

IRISH HOME RULE BILL IS HELD UP

Government Spokesman Cannot Say When Measure Will Be Introduced.

PROBLEM IS SERIOUS ONE

Labor Members of House of Commons Assure Government Should Temporarily Abandon Both Conscription and Home Rule.

LONDON, May 2.—Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer and government spokesman, declared in the House of Commons Wednesday that he could not say when an Irish home rule bill would be introduced.

This, according to some toby correspondents of the morning newspapers, covers the fact that the introduction of the bill has been deferred and hope of its presentation next week has been abandoned.

The Daily News says the government has met with serious difficulties in its Irish policy and cannot find a successor to Baron Wimborne, who has resigned the Lord's lieutenantship, while the committee appointed to draft a bill up to this time has settled virtually nothing except the preamble. Its deliberations, it is added, are held upon the issue of giving the vote to Ulster and also in considering past ministerial promises to Ulster.

Abandonment Talked Of.

The only way out of the difficulties is, in the opinion of responsible labor members of the House of Commons, that the government temporarily abandon both conscription and home rule. It is now impossible, adds the Daily News, that this course will be adopted in the near future.

There is no reason to suppose that the Lord Mayor of Dublin will be refused a passport to America by the Secretary for Ireland, to whom he has decided to apply, says a dispatch from Dublin to the Daily News today. The correspondent, however, in alluding to the purpose of the proposed deputations to lay the case of the Irish organization opposing conscription before President Wilson adds:

"People here are inclined to doubt whether President Wilson will receive the deputation and if he declines there would be some risk of a conflict of American and Irish opinion. The deputation hopes, anyway, to be allowed to lay its case before the American people in a great speaking tour."

Short's Appointment Pleases.

The Daily Chronicle's Dublin correspondent says there is a decided improvement in the feeling in Ireland, in consequence of the appointment of Edward Short as Chief Secretary for Ireland. He is not merely a home ruler, but voted with the Nationalists against conscription for Ireland.

DUBLIN, May 2.—The Southern Unionist committee, to which Sir Edward Carson has written a letter saying the question of home rule should not be reopened in present conditions of Ireland, has organized a large body of Unionists outside Ulster in opposition to the compromise accepted by the Unionists at the convention.

Their spokesmen include land owners, professional men and several ex-judges, but few business men. They number about 11,000 and may present a serious obstacle to the settlement of the home rule question.

SIX AVIATORS ARE KILLED

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attempted to coast to a landing the machine went into a tail spin, falling to earth. Thompson was a large body weeks ago and his bride has been with him at Lawton. His mother lives at Eagle Pass, N. M.

DATON, O., May 2.—Major Oscar A. Brindley and Colonel Damm, two expert aviators from the Marine Corps, Federal Flying Field, met death at the Moraine City Aviation Field here today. The machine dropped 400 feet while making a turn in the air.

Major Brindley was recently named chief instructor of the American aerial forces and graduated under the Wright brothers here in 1916. He was former an exhibition flyer.

LONG BEACH, Cal., May 2.—Goodsell Christoffersen, pilot of an airplane which fell here April 16, killing Lawrence Reel, Christoffersen's pupil, died of his injuries at a hospital here today.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 2.—(Special)—Goodsell Christoffersen was well known in Vancouver. He first took up the study of aviation here with his brother, Silas Christoffersen, who also was killed in California by a fall in an aeroplane. The two brothers obtained permission from the government and used the artillery drill grounds, where the spruce cut-up plant and dry kiln are located now, as an aviation field, and it was here that both young men learned to fly.

Hawaii's Third Camp Opens May 15.

HONOLULU, T. H., April 23.—(Special)—Hawaii's third officers' training camp will open on May 15, the camp being limited to 400 students.

Radium on Conservation List.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Radium has been placed on the expert conservation list effective today, the war trade board announced.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

British.

LONDON, May 2.—German artillery was active today in the Villers-Bretonneux sector on the Amiens front, it was announced officially.

The statement reads:

"The enemy's artillery developed considerable activity early this morning in the Villers-Bretonneux sector and in the neighborhood of Merville. Some activity was shown also during the night in the Arras, Lens and St. Venant sectors. No infantry action is reported."

Turkish.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Wednesday, May 1, via London, May 2.—An official statement issued today by the Turkish War Office reports the repulse of strong British detachments in Mesopotamia. It reads:

"Strong English infantry and cavalry detachments west of the river Scheria on Tuesday were mown down while attempting to penetrate the Turkish lines. All the positions remained in Turkish possession. North of the Scheria a cavalry patrol was repulsed."

Italian.

ROME, May 2.—"Brisk patrol encounters took place yesterday in the

village of Stoccardedo and on the slopes of Montenera," says an official statement given out here today. "An enemy party was dispersed on Sassorosso."

"There were more intense hostile artillery duels in the Tonale zone, at various points on the Asiago plateau and on the Lower Piave River."

"Italian batteries dispersed enemy troops at Dosseldort and made direct hits against in Primolano, Susega and Conegliano."

"Italian aviators brought down three enemy airplanes. British aircraft brought down two others."

German.

BERLIN, via London, May 2.—The official report today from army headquarters reads:

"On the battle fronts the situation is unchanged. The artillery duel increased on the Meuse front. The enemy is repeatedly revived between the Somme and the Luce Brook, near Montdidier, Laassigny and Noyon."

"The French artillery was lively during the afternoon hours on the Lorraine front; minor enemy thrusts were repulsed."

"In Ukraine we have broken the enemy's resistance before Sebastopol and occupied the town Wednesday without fighting."

TAILOR, VICTIM OF MOB, DISAPPEARS

Oakland Man Is Hanged in San Jose and Then Swiped Away.

COMPANION GETS TARRING

Authorities Are Investigating Early Morning Punishment by Band of Men Accused of Making Disloyal Statements.

SAN JOSE, Cal., May 2.—No trace had been found tonight of the whereabouts or condition of H. Steinmolts, said to be an Oakland tailor, who was hanged about five miles from here until unconscious, then tied to a tree and later taken away early today in an automobile by a band of masked men calling themselves the "Knights of Liberty."

Steinmolts was "tried," according to the statements of an avowed member of the band, and found guilty, with George Koetzer, of San Jose, of making disloyal statements. Koetzer, who was tarred and feathered and chained to a cannon in a park in San Jose, was in the county jail tonight for his own protection. In the same jail was Herman Schmitt, who sought refuge there two weeks ago after he had been threatened by the Knights.

After the "trial" of Steinmolts and Koetzer, which were held in a secluded spot five miles from San Jose, where bands of Liberty Knights from Oakland and San Jose had met, ropes were thrown around the necks of the two men. Steinmolts was lifted twice from his feet and lost consciousness. He was tied to the trunk of a tree and left there, while a coal of tar and feathers was applied to Koetzer, who had refused to speak when asked to confess that he had made disloyal statements.

Steinmolts, who had regained consciousness, was taken in an automobile in the direction of Oakland, while Koetzer was taken back to San Jose, where he was chained to the cannon.

Investigation of first occurrence was begun late today by the San Jose police on order from City Manager Thomas H. Reed, who had deplored the action of the masked men in a statement issued earlier today. Information concerning the hanging of Steinmolts and the tar and feathers applied to Koetzer reached the police department and the newspapers through telephone calls from the Knights. Later the police were attracted to St. James Park by Koetzer's cries and released him after some difficulty.

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U. S. OFFICER SLAIN

Hun Shell Kills Lieutenant-Colonel Griffiths.

TEUTON AVIATOR DOWNED

Lieutenant Meissner Chases German Airman Into Hostile Territory and Pours Withering Fire Into Plane.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—Lieutenant-Colonel Richard H. Griffiths, commanding a battalion of infantry, has been killed by shell fire in Picardy. He emerged from a dug-out just as a German shell arrived and exploded directly in front of him.

Lieutenant-Colonel Griffiths was serving also as Major in the Philippine constabulary. He was appointed a Major in the National Army after resigning from the British Army. His widow is a Red Cross nurse.

Earlier in the day Secretary Daniels, speaking to employees of the League Island Navy-yard, asserted that as the limit of what America could do, the age limit will be changed and men of 40 and 50, if need be, will respond to the call.

Limit Is Declared Error.

He indicated that he considered it a great mistake to fix the number of the Army at 3,000,000 as had been suggested, because the world would take that as the limit of what America could do. This, he said, was far from the spirit of the Government, which was in the war to the full extent of the resources and man power of America.

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MRS. ROSS LOSES SUIT

LAND DEPARTMENT SETTLES DISPUTED HOMESTEAD CLAIM.

Mrs. Vanderpool Need Only Observe Legal Formalities to Secure Final Patent to Land.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 2.—(Special)—Notice of allowance of the entry of Mrs. May Vanderpool to the North River homestead, which Mrs. Margaret M. Ross has sought to claim and which has been a subject of controversy that has attracted national-wide attention due to the "night rider" cases, was granted Mrs. Vanderpool by the land department at Seattle yesterday, according to advices received here today.

The notice definitely closes the case and practically awards the claim to Mrs. Vanderpool, who needs only to perfect the legal formalities to secure final patent. It follows a decision of the department, after denying Mrs. Ross a rehearing from the decision of January 30, which awarded the claim to Mrs. Vanderpool.

In its denial for a rehearing the department ruled that Mrs. Ross settled on the claim knowing Mrs. Vanderpool's prior right, that Mrs. Vanderpool never abandoned her settlement and never intended to and that Mrs. Ross never acted under the belief that any such intention existed.

The decision continues: "Having chosen to settle on the land with full knowledge of the prior claim, Mrs. Ross' application could be allowed only in the event that Mrs. Vanderpool waived her right. In the absence of any such waiver and in the absence of satisfactory proof of abandonment of the department, will not declare such right forfeited."

Mrs. Ross recently declared that she intended to resist the claim, and Mrs. Vanderpool will do it if Mrs. Ross now tries to settle there is not known.

CARPENTER IS SUICIDE

William McDaniels Jumps Into Willamette River.

Man Leaps From Draw of Morrison Street Bridge and Body Is Recovered Half Hour Later.

William McDaniels, a ship carpenter, committed suicide by drowning in the Willamette River at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He plunged over the Morrison-street bridge as the draw was being opened to permit the steamer "A. A. Eubanks" a bridge tender, saw McDaniels leap from the bridge and notified the Harbor Patrol. Engineer Smith, of the Harbor Patrol, and Patrolman Tilton responded and in less than half an hour of grappling they recovered the body. Efforts to resuscitate McDaniels were without avail. The body was removed to the county morgue.

A letter, found in his coat pocket, had been written recently by R. S. Worsley, chairman of the branch of the State Council of Defense at Astoria, introducing McDaniels to George Rodgers, of the Rodgers Shipbuilding Company at Astoria. It showed that McDaniels had registered as a ship carpenter in the United States Public Service Reserve. He was about 33 years old.

MOSIER PACIFIST SLACKER

W. W. Winegar Declared to Have Refused to Support Government.

MOSIER, Or., May 2.

MOSHER, Or., May 2.—(Special)—W. W. Winegar, arrested yesterday at Goldendale for the distribution of alleged seditious literature of the followers of F. J. Russell, is characterized by "The Mosier" newspaper as a patriotic slacker. The man has consistently refused to purchase Liberty bonds or otherwise to participate in patriotic activities.

He and several other Russellites have been warned by local citizens. They have visited Hood River on missions, connected with the distribution of the Russellite literature, and have been warned against further visits to that city.

Winegar owns a ranch on the range between here and Hood River.

UNLIMITED ARMY SOUGHT

Deat asking the House to recede from its insistence on its amendments.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Accompanied by Provost Marshal-General Crowder and General Mazarin, acting chief of staff, Secretary Baker appeared before the House military committee today and presented the Administration's plans for a greatly increased Army.

The Army appropriation bill has been held by the committee for months awaiting the return of Secretary Baker from France, that appropriations might be made in accordance with whatever recommendations he wished to make.

Transportation in Question.

The existing recommendations contemplate an Army of 1,700,000 men and whether this should be raised to 2,000,000 or 4,000,000 rests with the Administration.

After the meeting Secretary Baker said he had not discussed the number of men to go into the Army because mention of any specific number sets a limit, while "the only point of limit is our ability to equip and transport men."

PHILADELPHIA, May 2.—As many millions as may be needed to win the war will be sent to the battle front, Secretary Daniels declared today in an ad-

FARMER IS HELD DISLOYAL

Clarke County Man Accused of Insulting Flag.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 2.—(Special)—C. S. Lesperance, a farmer of Erwin, was arrested yesterday and brought to Vancouver last night and lodged in the County Jail, charged with desecrating the United States flag. He will be turned over to Federal authorities if he is held at the jail, calling it a dirty rag.

Samuel Gardner, of Camas, was also arrested, charged with making seditious statements. He is in the County Jail and will be tried before a Federal court.

Medford Doctor First Lieutenant.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash., May 2.—Robert W. Stearns, of Medford, has been commissioned First Lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps.

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resolution urges that the persons be made to salute the flag instead.

SIoux CITY, Ia., May 2.—A small hall used by the Sons of Herman, a German order, at Dakota City, Neb., near here, was blown up with dynamite early this morning. The loss is small.

CASE AGAINST I. W. W. STATED

Chicago Jury Told Organization Guilty of Treason.

CHICAGO, May 2.—Frank H. Nebeker, special prosecutor, today told the jury trying 112 leaders of the Industrial Workers of the World for violation of the espionage act that it would be shown a conspiracy was entered into to throw a broad belt of industrial revolution about the country and thus disrupt America's war plans.

"The Government will prove," Mr. Nebeker asserted in his opening statement to the jury, "that the defendants and the members of the defendant or-

ganization would fight under only one flag—the red flag of treason.

"We will show further that the organization threatened to throw down arms in the face of the enemy if forced into the Army and Navy and to take other means necessary to block the war program."

"Not only will it be shown that the defendants encouraged enlistments and urged that the selective draft act be vigorously opposed by those of military age, but also that they conspired to forcibly obstruct production of lumber for American ships and airplanes and strove to prevent production of lead and iron for guns and munitions and other supplies."

Mr. Nebeker pointed to the growth of the organization in America and asserted that this rapid increase was due largely to the fact that writers and lecturers of foreign birth had poisoned the minds of immigrants with promises to obtain startling industrial reforms.

"We will show that the 'swivel-chair king' of this organization, William D. Haywood, directed and aided the work from his throne in the Chicago headquarters and that this potentate even had the audacity to send certain demands to our President while our country was at war."

Legislation Aimed at I. W. W.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Legislation aimed at the Industrial Workers of the World and similar organizations advocating force and violence to bring about government, social and industrial changes was approved today by the Senate judiciary committee. The measure, comprising features of anti-union bills introduced by Senators King, of Utah, and Walsh, of Montana, was ordered favorably reported.

Such organizations, under the bill agreed on, would be declared unlawful during the war and acts done in their interest would be penalized by 10 years' imprisonment and \$5000 fine.

Provisions of the bill include punishment for holding office or membership in the proscribed organizations, dissemination of propaganda and even the renting of halls for their meetings.

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