

De Valera Sugests Treaty With England

Sinn Fein Persist in Claim That Ireland is Independent and Sovereign State

London, Sept. 19. (By the Associated Press).—Eamon De Valera, the Irish Republican leader, after a meeting of his cabinet today, sent another telegram to Premier Lloyd George declaring that the Sinn Fein had no thought at any time of asking for the acceptance of any conditions precedent to a conference. He requests the premier to surrender or an invitation to a conference "free on both sides and without prejudice should an agreement not be reached."

In the latter case, Mr. De Valera says he would confirm the Sinn Fein acceptance of the invitation and the Irish delegates would meet the representatives of the government.

Mr. De Valera also suggests the conclusion of "a treaty of accommodation and association," expressing the belief that this would "end the dispute forever and enable the two nations to settle down in peace."

The nature of the message from Mr. De Valera necessitates a further exchange of telegrams unless some sort of an ultimatum is forthcoming.

The text of Mr. De Valera's telegram follows: "We have had no thought at any time of asking you to accept any conditions precedent to a conference. We would have thought it unreasonable to expect you, as a preliminary to recognize the Irish Republic formally or informally, as that you should expect us formally or informally to surrender our national position. It is precisely because neither side accepts the position of the other that there is a dispute at all and that a conference is necessary to search for and discuss such adjustments as might compose it."

A treaty of accommodation and association, properly concluded between the people of these two islands and between Ireland and the group of states in the British Commonwealth would, we believe, end the dispute forever and enable the two nations to settle down in peace, each pursuing its own individual development and contributing its own quota to civilization but working together in free and friendly cooperation in affairs of agreed common concern.

To negotiate such a treaty, the respective representatives of the two must meet, but if you seek to impose preliminary conditions which we must regard as involving the surrender of our whole position they can not meet.

Your last telegram makes it clear that misunderstandings are being likely to increase than to diminish and the cause of peace is more likely to be retarded than advanced by the continuance of the present correspondence.

We request you, therefore, to state whether your letter of September 7 is intended to be a demand for surrender on our part, or an invitation to a conference free on both sides and without prejudice should an agreement not be reached.

If the latter, we readily confirm our acceptance of the invitation and our appointed delegates will meet your government's representatives at any time in the immediate future that you designate. I am, sir, yours faithfully, "De Valera."

Dublin, Sept. 19.—The members of the Daily Eireann cabinet reviewing the situation this afternoon, giving particular attention to Premier Lloyd George's telegrams. At the conclusion of the session a reply to the British prime minister was drafted and despatched immediately by Mr. De Valera. So far as the Sinn Fein position is concerned, it did not appear to change in any way whatsoever.

At the same time it is announced that Mr. De Valera's desire for a conference is strong, as is that of his colleagues. The members of the Daily Eireann do not believe that the notes forwarded to Mr. Lloyd George were open to the construction that they claimed recognition as a sovereign state. As some of them express it, their idea of a conference is one which may lead to association with the British Commonwealth, and if that failed would leave them in no worse position morally than when they entered it.

The general impression among the members and their supporters seen at the Mansion House today was that a conference would be held.

New Profession in California

San Francisco, Sept. 20.—A new profession has appeared in San Francisco in the person of an expert "enologist" who advertised his services for the benefit of heads of families who are entitled under the law to manufacture "home brew." His advertisement says "Let the expert enologists make your 200 gallons of wine and avoid poor results."

Let's hope the last world fight will be that for disarmament.—Florida Metropolis.

Attack Started On Knights of Columbus

Atlanta City Council Adopts Resolution Calling For Investigation

Atlanta, Sept. 19.—City Council here late today adopted a resolution requesting that "the New York World and other daily papers, especially the Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer-Sun, now engaged in the investigation and exposure of what they claim to be unpatriotic and un-American institutions, include in their investigation and exposure the secret obligations, oath and ritual of the Knights of Columbus."

"In our opinion there exists an unpatriotic and un-American secret order, with lodges throughout the country and known as the Knights of Columbus," the resolutions stated in their first reference to that order.

The resolution then cites what is purported to be a copy of an oath, published in the Congressional Record in 1913 and which the resolution said "is reported" to be an oath of fourth degree members of the Knights of Columbus, which officials of the latter have from time to time asserted was not an oath or obligation of their order. There was no mention in the resolutions of the Ku-Klux-Klan, about which certain newspapers now are printing articles, but in the brief debate that preceded the vote that organization was mentioned several times.

The resolution that was adopted by a standing vote of 11 to 8 was introduced by Councilman Walter A. Sims, who later introduced an ordinance to forbid inter-racial worship in the city of Atlanta. He declared he acted on request of property owners on North Boulevard who he said asserted that both whites and blacks worshipped regularly at a Catholic church in that neighborhood. The ordinance was referred to the committee on ordinances.

Action on the request regarding the Knights of Columbus followed an effort by Councilman Hoffman to have it tabled. "We are simply lowering ourselves by getting into a squabble of this kind he asserted. 'It belongs to neither order involved in this thing and certainly I have never heard of any such oath as that which has just been read.'"

Councilman Hoffman's motion to table was lost by a viva voce vote and Councilman Sims declared that "should it be established that this oath which has been read is actually the oath which has been taken by fourth degree Knights of Columbus, their license to operate in Atlanta should be revoked and I will introduce a resolution revoking that license in any such eventuality."

Rev. W. W. Daniel Dies in Kingstree

He Was Head of Columbia College Seventeen Years

Kingstree, Sept. 19.—The Rev. W. W. Daniel, D. D., former president of Columbia college and a leading minister in the Methodist Episcopal church in South Carolina, died suddenly here at midnight tonight. Dr. Daniel had been in declining health the last few months, but was able this morning to attend the opening exercises of the Kingstree high school. He had returned from his summer vacation only a few weeks ago, and it was thought his health was much improved. Dr. Daniel was pastor of the Kingstree Methodist church here. Funeral arrangements have not been made. He was 62 years old.

Peaches As a Money Crop

J. V. Smith of Greer Sold \$20,000 Worth From 35 Acres

Greer, Sept. 19.—A meeting of the commercial peach growers of the Piedmont section was held in the offices of the chamber of commerce last Friday. There were 60 present. The meeting was arranged by A. E. Schilleter, assistant horticulturist of the extension department of Clemson college. The object was to bring the peach growers together to study the peach growing industry and encourage it in this section. Experts from Clemson college and county farm demonstration agents from Greenville and Spartanburg counties were present and assisted in profitable discussion. After the meeting a trip was made to Mt. Vernon, the splendid peach orchard of J. V. Smith, four miles from Greer. Mr. Smith conducted the visitors over his 35 acre orchard and gave practical demonstrations in pruning, spraying and cultivation. Mr. Smith's is the largest and most profitable orchard in the Piedmont section. Last season the 35 acres of bearing trees produced 35 carloads of peaches and netted an average of \$1,000 per acre.

Senatorial Election in New Mexico

Albuquerque, N. M., Sept. 20.—New Mexico voters go to the polls today to choose a United States senator to serve out the unexpired term of Albert B. Fall, who entered the cabinet of President Harding.

League Silent on Disarmament

Harding Conference Can Handle Matter Better, Belief

Geneva, Sept. 19.—The commission on disarmament of the council of the league of nations in its full report issued today finds that the Washington conference can better deal with the question of naval disarmament than the league and that it can be more effectively secured by common agreement among the great powers.

The discussion of this subject by the assembly commission thus far is in line with this conclusion, involving a slow but sure policy. With regard to land armaments also it appears that the same policy has the upper hand. It is probable that question will come up before the assembly on that basis.

"Mankind is still too far removed from the ideals of peace to make possible at present the solution of the question of disarmament," is the final conclusion of the council's commission. The replies to the assembly's request that the governments limit their expenditures for the purpose of armaments for two years to the amount of this year's budget are quoted in support of the commission's contention.

Of the twenty-seven replies received, seventeen were passed as favorable, seven as unfavorable and three as vague. The absence of the United States, Germany and Russia from the league constitutes one of the greatest obstacles, in the opinion of the commission, which adds that the differences of opinion arise from the varying policies of the different countries, varying circumstances and changing conditions from year to year.

Tobacco Prices Very Low

Columbia, Sept. 20.—The lowest price paid for tobacco in South Carolina in five years was the average price for August, according to the August tobacco report, issued Monday night by the state department of agriculture. Less tobacco was sold for August than for any August for the past five years.

The average price for tobacco paid to the producer in August was 12.10 cents. Last year's August price averaged 25.39 cents, 1919's average 24.68, 1918's 20.40 cents, 1917's August average was 21.65. The tobacco producers of South Carolina sold in August 34,120,989 pounds of tobacco, for \$4,131,106. These sales were made at twenty-five markets, in sixty-six warehouses.

Will Not Attend Conference

London, Sept. 20.—Neither Lloyd George nor Lord Curzon will attend the Washington conference on disarmament in view of impending developments in domestic politics.

American Killed in Mexico

Washington, Sept. 20.—Carl R. Tabb, American employee of the Mexican Petroleum company was shot and killed Sunday night "by Mexican soldiers" in oil fields near Tampico, the American consul at Tampico has reported.

Mine Workers Meet in Indianapolis

Indianapolis, Sept. 20.—Delegates from the coal fields of the United States and Canada are assembled for the opening of the United Mine Workers of America, which will consider the wage question, unemployment and the nationalization of mines.

Bright Tobacco Market

Raleigh, Sept. 20.—The bright tobacco markets in the central North Carolina belt, including those at Raleigh, Durham, and Henderson, have opened for the 1921-22 season.

New York Slave Market Abandoned

New York, Sept. 20.—Urban Ledoux abandoned his campaign to feed the hungry, protect the weak and sell on the auction block the unfortunate jobless of this city. An optimistic frame of mind then succeeded the rather discouraged attitude of the gentlemen present, and before long enthusiasm had risen to the point where all present agreed to get busy and put over the 1921 Sumter county fair, both well or no well we will, had times or good times, and all agreed that Sumter county needs county fairs, cooperation gathering together of the people of every community in this county, bringing city, town, hamlet, and farm together to pull out of the ditch and be prosperous more than this county ever needed a fair and cooperation.

TOBACCO CROP VERY SHORT

South Carolina Markets Handle 13,000,000 Pounds Less Than Last Year

Columbia, Sept. 20.—Tobacco sales in South Carolina reached a total of 43,023,989 pounds during August as compared with 56,841,702 pounds for the corresponding month last year, according to the August report issued yesterday by the state department of agriculture, commerce and industries. The total price paid for this produce for the past month was \$5,194,158.28 as compared with \$14,235,575.34 last year, a decrease of approximately \$9,000,000.

The average price paid last month was \$12.10 a hundred as compared with \$25.39 last year, a decrease of nearly \$13 on the hundred pounds. The price was generally unsatisfactory to the producers, according to reports, the figure being so much lower than last year. The decrease in the number of pounds sold the past August over the same month in 1920 was approximately 13,000,000.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Price. Locations include Andrews, Ayer, Bamberg, Conway, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Hartsville, Hemingway, Johnsonville, Kingstree, Lake City, Lake View, Lamar, Latta, Loris, Lynchburg, Manning, Marion, Mellins, Nichols, Pamplico, Sumter, Timmonsville, and Total.

Sumter County Fair Association Directors Meet to Consider This Year's Fair—Officers Complain of Lack of Interest Among Stockholders

A bare quorum of the directors and several other stockholders of the Sumter County Fair Association about decided yesterday to recommend the calling off the 1921 Sumter County fair due to apparent lack of interest on the part of the one hundred and eleven stockholders and of some of the directors. Less than a dozen stockholders attended yesterday's meeting at Sumter Chamber of Commerce, although the stockholders had been given written notice of the meeting. President W. T. Brown frankly stated that he and Secretary J. Frank Williams were not receiving the support by the stockholders and directors, and many others besides, necessary to put on a creditable fair, and said that unless greater interest and cooperation was shown it would be best to call off this year's fair. Every one present at that time and before several other directors came in seemed to agree with Mr. Brown except E. I. Reardon, secretary of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce, who made a strong appeal to give the stockholders, directors, and the people of the city and county of Sumter another opportunity to start things going for a successful fair this fall. Mr. P. G. Bowman came in and backed up Secretary Reardon and suggested that the commercial secretary be permitted to show what can be done towards getting up a meeting of the stockholders, and citizens.

It was finally decided that Secretary Reardon be authorized to take the necessary steps by letters to all of the stockholders to meet at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, October 3rd at Chamber of Commerce, and also to advertise a mass meeting of the men and women of Sumter and of Sumter county for 8 o'clock of the evening of October 3rd to discuss cooperative measures to make our fair what it should be. Night meeting will be held in the county court house. Mr. Reardon agreed to try to get up the two meetings and to make them "big" meetings. And to get the Young Men's Business League and the Chamber of Commerce members to help the county fair association.

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PULLS A THRILLER

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 19.—A movie thriller was enacted in real life today near Kipling, N. C., when engineer J. H. Furman, Norfolk Southern Railway, climbed out on the pilot of his engine and scooped up three-year-old Gertrude Collins, toddling up the track in front of the on-coming engine. Furman was taking twenty-five loaded freight cars to Fayetteville and was rounding a sharp curve down grade, when he saw the little girl. He yanked the whistle cord, and the emergency brake. The child was seventy-five yards away. The weight of the cars being was sliding the big engine forward, when Furman climbed out on the side of his engine to the ten-mile speed, pulled the little girl to safety. Her worst injury was a slight bruise on the head.

Fools rush in where angels fear to wad.

Time to Select Seed Corn

Stalks Standing in Field Offers Best Opportunity For Intelligent Selection

Seed corn for next season's planting should be selected in the field from the standing stalks in September. The disappointing search for good seed corn every spring should be a sufficient reason for following this practice, strongly advocated by the United States Department of Agriculture. Any intelligent farmer can go into his own cornfield when the corn is mature and select high-grade seed if he has planted suitable types of corn and cultivated properly. If he has joined a country movement to develop certain standard varieties of corn which grow in that locality, and if he has raised these strains on his own land, he may reasonably expect a market for any surplus seed.

Various methods were followed last fall by the county agents of Northern and Western States in their efforts to convince the farmers that field selection of corn was a good thing which would pay for a trouble involved. Similar tactics may well be used this season where for one reason or another the local people are not in the habit of field-selecting their seed corn. In Steele County, Minn., selection began in September 10 and September 20. The week of September 24 was chosen as "good seed week" in Chas. County, Neb. It seems likely that the corresponding dates this year will be the best time to go out into the field and choose the most promising ears, noting the character of the plants on which they grow and the details which indicate a vigorous and healthy condition.

The county agent for Dakota County, Minn., reports that a permanent and reliable source of seed corn is being developed by getting certain farmers in the county to specialize in seed corn work. They are asked to produce a dependable type of improved corn and to put in facilities for drying and storing it properly. The average farmers are also encouraged to select their own seed, but the definite corn supply of the county is being carried on by a few men who are really competent to produce certified seed corn and equipped to handle it. Eventually it is hoped that there will be a man in every township doing this seed corn work and, where possible, having seed corn houses in which to dry it.

In Scott County, Minn., last year, 4,300 acres of selected seed were planted. For their 1921 planting 32 farmers field-selected their seed corn, and all had a surplus to sell. Stearns County has 31 co-operators in seed corn work. Minnesota No. 13, Rustless White Dent, and Northwestern Dent were the varieties used. Some of this certified seed was awarded to 30 farmers with their farm bureau award, thus insuring a good distribution for the county include field selection of seed corn in their club work.

Indiana Has School-Children's Contest

Indiana has been especially active in emphasizing the importance of having every farmer field-select his seed corn from the standing stalks. The July report of the county agent leader for Indiana states that in White County a unique proposition was placed before the children in six rural township schools this spring. The pupil and their parents were to pick out the best bushel of seed corn to be found in the seed at home. This was to be planted on one side of a field, for identification. Then this fall the pupil is to pick out 30 or 40 ears from the standing stalks for seed and later in the winter bring the best 10 ears to the local county schools where shows will be held. The best 10 ears from each school will then compete with the other schools of the township and the best from the township with the rest of the county. Six hundred and thirty-nine youngsters promised to try.

The agent for Washington County, Ind., mailed circular letters and publications on the subject to all the farmers of his county in the fall, and had demonstrations given at the schools for the younger generation. The rural teachers in this county include seed selection of corn as a project in their agricultural work.

In spite of the development of a very successful central seed corn testing association in Rush County, Ind., for several years, it is the opinion of the county agent that the testing alone can not be depended on for eliminating corn diseases. Soil conditions and the heredity of the seed corn are factors which affect the growth of the corn, and the latter of these can be controlled by more careful selection of seed corn in the fall from the field.

Field Selections in Some New Places

A great deal of interest was manifested in six field demonstrations of seed-corn selection held in Cass County, Mo. This line of work was entirely new to many of the farmers present. Those who participated in the 260 bushels selected were further convinced of the value of early seed selection from the stalks, because of the adverse weather conditions later in the fall. The autumn season was abnormally wet in this section and the corn matured slowly; then an early freeze in November caused a low percentage of germination in seed selected haphazard in the ordinary way after gathering the corn.

In Mississippi County, Mo., the work done in relation to the field-crops project in 1920 was concentrated upon field selection of corn. This was carried out through community meetings which were held in cooperation. The advantages of the method to the individual farmer were considered paramount, and the improvement of seed corn in the county was also stressed. The demonstrations showed how field selection would help to eliminate corn-root rot, if ears were selected from stalks that were vigorous and not ripening prematurely and on shanks that showed no evidence of decay. Points to observe were indicated, such as the height of the ear on the stalk, and the way in which the ear hung, and the importance of selecting seed from stalks of medium height which appeared to be strong and vigorous. In this connection also the proper storage and the running of germination tests to insure better stands of healthy plants was emphasized. About 65 farmers, only one of whom had ever before made a practice of field selection, assured the county agent that they would field select portions of all their seed for next spring's planting, according to the principles advocated.

Michigan Family is Butchered

Nowagiac, Mich., Sept. 21.—William Monroe, his wife and seven-year-old daughter, Neva, were beaten to death with a club and Arlith Monroe, a ten-year-old daughter, blinded by blows from a nail studded club, used by the murderer, who is as yet unknown. The motive for the act is a mystery. Duty is never a pleasure if it is a tariff duty.—Hartford Times.

Chicago Council Condemns Ku Klux Klan

Resolution Declares Police Do Not Need Assistance of Secret Organizations

Chicago, Sept. 20.—A condemning the Ku Klux Klan, declaring that it is not necessary to augment the police force with a secret organization," was passed last night by the city council.

State Warehouse Inspector

Mr. J. S. Harley, District Inspector Located in Sumter

Mr. J. S. Harley, state warehouse inspector and cotton grader, has located at Sumter and his headquarters will be found around near the government graders' office. Mr. Harley has charge of five counties—Sumter, Clarendon, Williamsburg, Georgetown and Berkeley. He has been out since the first of September inspecting warehouses and assisting the farmers in putting their warehouses in the state system. In many instances the farmers secure a lower rate than they now have with the local insurance companies. Any farmer who contemplates holding his cotton, and insuring it, will do well to see Mr. Harley and have him explain the benefits of the State Warehouse System. His office days from now on will be Friday and Saturday and a little later on, when he has finished making his first inspection he will probably have three office days. He will be glad to class all of the cotton for the State Warehouse System.

Home Demonstration Meeting

Pee Dee District Agents To Hold Conference

Beginning September 26th and continuing to the 28th, inclusive, the Pee Dee District meeting of the Home Demonstration department of Winthrop College will be held in the town of Sumter. The counties that compose this district will have their agents in attendance and arrangements have been made for their stay at the Clarendon Hotel.

Club Work Prizes Announced

Over Seven Hundred Dollars Will Go to Winners in 1921

Clemson College, Sept. 15.—First and second prizes in corn, peanut, cotton, pig, and calf club work and certain special prizes, the total amounting to \$705.00, are being offered to members of boys' agricultural clubs in this state this year, according to announcement by L. L. Baker, supervising agent of boys' club work, who has just completed the prize list. This list of attractive prizes is made possible, says Mr. Baker, through the liberality of bankers, fertilizer companies, seed houses, livestock associations and others who believe in the great value of club work. Below are the prizes and donors:

- Corn Club Prizes. 1. Gold watch (value \$50.00). W. H. Nixon Seed Co., Charleston. 2. Twenty-five dollars. Geer Drug Co., Charleston. 3. Twenty-five dollars. H. G. Hastings Seed Co., Atlanta. One ton 8-3-3 fertilizer, Ashepoo Fertilizer Works, Charleston. Special prize for largest yield on one acre regardless of cost. One ton 8-3-3 fertilizer, Planters' Fertilizer and Phosphate Co., Charleston. Peanut Club Prizes. 1. Fifty dollars, H. G. Hastings Seed Co., Atlanta. Half ton 8-3-3 fertilizer, Ashepoo Fertilizer Works, Charleston. 2. Twenty-five dollars. Geer Drug Co., Charleston. Half ton 8-3-3 fertilizer, Ashepoo Fertilizer Works, Charleston. Cotton Club Prizes. 1. One hundred dollars. Soil Improvement Committee, Atlanta. 2. Twenty-five dollars. H. G. Hastings Seed Co., Atlanta. One ton 8-3-3 fertilizer, Ashepoo Fertilizer Works, Charleston. Pig Club Prizes. 1. Twenty-five dollars. Geer Drug Co., Charleston. One ton 8-3-3 fertilizer, Ashepoo Fertilizer Works, Charleston. 2. Twenty-five dollars. S. C. State Bankers' Association. Eastman Kodak, Lanneau's Art Store, Charleston. Special prize for best record with Duroc-Jersey pig. Fifty dollars. American Duroc-Jersey Swine Breeders' Association. Special prize for best record with Poland-China pig. Twenty-five dollars. Shuler Bros., Vance. Calf Club Prizes. 1. Twenty-five dollars. S. C. State Bankers' Association. One ton 8-3-3 fertilizer, Ashepoo Fertilizer Works, Charleston. 2. Twenty-five dollars. Geer Drug Co., Charleston. Half ton 8-3-3 fertilizer, F. S. Royster Guano Co., Columbia. The South Carolina State Bankers' Association has contributed \$450.00 to promote club work and \$350.00 of this will be spent in training the team and paying its expenses to attend the Southeastern Fair in Atlanta, Ga., October 19-21, to take part in the International Club Judging Contest.

Death in Explosion

Negro Killed and Well Known Florence Man Injured

Florence, Sept. 20.—James H. Clark, member of the McCown-Clark company, was perhaps fatally injured when a boiler exploded at the plantation gin house this afternoon. Gaddy Johnson, a negro fireman, was instantly killed and Waities Sanders, also negro, seriously injured. Three negroes working at the gin house, were scratched by the flying pieces of iron, brick and timber. The blast demolished the large building housing the plant. The boiler was carrying 90 pounds of steam and two gauges of water when the explosion occurred. It had been fired up this morning for the first time this season. The fireman examined it yesterday and thought it in good condition. Mr. Clark and the injured negro are in the hospital having been brought from the plantation five miles from the city. Mr. Clark's skull is believed to have been fractured. His condition is critical.

Bolsheviks Stirring Up Trouble

London, Sept. 21.—The continued hostile machinations by bolshevik emissaries in Persia and Afghanistan will imperil the commercial agreements between Great Britain and Russia, it was officially stated today.

CENSUS OF COTTON SPINDLES

Washington, Sept. 21.—There were nearly thirty-seven million cotton spindles in the United States at the beginning of the cotton year, August 1st.