# REPRISAL WAR RAGES ALL DAY IN IRELAND

## Military, Police Ambushed in Three Places.

## 15 CIVILIANS ARE KILLED

**Inhabitants of Countryside in Terror Flee From Homes. Peace Far Off.**

DUBLIN, Dec. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Heavy fighting has taken place between large forces of civilians on one side and soldiers and police on the other, in the section lying between Callan, County Kilkenny, and Glenbower, County Tipperary.

The military and police were ambushed at not less than three different places yesterday and numerous casualties resulted on both sides. These included Sergeant Walsh, R. I. C., killed; some soldiers, number unknown, killed; 10 or 15 civilians killed and Sergeant Shannon and several soldiers wounded. About 30 civilians were wounded or captured.

**One Soldier Wounded.**

An official communication issued by general headquarters tonight estimated the casualties among the attacking forces at 16 and gives the military casualties as one private severely wounded. No police casualties are mentioned. The statement says that the details are still in doubt and that no information has yet been received regarding the ambush of police reinforcements from Clonmel.

Inhabitants of the countryside are in a state of terror and many are fleeing from their homes.

**Ambushers Escape Unscathed.**

The first conflict occurred early in the day at the foot of Seivenamom hill. After a sharp fight, the military lorry got through and sent a message to Callan for reinforcements. In this instance it is believed the ambushers escaped unscathed.

Reinforcements of Royal Irish constabulary and soldiers left Callan late in the afternoon and when about two miles out ran into another ambush near Carrickgricken, the earl of Ossery's shooting lodge. At the first volley from the ambushing party the soldiers and police dismounted from the lorry and spread out and a brisk fight ensued, the firing being intense at times.

**Lorry Target for Bullet Hail.**

The fighting was still in progress when County Inspector Whyte of Kilkenny with a dozen men of the constabulary dashed up on another lorry, running into the thick of it. It was now becoming dark and the police lorry was subjected to a veritable hail of bullets. It was riddled and Sergeant Walsh was shot through the head, dying instantly.

Shannon received wounds in the head and arms. The battle was very fierce. District Inspector Baynham had a narrow escape, his rifle being shattered in his hand.

At about the same time reinforcements from Clonmel were attacked near Glen Bower, where the biggest battle of the day occurred.

**Peace Far Off.**

The intermediaries seeking to establish preliminaries of peace continue reticent, refusing to say whether any actual progress toward a settlement has been made.

Replying from Roscommon to an inquiry of the Associated Press three days ago whether a meeting of the Dail Eireann was contemplated to consider peace, Father O'Flanagan, vice-president of the Sinn Fein, who has had considerable correspondence with Premier Lloyd George on the Irish situation, says:

"I know of no progress toward a Dail Eireann meeting."

# ENTHUSIASM OPENS JAIL

## SIX MONTHS LOOMS FOR OIL STOVE INVENTOR.

**James E. Haggerty Pleads Guilty to Sending Fraudulent Advertising Through Mail.**

James E. Haggerty, inventor of the "Little Wonder" oil stove, will serve six months in the county jail for extolling the virtues of his invention to a point outside of the boundaries set by the government as the limits for legitimate advertising.

Sentence was passed on Haggerty yesterday by Federal Judge Bean, after he pleaded guilty to sending fraudulent advertising matter through the United States mails. The oil stove, according to printed circulars distributed by Haggerty, would give forth the same heat for 42 gallons of crude oil at 6 cents a gallon as that generated by a ton of coal burning in a furnace.

Haggerty maintained that the advertising agency which prepared the circulars was at fault.

According to his counsel, Haggerty served with the Rough Riders under Colonel Roosevelt during the Spanish-American war, and lost two sons in the world war. He organized and operated the United States Crude Oil & Water Burner company with offices at 322 East Clay street, for the purpose of marketing his invention.

An indictment against him was returned October 21, but he was brought back to Portland only recently from Springfield, Mo., where he is reported to have served a 60-day sentence for impersonating a federal geologist.

# BIG DONATIONS RECEIVED

## EUROPEAN RELIEF COUNCIL IS GIVEN 2 $1000 CHECKS.

**400 Salesmen Will Make Drive in Downtown District Today Asking Subscriptions.**

Four hundred salesmen will drop their accustomed duties today and make a concerted selling drive on the downtown district. All will deal in the same commodity, the privilege of saving the lives of starving children at $10 per child. The European relief council has mobilized them.

The special plea of the salesmen will be that every family in Portland should invite at least one "little invisible guest" to Christmas dinner, the invitation carrying the assurance that the little war waif so entertained will have food enough to carry him safely through the winter. Ten dollars will literally save a life, as this sum, together with $20 added to it by the European governments in transportation, labor, rent, light, etc., will actually mean $30, enough to provide an overcoat, a pair of woolen stockings and nourishing food to ward off starvation until crops can be grown in the spring.

Two more checks for $1000 each were received at headquarters yesterday, coming from W. J. Burns and the Balfour-Guthrie company. H. E. Noble, now in San Francisco, sent his check for $100 from San Francisco. Many contributions of from $1 to $50 were received through the mails or by Chairman Strong, in charge of headquarters, 522 Selling building.

Mrs. W. C. Alvord and several hundred women workers under her leadership are making preparations for their campaign, which will be the feature of next week, and reports from many churches, fraternal orders and other organizations indicate that substantial additions to the quota may be expected from this source.

Deschutes county has raised its entire quota, according to word received yesterday by Robert E. Smith, out-state director. Bend subscribed $1750 out of the county's quota of $2200.

Marshfield and North Bend have both exceeded their quotas.

# W. R. ALEXANDER KILLED

## LIEUTENANT IS STRUCK BY PROPELLER OF PLANE.

**Brother of U. S. Marshal Here and Son of Secretary of Department of Commerce Loses Life.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Walter R. Alexander, son of Secretary Alexander of the department of commerce, was killed instantly today at Bolling field here by the propeller of an airplane in which he was preparing to make a flight, which struck him on the head.

Lieutenant W. R. Alexander, who lost his life in accident in Washington.

The commerce secretary's son was a commissioned officer in the air service during the war and had gone to the aviation field today to make a flight to keep in training.

Mr. Alexander, who was 28 years of age, had been connected with the shipping board and had recently returned from a trip to Europe on government business.

Lieutenant Walter R. Alexander was a brother of United States Marshal Alexander of Portland and son of Secretary Alexander of the department of commerce. He had just returned from a trip through the Mediteranean countries and the marshal did not know until he learned of the death that the aviator was back in Washington.

The aviator was known in Portland as he had visited here in 1916. He was 28 years of age and unmarried. Before the war, while his father war chairman of the merchant marine committee, his son acted as a clerk for this department. He enlisted in the aviation service early in the war and was stationed in Texas, Oklahoma and New Jersey training camps. After the armistice, as he had been an attorney, he joined the law staff of the United States shipping board and specialized in the reorganization act passed by the last congress. In recognition of services rendered in this branch of his work, his salary was increased and he was sent to Europe to make a study of conditions on the Mediterranean sea for the government.

Marshal Alexander last Wednesday received a postal card from his brother from Italy and had thought him still in that country until news of his death came. The last time the two had met was a year ago in Washington. Two brothers, three sisters and his father survive the lieutenant.

Braiding embroidery hemstitching Booth's Morgan bldg.—Adv

# FOOD PRICES DROP THIRD AT SEATTLE

## Market of Year Ago Is Compared With December.

## TAB KEPT ON 20 STAPLES

**Retailers Declare Actual Average Reduction Is From 30 to 33 Per Cent.**

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Food now costs approximately one-third less in Seattle than it did a year ago.

One Seattle housewife, who keeps a record of the family living expenses and buys carefully, has prepared a statement showing that the prices of 20 staple articles of food are about 33 per cent lower now than they were in December, 1919. This statement shows that these 20 articles cost $25.21 in December, 1919, while in December, 1920, about the middle of the month, the cost was only $15.33 showing a decrease in price of $9.88.

A number of Seattle dealers, shown the figures today, said they indicated close and careful buying, but in general are representive of price reductions that have gradually taken place in the last 12 months.

**Wide Range Is Cited.**

They called attention to the fact that there is a wide range between high and low retail prices today, just as there was in 1919, and that to show correctly the difference in prices, both high and low figures for the two periods should be shown, and that the actual average reduction for the 12 months is about 30 to 33 per cent.

Investigation among Seattle markets and retail stores and a comparison with high and low prices in December, 1919, shows the following:

| | Dec. 20, 1920. | | Dec. 20, 1919. | |
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| | Low. | High. | Low. | High. |
| Sugar, 2 lbs. | $ .19 | $ .21 | $ .46 | $ .50 |
| Milk, quart | .10 | .13 | .12 | .15 |
| Bread, 1-lb. loaf | .09 | .10 | .12 | .13 |
| Porterhouse steak, 2 lbs. | .70 | .90 | 1.00 | 1.20 |
| Round steak, 2 lbs. | .50 | .70 | .70 | 1.00 |
| Boiling beef, 2 lbs. | .25 | .50 | .30 | .40 |
| Pork chops, 2 lbs. | .50 | .80 | 1.00 | 1.20 |
| Mutton chops, 2 lbs. | .70 | 1.00 | .90 | 1.70 |
| Bacon, sliced, best, 1 lb. | .55 | .60 | .60 | .75 |
| Ham, sliced, best, 1 lb. | .50 | .55 | .65 | .75 |
| Ham, whole, lb. | .30 | .50 | .44 | .60 |
| Ham, cooked, lb. | .. | .75 | .. | .90 |
| Leaf lard | .22½ | .25 | .. | .35 |
| Potatoes, 100-lb. sack | 1.90 | 3.00 | 3.50 | 6.50 |
| Flour, 49-lb. sack | 2.75 | 2.80 | 3.40 | 3.60 |
| Graham flour, 10-lb. sack | .55 | .60 | .70 | .75 |
| King salmon, steak, 2 lbs. | .. | .70 | .. | .70 |
| Halibut steak, 2 lbs. | .. | .60 | .. | .70 |
| English breakfast tea | .. | .65 | .. | .75 |
| Mocha and Java | .. | .45 | .. | .55 |
| Apples | 1.25 | 2.50 | 2.50 | 4.50 |
| Total | $11.02½ | $18.09 | $16.39 | $27.18 |

**Market Stalls Represented.**

Taking the lowest prices today and the lowest prices for the same articles in December, 1919, as shown by the foregoing figures, a decrease of $5.37 or about 32 per cent, is indicated. The difference between the highest prices today and the highest prices of the same articles in December, 1919, is $9.09, or about 33 per cent.

These figures represent the prices in the public market stalls, the neighborhood groceries and the better class of downtown stores. A public market meat stall today advertised round steak for 20 cents a pound. At others the price was 25 cents, while a leading downtown meat market sold round steak for 35 cents. The places in December, 1919, sold round steak for 35 and 50 cents a pound.

The difference in the price of sugar is due to the fact that the stalls in some of the public markets are selling sugar at 9½ cents a pound, while some other stores charge 10½ cents.

**Prices of Milk Vary.**

Milk is 2 cents a quart less than it was in December, 1919. At milk depots and grocery stores it is sold for 16 cents a quart and 13 cents when delivered on a regular milk route, compared to 12 and 15 cents in December, 1919.

The price of pork and mutton chops depends on whether the chop is cut from the loin or rib and whether the animal was prime or just fairly good quality.

The price of $1.90 a sack quoted on potatoes is for home grown stock. Yakima gems are $3 a sack. A year ago local potatoes cost $3.50 and Yakima gems $6.50. Apples of the quality now selling for $1.25 and $2.50 a box brought $2.50 and $4.50 a year ago.

**Meat Middleman Opposed.**

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 21.—A suggestion that the meat packers of this country sell meat direct to the public in an effort to eliminate the middleman's profit was made by A. E. De Ricqles, president of the American Livestock & Loan company in an address today to the Colorado cattle growers' association.

# SALES TAX IS ADVISED

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proposed, the witness said, ought to add approximately $350,000,000 to the import revenues, making that source yield nearly $700,000,000 annually.

Under the revised income surtax schedule proposed, Mr. Kahn estimated the government would derive between $850,000,000 and $1,000,000,000. Questioned as to rates for the reduced surtax, Mr. Kahn said that present surtax rates were driving rich investors to place their money in tax-exempt securites most of which he declared were sold on a basis to yield 5½ per cent.

**Excise Tax Changes Wanted.**

It was, therefore, his belief, he said, that by fixing the surtax charge at or near 33 1-3 per cent as a maximum, the treasury would receive as great a yield if not greater than under the present tax.

To complete his programme of revision, Mr. Kahn urged changes in certain of the internal and excise taxes, by increasing some and reducing others, but collectively so arranged as to produce annually approximately $1,000,000,000.

Mr. Kahn told the committee he saw no economic objection to a tax on undistributed corporation profits. He added that income surtaxes should be continued as an economic and social principle and that the taxation of corporation profits, whether divided or undivided, was closely akin to income taxes.

**WHAT CONGRESS DID AS ITS DAY'S WORK.**

**Senate.**

No session of the senate was held, its members enjoying the first installment of the holiday recess.

Hearings were given by the judiciary committee to Samuel Gompers and others advocating amnesty for political prisoners.

It was determined by the immigration committee that no haste is essential in enacting legislation for the exclusion of aliens and hearings on the subject will begin January 3.

The Calder committee opened its inquiry into the shortage of coal, the alleged fixing of prices and profiteering among operators.

**House.**

The house voted to dispense with all other business for tomorrow in order to debate and pass emergency legislation placing a high protective tariff on agricultural products. Representative Longworth, republican, Ohio, in a speech advocating the protection of home industries, criticised the senate for the delay of the dyestuffs bill.

Otto Kahn, New York banker, advocated before the ways and means committee a tax of one-third of 1 per cent on gross sales and recommended the revision of all tax laws. Representative Brooks, republican, Illinois, introduced a resolution empowering the president to call an international conference here to discuss disarmament.

**Joint Club Meeting Called.**

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—A mass meeting will be held at Mount Pleasant Thursday evening of the combined membership of the Hill Improvement club and the Mount Pleasant Community club for the purpose of joining the two organizations into one body. The object will be to obtain water for the Mount Pleasant district from the pipelines of Oregon City.

# BIG SEAL SALE ASSURED

## ENCOURAGING REPORTS COME FROM MANY QUARTERS.

**Total Cannot Yet Be Closely Estimated—City Organizations Pushing Campaigns.**

"Although Christmas eve, now only three days away, will mark the close of the annual sale of Christmas Red Cross seals for 1920, I cannot estimate closely the returns. However, I feel sure that they will be larger than ever before," said Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar, executive secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis association yesterday.

"The cause of this uncertainty is the fact that our initial shipments of seals to county, city and school agents was larger this year than ever, hence the usual reorders have not come in, and until the final returns we will not know just how the sale has gone. We have some extremely encouraging reports. For instance, Dallas, Stayton and St. Helens went over the top the day the sale opened."

The Portland mail sale, embracing returns from letters containing from $2 to $10 worth of seals, has passed the $11,000 mark. The sale in downtown booths through the women's clubs of the city has brought in more than $36,000. Practically no returns have been received from the rural schools or from Portland schools.

The booths sale Tuesday conducted by the Portland Women's Research club and the Ladies' auxiliary to the Greeters netted $156.83. Today the booth sale is being handled by the Multnomah county W. C. T. U., the Woman's New Thought club, the Women of Rotary and the Housewives' council.

# SWINDLER GETS 30 DAYS

**L. B. Anderson Convicted of Passing Worthless Checks.**

L. B. Anderson drew a sentence of 30 days in jail in Judge Rossman's court yesterday after he was convicted of passing worthless checks in payment for a phonograph which he bought on the installment plan from a local music house.

When he first took the machine Anderson succeeded in securing $15 in addition to the first payment when he tendered a worthless check. Soon after he brought the machine back to exchange for another and gave another bad check. He had forgotten how he spelled the forged name on the first one, however, and the difference proved his undoing.

Ah Fong, Chinese, arrested recently for having cocaine in his possession, was sentenced to 60 days in jail. Samples of the drug had been found upon him.

# CEMENT TRIAL NEAR END

**Case May Go to Federal Court Jury Before Noon.**

Final arguments in the case of the government against the Oregon Portland Cement company of Oswego are expected to be completed this morning and the case may be in the hands of the jury by noon.

Officers of the company yesterday took the witness stand in their own defense. They asserted that an acute car shortage prevented their filling orders outside of a certain territory.

Contractors testified that prices of cement were cheaper after the Oregon concern entered the field.

**Negro Weds White Girl.**

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Joseph Ledine, a negro, 39 years old, and Nono Kennedy, white, 22 years old, were married here today. The witness was Betty Kennedy, a sister of the bride. All were from Portland.

# DUTY ON CHERRIES ASKED

**Senator Jones of Washington Will Aid Maraschino Industry.**

Aid in procuring an adequate tariff to protect the fruit industry of the country from competition is pledged by W. L. Jones, United States senator from Washington, in a letter received by W. H. Paulhamus of Puyallup, Wash.

The letter was in reply to one urging the protection of the maraschino cherry industry of this section from competition with the cheaper Italian cherry.

Senator Jones explains that tariff measures originate in the house and the ways and means committee will hold hearings on the matter. He urges that someone familiar with the maraschino cherry situation appear before that committee.

# OREGON FIRST IN ERIN

**Portland Relief Contributions Are Received in Ireland.**

Funds telegraphed from this city to Eamonn de Valera for distribution among the suffering people of Ireland formed the first contribution to that relief, according to advices received by the Irish relief campaign committee for Oregon.

The campaign for raising money for the Irish relief fund will be formally opened at a meeting in Hibernia hall tonight. There will be addresses by Rev. J. M. O'Farrell, John R. Murphy and others.

Musical numbers will be given by Eleanor Lillis, Ted Cosgrove and Miss Madigan.

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