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IRISH REPUBLIC NOW ASSURED

Sinn Feiners Claim to Have Severed Relations With British Empire.

THEY EXPECT RECOGNITION BY AMERICA

Dr. McCartin in Speech in New York Says That If There is Trouble and Bloshed All Blame will Rest Upon England.

New York, Jan. 5.—A republic now exists in Ireland and every force of the Irish people will be used to uphold it, Dr. Patrick McCartin, known as the "envoy of the provisional government of Ireland," declared in an address at a meeting here tonight to congratulate him, Diarmuid Lynch and "General" Liam Mellows, all prominent Sinn Feiners, upon their election to the British parliament.

"You have seen the statement of the new English secretary for Ireland that the Irish question will be settled within the next six months either peaceably or bloodily," said Dr. McCartin. "We in Ireland are not afraid of shedding blood in our righteous cause and if England attempts to interfere with the establishment of our republic, it will be a declaration of war on her part and the blood that will be spilled will be on her hands."

Dr. McCartin declared that before the recent election the people of Ireland had been asked to vote for separation from England. This, he said, accounts for the sweeping victory of the Sinn Fein.

"Ireland," he continued, "tonight is a free nation," and likened that country's condition to that of Poland, but said the Irish republic as yet had not been recognized by any other nation. He asserted that the Irish here had raised a fund of \$8,000,000 to carry out their program.

"Self-determination should be applied to the Irish people as coming within President Wilson's meaning," declared Mr. McCartin. "I believe that President Wilson has the power to insist upon a republic in Ireland and that he can get the peoples of the world to recognize the republic without further bloodshed."

"General Mellows, who gained his title as one of the leaders of the Easter rebellion in 1916, declared that 78 Sinn Feiners elected to the British parliament would not take their seats in the house of commons, "but will remain in Ireland and try to shape the destinies of Ireland in Ireland."

He asserted that the Sinn Feiners would convene a national assembly in Ireland from which the Irish question would be presented to the peace conference.

"There is no more recognition of British law in Ireland and no more recognition of British courts of justice," he declared. "We are withholding as far as possible every cent from the British imperial treasury. English law is already a farce in Ireland. England may hold the country, but she does not rule it."

"We in Ireland are prepared to make every sacrifice that comes now in upholding what we have won. There can be no turning back. Ireland stands for this in the face of England, if necessary in the face of the world. The invincible Irish nation has once more demonstrated to the world that it can not be crushed."

"A resolution was adopted urging the passing by congress of a joint resolution now before the foreign relations committee, which provides that America's delegates to the peace conference be requested to work for Ireland's plea for self-determination. Another resolution urged the president to carry out in the case of Ireland his assertion that "all peoples are entitled to self-government and self-determination."

THE POLES ATTACK HUNS

STRONG FORCE THREATEN BENTZCHEN AND DEMAND SURRENDER.

German Commander To Whom Ultimatum Was Sent Declared He Would Defend Town at All Costs.

Berlin, Sunday, Jan. 5.—Polish troops have occupied the railway station at Vroshchnik, four miles from Bentzchen, and have sent an ultimatum for the surrender of Bentzchen. The German commander replied that he would defend the town at all costs. The capture of Bentzchen by Poles would be most serious for Berlin and all northern Germany.

The Berger Trial

Lawyers Begin Arguments Before Jury This Morning.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Arguments were begun today in the trial of Victor Berger, congressman-elect from Milwaukee and four other Socialists on the charge of violation of the espionage act. The case has been on trial four weeks.

HOW PEACE WILL BE MADE

Schedule of Peace Conference Outlined by Paris Newspaper.

FOUR BIG POWERS WILL MEET TOGETHER FIRST

Other Allies Will Be Then Be Called in to Present Their Views on Peace Terms.

Paris, Jan. 4.—The peace conference, according to the Le Petit Journal, will proceed as follows: First a conference of the four great powers; second, the representatives of Serbia, and Belgium will be admitted for a study of the general situation; third, the admission of other allies for conference on questions interesting them; fourth, the presentation of the peace conditions successively to Germany, Bulgaria, Turkey, German-Austria-Hungary and then the signing of the peace preliminaries.

A Great Wheat Crop

Kansas Has More Than Eleven Million Acres Planted.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 4.—A report by Edward C. Paxton, field agent for the federal department of Agriculture, declares that Kansas with 11,184,000 acres, has 22.3 per cent. of all the winter wheat area of the United States.

A full crop on this enormous acreage, which is 13 per cent. larger than the record acreage of last year, would total 200,000,000 bushels, or more than one-third of the 509,304,000 bushels for the average annual consumption in the United States, the report says.

Such a production, with a guaranteed price of \$2.00 a bushel, would bring Kansas \$400,000,000. The December report states that the average condition is 98 per cent.

"Not only is this the largest acreage of wheat ever sown in a single state, but it is probably the largest acreage ever devoted to a single grain crop by any state," says the report. "The Texas cotton crop is probably the only state crop that ever exceeded it in area."

"The largest acreage is reported in Eastern and Central counties. Many counties have more than doubled their acreage. Bourbon county leading with an increase of 232 per cent."

The winter wheat acreage in Missouri is 4,243,000; Oklahoma 3,590,000 and Nebraska 5,511,000. The condition in these states for December is given as 100 per cent.

A campaign for mobilizing a great army to harvest the 1919 crop is being worked out by the Kansas City office of A. L. Barkman assistant to the director general of the federal employment service, in charge of western farm labor. Last year the federal employment offices supplied full half of the 40,000 men used in Kansas and Oklahoma harvest fields. It is expected many thousand more hands will be needed for the 1919 yield. Women, children and business and professional men responded to the "Wheat Won't Wait" call and helped gather the big war crop.

A. A. Chalkey, of the Kansas City office of the employment service, said labor prospects were encouraging. Release of soldiers and sailors is expected to greatly relieve the situation.

A plan of properly distributing the army of workers has been mapped out. After the Kansas City-Oklahoma crop has been garnered, the men will move to northern states and later some of them will go into Canada. Wages in Kansas and Oklahoma last year ranged from \$4 to \$6.50 a day with board.

Silver at Premium

Small Coins Have Almost Disappeared from Circulation.

Mexico City, Jan. 3.—Infinite annoyance to every resident and an appreciable loss to business houses has resulted from the virtual disappearance from circulation of silver coins. These comprise half peso pieces and those of twenty and ten centavos. The constantly increasing price of silver has given speculators a chance to make enormous profits by cornering the silver coins for sale as bullion. When the shortage became noticeable, the capital press printed stories on the disappearance of the coins. An immediate rush to hoard what coins remained then began.

Persons without change are unable to make small purchases as many merchants will decline to sell if they are forced to give silver change for a ten or twenty peso gold piece. The government, to relieve the situation, is rushing preparations to mint a new gold coin worth two and a half pesos.

When buying fruit trees, do not overlook the figs, grapes, scuppernon, pears, etc. Make the home orchard a real orchard by growing at least a limited quantity of all the fruits that do well in the South. Include a few Japanese persimmons, mulberries, cherries, plums, quinces, etc.—L. A. Niven, in The Progressive Farmer.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT DIED VERY SUDDENLY TO-DAY

Former President Passed Away at Oyster Bay Home After Only Few Days Illness

END WAS SUDDEN AND UNEXPECTED—HE HAD BEEN CONFINED TO ROOM SINCE NEW YEAR'S DAY WITH INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM.

New York, Jan. 6.—Theodore Roosevelt died at 4 o'clock this morning at his home at Oyster Bay.

The news was received here by Miss Josephine Striker, his secretary, in a telephone message from Mrs. Roosevelt.

Miss Striker said that the former president suffered an attack of inflammatory rheumatism on New Year's day and since had been more or less confined to his room. The attack settled mainly in his right hand and his wife sent at once for a nurse. His condition did not seem alarming at first and the turn for the worse is believed not to have come until last night.

It is understood that only his wife and the nurse were present at his death. The other members of his family are in other parts of this county or abroad.

The immediate cause of his death was pulmonary embolism, or the lodging in the lung of a clot from a broken vein. Death, it is said, came painlessly as he slept.

FUNERAL WEDNESDAY.

Former President Will Be Laid to Rest at Christ Episcopal Church. Oyster Bay, Jan. 6.—The hour for Col. Roosevelt's funeral was officially announced today as 12:45 Wednesday at Christ Episcopal Church.

CONGRESS ADJOURNS.

Both Branches Pay Respect to Col. Roosevelt.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Both houses of congress adjourned today as a mark of respect, after adopting resolutions of regret at the death of Col. Roosevelt, providing committees to attend funeral.

News in Washington

Flags at Half Mast on All Public Buildings.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The flag was half masted at the White House, capitol and all public buildings today on the announcement of the death of Former President Roosevelt. Secretary Daniels and General March also ordered the same action on all ships and at shore stations of the navy, and at every army post and camp at home and abroad.

Funeral Will Be Private

Services to Be Held at Sagamore Hill and Christ's Church.

Oyster Bay, Jan. 6.—The date of Col. Roosevelt's funeral has not yet been set, but it will be held here, and, at Mrs. Roosevelt's request, it will be private.

Two services will be held, one at home at Sagamore Hill, the other at Christ's Church here, which the Roosevelt's attended for years. The burial will be at Young's Memorial cemetery here.

Hun Cabinet Disrupted

Sixty Thousand People in Berlin Hold Demonstration Against Independent Socialist Members.

Berlin, Jan. 5.—(By the Associated Press, Germany).—Independent Socialist members of the Prussian cabinet have decided to resign, it has been learned. Among them will be Adolf Hoffman, whose course toward churches and schools has resulted in bitter opposition, even from some of his colleagues.

Amsterdam, Jan. 5.—Sixty thousand Roman Catholics and Protestants of Berlin, after a mass meeting on Thursday, marched to the ministry of public worship where there was a demonstration against Adolf Hoffman, Independent Socialist, who holds that portfolio, say advices from the German capital. Dr. Karl Liebknecht and Rose Luxembourg, the radical leaders, were also targets of the crowd's anger. As the throng marched along the streets it sang "Deutschland Ueber Alles."

After reaching the building, entry was gained and a large number of people entered, searching for Hoffman but he was not found. The crowd then dispersed.

Paris, Jan. 5 (Havas).—The independent Socialists in the German state of Brunswick have resigned, it is announced in German advices reaching here.

Thos. St. John Lockwood Dead.

Boston, Jan. 6.—Thos. St. John Lockwood, father-in-law of Capt. Archibald Roosevelt, died Saturday night, but the fact did not become generally known until this morning when the home was communicated with in connection with the death of Col. Roosevelt.

GERMANS HAVE HOOVER TO FEED PLENTY OF FOOD HUNGRY NATIONS

Allied Naval Commission Reports on Conditions in North Germany.

THE PEOPLE ARE WELL FED AND CLOTHED

Evidence in All Sections Visited of An Abundant Harvest and Large Stock of Food.

London, Jan. 3.—A long article written by a member of the allied naval commission in German waters on the subject of food conditions in north Germany is published by The Times today. The writer is careful to point out that he deals only with what various members of the commission saw with their own eyes in a very considerable area and that he ignores hearsay evidence regarding other parts of Germany.

"But if food conditions in the rest of Germany," he goes on, "are not very much worse than in Oldenburg, Mecklenburg and Schleswig-Holstein there is certainly no need for haste on the part of the allies in going to their relief. I am confident that none of the score or more members of the various sub-commissions which covered many hundreds of miles of country and saw tens of thousands of the people at close range noticed any evidence of palpable underfeeding among any of the inhabitants. Indeed, they are of the unanimous opinion that the whole populations, both urban and rural, in these regions have been and are being fed near enough to normal requirements to keep them at full physical vigor. A member of the intelligence staff who had spent many years in the country before the war, said:

"You don't see so many people with rolls of fat on them as you did five years ago but you do see a healthier, harder and generally more fit looking population."

"The men in the dock yards and on the first ships searched at Wilhelmshaven, although slovenly and filthy, betrayed none of the traces of underfeeding so readily recognized by one who has been in India or China in famine time or in Siberia or Greece since the war. This party prepared us for the well nurtured look of the people of the town itself. In no place of the same character in England, say Portsmouth, Plymouth or Harwich, would the people have been in better flesh or better color."

"As to clothes, the Germans would certainly have had the best of the comparison."

After describing the evidence of good cultivation of the land seen by various members of the commission on their journeys of from 50 to 100 miles, the writer says:

"The results of a really bountiful harvest were to be seen in the bulging barns and sheds, the swollen hay stacks and the fodder piles. The surest evidence that there had been an over supply of vegetables was the careless way in which such things as cabbages and Swedish beets were being handled in transport. A starving people does not leave food of this kind to rot along the road or in station yards."

The writer saw, he says, endless evidence of intensive cultivation and careful, scientific fertilization. With the prisoners available and the unremitting labor of the women and children, Germany, the writer declares, has done remarkable things in the way of production.

"In no part of the world," he reports, "have I ever seen fairer farmsteads than those through which the sub-commissions inspecting the great belt of forts around Kiel drove for many miles one day. Personally, I did not visit either Hamburg or Bremen, but the head of one of the sub-commission who spent several days inspecting the interned ships between the two ports assured me he saw no material difference between the people in the streets of Bremen and Hamburg and those of Wilhelmshaven and Kiel."

Represents Irish Nation

Patrick McCartan of Philadelphia Claims to Be Envoy to America.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Patrick McCartan of Philadelphia, signing himself "envoy of the provisional government of Ireland," announced here today that he had sent a statement to all embassies and legations in Washington informing them that the people of Ireland on December 28, last, severed political relations with Great Britain. December 28 was the date of the parliamentary elections in which the Sinn Fein element won an overwhelming victory in Ireland. State department officials said they knew nothing of Patrick McCartan.

New Warship Surrendered

The Baden, Germany's Newest Battleship, En Route to England.

London, Jan. 4.—Germany's newest battleship, the Baden, will be surrendered at a British port within a few days, it is announced here.

HOOVER TO FEED HUNGRY NATIONS

Appointed Director of International Organization in Europe.

HELP TO BE GIVEN BOTH NEUTRALS AND ENEMIES

He is Named for This Work at The Request of the Entente Nations.

Paris, Jan. 3 (By the Associated Press).—President Wilson has named Herbert C. Hoover director general of the international organization for the relief of liberated countries, both neutral and enemy. Norman Davis, formerly on the staff of Oscar T. Crosby, special commissioner of finance for the United States in Europe, will act as Mr. Hoover's assistant.

This announcement was made today by the American peace commission in a statement which says that the designation of Mr. Hoover to take charge of the relief work is in conformity with the request of the allied governments that the United States take a predominating part in the organization and direction of relief measures. The statement follows:

"Upon President Wilson's arrival he results of the investigations of the United States and allied government officials into the food situation of the liberated countries, neutral and enemy, were laid before him. Since his arrival, in addition to his discussion with the representatives of Great Britain and Italy, respecting the general peace settlement, he had been advised with regard to the conferences held between the governments concerning the methods of organization for the relief of these peoples."

"The allies and the United States are in agreement that relief must be furnished and that the working out of relief of this character on a large scale necessitates unity of direction similar in character to that of the methods successful in the French and the British commands in the operations of the allies on land and sea, respectively."

"The allied governments had advised the president that they desired that the United States should take the lead in the organization and administration of relief. Under this arrangement between the United States and the allied countries there are being appointed two representatives of each government to secure the cooperation of food, finances and shipping in the solution of the problems connected with the relief."

"The president has appointed Mr. Herbert Hoover and Mr. Norman Davis as the two American representatives in the council, and Mr. Hoover will act as director general of the undertaking. The French government has appointed M. Clementel minister of commerce, and M. Vilgrain minister of food as their representatives. The British and Italian representatives have not yet been announced. The president has asked Mr. Hoover to call the first meeting of the council as quickly as the delegates are named."

Our Soldiers Are Coming Home

Thirtieth Division Heroes of Hindenburg Line to Be Discharged.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Three combat divisions, the 30th, 37th and 91st have been designated by Gen. Pershing for early convoy home from France, Gen. March announced today.

The 30th includes Tennessee and North and South Carolina troops. These divisions with the Second Corps Headquarters comprise about 83,000 men. Gen. March said that the troops at home and abroad, which have been designated for demobilization total 1,379,000.

The demobilization of the army at home has now reached the last class, the combat divisions. Orders for breaking up these units have already been sent out, and this task is proceeding gradually.

Famine Fund Needed

President Wilson Asks Congress to Appropriate One Hundred Million.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Congress was asked by President Wilson today in a message transmitted through the State department to appropriate one hundred million dollars for the relief of famine sufferers in Europe. It is understood the money is wanted chiefly to send food into sections of western Russia, Poland and Austria-Hungary.

All Soldiers Saved

Two Hundred Wounded Are Removed From Stranded Ship.

Fire Island, Jan. 4.—The removal of two hundred wounded, the last of the soldiers aboard the stranded troop ship Northern Pacific, began today under clearing skies, and calmer sea.