

DUGER IN IRELAND

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SINN FEIN ALWAYS MENACE

Witness at Hearing Always Felt, He Says, That He Was Ignorant of What Was Going On in Cellars of Irish Capital.

LONDON, May 19.—Augustine Birrell, who resigned as Chief Secretary for Ireland, after the Sinn Fein revolution, appeared today as a witness before the Royal Commission, which is conducting an inquiry into the Irish rebellion. Mr. Birrell read a statement which he described as dealing with Sinn Feinism. He continued: "If the home rule bill had not been placed on the statute books, there would have been a great explosion of rage and disappointment, both in Ireland and in the United States, which, when war came, would have assumed alarming proportions. The events in Ulster and the gun-running at Larne by the Ulstermen in 1914 undoubtedly had a great effect on disloyalists elsewhere."

Redmond's Patriotism Commended. Ireland had preserved an unbroken front at the outbreak of the war, through the patriotism of John Redmond, Mr. Birrell continued, but there were many who did not agree with his attitude. It was impossible to overestimate the effect which the advent of the Ulster leader, Sir Edward Carson, to the scene had on the minds of the people of Ireland. If Mr. Redmond had accepted office in the same manner as he had done, he would have remained leader of the Irish party. When it was seen that the war would be prolonged, Mr. Birrell said, Ireland soon developed a wholly unreasonable expectation of a German landing and of partial risings in different parts of Ireland, and promises of German assistance were at the bottom of the outbreak. Answering Baron Hardinge, Mr. Birrell said: "Sinn Feinism had spread all over the place. The Sinn Feiners were sick of Parliamentary parties and they desired to be left alone."

Dangerous Situation Realized. "I realized for two years certainly that there was a dangerous movement in Ireland, but after consultation with the various Irish leaders I came to the conclusion that a policy of repression was the safest. To disarm any one section of the populace on the evidence we had would have been dangerous."

"You need not answer this question, but why were the Irish leaders who advised you in this policy to be relied upon?" asked Baron Hardinge. "In the first place, I had formed a pretty clear estimate of my own and I don't think I ever was wholly influenced by other people," replied Mr. Birrell. "But Mr. Redmond, for example, always took the view that the Sinn Feiners were negligible and he said so in the House of Commons. I did not attach much importance to his opinion, because I was quite sure they were dangerous."

Continuing, Mr. Birrell said he had daily reports from the Royal Irish Constabulary reports and that he was of such a character that one could form a general estimate of the state of feeling in the country. "I always felt that I was ignorant of what was going on in the cellars of Dublin and I was exceedingly nervous about it. I had heard that the castle was to be taken."

"Steps were taken to deal with these reports, but nothing came of them, and I should be glad to hear if anybody knew this thing was going to happen. I had decided views, so much so that I had conferences with General Kitchener and French on March 20 and March 27 to persuade them to send more soldiers to Dublin."

Men Not Spared for Ireland. "The War Office replied that they were busy training men and that the men could not be spared to be transferred to Ireland. The military authorities considered that the blockade was trouble in any part of Ireland they could move troops from Liverpool as quickly and as safely as from one part of Ireland to another. Lord Wimborne held the same views that I did."

"If the military authorities had acted on your advice the results might not have happened."

"I was uneasy about Dublin, but I had not expected such a thing. Nor do I know anybody else who did. The Commission adjourned until Monday."

BLOCKADE WILL CONTINUE

Lord Cecil Says British Pressure Never Will Be Relaxed.

LONDON, May 19.—Replying to the German suggestion that Great Britain, in response to the change in the German campaign, should modify the food blockade, Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of War Trade, informed the Associated Press today there was not the remotest possibility that British economic pressure on the central powers would be relaxed. He said: "The blockade is a legal and necessary measure. Its reprisal character is merely incidental, called forth by German use of submarines, but the right enforcement of the blockade is merely an extension of our rights, which we had not hitherto found it expedient to use."

AVLONA TO BE ATTACKED

Austrian Fleet to Escort 150 Troop Ships to Albania.

PARIS, May 19.—One hundred and fifty steamers have been assembled at the Hungarian coast of Fiume to transport troops, munitions and supplies under protection of the Austro-Hungarian fleet to Durazzo, Albania. This information was received here in advice from Innsbruck. It is supposed here that the Austrians intend to make a strong attack on the Albanian town of Avlona, which is occupied by the Italians.

Randitch Believed Dead. ABERDEEN, Wash., May 19.—(Special.)—Local friends of Nick Randitch, former Aberdeen boxer, who was drafted into the Austrian army while on a visit in that country, believe him to be dead. It has been eight months since any letters have been received from him, whereas formerly letters were received every few weeks. At last accounts Randitch was fighting against the Italians. He lived most of his life in this country, but had never taken out citizenship papers.

GERMAN "FOKKER" BROUGHT DOWN WITHIN FRENCH LINES, BEING EXAMINED BY FRENCH OFFICERS.



FALLEN GERMAN AEROPLANE. This is indeed a "find" for the French officers who will examine closely all the details and construction of the machine and profit thereby. The German "Fokker" is a speedy machine and can rise from the ground quicker than any of the aeroplanes used by the allies. The machine carries mounted in front of the observer, a rapid fire machine gun, which pours a deadly hail of bullets into the enemy aircraft. This type of aeroplane, driven by an experienced German pilot is an engine of great destruction. Branches and other foliage are sometimes spread upon the wings and other parts of the machine to disguise its whereabouts on the ground from the enemy.

ROLL IS PREPARED

Reynolds at Work on Convention Preliminaries.

PROGRAMME IS OUTLINED

Emphasis to Be Placed on Americanism, Preparedness and Protective Tariff—Progressives Order 100,000 Buttons.

CHICAGO, May 19.—Secretary James B. Reynolds of the Republican National Committee, today began preparing the temporary roll of delegates to the party's National convention. In addition to Oregon, which held its primary today, delegates from all but three states have been chosen. Texas will select its delegation by the convention method and South Dakota will elect its delegates by direct primary on May 22.

West Virginia will elect its delegation June 6 by direct primary, but there will be only one set of names voted for, as the leaders have agreed to certify the delegates to the National convention by telegraph, so that the representatives may occupy their seats at the opening session of the National convention June 7.

Programme to Be Illustrated. The contract for the official programme of the convention was awarded to a Chicago firm today. The programme will consist of 100 pages and contain photographs of members of the Republican National Committee and officials of the local committee on arrangements, in addition to the schedule of events at the convention.

Preparation of the Republican platform which will be submitted to the National convention next month is under way, according to Fred W. Upham, chairman of the local committee on arrangements for the convention, who returned from New York today after a conference with Chairman Hillis and other members of the Republican National Committee.

Plans favoring Americanism, military preparedness and a tariff for the protection of American industries, it is said, are among the subjects considered for the platform. The plank on Americanism and military preparedness will, it is declared, be sufficiently strong to meet every reasonable demand of progressive Republicans, according to reports received here.

Progressives Order 100,000 Buttons. An order for 100,000 campaign buttons bearing an American flag and the

TURKISH FORT IS RAZED

BRITISH WARSHIPS AND PLANES DESTROY STRONGHOLD.

Effective Attack on Fortification on Egyptian-Palestine Frontier is Reported to London.

LONDON, May 19.—British warships and aeroplanes have bombarded the town of El Arish, in Egypt, near the border of Palestine, and are believed to have destroyed the fortification, it is reported here tonight. This column probably will be reinforced by troops from General Pershing's army, according to the same sources of information.

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Few Guardsmen Fall Duty. Brigadier-General Henry A. A. Greene left here tonight for the border and early in the coming week, it is expected, the militia will be ready to take its assignment in the Brownsville district. Out of the 4000 guardsmen who reported for service in this state, only 55 failed to respond to the call to take the oath of allegiance to the regular establishment. The number of physical disabilities was negligible. General Funston was still without advices today relative to the return of American Consul to Mexico.

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LATEST OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

German. BERLIN, May 19, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—The text of today's German army headquarters statement says: "Western front—West of the Meuse we captured French trenches on both sides of the road from Hautcourt to Esnes, extending to the southern corner of the Canal (Duck) wood. Nine officers and 120 men were taken prisoner."

"A new attack by the French against Hill 304 broke down with considerable losses to the enemy. "East of the Meuse the artillery fire on both sides increased temporarily to great violence. "Airmen on both sides have been active. First Lieutenant Boelcke shot down his 16th aeroplane south of Hill 304. The Lunelville stadium and the aerodrome and barracks at Epinal were bombarded."

French. PARIS, May 19.—The text of today's official statement is: "Western front—An air squadron attacked enemy camps near Kukush, Caucica, Mihalova and Saloniki. "Italian front—In the coastal region and on the Carinthian sector artillery operations were impeded by fog. South of Montefalco the Italians attempted to recapture positions near Bagal which they lost recently, but they were repulsed. "In the Col di Lana district repeated hostile attacks were made without success. In the Southern Tyrol, Austrian-Hungarian troops attacked and captured the frontier ridge of Margio, between the Astico and Leno valleys, crossed the Luan Valley southeast of Piazza and took Costabella. They repulsed several hostile attacks south of Moschero, on the Zegnatorta. "We captured yesterday more than 900 Italians, among whom were 12 officers, and took 18 cannon and machine guns. "The official Italian reports of May 16 and 17 say the Austro-Hungarian losses in these engagements were enormous. These reports were invented in order to diminish the impression made

SIBLEY TO REMAIN

Order Withdrawing Expedition Is Countermanded.

MORE SUPPLIES ARE SENT

Thousand to Be Added to Border Patrol in Big Bend District Next Week—Guard Nearly Ready for Active Duty.

MARATHON, Tex., May 19.—The order of withdrawal sent to the Sibley-Langhorne expeditionary column two days ago has been countermanded and the American troops which invaded Mexico in search of the Glenn Springs bandits will remain there indefinitely, it is reported here tonight. This column probably will be reinforced by troops from General Pershing's army, according to the same sources of information.

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Neckwear At Popular Prices Lot 1 at 25c. We are showing a line of Organdie and Lace Vests, Collars and Sets, in a big range of styles, that would usually sell from 35c to 50c. Specially priced at 25c.

Men's Underwear 39c Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, Seasonable Weight Garments, All Sizes, at the 39c Garment. Best 50c Grade. The Opportunity You've Been Waiting For—A sale of Men's Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers in correct Summer weight; nicely finished drawers with bicycle seat, good facing and pearl buttons; shirts equally as well finished. Best 50c grade, priced for this sale at 39c.

Lot 2 at 50c. At this popular price we are showing some wonderful styles in fine Organdie and Lace Vests, Sets and Collars. The kind that usually sell at 75c and 85c. Specially priced at 50c.

Men's 75c Gowns 55c Men's fine Muslin Night Gowns, made full size in length and width. Styles with V-shape neck or with collar. Regular 75c grade, only 55c.

Lot 3 at 85c and \$1.00. Exclusive styles of high-grade Sets, Collars and Vests, of very fine organdie, lace and Georgette crepe. Specially priced now at \$1.00. 85c and...

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Soap Special 5 bars Lurline and 1 bar Buttermilk Toilet Soap, 18c. None delivered except with other goods. SATURDAY, 6 bars for only 18c.

PEACE LEAGUE INDORSED BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS COM-MEND PROGRAMME. Representatives to Mohonk Conference Favor National Defense Without Excessive Military Increase. MOHONK LAKE, N. Y., May 19.—Representatives sent to the Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration by business organizations in a score or more of large cities of the United States presented resolutions today commending the League to Enforce Peace. The Business Men's League strongly commended the perpetuation of military arm and method. It recognized the "need of adequate equipment for national defense," but deprecated "any measures looking toward excessive military and naval increase."

Ricoro Cigars are the Pride of the Famous Cigar Makers of Porto Rico. Nowhere in the world—not even in Havana—is more skillful work done on cigars than in the Ricoro factory at San Juan. Senior Luis Toro, President of the Company, himself a master of the art, picks the native Spaniards for the work as a great hotel picks its cooks.

LIBRARY SITE OFFERED Erection of Building by Clatsop County is Required. ASTORIA, Or., May 19.—(Special.)—Mrs. F. R. Strong and Mrs. George Taylor, of Portland, daughters of the late James Taylor, have offered a part of the old Taylor homestead in this city as a free site for a public library. This offer has been accepted by the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners on condition that the county erect the required buildings here, as well as one at Seaside, and also provide funds for maintenance of the institutions. The plan includes the establishment of branch libraries at various points in the county. The matter has been taken up with the County Court, and that body probably will provide for the necessary funds in compiling its budget for next year.

NAVY'S OIL THREATENED (Continued From First Page.) companied the bill, asserted that these two reserves would maintain the Navy for "200 years in peace and 75 years in war."

High Speed Depends on Oil. In laying the matter before the President, Mr. Daniels repeated statements he made to the Senate committee while the bill was under consideration, pointing out that a naval vessel built to burn oil cannot be converted to coal-burner without practically rebuilding her and that the Navy relied on the reserve of oil when the policy of oil-burning battleships was adopted. "If the Navy is forced to depend entirely on a commercial supply of oil," he said, "the fuel cost of the fleet is certain to be great, and it is possible that in time of great danger the efficiency of the Navy may be impaired by an inadequate supply of fuel oil."

UNITED CIGAR STORES. The one difference between Porto Rican and Cuban tobacco is the delicate mildness of the former, due to its cultivation on high altitudes, under shade (as shown in the illustration above.)