little opposition to the reduction, however, when put to a vote.

**Sharp Verbal Clash.**  
Declaring that members generally were for the resolution, Representative Garrett, Democrat, of Tennessee, insisted he could not permit criticism of the secretary of war to go unchallenged.

"Republicans of congress have reached the point where they are willing to eat their words," said Mr. Garrett. "They voted against a motion to reduce the army bill for a fictitious purpose of limiting the fighting total to 185,000. There was no wonder Mr. Baker considered the language mandatory when he saw that the house had insisted upon a larger force."

The house debate also brought a sharp verbal clash between Chairman Kahn and Representative Hayden, Democrat, of Arizona, when the latter wanted to know if the chairman had abandoned his plan for universal military training.

**Duchess Olga's Body Stolen From Soviets, Taken to Holy Land**  
London, Jan. 17.—Bodies, supposed to have been the remains of Grand Duchess Olga, daughter of former Emperor Nicholas of Russia, and her maid, are aboard the British steamer Devanah, which is due to reach Egypt at the end of the week. Disinterred at Yekaterinburg, the bodies are said to have been smuggled through Persia and thence to Shanghai.

Upon the arrival of the steamer they will be disembarked and taken to the Holy Land for final interment.

#### Less Credit Inflation and Loans Calls Forth Optimistic Statement From National Banks 'Watchdog'

Washington, Jan. 17.—Inflation of credit and loans has been far less since the end of the war than is popularly supposed, Comptroller of the Currency Williams declared Monday night in a statement analyzing the statements of the conditions of the national banks on last November 15, as compared with March 4, 1919, four months after the armistice.

"Some of the criticisms which have been made as to the alleged financial inflation is hardly justified," said Mr. Williams in referring to the condition of national banks. "The generally conservative instincts and prudent management of most of our bankers have been a healthy and restraining influence to the orgy of extravagance and speculation which raged during the eighteen months' period succeeding the armistice."

**Loans Decrease 9 Per Cent.**  
Loans and discounts of all national banks on March 4, 1919, the comptroller explained, plus government securities owned, which may be regarded in the light of loans to the government but exclusive of bonds held to secure circulation, amounted to \$12,694,050,000, as compared with \$13,749,926,000 on last November 15. This was an increase, he declared, in loans and discounts and United States securities held during the past 20 months of only \$1,055,876,000 or less than 1 per cent. The comptroller added that it should be taken into consideration that during these 20 months the government sold \$4,500,000,000 worth of victory notes and bonds, the majority through the national banks.

The total resources of all national banks last November 15, according to the comptroller's report of the call on that date, amounted to \$22,081,000,000, an actual increase since last September 8 of \$196,433,000 but a reduction as compared with the corresponding call a year ago of \$363,079,000.

**Loans Increase 9 Per Cent.**  
Total deposits November 15 amounted to \$16,961,702,000, an increase since September of \$209,746,000, but a reduction since a year ago of \$506,151,000. Loans and discounts on November 15 aggregated \$12,311,514,000, a shrinkage since September of \$104,248,000 but an increase over the corresponding call of the previous year of \$751,272,000.

Comparing all deposits on November 15 with March 4, 1919, the comptroller said the conspicuous increases are shown in the great industrial districts of the east and on the Pacific coast and in Texas.

#### Bright Future Ahead Reserve Bank Chief Tells N. Y. Bankers

New York, Jan. 17.—Both long term credits and investments in European securities are called for by the present situation to supplement ordinary banking activities in effecting the economic and financial rehabilitation of foreign countries, Governor Harding of the federal reserve board declared in an address here Monday night before a group meeting of the New York State Bankers' association.

Speaking of "Working Back to Normal," Governor Harding asserted that whatever danger of crisis there may have been is passed and that a bright future is ahead to be attained through hard and intelligent work.

Production must continue if the country is to prosper, the governor said, but surplus production must be disposed of by sale to foreign countries. Under present conditions, he continued, many countries cannot pay for goods in the usual manner and "it is necessary that we should devise new means of financing our foreign trade."

Continuance of trade with Europe is vital, Governor Harding declared, and the maintenance of "the trade relationships of other countries with Europe" is scarcely less important.

**Home Brew Illegal, Penalty Is \$1,000 Washington Ruling**  
Detroit, Jan. 17.—A ruling by the United States treasury department at Washington that manufacturers of home brewed beer are subjected to a penalty of \$1,000 was received Monday by John A. Grogan, collector of internal revenue, for the eastern Michigan district. The ruling is a violation, even where there are no sales or evidences of consumption, it was announced.

**Unmarried War Vets Must Pay Income Tax on Disability Funds**  
Washington, Jan. 17.—Unmarried war veterans must return to the government as income tax four per cent of any disability payments they receive in excess of \$1,000 a year. The treasury department ruled Monday that it could not under the law, exempt such ex-service men although those still in the service are required to pay only on amounts in excess of \$3,500 a year. War risk insurance payments, however, are not taxable.

#### CENT A POUND TAX ON COPPER BROCKWAY IDEA

**Yellowstone Man Asks Other Metals Taxed in Ratio to Value.**

House Considers Codification Bills in Short Session on Monday.

Special to The Daily Tribune. Helena, Jan. 17.—Imposition of a state tax of 1 cent a pound upon all copper mined within the state and a proportionate tax upon gold, silver, lead and other metals according to their intrinsic values, would be the purpose of a bill which B. G. Brockway, of Yellowstone county, proposes to introduce as a revenue measure, according to his notice given in the house Monday.

This, together with the giving of notice of a number of measures of considerable importance, the consideration in committee of the whole of a big batch of Booth's codification bills and the concurrence of several of the same class of bills, comprised the attainments of the house during the two hour session of Monday afternoon which adjourned early until 11:30 a. m. Tuesday out of respect to State Senator M. H. Parker, of Jefferson county, whose wife died in Helena Sunday.

**Will Attend Funeral.**  
In this connection, upon motion of Cooney of Cascade, the speaker appointed Riggs, Cooney, Treloar, Siskier and Wilcox as a committee to attend the funeral of Mrs. Parker to represent the house.

In committee of the whole, with C. C. Conner, of Fallon county, presiding, the house considered 24 of the Booth codification bills, recommending all for concurrence with the exception of one bill which was re-referred to the judiciary committee. Previous to this the house had concurred in several of the Booth bills.

**Kill Slender Bill.**  
Reports from the judiciary committee were approved upon four house measures, house bill 30, relating to the filing of bonds in slander and libel actions, and house bill 34, also relating to slander and libel suits, being killed, while house bill 35, relative to the collection of homesteads, and house bill 37, providing for enforcement of arbitration agreements, were recommended for passage.

The house concurred in the senate concurrent resolution upon the death of former Governor B. F. White of Beaverhead county.

**Thieves Get \$300,000 in Furs; Wholesale Houses Are Looted**  
New York, Jan. 17.—Thieves operating in the wholesale fur district during the last two weeks have carted away loot valued at more than \$300,000, merchants said Monday, coincident with an announcement that police were investigating three burglaries which occurred Sunday.

Three establishments in one building were entered some time Sunday and furs valued at \$61,000 taken. The thieves, to avoid sounding burglar alarms, sealed fire ladders in the rear of the building and entered the left through a chimney. They used the elevator to enter the other shops and removed a part of the chimney to carry out their loot.

**Wilson's Authority on Cuban Inquiry Questioned in House**  
Washington, Jan. 17.—A resolution requesting President Wilson to inform congress why and what authority he had as General Crockett to Cuba to investigate conditions there was introduced today by Representative Emerson, Republican, Ohio. The resolution said the president had ordered an investigation of "subjects" unknown to congress and the people of the United States.

**Old Age Pension Bill Presented to Senate in Washington State**  
Olympia, Wn., Jan. 17.—A bill proposing that a constitutional amendment providing for old age pensions for persons attaining the age of 65 years who have resided in the state of Washington for 20 years, be submitted to the voters at the general election in November, 1922, was introduced in the senate Monday by Senator H. A. Hutchinson, of Spokane county. Funds for payment of the pensions would be raised by a poll tax.

### PAVES WAY FOR HUGE MILL IN UNITED STATES COMMENTS HAGENBARTH

#### KANSAS SOLONS TOLD OF N. P. L.

**Former Attorney General of North Dakota Raps Townleyism.**

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 17.—William Langer, former attorney general of North Dakota, and who was elected to that position by the Nonpartisan league ticket, addressed the members of the Kansas legislature Monday night.

Langer attacked the league, denouncing A. C. Townley, as its director, who came to Kansas recently for a membership campaign in this state, and called upon the business men and farmers to oppose the activities of the organization.

"Townley, through the league, has 'milked North Dakota dry,' he told the legislators.

He concluded by challenging Townley to debate the issues and asserted: "I do not believe he will dare accept." Langer said he was not a member of the league but worked in harmony with them at the beginning. His relations with them were severed, he said, as he could not stand to see them "wreck the institutions of the state."

He told of the financial difficulties of the state and its people in the last few months and predicted that taxes had been increased, doubled and trebled in many instances and that the league had accomplished little carrying out the program there.

He charged that there was an active alliance between the league leaders and the I. W. W. and that many of the officials of the league are active members of that organization and that most of them are what he called "red card socialists."

**Bride Market for Armenian Girls Exposed**  
Fresno, Calif., Jan. 17.—Startling revelations of a veritable marriage auction block operated in Fresno from which beautiful Armenian girls, brought into the United States illegally, were sold to the highest bidder, were made here Monday by United States Immigration Commissioner George W. Moore.

The Armenian practice of bringing young girls to Fresno was brought to light Monday morning with the arrest of seven of the victims. Harrolian Selvan, prominent and influential Armenian rancher of Lone Star, was taken into custody late Monday.

Detailed information on the girl "Bride market" was made public by Commissioner Moore.

One case, in which a young Armenian inspected girls held for sale and paid a deposit on one who pleased him, is typical of many cases in which girls were made marriage slaves, according to the commissioner.

The Armenian girls are charged by Commissioner Moore with entering the United States illegally through false statements and bribes. Harrolian Selvan is charged with aiding in the illegal entry of the women.

#### At Least Serves Notice on Middlemen That Producers Awake to Methods, He States; \$38.00 Suits Feature.

Salt Lake City, Jan. 17.—Extension of the movement started by Montana wool growers to find a market for their product through the co-operative manufacture and sale of virgin American woolen goods, was forecast Monday at the convention of the National Wool Growers association by President Frank J. Hagenbarth.

Mr. Hagenbarth, commenting on the report of the Montana movement, said that it "paves the way for what may become the greatest woolen mill in the country, and if not that, at least serves strong notice on the middle men that the producers are awake to their methods."

**All Wool Suits \$38.**  
The 500 or more men attending the convention are being given an opportunity to purchase suits custom tailored made from virgin American wool at \$38 net; a price which yields the wool growers from 50 to 60 cents a pound. Already many industrial enterprises, especially mining companies in the west, have given orders for clothing material handled by the Montana association.

The wool growers today likewise announced their intention to take advantage of the federal licensed and bonded warehousing law and to establish such institutions in the principal producing sections.

**Explains Warehouse Law.**  
H. K. Holman, Jr., of the bureau of markets of the department of agriculture, explained the workings of the warehousing law. President Hagenbarth and other speakers gave their approval to the measure and advocated its application to the needs of financing the wool.

W. S. McClure, secretary of the national association, predicted that the growers will warehouse their 1921 clip until they can get a suitable market for it.

Economic problems, headed by tariff considerations, formed the principal themes of Monday's discussions, the growers being urged by virtually all the speakers to adopt such business methods in the conduct of the industry as will put it in a position to survive the difficulties of existing economic conditions.

#### HEAVY STORM HITS HAWAII

Honolulu, T. H., Jan. 17.—The worst storm in its history hit the island of Kauai of the Hawaiian group Sunday, according to advices received here Monday night. Several houses in the towns of Waimea and Lihue were washed out to sea. One man was drowned.

One district of Honolulu county reported 20 inches of rain Saturday night and Sunday. Reports of damages on the island of Oahu on which Honolulu is situated, are growing. The Star-Bulletin estimated the damage at \$500,000.

County roads and bridges were estimated damaged \$100,000 and the same loss was estimated to have been suffered on the Aiea plantation. Fourteen county bridges were destroyed or badly damaged. The Oahu railroad services and the highway systems were blocked by slides and washouts.

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