

FREE STATERS GAIN BIG VICTORY IN SLIGO

Dislodge Rebels on Ox Mountain After Battle Lasting All Day.

TROOPS SHOW COOLNESS

Lose Gen. Ring, but Capture 13 Prisoners With Arms and Equipment.

DUBLIN, Sept. 16 (Associated Press).—Major-Gen. John McFahan has been appointed chief of staff of the Free State army. He succeeds Richard Mulcahy, who since Michael Collins' death has held the combined posts of Minister of Defense, Chief of Staff and Commander in Chief of the National Army.

An all day battle occurred in Sligo Thursday between National Army forces and rebels, in which Commandant-Gen. John J. McKeown in a dispatch describes "the magnificent National troops" as showing a coolness practically unequalled in dislodging the irregulars from an almost impregnable position.

The Nationalist casualties, declared to be few, included Brig-Gen. Ring, killed, and Gen. Lator, slightly wounded. The irregulars' casualties are described as heavy.

In the first three hours of the encounter with the rebels, who had taken up ambush positions with road mines, machine guns and an armored car at Drumshanah, on Ox Mountain, Ring was killed and Lator slightly wounded. Three of the rank and file also were wounded. The Nationalists captured thirteen prisoners here, with arms and equipment. The irregulars fled, the armored car covering the retreat.

The dispatch gives the details of an exciting chase by the nationalists and an engagement at Lough Talt, in which heavy casualties were inflicted upon the irregulars, while the Nationalists suffered no losses. At Mullens Cross Gen. Lator was again slightly wounded and a sergeant was shot dead at the wheel of a Nationalist armored car during an attempt to ram the armored car of the irregulars.

The dispatch adds that large concentration movements of troops are occurring throughout west Ireland, the captures by the Nationalists including the irregulars' headquarters at Glenties with a large amount of ammunition and food. At Bonnicoman 5,000 rounds of ammunition and several land mines were captured.

HIGH COST OF GRAVES ALARMS GERMANY

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In connection with the upward trend of prices, a gruesome detail has been noticed in a bullish movement on the tombstone and coffin market. The cautious public is nothing if not thorough in its effort to avoid paying more than present costs, and the sale of graveyard plots, too, has exceeded all former records. An unprecedented number of tombstones, unchiseled—that they may serve for any member of the family—have been sold lately.

The price of coffins ranges all the way from 2,000 marks to 40,000. The casket makers of Bavaria have petitioned the authorities to grant a subsidy to furnish the coffins needed as they find it impossible to extend credit and the average family cannot pay cash.

Ulster Campaign Plans Vanish at Headquarters

BELFAST, Sept. 16 (Associated Press).—Important documents, believed to include papers containing military plans and suggestions made by the late Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson to the Ulster Government, have vanished from the headquarters of Major-General Solly-Flood, the Ulster military adviser, and a warrant has been issued for the arrest of a clerk at headquarters.

The clerk recently obtained a day's leave of absence, and as he failed to return the next day the files were examined and, it is understood, fourteen documents were found to be missing. The supposed culprit is believed in official quarters to have entered Free State territory.

EARTHQUAKE IN SPAIN.

VIGO, Spain, Sept. 16 (Associated Press).—A sharp earthquake last evening, lasting several seconds, caused the collapse of a number of small cottages in the villages of Vomeios and Cntibancalvo. A few persons were injured. The inhabitants took refuge in the fields. There was a recurrence of the shock, but with diminished intensity, within a quarter of an hour.

RUSSIA DELIGHTED AT KEMAL VICTORY

Tells Balfour It Only Recognizes Turkish-Soviet Pact on Dardanelles Issue.

RESENTS 'INTERFERENCE'

Says Only Countries in Neighborhood of Black Sea Should Be Considered.

RIGA, Latvia, Sept. 15 (Associated Press).—M. Karakhan, Russian Soviet Deputy Foreign Commissar, has sent a lengthy reply to a note sent the Soviets by Lord Balfour, Acting British Foreign Secretary, says a dispatch from Moscow to-day.

The reply states that Russia recognizes only the agreement between Turkey and Soviet Russia regarding the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus, concluded in Moscow in 1921, allowing free passage to ships of all nations for commercial purposes only. Russia, the reply declares, insists that only the interests of countries in the neighborhood of the Black Sea should be considered, and that more distant countries have no right to interfere.

Regarding a statement in Lord Balfour's communication that the Soviets exerted no efforts to restrain the Turkish Nationalists, M. Karakhan says Lord Balfour utterly misunderstood the Russian Soviet's sympathy with the heroic struggles of the Turks.

Russia, according to M. Karakhan, considers that Turkey is fighting for her existence and is unwilling to hinder the Ankara Government's "defensive struggle." On the contrary, the reply says, Russia has followed with the greatest interest and delight the Turkish successes in Asia Minor. A deep brotherly feeling with "good wishes for Turkey's struggle to regain her independence" are expressed in the note.

AMERICANS TRYING TO MAKE GERMANY DRY

Dr. Strecker of Darmstadt Conducting Campaign.

BERLIN, Sept. 16. (Associated Press).—Americans are taking an active part in the movement to put Germany on the dry list. Recent meetings held in various parts of the country presented speakers from Connecticut and Minnesota who described the progress of the prohibition movement in the United States. These gatherings have revealed a surprising amount of sentiment among the people in favor of the abolition of alcohol. It is asserted in a statement by Dr. Reinhard Strecker, of Darmstadt, president of the committee conducting the campaign, and former Hessian Minister of Education.

He expressed special surprise and pleasure at the moderation and abstinence now being shown by the young men. The best sections of Germany's youth are against alcohol, Dr. Strecker said, and these no longer drink, or even smoke. He added: "Particular significance may be attached to this restraint on the part of German youths since it comes entirely on their own initiative, neither the church nor the school up to this time having taken the alcohol question seriously."

He declared that need is the stern teacher which is gradually but inevitably educating the Germans up to prohibition. In view of the prevailing high prices of necessities they were becoming more and more restive at seeing valuable food-stuffs going into the breweries and distilleries. The working man, too, was paying more attention to the question, realizing that every liter of beer he consumed would provide six hungry children each with a bowl of barley soup.

The prohibition movement's greatest success thus far, said Dr. Strecker, was the result of the straw vote at Bielefeld, where 90 per cent. of the voters endorsed it. This polling was all the more noteworthy, he added, because it was based on the political lists of qualified voters.

U. S. WARSHIP AGROUND.

GUAM, Sept. 16 (Associated Press).—In a typhoon the U. S. S. Pensacola went aground in Apra harbor, near here. She is not seriously damaged. The barometer still is dropping here.

QUARANTINE AGAINST TAMPICO.

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 16.—The United States health authorities have declared a quarantine against Tampico because of yellow fever, it is reported here. The usual fumigation regulations have been prescribed before vessels from Tampico are permitted to enter American ports.

FASHION EXPERTS SAY BUSTLE WILL RETURN

Skirts With Hip Panniers Forecast Its Revival.

PARIS, Sept. 16 (Associated Press).—"The return of the bustle by next spring," is the definite prediction, regarded as a threat in some quarters, just made by the fashion experts. These style creators base their forecast on the present trend in wastline designs and character. Skirts are now being made with hip panniers of wire or cane and have been very popular.

This season's fashion show, and the present tendency is, to extend this projection all around the waist. Many models have big rows of plaits, which bulge out greatly, suggesting the very old fashioned bustle. The women, however, have raised a loud cry against the return of the bustle. They say "never again," but dressmakers only smile knowingly and answer: "It is on the cards."

The women say that they have become accustomed to the Greek straight line draperies. They hate to think of the return of cumbersome skirts, suspended from the ungraceful bustle. Fashion designers, however, point to the bustle as an accomplished fact.

The dresses are long and rapidly getting longer and longer. When the skirts once more nearly touch the ground it is inevitable that trimmings and attachments will be added. Then, they say, watch out for the bustle. Those who predict the bustle say it will appear first in muslin and lace dresses.

"Women will accept the bustle as they eventually accept every other craze of the Paris fashion world," is the confident comment of the dressmakers.

ODD FELLOWS IN CONVENTION.

DETROIT, Sept. 15.—Every State in the Union as well as Canada was represented at the opening here to-day of the annual convention of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The sessions continue through Friday. A parade in which more than 20,000 are expected to march is slated for Wednesday.

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