

BRITISH TURN DOWN LATEST IRISH MOVE

Decline Invitation to Be Represented at Prejudiced Conference.

"COMMITTEE OF 100" NAMED BY ONE MAN

Reply of British Embassy Says Meeting is For Purpose of Spreading Propaganda and That it is Not Impartial - President de Valera Also Invited to Attend - Irish in U. S. to Reorganize.

By Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 17.—The British embassy today notified the "committee of 100" investigating conditions in Ireland that it did not approve of the purposes to be served or the methods to be followed in the committee's hearing to begin here tomorrow and that, therefore, it could not accept the committee's invitation to be represented.

The embassy's reply, addressed to Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of the Nation, who appointed the committee, declared the only outcome of the inquiry would be the spread of propaganda, and that there was nothing in the composition of the committee itself to remove from it the idea that it was not impartial or prejudiced in advance.

On the eve of the opening of hearings here on conditions in Ireland, announcement was made that both the British embassy and Eamonn de Valera, president of the Irish republic, had been invited to be formally represented at the sessions by counsel or authorized spokesmen.

The commission was informed that passports had been granted to several of the witnesses it has invited to come from Ireland for the purpose of testifying.

Informal assurances have come from the British government that it will not seek to interfere with the proceedings by preventing attendance of Irish witnesses or otherwise, although members of the commission also understood that they could expect no assistance in their task from the British.

Irish to Reorganize. Stirred up by the challenges of President de Valera that the "inaction" of the Irish movement in America had become intolerable, several hundred Irish leaders from all over the United States voted a new organization and action.

Chicago was represented at this conference by Richard W. Wolfe, Illinois chairman of the American commission on Irish independence. The Rev. Father Cahill, president of the Chicago Council Friends of Irish Freedom; Mary McWhorter, president of the ladies' auxiliary Ancient Order of Hibernians; and Dean Robert Morse Lovett of the University of Chicago, John Fitzpatrick and Edward Nockels, president and secretary of the Chicago Federation of Labor, also were present.

The new organization is to have a branch in every state and it is planned to take into membership not only the millions of Irish blood in America, but all friends of Ireland. An Illinois convention has been called for next Sunday.

Organization Perfected. "The American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic" was organized here today by Irish leaders from over the country, who were summoned to Washington by Eamonn de Valera, president of the provisional Irish republic.

The new organization is designed to supplant the Friends of Irish Freedom and to absorb the membership of that organization and to give de Valera a wider base for his plans and those of the Irish representatives.

Edward L. Doherty, of Los Angeles, who presented the minority resolution for recognition of Ireland at the democratic national convention at San Francisco last June, was elected president of the new organization. The vice presidents are Judge John W. Goff, of New York; John J. Castellino, of Cincinnati; and Mal. Eugene Kinkaid, of Jersey City. John J. Hearn, of Westfield, Mass., is treasurer, and Daniel O. O'Flaherty, of Richmond, Va., secretary.

Shipping Board Slipshod. Vast Sums of Money Unaccounted for on Books; \$240,000,000 Found. By Associated Press. New York, Nov. 17.—The Walsh congressional committee investigating the United States shipping board was told at today's hearing that when Alonzo Tweeddale was made treasurer of the board and emergency corporation in August, 1919, no record existed in either office showing how \$250,000,000 expended up to that time had been disbursed.

This testimony was given by Martin J. Gillen, former executive assistant to John Barton Payne, when he was chairman of the board. Gillen added that neither was there any record of \$240,000,000 worth of certificates belonging to the fleet corporations. These later were found deposited with a Philadelphia trust company, he said.

League Commission Fired Upon. By Associated Press. Warsaw, Nov. 17.—Lithuanian troops fired on members of the league

Ex-Bandit Villa Begins Farming in Lower California

San Diego, Calif., Nov. 17.—Francisco Villa, former Mexican bandit, who suddenly appeared Friday in Ensenada, is to be at the head of a large colony of his followers on a section of land south of Ensenada in Lower California, about 140 miles from Tijuana.

Villa is said to have come to Lower California about seven weeks ago, although he was supposed to have settled in Chihuahua on land given to him by the government for himself and followers, on the condition of his laying down his arms.

The former bandit and revolutionary leader is now in Lower California with 1,500 men, it is said, and has modern tractors and other farming outfits for cultivating the land in a big colonization scheme. When he drove into Ensenada last Friday he was in a luxurious new automobile and gave a stage-driver of the Ensenada-San Diego line \$40 to purchase a pair of high leather boots for him, rumor has it.

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Russian Bolsheviki Turn Attention to Army of Independent State.

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under his supervision and "assumed a great deal of authority in the endeavor to straighten out tangles." The witness said that Terry Shipyard, the National Shipbuilding Company, and a marine railway organization were under his supervision. The Terry yard, he said, had a trust loan from the Emergency Fleet Corporation to be used in ship construction, but over his protests money from fund was used to finance a subsidiary organization engaged in dry dock work by the shipbuilding contracts were only about one-third completed.

MacNeil said that when he arrived on the job, the National Shipbuilding Company plant was closed. "I found," he said, "nothing had been done to take care of the properties, and valuable machinery was left exposed to the weather."

His "guess" at the value of this machinery was \$1,000,000. He asserted that in auditing the plant, 81 numbered vouchers could not be accounted for.

Another point he made was that equipment ordered previous to the closing of the plant, still was coming to the yard. He tried to have it stopped, suggesting that as it was new it could be returned to the vendors by payment of the freight.

"They told me to keep my hands off and let the machinery come," MacNeil also was exposed needlessly at the Terry yard, he said.

By Associated Press. Five Hundred Farmers Attend Conference at Fort Dodge. Fort Dodge, Nov. 17.—Fully 500 farmers from northwestern Iowa are here today for a conference with officers and members of the Iowa Bankers' Association regarding present market condition of farm products.

Bankers promised the farmers that in every possible way credit would be extended to assist farmers in holding their grain.

E. G. Rouse, head of agricultural economics at Ames, declared that the "holding movement" was a sound economic policy and that any attempt on the part of bankers to force farmers to liquidate would bring prices down in a disastrous fashion.

C. W. Hunt, president of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, said that pressure should be brought to force the government war finance board to extend credit to European countries so that they can purchase American grain.

"There is no over-production in the world," said Mr. Hunt. "Part of the trouble is marketing. The question is one of distribution, financial question, one of getting money to put this food in parts of the world where it is needed."

Mr. Hunt said that if some way was not found to get prices up, we are going to break 50 per cent of Iowa's farmers.

A. M. Henderson, banker of Story City, said that fair prices for wheat, oats, 25 cents; corn, 30 cents; hogs, \$11.22; cattle, 12 cents.

By Associated Press. Confesses to Part in Robbery But Claims He Was Double Crossed. Special to Times-Republican. Council Bluffs, Nov. 17.—Fred Poffenberger, 19, 2438 Sixth avenue, Council Bluffs, has been arrested in connection with the big mail robbery here and has told an amazing story to the government officials.

August Pasquale Placed on Trial For Murder of Coughlin Baby. By Associated Press. Norristown, Pa., Nov. 17.—August Pasquale, self-confessed kidnaper and slayer of 18-month-old Blaise Coughlin, was placed on trial today in the Montgomery court. He is also charged with extortion and burglary.

J. A. Anderson, former district attorney, who was appointed by the court to defend Pasquale, declined to take up the case prior to the opening of the case which the defense would be.

In his written confession as given out by the state police Pasquale, known as "the crank," said the child was smothered under his coat and that he threw the body into the Schuylkill river. Attempt to locate the body in the vicinity of the place he described have been unsuccessful.

Pasquale also is alleged to have confessed that he obtained \$12,000 from George H. Coughlin, the boy's father, and that he was planning to get further "ransom" when he was captured.

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COLBY PLANS TO DICTATE

State Department Issues Statement on Mexico Which a Warning.

NO OUTSIDER TO HAVE INFLUENCE

Secretary Says No Corporation or Group of Corporations is Going to Deliver U. S. Recognition to Mexico—Will Not Insist Upon Abrogation of Objectionable Section of Constitution.

MURDERER STILL AT LARGE.

Slayer of Miss Florence Burton Being Traced by Bloodhounds. By Associated Press. Kansas City, Nov. 17.—Dennis Chester, who is charged with the murder of Miss Florence Burton, a society leader here, and who escaped from a train near Broken Bow, Neb., Monday, while being returned to Kansas City for trial, has not been captured, according to word received here.

Bloodhounds are being used in the hunt for the man who is supposed to be hiding among the sandhills surrounding the little Nebraska town.

K. L. Barton, Jr. brother of Miss Florence, said left here early today for Broken Bow to assist in the search. Word was received from Jefferson City today that Governor Gardner would investigate Chester's escape from the city detective who had him in charge.

CO-OPERATIVE PLAN URGED UPON STATE

Director of Minnesota Department of Agriculture Puts Townwide Agency in Complete Control of Farmer Societies.

By Associated Press. St. Paul, Nov. 17.—State supervision of machinery for marketing and co-operative ownership of retail agencies by farmers are recommended in a report by U. J. Hughes, director of the Minnesota department of agriculture, made public today.

The report is the result of an investigation by the department into conditions affecting the marketing of farm products, ordered by the 1919 legislature.

Co-operative ownership of the marketing machinery is offered as the best available solution of the farmers' marketing problem, says the report.

Co-operative ownership of retail agencies such as grocery stores, meat markets, milk depots and similar places is suggested as "a practical solution of the unnecessary expenses of living borne by the consumer."

Mr. Hughes recommends that local co-operative elevators create a central selling agency and hold a membership in a grain exchange. As an alternative the report suggests creation of a central association to act independently of existing grain exchanges.

Similar organizations for handling live stock, eggs, hay, wool, dairy and other farm products is advocated.

By Associated Press. Ten Men Rescued Alive From Kentucky Colliery. By Associated Press. Erlington, Ky., Nov. 17.—Ten miners were rescued today from the burning Arnold coal mine near here. Bodies of five miners were recovered. One other person, trapped in the mine, was still missing.

By Associated Press. Two Die in Fire. Mother and Child Burned to Death at Hayfield. Special to Times-Republican. Hayfield, Nov. 17.—Mrs. J. F. Handy is dead as a result of a fire in her home Saturday afternoon. She used gasoline instead of kerosene to start a fire in the wash house. The flames were thrown over her and her 4-year-old son Tommie. She left the building screaming, and Zella, a 17-year-old daughter, rushed to the mother and threw a quilt about her.

Tommie, my God, Tommie, he's burning, too," the mother shouted, and the girl rushed out of the house and doused the boy in a water tank. The girl was so badly burned doing this that when she rang the telephone call to a doctor the flesh on her hand stuck to the receiver. The little boy died a few hours later. Zella will recover.

By Associated Press. Wilson Greets League. President Sends Message to World Assembly at Geneva. By Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 17.—President Wilson, in a message sent today to Paul Hymans, president of the league of nations assembly at Geneva, Switzerland, extended his personal greetings to the assembly and expressed the "hope and belief that their labors will be of immense value to the whole civilized world."

U. S. Threatens Revenge Upon Western Union

Washington, Nov. 17.—A veiled threat that the permits granted for the landing of Western Union cables in the United States will be revoked unless the company continues to accord the American government the same privileges that it accords the British and other governments in handling cable messages is contained in a formal statement issued today by the state department.

The Western Union Telegraph Company, says an announcement issued today by the state department, not only refused to accept any government cable messages without payment of tolls, but also has refused to carry at the reduced government rate messages originating outside of the United States.

"Obviously," said the department's statement, "the United States could not be expected to allow the Western Union Company, an American corporation, to charge for its message twice the rate charged, for example, the British government, nor to accede to the requirement that the ordinary practice of business with respect to periodical statement accounts shall be set aside in dealings with our government."

Industry in Kansas City and surrounding cities related their problems at a hearing today of the senate committee on reconstruction and production headed by William M. Calder, of New York.

By Associated Press. Young Woman Dead and Three Companions Hurt in Collision. Dubuque, Nov. 17.—When their automobile was struck by a C. B. & Q. passenger train Tuesday afternoon at Sand Hook, Wis., one person was killed and three other occupants were seriously injured. Miss Gladys Gens was instantly killed while Mrs. Warren J. Thompson, Miss Roxey Gens and Warren J. Thompson sustained serious injuries. Little hope is held for the recovery of the latter.

The entire party resided in Platteville, Wis., and were returning home from Dubuque when the accident occurred.

By Associated Press. Fenton, Iowa, Farmers Seriously Hurt by Flood and Two May Die. Fort Dodge, Nov. 17.—George Frank, Henry and Louis Newell, brothers, farmers, living near Fenton, Iowa, are in mercy hospital here with serious injuries from which it is thought two may not survive as the result of an accident that happened five miles north of Fort Dodge this morning when the enclosed car in which they were riding turned turtle.

By Associated Press. Four of Six Men Arrested Fired Upon and Killed by Escort. White Gate, County Clare, Ireland, Nov. 17.—Four of six men arrested last evening under the restoration act were shot dead this morning while trying to escape from their escort, according to an official report.

By Associated Press. Four Injured in Train Wreck. Elgin, Ill., Nov. 17.—Four men were possibly fatally injured today when a train on the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern jumped the track near Spaulding. The injured were taken to Elgin hospitals.

By Associated Press. Strike Ties Up Clinton Car Line. Traction Company Employees Quit When City Council Refuses to Increase Fares—Increase in Wage Contingent on Granting of 6-Cent Rate—No Cars Being Operated.

By Associated Press. Clinton, Nov. 17.—Clinton walked today. Following refusal of the city council last night to grant an increase in fare from 5 to 6 cents to the Clinton Street Railway Company, employees of the company struck at 1 o'clock this morning when the last car was run in the barns. An increase in wages was contingent upon the granting of the increased fare.

The street railway employees, who have been working under a contract of 50 to 55 cents an hour awarded them when their strike a year ago was arbitrated, were asking an increase to 70 and 75 cents an hour. The contract expired Oct. 30, but the men had continued at work under promises that if the company was granted the increased fare the company in turn would meet the wage demands.

By Associated Press. Polk County Has Woman Sheriff. Des Moines, Nov. 17.—Mrs. George Richter, director of the women's bureau of the democratic party in Polk county, has been appointed deputy sheriff by Claplain Robb, the sheriff-elect, he said today. She will have charge of the work with women and girls and will be one of the few, if not the only woman deputy sheriff in the state.

By Associated Press. Des Moines Bakers Talk Bread Prices. By Associated Press. Des Moines, Nov. 17.—Local bakers were to hold a meeting this afternoon to consider prices of bread and sizes of loaves. Charles Alstead, of Waterloo, head of the State Association of Bakers, was to be here for the meeting.

By Associated Press. Missourians Air Troubles. Kansas City, Nov. 17.—Spokesmen for various classes of business and

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NEW GOVERNMENT EXPECTS RETURN

Greek Army, Loyal to Venizelos, May Set Up Republic in Smyrna, Asia Minor - Panic on Bourse and American Dollar Doubles in Value - New Cabinet to Hold Office Only Until Plebiscite is Held.

By Associated Press. Athens, Nov. 16.—"Constantine is our rightful king," former Premier Gounaris, leader of the successful party in the Greek elections, told the correspondent today. "And we expect him back as soon as a plebiscite is held showing the people want him."

There are rumors that it is possible the Greek army, which is supposed to be loyal to former Premier Venizelos, may create the republic of Smyrna in Asia Minor.

The present regime of Admiral Coundouritis has been recognized by the opposition. It is probable the new cabinet will hold office temporarily until a plebiscite is held, at which the people will vote upon the return of former King Constantine.

There was a panic on the bourse when it became certain the Venizelist government had been defeated, the United States dollar doubling in value.

The parliament house is occupied by troops. Queen Mother Olga, of Greece, probably will assume the regency today, it was learned here this forenoon. The queen mother is the widow of the late King George, who was assassinated at Saloniki in 1915. Admiral Coundouritis is the present regent.

The resignation of Premier Venizelos has been made public. The majority leaders speak of the restoration of former King Constantine as an accomplished fact.

By Associated Press. SENATE AUCTIONS JUNK. Accumulated Fixtures Salvaged and Sold For Small Sums. Washington, Nov. 17.—The senate went into the salvage business yesterday by the sale at auction of its accumulated fixtures.

A lemonade bowl from which three senators quenched their thirst in the cloakroom of West Virginia, a champagne cooler, its senatorial function not specified, brought \$1. A sofa and five big leather chairs were knocked down for \$140. Two of these chairs formerly adorned the marble room.

Four old oak sideboards realized from \$5 to \$18.50. An ice-box, formerly a regular attendant at finance committee deliberations, went for a song. An electric runabout which was once the property of the late Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, and which had stood for years in the senate garage, brought \$6.50. Altogether the sergeant-at-arms collected \$1,200.

By Associated Press. Steamship Calls For Help. New York, Nov. 17.—The Danish steamer Yute, bound for Dunkirk from Baltimore, and 240 miles east southeast of Cape May, N. J., sent out a wireless call for help early today, the naval communications office has announced. No more on her condition was available at 9:45 a. m.

By Associated Press. Today's News Index. The Weather. Sun rises Nov. 18 at 6:44, sets at 4:46. Iowa—Generally fair tonight and Thursday; rising temperature in east and south portions.

Range of temperature at Marshalltown: Tuesday, 36 and 13; Monday, 30 and 12; Nov. 16, 1919, 45 and 29. At 7 this morning, 20; yesterday, 13.

By Associated Press. PAGE ONE. Telegraphic News. British Turn Down Irish Move in U. S. Reds Drive Against Ukrainians. Colby Proposes to Boss State Department. Greece to Vote on Return of Constantine.

PAGES TWO AND THREE. Iowa News: Congress to Aid Western Farmers. Corn Fields Need 2,000 Workers. Mail Robbery May Total \$5,000,000. Sports News and Story: Ball's Loyalty to Johnson Due. Cedar Rapids to Meet Sioux City. The Substitute Millionaire. PAGE SIX. Editorial: Bluff or Business. Ancient Witches Now the Goat. The Country Needs Such Girls. PAGES SEVEN, EIGHT, NINE, TEN AND ELEVEN. City News: Gillet Pensioned After Many Years' Service. Criminal Cases Set for Monday. Charities Gets Much Clothing Bundle Day. Automobile, Trucks and Tractors. News of Twenty-Five Years Ago. Society News. PAGE TWELVE. Markets and General: Heavy Selling of Wheat. Slight Advance in Hogs.