

**SMITH DISCUSSES SUGAR SHORTAGE**

**Senator Asks Reason for Difference in Price in South Carolina and in New York.**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—When the Senate was today considering the question of continuing the United States board of sugar equalization, Senator Smith of South Carolina, rising to the occasion, discussed the present sugar shortage and the operation of the law of supply and demand with much interest to the people of South Carolina.

Senator Smith said first that he wanted information as to whether someone was cornering the sugar market and would decline to vote until he got information.

Upon being informed that the bill under consideration merely gave the board the right to acquire raw sugar of the crop of 1921 under government supervision, Senator Smith said in part:

"The matter concerning me now is that this is a time of peace and we are about to establish a precedent here of the government entering to relieve a condition which it seems to me, those who engage in business in this country are perfectly competent to remove. If somebody is buying this crop and cornering the market, why was the Sherman anti-trust law written upon the statute?"

"Why have we gone and solemnly committed ourselves to the farce of trying to enact legislation which will deter the evil-minded from doing things, and then, while it is on the statute books invoke the government to go into business in order to prevent the people themselves from coming in and ruining their business?"

"The government," Senator Smith further stated, "is stepping in and taking half of the sugar business because there is a fear that someone might corner the market." He objected, he said, to the doctrine of socialism. Senator Smith said also that is what is the matter with us now.

We are not only assuming to become merchants, but we are absolutely becoming the guardians of labor and capital, telling capital how much it may make upon an investment and labor how much it shall get. He wanted the buyers of sugar to settle this question, he said, among themselves, and if they find someone who is really trying to corner the market, hale him before the courts and let the world know, than for us to camouflage the situation by the government buying and selling. Let us go

**IRISH REPUBLIC PRESENTS CLAIM**

**House Committee Hears Arguments on Recognition of Independent Government. Uproar Is Caused by Pro-Germanism Charge.**

Washington, Dec. 12.—The claim of the Irish republic for recognition as an independent government was brought to congress again today and was debated in militant fashion through a tempestuous all-day session of the house committee on foreign affairs.

A crowd was jammed in the room and blocked the adjoining corridors which punctuated the proceedings with cheers and with hoots of disapproval as the opposing speakers presented their arguments and many times threw the session into disorder by yelling gratuitous advice to committee and witnesses.

The occasion was committee consideration of a bill by Representative Mason, Republican, Illinois, which would appropriate funds for dispatch of diplomatic and consular representatives to the government set up by the insurgent Irish Republicans. Its supporters declared it presented an opportunity for congress to do all it could constitutionally toward a full diplomatic recognition and its opponents condemned it as an effort to involve the United States in a dangerous foreign situation.

Late in the session charges of pro-

Germanism on the part of the country threw the meeting into a furore which the committee quieted with difficulty after the chairman had warned against insults to any of the witnesses. Interruptions so prolonged the hearing that the committee's plan of concluding today was abandoned, and the arguments will be resumed tomorrow.

Justice Daniel F. Cohalan, of the New York state supreme court, and Frank P. Walsh, who headed the Irish-American delegation sent to Paris during the peace negotiations, appeared to espouse the cause of Irish freedom and ask for passage of the bill. The arguments in opposition were made by George L. Fox, of New Haven, Conn., George T. Lemon, of Troy, N. Y., president of the National Federation of Presbyterian Patriotic Societies and others.

Eamon DeValera, president of the Irish Republican government, who came to Washington yesterday to confer with Irish-American leaders, did not appear at the meeting, but Harry Boland, secretary of the republic's "parliament," sat with Justice Cohalan and Walsh and frequently advised them in the presentation of their case.

The provisional government, these speakers argued, clearly was a de facto government, having a complete executive and politically organized effective organization of 100,000 and united in popular support. The government, they asserted, is functioning in many important matters, while the British authorities have abandoned their attempt to carry out many of the duties of government.

These statements all were denied by Mr. Lemon and Mr. Fox, who said there was a great division of sentiment among the Irish both in Ireland and the United States, and that little real headway had been made by the republic as a governmental agency. They declared the Sinn Fein party backing the republic was one of three powerful political organizations in Ireland and had handicapped the al-

**ITALY REFUSES TO RECOGNIZE SOVIET**

**Chamber of Deputies Approves Reply from Throne Refusing to Recognize Reds.**

Rome, Dec. 13.—The chamber of deputies tonight voted approval of the reply to the speech from the throne after rejecting by a vote of 289 to 124 an amendment offered by the Socialists providing for the immediate recognition of the Russian soviet government and the resumption of relations with Russia.

Premier Nitti summed up the debate on the reply in a speech of considerable length. He desired first, he said, to dispose of a question which was causing national concern and to deny the report that the government was about to conclude new international agreements creating fresh responsibilities. The premier's reference was to a report that the meeting of Premiers Lloyd George and Clemenceau and Foreign Minister Scialoja in London had considered a military convention.

Answering different speakers who presented motions for the convocation of a constituent assembly, Signor Nitti said:

"But we consider the parliament as a permanent constituent assembly.

lies in winning the war. An understanding between Irish-Americans and German-Americans was charged by Mr. Lemon and Mr. Fox carried the suggestion a step further by turning to M. Walsh and declaring that during the war "this man was thinking to help Germany." The crowd in which the tri-color Irish republic was conspicuous along with the Stars and Stripes, hooted down the assertion and cheered committeemen when they objected.

Mr. Fox will continue his speech when the committee meets tomorrow and Bourke Cockran, of New York, will make the concluding address for the advocates of the bill.

There is no necessity to convoke one purposely. The Italian constitution, granted on March 4, 1848, was quickly modified by the parliament on May 19, 1848, and later has been changed constantly according to necessity. The parliament is sovereign. It is free to modify by enactment any article of the constitution. What you now wish is to change article V, which nominally gives the king the right to declare war. But do you really believe that the last war was declared without the assent of the parliament?"

At this the Socialists shouted: "Yes, against the will of parliament."

There was great confusion in the chamber for a few minutes after which Premier Nitti resumed his remarks.

"The law granting full power to the cabinet," he went on, "was passed by the chamber on May 22, 1915. It was equivalent to a declaration of war."

The entire socialist group shouted: "No, no! The cabinet already had concluded an alliance with entente."

The premier begged for the support of all parties to help Italy out of her present difficulties. He explained she must import one-third of the necessities of life, needing, for instance 42,000,000 quintals of wheat annually, of which 24,000,000 came from abroad.

"With regard to our relations with Russia," said the premier, "I am certain we shall soon resume commercial relations with that country, but I am not certain that they will soon be advantageous."

"The idea," he added, "that the Anglo-American bloc is interested in isolating Russia in order to have a monopoly of raw materials is nonsense."

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