

Reign Of Discontent Grows In British Dominions As Empire Achieves Greatest Extension Of Power In History

PARIS, France, Dec. 20.—Things are not well with imperial Britain. Industrial England is rapidly, skilfully and surely recovering the ground it lost during four years of war. Politically it is different.

Ireland, India and Egypt Held in Restraint by Troops as Unrest Gains Impetus, While English Administrators Doubt Outcome; Defend Egyptian Tactics as Justified.

By JOHN LLOYD BALDWIN.

On the horizon looms the challenge of the present. "That is the cheerful view. But it is just as easy to show that our empire is breaking up; that Canada and Australia before long will feel that they have grown to manhood and successfully disengage themselves; that the seething discontent in Ireland, India and Egypt will keep us involved in millions of men and constant warfare against subject populations until our colonies abroad are torn from us by force or the workers of those lands will revolt, so we may have to give up our empire as more trouble and expense than it is worth."

It must be remembered, the British point out in answer to these charges, that Egypt itself was a theater of war. Twice the Turks attacked the country. Egypt was not a passive subject. The British administration, which had at least the right of free speech and was consulted by the Egyptian delegates to the peace conference, was indefinitely dismissed, martial law was enforced and a savage censorship introduced.

The Great War.—"The great war means one of two things for us," an eminent colonial administrator told me. "We are to be on the one hand the world, the distance across the German ocean no longer exists, the threat to India from Russia has vanished, we have won Mesopotamia, and we shall make it the garden spot of the world; the routes to the east for the first time are securely in our hands. We have come through with enormous accessions to territorial power. For the first time in history since the downfall of the Roman empire we seem to bestride the world, its indisputable and benevolent master, with no enemy

in the world. The British Empire is now the greatest in the history of the world. It is the greatest extension of power ever achieved by a country in all history. Britain is wondering whether it will have to abandon its proud boast that it alone knows how to rule subject peoples.

Passive Resistance.—Egypt has no intention of fighting her oppressors. Her people, the Egyptians told me, are unwarlike and without arms, "but we shall fold our hands and by a general refusal to recognize or work with the British, make their rule impossible." Something of this sort appears to be going on in Egypt now, although only the leading is dealt with in official statements. Egyptians who continue to hold office under the British are boycotted by their fellow countrymen.

by Pharaoh-like taskmasters with long whips into labor gangs and herded into camps, where they died like flies, with no proper food or sanitary arrangements. I was skeptical, but I have been told by Englishmen who were in Egypt during the war that the statement is not much exaggerated.

Willing to Be Helped.—The ending of British domination is expected to be the result of the withdrawal of British help in the progressive development of Egypt. Egypt would still require a great deal for many years, the assistance of foreign countries and especially of technical and scientific experts in many branches of administration, and would certainly seek them in England rather than in any other foreign country. Who are in Egypt today would unquestionably be invited to remain, but they would be the servants and not the masters of the Egyptian government, just as the foreigners employed in Japan were the servants and not the masters of the Japanese government.

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CHRISTMAS Party Frocks for girls certainly make a Christmas gift de luxe. These dainty creations are fashioned in all the lovely filmy fabrics so suitable for the youthful—georget, crepe de chine, tulle, chiffon and net. The sizes are from 2 to 6 and from 7 to 17 years, and the prices for this Merry Christmas Sale range from \$12.50 to \$55.00. We have in this Merry Christmas Sale a very special lot of chiffon frocks at \$16.50.

Merry Christmas Sale In Silks and Dress Goods Section

SILKS and dress goods may solve your problem. And in order to encourage the giving of practical gifts, the Silks and Dress Goods Section makes the following unusual

Announcement

All silks, velvets and woolsens will be sold at reduced prices for the three days—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—preceding Christmas. Nothing will be reserved and the following are the reductions: 89c buys \$1.00 worth of any silk, velvet or woolen \$1.35 buys \$1.50 worth of any silk, velvet or woolen \$1.79 buys \$2.00 worth of any silk, velvet or woolen \$2.69 buys \$3.00 worth of any silk, velvet or woolen \$3.59 buys \$4.00 worth of any silk, velvet or woolen \$4.49 buys \$5.00 worth of any silk, velvet or woolen This means a practical saving on practical gifts. A \$10.00 DRESS PATTERN FOR \$8.90 A \$20.00 DRESS PATTERN FOR \$17.95 A \$30.00 DRESS PATTERN FOR \$26.95 Savings on smaller purchases will be in proportion. We make this broad offer so the saving will be genuine—you save in the same proportion whether your purchase is for \$1.00 or for \$50.00. We will box and mail all gifts for you free of charge.

Merry Christmas Sale In The Art Department

THE beautiful articles in this department which are suitable for gifts are too numerous to list, but among them you will find pillows, scarfs, baskets, artificial flowers, handkerchiefs and glove boxes, candy jars, pin cushions and trays, salts, perfume and talcum bottles, telephone screens, boudoir lamps, tie racks, vases, candle sticks, picture frames, mirrors, bobbin dishes, powder bowls and countless other things. These all at Merry Christmas Sale prices

New Arrivals In Beautiful Flowers

WHY buy perishable flowers when you can buy such wonderful duplicates as we are offering in our Flower Show in the Art Department? Not only will you find gorgeous poppies, dainty cherry blossoms and all the other lovely flowers, but there are baskets of luscious looking fruit that will tempt you, surely. This wonderful assortment of flowers and fruit has just arrived for Holiday Week, and you will want to make early selection, for such an opportunity to get beautiful gifts of this nature, will attract many gift seekers—and first choice is always best choice. —3rd Floor—Art Department.

Holly Wreaths

We will have on sale Monday at our Christmas Tree Store at the corner of Texas and Mesa, beautiful holly wreaths. We also have left a goodly supply of Christmas trees. If you want Christmas trees or holly wreaths, we suggest that you shop early.

HOVER electric suction sweeper. For A Woman. If there is a woman on your gift list who takes pride in housekeeping, there is one gift that stands alone as possessing more good points as a Christmas gift than all others. It beats—as it sweeps—as it cleans.

Only Three Days In Which To Do It

KrackKajack Christmas Service will Conserve Your Energy and Save You Money. We have carefully made our plans to care for Christmas shoppers and you can shop with the greatest satisfaction and select gifts for every member of the family these three final days.

As a few helpful suggestions we mention

Gilbert Toys. Gilbert Erector, Bricktor and Wireless Telegraphy sets. We also carry a full stock of Gilbert Motors. These range in prices from \$1.00 to \$10.00. Bicycles. We have just a few Bicycles left, but believe that if you will come Monday you will find just what you want.

Accommodation Desk. We will cheerfully wrap any package whether the merchandise is bought here or not.

Condensed Christmas Catalogue. The following alphabetical list of KrackKajack suggestions will check off most of the names on your list:

- Aluminum baking utensils, auto lunch kits, Boxing gloves, baseballs, bricktor sets. Combinations range, chafing dishes, casseroles, carving sets, curling irons, cartridge belts, coasters, Christmas tree lights. Driving gloves, express wadges, fireless cookers, footballs, flashlights. Gilbert's Erector sets, guns. Hunting knives, roller skates, razor straps and brushes, silverware, sand toys. Tennis racquets, turkey roasters, vacuum bottles. Watches and wireless telegraphy.

Open Evenings. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday our store will be open each evening until 8 o'clock to accommodate those who are too busy during the day to attend to the necessary shopping.

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FORT BLISS OFFICER SENT TO UNIVERSITY OF ILL.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Capt. Robert W. Crow, Eighth Cavalry, Fort Bliss, has been ordered to the University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill., to study for a Ph.D. degree. Crow, a medical officer, has been honorably discharged at Fort Bayard, First Army, under the name of Robert W. Crow, Jr.

HOUSE PASSES BILL RAISING INSURANCE WAR RISK

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—The House bill increasing war risk insurance allowances of American soldiers, sailors and marines disabled in the war was passed Friday by the Senate with amendments requested by the American Legion. The House is expected to accept the Senate amendments and enactment of the bill before recess is deemed assured.

BLISS JOINS STAFF CHIEF

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Gen. Tanker H. Bliss, one of the American delegates to the peace conference, just returned from the conference, will be assigned to duty in the office of the chief of staff when he reports to the war department.

Says He Stole In Order To Study For Ministry

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 16.—John Burton, 17, who says he is an orphan and claims New York City as his home, is in the clutches of industrial police on a charge of wholesale thefts from Yale and New Haven people. Burton claims that he stole to obtain funds to get into the Yale Divinity school.

Innocent Cabbage Patch Was Whiskey Cache

Williamson, W. Va., Dec. 16.—Revenue officers with keen noses recently unearthed a rather "wet" cabbage patch "up the hollow from Bottom creek." Besides the cabbage there were four ten gallon kegs, one five gallon keg, two five gallon oil cans and several pint jars filled with liquor.

An Influenza Is an exaggerated form of Grip. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets should be taken in larger doses than is prescribed for ordinary Grip. A good plan is not to wait until you are sick, but PREVENT INFLUENZA BY TAKING LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets in time.—Adv.

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