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NEW IRISH OFFER ABSOLUTE LIMIT

DAIL EIREANN EXPECTED TO ACCEPT BRITISH TERMS THROUGH IRISH LEADERS ARE SILENT AS TO SENTIMENT IN DUBLIN.

London, Sept. 9.—The text of Premier Lloyd George's reply to Eamon de Valera, which was made public here tonight, bears out the reports from Inverness yesterday that it invites the Dail Eireann to send plenipotentiaries for a conference on Sept. 20, but bars Irish secession from the Empire.

The Premier's letter tells the Irish leader that the exchange of notes has gone far enough and asks a definite reply. He declares that if the British proposals are not considered to measure up to the promise of freedom within the Empire the matter can be discussed at the conference without prejudice.

Newspaper opinion here is that the Cabinet's reply to de Valera presents a clear issue for the consideration of the Sinn Fein leadership and calls for either "Yes" or "No" in reply.

The Daily Chronicle applauds the path of patience and generosity which the Government has pursued but it says:

"De Valera and his friends will do well to clear their minds of any idea that because the government has preferred a soft answer turneth away wrath it will yield in any degree on the fundamental issue of unity within the empire. Lloyd George's message to the President of the Trades Union Congress should dispel any illusion they may have on that score."

The Chronicle says that in his declaration that he had the authority of the greatest Democratic statesman in history, that the Premier was alluding to Abraham Lincoln. "There is in these solemn words no threat," adds the Chronicle, "it is an expression of faith, a declaration of invincible determination."

MRS. BELL'S SCHEDULE

Home Demonstration Agent Deserts Husband For Duty.

Following is the schedule for this week of Mrs. Frank Bell, nee Miss Ruth Crowther, home demonstration agent, who has recently returned to her office in the court house after her marriage. She does not expect to give up her place with the department of agriculture, and will continue her usual work:

Tuesday, Ray, girls club.
Wednesday, Ridge, girls club.
Thursday, Cold Spring, girls club.
Friday, Antreville, girls club.
Saturday, office, court house.

MERCHANTS HESITATE

Go Slow in Setting Prices For Cotton Goods.

New York, Sept. 11.—Cotton goods merchants hesitated again today to name new prices on account of the sharp cotton advances. Buying showed a steady broadening movement. Yarns held firm at top prices. Linens were more active. Burlaps ruled firm. Silks showed improvement. Worst dress goods sold more freely in jobbing houses. Men's wear was quiet.

NEW GOLD STRIKE STARTS A STAMPEDE

Fairbanks, Alaska, Sept. 9.—Reports here last night described the richest gold strike since Cleary Creek days along Wilbur Creek, north of this place. A stampede of miners and prospectors was under way immediately.

Advices reaching The Fairbanks News Miner by telegraph, mail and in person indicated sensational discoveries. Experts have left to investigate.

The purported bonanza was a few miles from Brooks. Details were meagre.

GOOD MAN PASSES AT VERY ADVANCED AGE

Dr. James Wesley Keller Dies At Home of Sister—Eighty-nine Years Old.

Dr. James Wesley Keller died at 3 o'clock this morning at the home of his sister, Mrs. Julia Pratt, after an illness of about two weeks. Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at the Methodist church, conducted by the Rev. C. E. Peele, burial following at Long Cane cemetery.

Dr. Keller was born in Abbeville county, September 16, 1833, and had lived till Friday he would have been 89 years old. His parents were David Keller and Nancy Lomax Keller. He had discontinued the practice of medicine several years ago, with his enfeebled condition due to advancing age. He was one of the oldest living graduates of the Charleston Medical College, formerly the Medical College of South Carolina, and at one time enjoyed a very large practice. During the Civil War he was Assistant Surgeon.

It is said by his contemporaries, few of whom remain, that he had probably made fewer enemies than most men who have reached his age. A large part of Dr. Keller's medical practice was done without pay or expectation of pay. Whoever came to him for assistance got it without question as to the patient's financial responsibility. He was, therefore, held to be a benefactor of the poor and needy, and one whom time may not ever replace in his community.

Dr. Keller was three times married. His first wife was Miss Louise Rebecca Wilson of this county, who died October 14, 1879. She was the mother of all his children except Jas. Edwin Keller. His second wife was Miss Mary Cook of Alabama who died June 24, 1886. His third wife was Miss Susan A. Wilson, a sister of his first wife, who also preceded Dr. Keller to the grave.

Surviving Dr. Keller are three sisters, two brothers, two sons and three daughters. His sisters are Mrs. Julia Pratt, who lives about five miles from Abbeville on the Hodges road, and at whose home Dr. Keller died; Mrs. Lina Lomax of Greenwood, and Mrs. Emma Haddon of Abbeville. Brothers of Dr. Keller are I. A. Keller and W. W. L. Keller, both of Abbeville county. His sons are the Rev. David W. Keller of Johnston, and J. E. Keller of Abbeville. Daughters surviving are Mrs. Lena Syfan of Atlanta; Mrs. Lizzie Wilson of Lake City, Fla., and Mrs. Ludie Cox of Abbeville.

Dr. Keller was a member of the Methodist church and was considered by all who knew him a most upright man. He was a man of excellent business judgment, honest in the performance of duty, conscientious in his dealings with his fellowman, lovable in character and beloved by family and neighbors alike. He will long be remembered and missed.

Joseph Lomax, of Grand Rapids, Mich., in his book, "Genealogical and Historical Sketches of the Lomax Family," published in 1894, says of Dr. Keller:

"Dr. Keller is a physician and a farmer, a Methodist and a Democrat. He was an assistant surgeon in the Confederate army. He invested his means largely in Confederate bonds—a total loss. He descends from William Lomax, the Englishman who settled in Rockingham County, North Carolina. A large portion of the doctor's practice is among negroes. They pay so little that he enters none of their names on his books. He is a kind, genial, jovial, intelligent gentleman. I visited him at his home in 1888."

Active pallbearers will be T. M. Miller, John T. Evans, Joe Evans, L. W. Keller, Charlie Keller and William Keller, all nephews. Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. L. T. Hill, Dr. G. A. Neuffer, Dr. C. C. Gambrell, Dr. F. E. Harrison, Dr. J. C. Hill, Dr. J. E. Pressley, Dr. Power.

Natural Dislike.

Providence Journal.
The reason we hate an end-seat hog is because he beats us to it.

JOBLESS MEN SOLD ON BOSTON COMMON

MEN MARCH TO BANDSTAND AND MR. ZERO ASKS NOON HOUR CROWD FOR BIDS-SERVICE MEN ALSO OFFER TO WORK.

Boston, Sept. 9.—Scenes such as marked the old slavery day in America, of the era before the Civil War, were revived in the city today when in presence of a noonday throng, American men, both black and white, were "sold at auction" to the highest bidder, from the Parkman bandstand on Boston common.

Stripped to the waist, after the fashion of the slave markets of that earlier period, the men mounted the bandstand and stood stolidly before the assemblage, hatless and collarless, an auctioneer designated a "Mr. Zero," placed his hand upon the bare-shoulders of each man in turn, stating his plight, imploring that some one come forward and "buy." At his command the men went through various exercises to show their muscles and agility.

The "slaves" today were jobless men. Only two were "sold," while many more stood by, ready to go "on the block" if the auctioneer summoned them to take their turn.

There were, it appeared, few employers in the crowd. Unable to find more "purchasers," the magic "Mr. Zero," friend and auctioneer of the jobless, announced to the spectators that another auction would be held at the same place and same hour tomorrow.

"And for God's sake have some employers of men among you," he yelled.

Today's sale came to an end when the auctioneer failed utterly to obtain bids on the third man put up on the "block" for sale. He was James Ferris, with a record of four years in the United States Army, a part of which was spent in action overseas.

"Here's a sample of what you used during the war. What will you do with it now?" yelled the energetic Ledoux to the half-puzzled throng. The soldier was not "sold."

A score of other men, many of them ex-soldiers and sailors, have informed "Mr. Zero" of their desire to be auctioneer off "for a week" or even a longer period. Accordingly the "sale" to be held on the Common tomorrow will resume with every prospect that it will see "more business" transacted.

Urbain Ledoux, "Mr. Zero" of today's auction, is a philanthropic worker who lately opened the "Church of the Unemployed" at 31 Howard Street, in the West End. He brought 15 men to the Common to tell the people of Boston their story. Then men "auctioned" were Joe Mitchell, a negro; Cillian Davis, a young white factory worker, and James Ferris, the war veteran whom none would "buy."

ROBBERS GET LOOT

Engineer Rushes to Give Alarm As Train is Cut Loose.

Parkville, Mo., Sept. 11.—Train robbers held up and robbed train No. 16, on the Burlington, four miles north of here, tonight, according to reports reaching here. The engineer and fireman, when compelled to cut the engine loose from the train put on full steam and came into Parkville for aid.

A SICK BOY

Edward Thomas, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thomas, is sick at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hill on Magazine street. The little fellow has typhoid fever and has a trained nurse. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas came over from Spartanburg to be with their son and all his friends hope he will soon be well again.

MORE THAN FORTY BODIES RECOVERED

MORE THAN TWELVE MILLION DOLLAR DAMAGE AND A THOUSAND HOMELESS AS RESULT OF SAN ANTONIO FLOOD SATURDAY.

San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 11.—With forty-one bodies in morgues at San Antonio as the result of storms and floods, reports of havoc in other parts of south-central Texas began to filter over crippled wires Saturday night.

Extensive damage was reported from Hutto, South Austin, Cameron, Belton and other small towns as the result of rain and wind. The damage in San Antonio, estimated as no less than \$5,000,000 was augmented by reports of \$1,000,000 damage near Cameron, hundreds of thousands of dollars' damage to the south-central Texas cotton crop, railway bridges, highways, villages and farm property.

Some estimates place property damage in San Antonio as high as \$12,000,000 and loss of life at 150. These estimates were by city officials or police, but more conservative ones let the leath list stand at 100.

More than 1,000 homes were inundated in San Antonio, most of them wrecked by the 12 or 15 feet of water that rushed into the city from the San Antonio, most of the city was asleep, hurling buildings from foundations and crumpling them against one another.

Scenes of tragedy and horror were uncovered by soldiers, police and other rescue workers in the residence district. Debris was piled high tonight in the places where the water has receded almost as quickly as it swept into the streets.

Heaviest property loss was in the city's downtown district, where estimates of damage ran as high as \$10,000,000. Blocks of street paving was swept away. Heaviest damages to residences was in the vicinity of Alazan creek, where a strip of residences two miles in length and a half mile wide were wrecked or swept away.

Loss of life was heaviest in this district where the water, crushing in walls on sleepers, snuffed out scores of lives. All day today relatives and relief workers cleared away mud-blackened piles of debris, uncovering victims, while regular soldiers from army camps of the Eighth army corps near San Antonio held back the thousands of curious and scores of looters who tried to surge into the stricken residence district—where nothing had been left but a two mile strip of chaos, warped, twisted and blackened by mud.

LEAVING FOR COLLEGE

The following Abbeville boys and girls, besides those mentioned elsewhere, leave this week for college: Paul Graves, Truman Reames, Weber Wilson, J. C. Cheatham, Jim Coleman, Maxey Johnson, William Hughes, Andrew Hill, Harold Tate, Hal Moore, Richard Swetenburg, Sam Williams to Clemson; Leroy Cox, Thomas Maxwell, Paul Knox, James Prince to Wofford; Davis Kerr to Washington and Lee; Ralph Lyon to the Citadel; Misses Margaret Cox and Helen Haigler to Chocora; Misses Helen Milford, Elizabeth Gambrell and Florence Neuffer to Randolph-Macon; Miss Winona Barksdale to Coker; Misses Sophie Reames and Ruth Beeks to Anderson College; Miss Mildred Cochran to Lander; Miss Mary White to Converse; Misses Mary Greene, Victoria Howie and Mary Nickles to Agnes Scott; Misses Carrie Hawthorne, Ophelia and Cornelia Clinkscales, Mary Reed Moore, Lydia Owens, Mary Stevenson, Margaret Wilson, Margaret Swetenburg, Myra Williams, Janie Vance Bowie, and Annie Wilson to Winthrop.

MR. RICHARDSON SPEAKS OF NEED AND RESPONSIBILITY

Tells Presbyterians Of Duty of Christians in Supplying Needs of Chinese

The Rev. Donald Richardson spoke interestingly yesterday morning at the Presbyterian church of his work in China. He also spoke in the same church in the evening.

At the morning service the Rev. Mr. Richardson spoke particularly of the needs of China and the responsibility of Christians everywhere in supplying the needs. China's needs were classified as economic, social and religious.

Economically China is worse than bankrupt, to paraphrase the speaker. The density of population, more than 600 people to the square mile, and the sterility of the soil make the production of sufficient foodstuff to feed 433,000,000 people practically impossible. Famine, Mr. Richardson said, is so common in China that it is not considered in the least unusual. He told of the death of a boy on the eve of his 16th birthday, his mother saying that not once in his life had he had enough to eat. Suffering was found everywhere, the speaker said.

Social conditions, said Mr. Richardson, are bad. The people, despite their long and eventful history, have no feeling of social responsibility or national unity. Every man is for himself, and does not feel that it is his responsibility if another, even though it be his neighbor, suffers. When a missionary requested some Chinese workmen to bury the remains of a baby, found in a field, they asked whether the child belonged to the missionary. He could not understand, Mr. Richardson said, why the missionary should feel interested in any one save his own flesh and blood.

The Chinese, Mr. Richardson said, have their wooden, golden or brass idols every where and many times each day they bow before these self-made gods. Once or more each year they make pilgrimages to some of the larger shrines, undergoing every hardship with stolid patience. It is a great vision, the speaker said to imagine the devoutness of the Chinese to their false gods turned to worship of the Christian God.

Mr. Richardson continued his interesting discussion at the evening service. He also spoke to the young people of the church at 7:30. This afternoon Mr. Richardson speaks to the women's auxiliary.

WINS SCHOLARSHIP

Miss Annie Wilson, the second daughter of Mrs. J. M. Wilson, was the successful contestant for the Winthrop scholarship in the recent examination and will leave Friday to begin her work as a student. Miss Wilson is a general favorite over town and has a large circle of relatives over the county who congratulate her and wish her success.

IN NEWBERRY

Chief Justice and Mrs. Eugene B. Gary went to Newberry Friday and spent until Sunday afternoon with Dr. and Mrs. Pope. They made the trip through the country in their car.

MONTANA HILLS WHITE WITH SNOW; ZERO WEATHER

Helena, Mont., Sept. 10.—With rain or snow in many parts of the state and unseasonably lower temperatures, Montana today is having the first autumnal storm of the year. Colder tonight with the mercury near freezing is the weather's forecast for the state. The Rockies near Helena and the foothills were white. In the forenoon snow fell in the valley here. The lowest temperature was 34 degrees at Helena.

FOUR MOTOR BANDITS ESCAPE WITH \$25,000

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 10.—Four motor bandits, three white men and a negro, held up the Beech Grove State bank near here today and escaped with between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

FATTY ARBUCKLE HELD BY POLICE

MAY BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR FILM ACTRESS' DEATH IN HIS HOTEL SUITE IN SAN FRANCISCO LAST MONDAY—WILL INVESTIGATE CASE TODAY

San Francisco, Sept. 11.—The police Saturday announced they would take into custody Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle, motion picture comedian, who is on his way here by automobile from Los Angeles, to assist in clearing up an affair at his hotel last Monday night, during the progress of which Miss Virginia Rappe, film actress, is thought to have received injuries from which she later died.

Arbuckle will be taken into custody by the police, it was stated, pending an investigation into the woman's death. No charge will be placed against him, according to Michael Griffin, acting captain of detectives, but he will be detained until after the inquest. Arbuckle was quoted as saying when he passed through Fresno today on his way here that he had never met the girl until Monday, when she was brought into his suite to join a party. She had a few drinks, Arbuckle said, and then it became necessary to call a physician and have her revived. According to a sworn statement to the police by Miss Alice Blake, one of the party, she and another woman, Miss Zey Prevon, missed Miss Rappe from the room, and found her in an adjoining room in great distress. The hotel physician was summoned, Miss Blake stated.

Miss Rappe later was removed to a hospital, where she died yesterday. Physicians who performed an autopsy said death was caused by peritonitis and that bruises were found on her body. The stomach was removed for examination. Arbuckle and all members of the party will be subpoenaed to testify at the inquest, according to the coroner. Harry Kelly, secretary of the grand jury, said that body would investigate the case at its meeting on Monday night.

Charge of Murder.

San Francisco, Sept. 11.—Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle, motion picture actor, was booked on a charge of murder late last night in connection with the death Friday of Miss Virginia Rappe, film actress, following a party in Arbuckle's suite at a hotel here last Monday. Arbuckle was locked up in the city prison for the night.

Arbuckle was charged, according to Assistant District Attorney Milton U'Ren, under the section of the California code providing that life taken in assault or attempted assault is considered murder.

Captain of Detectives Duncan Matheson said the evidence showed that there had been an attack made on the girl.

"On Monday a formal complaint will be filed against Arbuckle," Matheson said.

He added that Arbuckle is expected to make a statement.

COTTON MARKET

Spot cotton sold as high as 21 5-8 cents today.

There was much activity in futures. October and December opened nearly a cent above Saturday's close, and closed today \$10 a bale lower than the day's high figure. October closed Saturday at 20.75, opened at 21.50 today and closed at 19.60, a net change over Sunday of 265 points. All months close well below opening figures.

A SECRETARY AT BRENAU

Miss Edna Bradley leaves on the 14th for Brenau College where she will have a position as Y. W. C. A. Secretary. Miss Bradley graduated at Brenau last year and has had a special course this summer in Y. W. C. A. work.