

to-night that the operation was carried out without undue loss, a majority of the daring raiders escaping. At the same time they charge that the Crown casualties were much heavier than was officially admitted.

It was apparently a chance passing of three motor lorries that upset the Irish republican army plans. Otherwise they would have had the entire district covered, with their sentries standing at corners in every street with revolvers and bombs in their hands. Also they would have occupied the central fire station and would have prevented the fire fighting apparatus leaving there. The premature appearance of these first lorries, however, precipitated a pitched battle, which the policy of the Irish republican army chiefs has heretofore been to avoid.

While the actual Irish rebel battle during an after the fight, it was littered with empty cartridge cases and glass and debris from the burning building made a fair trench line across one end of it.

The battle was not without sentimental incidents. One auxiliary Captain, after leading his men into a strong revolver fire, climbed to the roof and saved a blue ensign. A cadet crawled through a window into the burning structure and saved a cat.

Important Records Lost. The object of the Irish republican army in firing the building undoubtedly was attained, as all the records upon which the British Government imposes the Irish income tax, supervises Sinn Fein local governing bodies and handles the excise tax and other business were destroyed.

The Custom House now stands, a companion to the fine Post Office in Sackville street which was gutted by artillery fire in the Easter rebellion in 1916. The Custom House was begun in 1782 and completed in 1794 at the period of the first Irish Parliament. It cost a million pounds. It was a noble domed building with fine columns and ornamented with many excellent allegorical statues. It faced the Liffey, whose banks were equally impressive.

As a result of the battle Dublin was subjected to another vigorous combing out to-night at the hands of the auxiliaries. Flying parties of these troops were seen throughout the city arresting men whose clothing had the odor of petrol and searching scores of houses where suspected persons might have been hiding.

SEVEN CIVILIANS KILLED, 11 WOUNDED, 111 TAKEN Official Report of Irish Office on Dublin Fire.

By the Associated Press. LONDON, May 25.—The Irish office tonight issued the following official report on the Custom House fire at Dublin: "Three tenders carrying auxiliary cadets and accompanied by an armored car approached the Dublin Custom House shortly after 1 o'clock this morning. As they approached the building a number of bombs were thrown at the building with fine columns and ornamented with many excellent allegorical statues. It faced the Liffey, whose banks were equally impressive.

"The cadets dismounted under heavy fire and surrounded the Custom House, which was seen to be burning. Fire from the auxiliaries and the machine gun on the armored car was poured into windows of the Custom House, from which the rebels replied vigorously, and a series of desperate conflicts followed between the Crown forces and seven or eight parties of rebels, who rushed from different doors of the building, making dashes for liberty and firing as they ran. The first party to emerge consisted of three men, one of whom was killed and the other two wounded.

"By this time smoke and flames were pouring from the building, and the official staff, including many of the women, who had been held prisoners by the rebels, came flocking out with hands above their heads, waving white handkerchiefs. While the staff was making its exit the rebels made a last sortie, consisting of seven men, one of whom escaped, the rest being killed or wounded.

ANTI-BOLSHEVISTS ARE NEARING VLADIVOSTOK

Tokyo, May 25.—Advices from Siberia are to the effect that the forces formerly commanded by the late Gen. Kappell, the anti-Bolshevik leader, captured Nikolai, two miles from Vladivostok, without bloodshed and hoisted the old Russian flag. Subsequent on the railway, about seventy-five miles north of Nikolai, also has been occupied by Russian anti-Bolshevik troops.

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RUSSIA COLLAPSING, IS BRITISH FINDING

Official White Book Says Country Is Ruined by Lenine's Policy.

DEPLORES TRADE PACT Concludes That Russia Can Never Revive Without Foreign Help.

SETS CONDITIONS OF AID Abandon Propaganda, Settle Land Question and Reform Administration.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., May 25. A report showing that Russia is in a state of collapse was received in Washington today and placed in the hands of State Department officials. It is a copy of a British White Paper issued by the officials appointed to collect information on Russia and no intimation of its nature has hitherto been published in this country.

The report shows that under the Soviet regime and in carrying out the policy of Lenine Russia is a ruined country. It is a bitter indictment of the revolutionary nightmare which Russia has been undergoing and indirectly reflects on the semi-British recognition accorded the Soviet Government in the Lloyd George-Krasine trade agreement. It is the conclusion of the committee that without foreign aid, both political and financial, Russia will never be able to revive.

As a result of its investigations the committee has reached these final conclusions: "1. That the complete renunciation by the Soviet Government by the Russian Communist party and by the Third or Communist Internationale of propaganda directed toward the destruction of the political and economic order existing in other countries is the fundamental premise, without the acceptance of which there can be no question of capitalist aid in the economic reconstruction of Russia.

"2. That the possibility of extending credit to Russia on a scale in any way commensurate with her minimum needs will be dependent on the faithful observance of the above condition.

"3. That the cooperation of the peasantry is indispensable to the economic reconstruction of Russia.

"4. That the settlement of the agrarian question on a basis which will provide inducements for agricultural production, now lacking in essential the provision of adequate supplies of food for the industrial worker in the towns.

"5. That the restoration of rail and river transportation is necessary if such food supplies are to be conveyed with speed and regularity to the industrial areas of Russia.

"6. That the state of administrative incompetence and corruption into which the departments of the Soviet Government have fallen militates against the proper distribution of available supplies among the population and must be remedied if the Russian worker is to be restored to the standard of health and strength necessary to reestablish the diminished productivity of his labor.

The Roma Stowed on Transport. GENOA, May 25.—American naval officers have completed the work of placing on board the United States transport Mars the airship Roma, recently purchased from Italy by the American Government. The transport will sail soon for the United States.

GERMANY'S TAX REVENUES FAR IN EXCESS OF ESTIMATE

Government Finds at End of Fiscal Year It Is 5,500,000,000 Paper Marks Richer Than It Anticipated—Income Levy Is Only Glaring Exception.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD. Copyright, 1921, by THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau, Berlin, May 25. The majority of the tax items produced more revenue during the fiscal year ended March 31 than was estimated in the budget, and as a result the German Government is 5,500,000,000 paper marks richer than it anticipated. The income tax is the only glaring exception and this failed by almost 2,500,000,000 marks to reach the estimated 12,000,000,000 marks.

MOSCOW STARVING BUT KREMLIN GETS FOOD Soviet Officials Import Quantities for Own Use.

By the Associated Press. RIGA, May 25.—Moscow is near starvation. It is said in reports from that city, as peasants refuse to sell corn and are keeping it for seed. The decree issued by the Bolshevik Government restoring freedom of trade does not seem to have removed the menace of a food shortage. The hope entertained by the Soviet Government that it might secure a supply of flour from the Caucasus has vanished, as several million pounds of corn have been destroyed by rebellious elements.

SENATOR FRANCE HAS NOT ASKED FOR PERMIT Litvinoff Denies Getting Request to Enter Russia.

RIGA, May 25.—Senator Joseph I. France of Maryland, whose departure from America for the purpose of visiting Russia is reported, has made no official application for permission to enter that country, said Maxim Litvinoff, chief of Soviet legations abroad, when interviewed here today. No decision would be made regarding such an application, he added, until it was received.

SOVIET TROOPS FASTEN THEIR GRIP IN PERSIA American Firms Are Well Treated, Tiflis Reports.

By the Associated Press. TIFLIS, May 25.—Thousands of Bolshevik agents and troops are swarming through Persia and other parts of the middle East, where they are setting up Soviet rule. The movement, which has the Caucasus as its base, is partly a hunt for food.

DUBLIN SINN FEIN WAR ON BELFAST WHISKEY 20 Cases From Glasgow Are Dumped Into Harbor.

DUBLIN, May 25.—One of the latest manifestations of Sinn Fein activity has been placed on Scotch whiskey by the Irish Republican Parliament. It is presumed here that the raiders had heard the Glasgow consignment covered whiskey from Belfast, where Sir James Craig, the Ulster Premier designate, is the director of the principal distillery.

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DEPUTIES ARE TOLD U. S. HAS WHIP HAND

Asserted America Will Not Take German Bonds Until Europe Shows Stability.

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"We feel that the hour that is coming will be America's hour, but America will not accept the German bonds unless Europe's house is in order." M. Noblet, secretary of the Finance Commission, told the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon in appealing to Premier Briand to formulate a policy wherein, with American assistance, the world's economy, including Germany, would be effected.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Senator King (Utah) told the Senate today he had been informed that the electric drive system adopted for American warships had failed badly in the case of the dreadnought Tennessee, which soon is to join the Pacific fleet.

Bubonic Plague Feared in Hawaii. HONOLULU, T. H., May 25.—The deaths of two persons, believed to be caused by bubonic plague, are under investigation on Hamakua coast, island of Hawaii, Dr. E. P. Trotter, president of the territorial board of health, announced today. A rat which died of the plague has been found on the coast, Dr. Trotter said.

League to Repress White Slavery. GENOVA, May 25.—The Secretary-General of the League of Nations has called an international conference to be held in Geneva on June 30 to bring together the views of the various governments on the question of repression of "white slavery."

HOEFER WILL HEAD SILESIAN DEFENCE

Continued from First Page. named to take over the responsibility of organizing and conducting a campaign against the Poles.

Gen. Hofer, as a colonel in the war, won fame for having been wounded five times while leading his regiment in person, and his popularity extends to the point where he has the support of Upper Silesian labor as well as that of the conservative element.

Germany, officially, is drawing a distinction between the local self-defense units and the recruiting or use of the so-called Freikorps, military units who were notorious in the Baltic adventure of 1919. Even the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, the organ of Hugo Stinnes, now throws cold water on the hopes of the old Freikorps for obtaining conservative support for the nationalistic invasion to save the invaded province. In an unexpected editorial, it argues that appearance of the Freikorps would put a damper on Germany's chances of securing rights abroad, and, secondly, that the experience with the Freikorps has been that they do not have the necessary discipline, and, thirdly, that they would reactivate Communist antagonism.

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