

# MILITARY AUTHORITIES SEIZE IRISH RAILROADS

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# FOE IS READY TO RENEW DRIVE BETWEEN ARRAS AND AMIENS

## SAYS GENERAL STRIKE WILL BE CALLED

Poindexter Says Leaders of Labor Contemplate Action for Mooney.

MOVEMENT WILL TIE UP COUNTRY

Senator Makes Startling Assertion Without Apparent Base.

Washington, April 22—A movement by Washington labor leaders to call a general strike on May 1 as a protest against alleged persecution of Thomas Mooney and others convicted of the bomb conspiracy in San Francisco, was reported to the Senate today by Senator Poindexter of Washington, who denounced it in vehement terms as "blackmail" on the government, sedition and treason.

Sensor Poindexter submitted a letter from Secretary James A. Dunan of the Seattle Central Labor union saying a referendum on the strike was being circulated. He also presented a resolution of the Seattle trade union declaring a "widespread suspicion" exists among workmen that the bomb plot convictions were an attempt to discredit organized labor.

The movement, Senator Poindexter declared, is in harmony with the Industrial Workers of the World, Bolshevik and other international unrest. Repudiating and denouncing leaders of the movement as the friends of labor, Senator Poindexter said:

"It is moral treason. The act itself being more than death by an unspeakable crime, is deserving of the extreme penalty of death. The threat to commit it is a crime against the state and the government. These men should be arrested and dealt with as disloyal traitors."

Sensor Poindexter said Mooney and his co-defendants had undergone the usual court processes and that the Seattle labor movement was by false representatives of labor, indicative of a general international lawless effort. The charge that the bomb plot prosecutions were designed to discredit organized labor, he asserted, "was scandalous" and based on mere suspicion.

## SENTENCE TRIO TO JAIL TERMS FOR DISLOYALTY

John Kachman, a Hungarian, residing on Church street, William O'Neale, said to be an American Indian, of 82 Fulton street, and William Witkourki, a Pole, of 48 Church street, were arraigned in the city court today charged with making seditious utterances and speaking in a filthy and abusive manner of the Third Liberty loan. Each one was sentenced to serve two months in jail, and then be turned over to the federal authorities by Judge Bartlett.

Fred Dittman, a German, who was arrested with the trio, proved that he had nothing to do with the argument which started in an East End saloon Saturday evening, and the case against him was nolleed, but the court advised that the federal authorities look his record up.

Patrick McNally stated on the stand and had other witnesses to prove his assertions, that he upheld the United States in the argument and fought the three prisoners until the police put a stop to the fracas. In the general excitement he was also arrested, but when the court heard his testimony the charge against him was at once nolleed.

## REARGUMENT ORDERED

Washington, April 22—The supreme court today ordered a re-argument of proceedings instituted by the state of Virginia to compel West Virginia to pay a judgment of \$12,328,099 resulting from a suit to collect Virginia's Civil war debt.

## QUAKE RUINS BUSINESS DISTRICT

### SALVATION ARMY GIRLS IN DUGOUT UNDER HOT FIRE

U. S. Soldiers Fed By Lashes Under Fire; Officers Order Girls Back.

### TEACHEROUS GERMAN IS KILLED BY GRENADE

With the American Army in France, Sunday, April 21.—(By The Associated Press.)—Two low flying German aeroplanes were brought down Saturday by American machine gunners during the German attack in and about Seicheprey, northwest of Toul. The machine gunners who bagged the Germans had been ordered to retire, but they remained in their position and fought effectively against the enemy aviators.

During the engagement the Germans concentrated their artillery fire on the American telephone and telegraph wires which were cut many times. Couriers were forced to pass through two or three barages in order to maintain communication. In the meantime men of the signal corps in face of a heavy bombardment restored the wires almost as fast as they were shot away.

Ambulance men ventured into No Man's Land during the thick of the fight and did heroic work in gathering up wounded. One German who had offered to surrender attempted to explode a bomb on the ground as three Americans approached him. Another soldier, however, discovered the trick and hurled at the German a grenade. One of the German's legs was blown off and he died later, a prisoner of the Americans.

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## ALLIANCE IN CONNECTICUT IS DISSOLVED

Hartford, April 22.—The German-American alliance of Connecticut has dissolved and its funds will be distributed to charity. This action was taken yesterday at a meeting of the alliance in Saengerbund hall, this city. President H. P. Blume of this city presided and all the officers and a dozen of the executive committee were present.

## GIVES TILSTROM INTO CHARGE OF U.S. AUTHORITIES

Martin Tilstrom, who was arrested Saturday night charged with harboring for nearly a year Nils Nelson and Aron Engholm, draft dodgers, was today turned over to the Federal authorities by Judge Bartlett in the City Court. He is being held in bonds of \$5,000. Owing to her physical condition, Mrs. Tilstrom was not arrested, but is charged with the same offense.

## 50 SUFFRAGISTS FROM THIS STATE GOING TO CALL ON SEN. McLEAN

MISS HASTINGS OF STRATFORD AND MRS. S. C. SHAW AMONG NUMBER WHO WILL INFORM SENATOR OF SUFFRAGE SENTIMENT.

Hartford, April 22—May day will be a memorable day for suffragists of Connecticut and for Senator George P. McLean. On that day a deputation of 50 or more representative women of the state will go to Washington to see Senator McLean.

They will advise him of the suffrage sentiment in the communities that they represent and to advise him of the sentiment in favor of the federal woman suffrage amendment which exists among his constituents. Senator McLean will receive Miss Caroline Ruutz-Rees, chairman, women's committee, State Council of Defense, and the others of the deputation in his office and Miss Katharine Ludington, president of the Connecticut Woman Suffrage association, will speak on behalf of the members of the association which she represents.

Some of the women who expect to go on this deputation are Miss Mary Bulkeley, Hartford; Miss Mary Webster, Middletown; Mrs. Hiram Percy Maxim, Mrs. John T. Robinson, Mrs. William H. Deming, Hartford; Mrs. A. Barton Hepburn, Mrs. Grace Thompson Setch, New York; Miss Daphne Seiden, Deep River; Mrs. Willis Austin, Norwich; Mrs. Herbert Benzie, Mrs. John Beatty, Meriden; Mrs. C. E. Wood, Miss Mary Morgan, Simsbury; Mrs. Richard Howell, Miss Edith Hastings, Stratford; Mrs. Samuel C. Shaw, Bridgeport; Mrs. Harry Montague, Riverside; Mrs. Whitney Blake, Mrs. Henry Townshend, New Haven; Miss Elizabeth Hooker, New Haven; Miss Adelaide Deming, Litchfield; Mrs. Samuel Russell, Jr., Middletown, and Mrs. Francis Upton, Johnstone.

## DUBLIN GUNSHOPS ARE RAIDED; ARMS REMOVED

TELEPHONE EXCHANGES, RAILWAYS SEIZED, AND POLICE PREPARED TO CONFISCATE ALL WEAPONS TO BE FOUND IN CITIES.

London, April 22—The military authorities have taken over control of the principal Irish railways, the Post Office, and the telephone exchanges, according to the Cork correspondent of the Daily Chronicle.

It is added that the police on Saturday removed all arms and ammunition from gunsmith shops in Dublin and that similar action will be taken all over Ireland. Field Marshal Viscount French, formerly Commander in Chief in Ireland, who resigned from the British Army shortly before the beginning of the world war because he would not use armed force to put down Sir Edward Carson's Ulster Volunteers, who were arming to oppose Home Rule, and who later was recalled and became Commander in Chief in France of the British forces, being succeeded by Sir Douglas Haig, is now in command of the British troops in Ireland, according to a late despatch.

If American opinion supports the policy of simultaneous Home Rule and conscription, the influence of the United States may yet settle the Irish crisis, many leaders here believe. A profound impression has been made here by expressions of opinion from the United States, especially the cabled messages of Irishmen of Georgia to John Dillon, leader of the Irish Party, approving the two measures with the expectation that the men of Ireland will fight with the Allies, as are the Irishmen of America.

## PRESIDENT IS OPPOSED TO COURT MARTIAL BILL

WRITES SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN HE BELIEVES IT WOULD PLACE UNITED STATES ON LEVEL WITH ENEMIES—THINKS IT UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Washington, April 22—President Wilson came out today in opposition to the Chamberlain bill, which would try violations of the sedition laws by court martial and in a letter to Senator Overman of North Carolina declared his belief that the measure is unconstitutional. If enacted, the president declared, the bill would place the United States on a level with its enemies. The measure, he said, is opposed to the spirit and purpose of the espionage laws. The president's letter follows: "My Dear Senator—Thank you for your letter of yesterday. I am heartily obliged to you for consulting me about the court martial bill as perhaps I may call it for short. I am wholly and unalterably opposed to such legislation and very much value the opportunity you give me to say so. I think it is not only unconstitutional but that in character it would put us nearly upon the level of the very people we are fighting and affecting to despise. It would be altogether inconsistent with the spirit and practice of America, and in view of the recent legislation, the espionage bill, the sabotage bill, and the woman spy bill, I think it is unnecessary and uncalled for." (Continued on page 2)

## FOE IS MASSING GUNS OF LARGEST CALIBRES IN THE SOMME REGION

Berlin claims 183 Americans in severe fighting have been captured; with 25 machine guns—English line stronger.

While awaiting the next German blow now momentarily expected, Field Marshal Haig is taking advantage of the comparative lull to strengthen his lines in various spots. Both north and south of the Somme and on the Lys battle front the British defensive positions were improved in local operations last night. Similarly the Germans made an attempt to push forward their lines in the Mesnil region north of Albert in which sector they apparently are preparing for some more important movement. The British offered a sharp defense, however, and foiled the enemy effort.

Heavy artillery fire is in progress on so many parts of the front that little indication is afforded by this as to the point selected by the Germans for their renewed thrust. Naturally they may be expected to make further efforts to extricate themselves from the pockets in to which they have forced their lines along the Lys.

ENEMY SHELLING NIEPPE WOODS Thus, last night the enemy was reported shelling the British positions in Nieppe wood, whence lies the route to Hazebrouck, the railroad center from which it is well nigh vital for the British to hold him.

There has been no development in the region north of Ypres, where the Belgians stopped a turning movement last week, preventing the British from being flanked out of the Ypres positions. The nature of the ground and the position of the opposing forces, however, make it seem probable that a repetition of the attempts is to be looked for.

The situation in the Somme region is for the moment even more closely watched than that along the Franco-Belgian border to the north. Field Marshal Haig reports heavy shelling of the British lines on both sides of the Somme and the Ancre, and the correspondents sent word of German preparations for a movement of some nature between Arras and Amiens, within which the region under bombardment is located.

FOE MASSING HEAVIEST OF GUNS The enemy is known to have brought up some of the heaviest guns to the Somme battle field where Amiens is his objective, but the Entente artillery is matching these and hampering the Germans severely in their preparations for attack. Last night the French repulsed a German raid along the Avre, in this region.

Taking advantage of the moonlight, the Germans at 10 o'clock last night made a strong but unsuccessful attack against the British positions north of Aveluy wood on the front above. (Continued on Page 2)

## WILL GO OVER THE TOP IN LOAN BY TOMORROW

BRIDGEPORT EXPECTS TO REACH QUOTA BY TOMORROW NIGHT ACCORDING TO PREDICTIONS OF MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE—SALES ENCOURAGING.

Bridgeport will have subscribed its quota by tomorrow night is the prediction of one of the members of the Liberty Loan committee. For the past few days the sales have been large and with the encouraging reports that are coming in it is thought the sales will have passed the \$4,300,000 mark.

A large supply of the bonds have been received and can now be purchased for cash at the various banks and at the headquarters at Hinks Brothers. The certificates are of the \$50, \$100 and \$500 denominations. The committee received information this morning that factories which subscribe 60 per cent. may purchase industrial flags which bear six stars for each 10 per cent. over another one star is to be added until the full 100 per cent. is reached. It is expected that there will be much competition among the various plants in Bridgeport to possess flags with the ten stars. The firemen on the night shifts who are working in the interests of the loan report that sales are very good. Since the men commenced work \$32,400 has been secured and it is thought that before the week is over they will be well past the \$50,000 mark. G. R. Tesch is one of the individual workers who voluntarily agreed to work in behalf of the drive. Up to this noon Mr. Tesch has sold bonds totaling \$5,650. At a recent meeting of the Schawben Slek and Benefit society, Mr. Tesch urged the members to subscribe and as a result the society voted to buy \$500 worth of bonds. He made a canvass of the members which brought a total of \$1,100. The sidewalk advertising scheme which was tried out last week will be continued this week. New slogans will be painted on all corners in the center of the city tomorrow.

## Los Angeles Suffers Little From Shock; But One Life Reported Lost.

BIG OFFICE BUILDINGS PUT OUT OF PLUMB

Wells and River Beds Dry for Years Fill With Water After Quake.

Los Angeles, Cal. April 22—More than one-third of the business district of San Jacinto and a smaller proportion of that of Hemet, both in Riverside county, about 70 miles east of here, were in ruins today and scores of residences in the two little towns were wrecked by a series of earthquakes which caused all of southern California to tremble late yesterday afternoon.

The property damage is estimated at from \$100,000 to \$150,000 in the two places. Half a dozen other towns and cities, including Los Angeles, suffered minor damage, confined mainly to plate glass windows and shattered cornices.

Hemet and San Jacinto have populations of less than 1,000 each. They are about three miles apart and lie in a picturesque country which was made the scene of Helen Hunt Jackson's novel "Ramona."

Only one life was known to have been lost, that of Frank E. Darnell, a retired manufacturer of this city, who was drowned when he fell off a pier in Santa Monica, a beach resort near here. Hundreds of pleasure seekers on the pier made a wild dash for solid ground when the shock came at 3:33 p. m. and Darnell (Continued on page 2)

## NO TRACE OF MISSING FOUR YEAR OLD GIRL

Up to this afternoon the nationwide search for little Archelle Goven, aged 4 years, of 287 East avenue, has resulted in the disappearance of the little fellow remaining as much of a mystery as ever. The child disappeared from his home March 12, but up to the present no word or trace has been found of him.

His mother, who was formerly an actress, states that it is possible that little Archelle's grandmother, Mrs. Carrie L. Jones, of 624 Beverly road, Brooklyn, N. Y., might have taken the child, but the police of New York city are unable to locate Mrs. Jones.

## REDUCES NUMBER OF OFFICERS ON SHORE SERVICE

Washington, April 22—The navy department has followed the example set by the various bureaus of the war department in ordering that a substantial cut be made in the number of reserve officers of draft age assigned to duty in Washington.

Instructions have just been issued by the bureau of navigation limiting the "shore service" of members of the naval reserve to six months, unless unusual circumstances necessitate an extension. Vacancies will be filled as far as possible with women or with men above the draft age.

HEIRS IN ALBANIA An inventory of the estate of Theodore Cinfecu was filed in Probate Court this morning. The estate consists of \$650 in cash and two Liberty Bonds. His wife and daughter in Albania are his only heirs.