

RELIGIOUS FERMENT IN IRELAND CHARGED

England Intrigues to Quell
Irish, Says Woman.

GROWING ATTACKS CITED

Industry Suppressed and Animosity
Held Fostered in Effort to Pre-
vent Self-Determination.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—England is fostering religious intolerance and suppressing industry in Ireland in an effort to prevent self-determination, Miss Louise Bennett, a Protestant woman from Dublin, today told the commission of the committee of 100 investigating conditions in Ireland.

Attacks by the British military on Catholic churches and on nuns and priests are increasing, Miss Bennett said, with the intention of reviving the spirit of religious intolerance between Catholic and Protestant with the view of preventing Irish opinion from uniting.

Destruction Held Foolish.

In discussing her charges of the suppression of industry, she said that the destruction of internal problems, the witness described the destruction of creameries and other co-operative industries. "It was a ridiculous policy," she said, "which permitted the destruction of an industry that could sell butter cheaply to English people who were forced to pay exorbitant prices."

Testimony in support of Miss Bennett's charges also was given by Miss Caroline M. Townsend. Both are members of the Irish Women's International league and they presented documents and letters to support their charges. Some of the letters, Miss Bennett said, were from business men of Belfast, in Ulster, and she added that their lives would be in danger should their names be published in this connection.

Forceful Entrance Cited.

Miss Bennett told of two recent alleged forcible entrances into Dublin nunneries, one of which was an exclusive Catholic order, which excluded even relatives of the nuns from visiting the building, allowing communication only through iron-barred doors.

She described the functioning of the Sinn Fein government and declared that the success with which the provisional Irish republic through its land courts, met the crisis from "cattle driving," in which peasants drove herds from pastures and seized the lands, proved that the Irish people could settle their own internal problems more successfully than outside authority.

BERNHARDT ACTS SITTING

Divine Sarah Unable to Move Out
of Chair During Comedy.

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PARIS, Jan. 21.—(By wire.)—Sarah Bernhardt last night startled Paris by appearing for the first time in her career upon the stage of a music hall. Sandwiched in among trained animal acts and slapstick comedians, the divine Sarah played with her usual perfection the principal role in a one-act comedy, Le Vitral Nègre.

Throughout the entire piece she remained seated in a high-backed chair, as any movement of the stage has been forbidden her since the loss of her leg. Mme. Bernhardt plays the part of a damsel of the middle ages who remains true to her lover, although she believes him to have been badly mutilated in the crusades.

The young girl's joy when her betrothed returns to her unharmed was interpreted by the veteran actress in a fashion that won for her the thunderous applause of the regular music hall audience, reinforced on this occasion by hundreds of Bernhardt devotees.

FUEL TAX SUREST BILL

(Continued From First Page.)

A bill proposing a 10-cent a year fee for all automobile vehicles, and making up the rest of the revenues by a tax of 5 cents a gallon on gas; the more a machine uses the roads the more gas it consumes and the more tax it pays.

This measure is expected to be introduced during the coming week. It will probably meet with opposition by the owners of cars who now pay a small fee and yet consume hundreds of gallons of gasoline in the course of a year. Owners of the large, heavy, expensive cars, which are insatiable gasoline consumers, can be expected to protest. The highest-priced cars, under the present horsepower rating, pay less in proportion than many cheap makes.

Market Road Bill Ready.

To hurry up the market road system, a bill has been prepared which doubles the present state market road tax, and a second, and companion bill, has also been drawn which authorizes a bond issue by the state of \$5,000,000, to be used exclusively for co-operation with counties on market roads. Gossip in the state house says that some legislators may propose a bill to stop all paying for the next two years and in the meantime the state highway commission shall build only gravel and broken rock macadam roads. If introduced, such a bill will go down to defeat.

Members of the state highway commission have been holding conferences for the last three days, taking up road matters. The commission yesterday received a request from Oregon City officials to attend a meeting of the authorities of that city, of railroad representatives, of the paper mill, and the Clackamas county court to devise some satisfactory plan for the location and construction of the Pacific highway through Oregon City. The conference will be held in February.

Highway Map Changes Up.

Modification of the state highway map adopted by the 1917 session has been suggested by the commission with respect to the Dallas-California highway. The main reason is that the 1917 law specifies that this highway shall go to Shaniko. All the surveys of locations made by the engineering department disclose that it will mean 20 extra miles to build into Shaniko.

If the commission is relieved of this stipulation, it would like to build a north-and-south road through Sher-

man county. This modification meets with the entire approval of Representative Wright, whose home is in Sherman county, and who occupies the position of chairman of the house committee on roads and highways.

Bonds Voted by Wasco.

Wasco county voted a sum of bonds for the Dallas-California highway between The Dalles and Durum. Nothing has ever been done with these bonds because of the express stipulation that the money should be used for hard surface pavement. A delegation from Wasco county, in conference with the commission today, received assurances of co-operation, provided the strings were removed from the bonds respecting pavement; eliminate the hard surface condition and the commission is willing to aid in the construction of a road with a good grade and gravel surface. The delegation will try to have the contingency removed to meet with the requirements of the commission.

Thus far the highway commission has expressed disapproval of only one road bill introduced. This is Senate concurrent resolution No. 1, by Dennis, which calls for wide state roads. Commissioner Booth explains that there are conditions which have arisen where a 12-foot road had to be built, or none at all, and similar conditions may again develop.

Maintenance of highways is one of the growing problems confronting the commission, and it is proposed that maintenance be turned over exclusively to the state and the counties relieved of any co-operation. To do this new sources of revenue must be found, and the gasoline tax comes naturally to mind. Mr. Booth said that 1 cent on gasoline will meet the requirements, and 1 cent means doubling the present gasoline tax.

ROAD MEASURE HUNG UP

McARTHUR BILL FOR FEDERAL
FUNDS STRIKES SNAG.

Author of Legislation Digs Into
Records for Data to Offset
Opposition to Appropriation.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 21.—The McArthur bill to appropriate \$100,000,000 a year for four years for continuing federal aid has been hung up for some time in the roads committee. It has been learned that the slowness of the committee to act has been due to the opposition of the chairman, Thomas B. Dunn, representative of New York.

Mr. Dunn has been arguing that there is no need for more money this year because most of the states have large balances on hand.

Mr. McArthur went into the records of the office of good roads and dug up figures to show that the money on hand is no more than enough to pay out on pending contracts. These figures he presented to three members of the house committee, Representatives Randall of Wyoming, Longworth of Ohio, and Darrow of Pennsylvania. Tomorrow he will see Speaker Gillett and Representative Winslow of Massachusetts, who also are members of the steering committee. Chairman Dunn likewise is a member of this committee, which has helped to increase the influence of his opposition to any further appropriation.

"I am encouraged by my talks with steering committee members today," Mr. McArthur said tonight, "and feel confident that we will get an appropriation for keeping up this road work."

Good roads associations in the northwest have been showing concern over this matter in the last few days, according to telegrams received here.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN FIUME

Italian Carabinieri Enter City to
Restore Order.

TRIESTE, Jan. 21.—Heavy fighting has been going on at Fiume and Italian carabinieri have entered the city to restore order. Some of the military forces within Fiume have been mutilated and they, together with supporters of Professor Zanella, leader of the Italian people of the city, and some remaining legionnaires have been engaged in the fighting. The mutinous soldiers and legionnaires have taken over the barracks.

7 RIOT CALLS IN STRIKE

Many Shipworkers Beaten and At-
tacked at Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 21.—Seven riot calls were turned in last night shortly after workmen from the Cramp Shipbuilding company, where a strike is in progress, had left for home. In most cases, the crowds were dispersed without difficulty.

One man was beaten unconscious by supposed strike sympathizers. Two other workmen were beaten and several reported having been attacked.

100 SHOTS FIRED IN DUEL

Officers Battle Draft Evaders and
Tennessee Moonshiners.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 21.—More than 100 shots were fired in a battle between federal prohibition agents, a deputy United States marshal and county officers on one side, and draft evaders and moonshiners on the other in an isolated section 17 miles from Tazewell.

No one was wounded and the men escaped.

Miner Is Instantly Killed.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 21.—Louis Rossi, 45, a miner, was instantly killed by a cave-in in the 11th level of the Pacific Coast Coal company's mine at Black Diamond, Wash., near here, Thursday. The accident occurred within a short distance of a cave-in in the same level on December 22, when four men were killed.

Wheat Farmers Urged to Unite.

FARGO, N. D., Jan. 21.—Organization of farmers of Minnesota, Kansas, Oklahoma and North and South Dakota to market the 1921 wheat crop was urged by Aaron Sapito of San Francisco, in an address last night before the Tri-State Grain Growers' association in annual convention here.

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SLACKERS IN JAPAN TO PAY SERVICE TAX

Sons of Wealthy Families
Evade Military Duty.

BOUNTY PLAN PROPOSED

Men of Poorer Classes Who Fill
Ranks of Army Will Get Help
to Care for Dependents.

TOKIO, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—The question of levying a tax on those who are exempted from military service is now being taken up with renewed interest by its advocates. It was discussed to a certain extent at the last session of the imperial diet, and is expected to be considered again with much more serious intent and determination at the coming session.

It is pointed out that the majority of those who actually serve in the army are of the so-called lower class, and some of them, being the only bread-earners of the family, have to leave the family people helpless.

Sitting of Situation Felt.

Yet there has been no way of supporting such a family and it cannot be denied that while the parents or other members of the family hitherto have been studiously quiet, they nevertheless have been in a state of financial situation with all its attendant tragic effects. A proposal was made more than once that those whose physical disability relieved them from serving in the army should be made to compensate in some form those who do serve so as to make the whole business strictly impartial.

The proposal has been objected to by the military authorities on the ground that it might lead the people to the conclusion that military service, which may be barred for some reason, is an intolerable burden. Perhaps the time is not ripe for further consideration of the subject, they say.

Protest Compels Radical Change.

The situation, however, has changed. Protests were heard, feeble enough at first, against the alleged unfairness of the lower class young people bearing the hardships of military duty, while rich men's sons seemed to escape this universal obligation by crooked means. They study at school, enjoying the privilege of postponing their travel abroad, where they stay until they are fully 32 years of age, when they are placed in the national reserve and practically escape military service.

This is all past. The regulations recently have been altered, and now all male Japanese must undergo physical examination at the age of 21, and then obtain, if necessary, permission to continue at school till the completion of the course.

Retired military men and officers are understood to have approved the idea of supporting the destitute families of the recruits with the money raised from those relieved from military duties. The question has now become serious, and something must be done so as to leave no room for complaints.

Relief Plan Is Suggested.

Lieutenant-General Horikichi, vice-president of the association for aiding military men, is quoted as stating that, while all the people should serve in the army on principle, the sons of wealthy people or nobles are physically weak, and more than half of those who are annually taken into the army are those below the middle class. Some of these recruits are very poor, and it has been proposed to help these poor people with the money raised from taxing those who are relieved from service by drawing lucky numbers. (The army being unable to take in all the recruits, selects those to serve by drawing lots. Those rejected by this means are listed as the first and second "supplementary," and are never called to actual service except in time of war.)

Lieutenant-General Horikichi declares that it is strongly for levying some kind of tax on any and all who escape—no matter what the excuse—service in the army. Unless steps to that end are taken, he thinks the alleged unfairness existing between the nobles and wealthy people on the

one hand and those below the middle class on the other will never be eradicated.

The question is not a new one, he says, and he was ordered, while he was in the war office some years ago, to investigate the question. The military authorities are afraid that the proposed tax may create a misunderstanding that the obligation of military service is being exchanged for a certain amount of money.

The military authorities, however, have had to give in and consider the question, as they are apprehensive that in view of the rising tide of labor problems, class consciousness of this character may influence the former men and officers and the coming recruits.

RED ENVOYS GOING HOME

SOVIET "AMBASSADOR" AND
STAFF DEPORTED.

Scores of Sympathizers Express
Regret at Not Being Able to
Accompany Party.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Unrecognized by the United States government, but not unused by some residents of this country, Soviet Russia's official representatives in America are going back home tomorrow with their deported leader, Ludwig C. A. K. Martens.

Only the members of "Ambassador Martens' staff and their families, 42 in all, including Gregory Weinstein, "chief of staff," are to accompany him. Scores of sympathizers have expressed regret at not being able to go along.

Uncle Sam offered the best available accommodations on the steamer to the man he ordered out of the country as a dangerous agitator, but the offer was refused.

The ambassador prefers to buy his own ticket and travel like any other passenger," his secretary said. From New York Martens will sail to Gothenburg, Sweden, going to Lihag, Latvia, from there and then to Moscow.

Martens came here in 1916 to represent a steel works at Perm, Russia. In March, 1919, he announced himself as the appointed representative to this country of the Russian socialist federal soviet military service. His credentials went unrecognized by the government, although he claimed to have interested numbers of American radicals in the proposition to sell millions of dollars' worth of supplies to his country.

Radicals drifting here from other parts of the world, and some of the administration commission for today's demonstrations.

SHIP SINKS UNDER CREW

Master of Rescuing Steamer Blisks
Craft to Save Men.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 21.—Rescued from a watery grave, the crew of the British schooner Newton Lake arrived here last night on the British steamer Bournemouth. The schooner was reported to have sunk a short time after the men were taken off his ship and crew to make the rescue. Seas were running high, lashed by a stiff gale.

The schooner was worked around to the windward and allowed to drift down on the schooner. Every wave swept the schooner's decks and her crew clung to her rigging for their lives. The two hulls crashed together, ropes were thrown over and rescues quickly effected. Food and warmth soon revived the exhausted men, who said they had struggled against the elements 46 days, since leaving Lisbon with a cargo of salt.

NEW WIRES BEING STRUNG

Western Union Improvements to
Cost Several Millions.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—Stringing of 16,000 miles of new copper wires on the Pacific coast and across the continent is to be started immediately by the Western Union Telegraph company.

Later more new lines, bringing the construction total to approximately 46,000 miles, will be put up. Company officials said the new work involves an outlay of several million dollars.

The construction work was ordered in preparation, the company said, for an early revival of trade activity.

REDUCE ARMAMENTS, SAYS HENRY WHITE

World Declared "Crying for
Some Agreement."

LEAD BY AMERICA URGED

Ex-Ambassador Who Helped Draft
Peace Treaty Declares Time
for Action Has Come.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Another of the American commissioners who helped draft the treaty of Versailles—Henry White, ambassador to France under President Roosevelt—told the house naval committee today that the time was ripe for world disarmament and that the United States should initiate the movement.

General Pershing's views will be sought next Tuesday.

The committee already has heard General Tasker H. Bliss, former American representative on the supreme war council and a member of the peace delegation; Secretary Daniels and Acting Secretary Davis of the state department.

Mr. White gave as his opinion that the great burden of taxation resulting from the war made the peoples of all nations anxious to cut down expenditures for armaments. He said the world was "crying for some agreement" to limit armaments as a means of reducing taxes.

Discussing the proposed "naval holiday," the former ambassador said he did not think the United States should stop the naval construction it now has under way. He said he would like to see the United States at the top when the disarmament discussion begins and suggested that the relative sizes of navies could be fixed by agreement at the proposed conference. He added that questions raised at the conference might show "the right of some nations—Great Britain for instance—to a larger navy than others."

Because of the threatened spread of bolshevism, the witness said, France might object to disarmament on land. In this connection, he said that "the state of chaos" in which Germany had been kept over reparations was doing more to open the way to bolshevism than any other single factor.

As to the time of calling a conference, Mr. White said that should be left to President-elect Harding. He did not think President Wilson should call it, as the fact that he would retire March 4 might lead other nations not to take the initiative seriously.

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