

DAIL EIREANN ENVOY GOES TO INVERNESS

Courier Is Believed Carrying Reply to Last Note.

DRAFT THOUGHT READY

Irish Republican Parliament to Have Free Hand in Choice of Plenipotentiaries.

DUBLIN, Sept. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—A courier of the Dail Eireann left Dublin this morning for Inverness, Scotland, where Premier Lloyd George has been making his headquarters.

Robert C. Barton, who was the official Dail courier in the last exchange of notes with Mr. Lloyd George, did not make the journey this time. This was considered a strengthening of the rumor that he would be one of the plenipotentiaries for the proposed peace negotiations.

(Dublin messages Sunday night stated it was believed the Dail Eireann cabinet had completed the draft of the reply to the latest note from Premier Lloyd George regarding a settlement of the Irish question.)

Free Hand to Be Given.

The Dail Eireann, it was stated, will receive a free hand in the selection of the Irish republican plenipotentiaries. Arthur Griffith alone, by reason of his position as foreign minister in the Dail cabinet, is certain of being designated. John McNeill, speaker of the Dail Eireann, also is likely to be selected.

BEIRFAST, Sept. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—

Warning to the British government against circumstances which might lead to a declaration of war was given by Hugh O'Neill, speaker of the parliament, in an address at Ballymena yesterday. "Any diminution of the rights and privileges of the new Ulster parliament as a result of the projected negotiations between members of the British cabinet and the Sinn Fein," he declared, "would lead to bitter civil war in Ireland."

Horrible War Held Possible.

"It would mean war between north and south Ireland, the horrors and misery of which we do not like to contemplate. The calamity as Prime Minister Lloyd George has truly said, would not be confined to Ireland."

"The war would be worldwide," he continued. "Hundreds of thousands of people from Great Britain and the empire would support the point of view held in northern Ireland and there would be hundreds of thousands of people from the United States, and possibly from the British colonies and dependencies, who would come to the aid of southern Ireland."

"In brief, there would be in Ireland a war which would embroil Great Britain and the United States and would spread horror over the earth."

Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, returned to Belfast this forenoon and presided at a meeting of the cabinet. The Ulster parliament will open its session September 20.

SHIPPING PLOT CHARGED

SECRET PLOTS SAID TO HAVE INJURED U. S. PROSPECTS.

Senator Jones Sends Chairman of Board Letter Accusing Railroad of Conspiracy.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 12.—Charges that secret agreements between American railroads and foreign shipping companies for American ships with foreign connections, have caused the bulk of the shipping board's tonnage to be tied up for want of cargo, were made in a report sent by Senator Jones, republican, of Washington, to Chairman Lasker. The report was made, the senator said, by an "experienced railroad man."

The proportion of American commerce carried in American bottoms has fallen, the report averred, from 50 per cent in 1920 to "hardly more than 30 per cent this year," largely because of the "failure to enforce the provisions of the merchant marine act," especially that providing for preferential railway rates on goods shipped in American vessels."

The report urged the enforcing of such preferential rates and of the organization of commodity transportation companies empowered to fix joint through rail and ocean rates through American ports via American ships, "the ships to be operated in conjunction with a nationally controlled rail distribution of commodity groupings based on a predetermination of their origin, destination, quantities, and many other factors."

"Under the act and the Edges act," it was added, "the organization of such companies can be legally undertaken."

The creation was urged in the report of commodity transportation companies, authorized and acting as the exclusive agency of the shipping board, to take control over all of the major export and import sea-borne groups of commodities, such as flour, grain, coal, cotton, iron and lumber, steel articles, sugar and oil.

VILNA FIGHT IS HEARD

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Geneva of the numerous correspondents of the American press as evidence of the interest the United States has in the league.

M. Bourgeois said: "Long-range preparation for preservation of the peace as well as immediate action for the prevention of war when it threatened to break out," was one object of the league which the public ought to comprehend. The council, he stated, intends to open its sessions to the public to a greater extent.

"Those who pretend that the league seeks to extend its authority over any state have not read the provisions and have not followed one of our deliberations," he exclaimed.

The first speech in Spanish in the assembly was delivered by Senor Gimeno of Spain. He praised the work of the council.

Sir Edgar Walton of the South African delegation, proposed that the assembly set up a committee on political affairs to provide for the interests of the Armenians in the settlement of eastern questions.

Srinavasa Sastri, a noted native Indian lawyer, gave a picturesque note to the debate, taking the speaker's stand wearing a white turban.

"I have no patience with those who

have been mentioned in this debate by remain outside and criticize," he said.

Mr. Sastri raised the race question in connection with the mandates. Referring to what he termed discrimination in the laws of some of the mandates between people of the white and colored races, he demanded that these countries use the power conferred on them with consideration for the mandate people.

Mr. Sastri said he hoped it would not be necessary for India or for Japan to say in the future to the people of mandated territory: "You are worse off than you were under the Germans."

ALIENS HELD VICTIMIZED

PRESIDENT SAYS SHIP AGENTS MISLEAD IMMIGRANTS.

Hardships Worked Under New Law Apparently Fault of Dishonest Methods to Get Business.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Hardships worked by the new restrictive immigration laws apparently are the fault of dishonest steamship agents, declared President Harding in a letter to Representative Siegel of New York, made public today by the congressman.

Mr. Siegel, who is a member of the house committee on immigration and naturalization, recently wrote the president, asking executive intervention in enforcement of immigration laws—an enforcement which the representative declared was resulting in parents being admitted and their children being refused, because they happened to arrive after the country's admittance quota had been filled.

In his reply Mr. Harding said: "I have no doubt in my mind that the enforcement of the immigration laws is working many a hardship. My own distress has been very great over some of the specific instances which have been reported to me."

"If I have the situation correctly presented, the difficulty must be charged to the dishonest steamship agents who have brought to this country innocent immigration in spite of our continued warnings during a period of very great leniency. I know how very persistent have been the importations which have been made by the government agents who have been disposed to be sympathetic and more than generous in carrying out the law."

"However, I am sending your letter to the department of labor for further information on the subject."

TAX CLAUSES APPROVED

SENATE PASSES TWO MAJOR HOUSE BILL FEATURES.

Income Exempt Cut and Exemptions on Small Earnings and for Dependents Are Increased.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 12.—Two of the four major provisions of the house tax bill were approved today by the senate committee. One fixes the maximum income surtax rate of 32 per cent, as compared with the present 45 per cent, and the other provides for the exemption of heads of families having net incomes of \$9000 or less and by \$200 the exemption allowed for each dependent.

Chairman Penrose announced that the committee would vote tomorrow on the effective date of the repeal of the excess profits tax. Even those senators favoring Secretary Mellon's proposal to make the repeal retroactive to January 1 were of the opinion that the committee would accept the house provision for repeal as of next January 1.

Should the house date be approved, it was said that the committee probably would approve repeal of transportation taxes as of next January 1 and most of the other tax repeals provided for in the house bill. Secretary Mellon's proposal for retention of the transportation levies next year at one-half the present rates and restoration of a tax on cosmetics, perfume and proprietary medicines were predicated upon retroactive repeal of the profits tax.

In voting to reject Secretary Mellon's proposal that the maximum income surtax rate be reduced to 25 per cent, the committee indicated consideration of a treasury plan to reduce the rate in each income bracket by 1 per cent, to lighten the tax burden on incomes of less than \$8,000 as well as those whose incomes exceeded that amount.

Several new tax proposals are to be presented, said Chairman Penrose said it had been decided to have a final vote on the bill Friday to give draftsmen and experts time to put the measure in shape for presentation to the senate September 21.

The question of the amount of the increase to be made in the corporate income tax, as an offset to the repeal of the excess profits tax, has not been reached. The house bill fixes the total at 12 1/2 per cent, instead of the 15 per cent recommended by Mr. Mellon.

SILVER FOXES IMPORTED

Fifty Pairs of Canadian "Pups" Are Valued at \$100,000.

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 12.—Fifty pairs of silver fox "pups," valued at \$100,000, were delivered recently to proprietors of a fox farm recently established here. They were brought here in a special car attached to a fast mail train from a Canadian fox farm.

By bringing the young foxes into the United States at this time the purchasers declared they saved \$35,000, which would have been assessed as customs duty should a contemplated tariff be enacted.

Pens for housing the foxes are being constructed on the Apple Way, a few miles east of this city.

JUDGE SCORES MOB'S ACT

Full Investigation of Whipping of Negro Women Ordered.

GREENWOOD, S. C., Sept. 12.—Judge C. Featherstone at an opening of county court today scored the action of a mob which took from the city jail two negro women and whipped them. He charged the grand jury that it is "your bounden duty to investigate the facts in connection with this matter."

The negro women who were beaten by a mob of about 150 citizens were charged, with attacking two white women on the street about two weeks ago.

Narcotics and Whisky Seized.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—Search of the baggage of passengers and crew of the Japanese steamship Taiyo Maru here today netted revenue inspectors 65 tins of opium, 74 bottles of high-grade whisky and 20 ounces of cocaine.

PENDING CABINET CHANGES RUMORED

Consolidation Proposal May Oust at Least One.

MELLON REPORTED MAN

Reports Become So Persistent That President's Secretary Enters Formal Denial of Them.

BY ROBERT T. SMALL.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—With the completion of President Harding's first half year in the White House reports have come of impending cabinet changes, reports which have the merit of plausibility if not of official verification.

Some of these rumors have grown out of the movement to consolidate two or three of the executive departments presided over by cabinet members, while the best authenticated report is attributed to remarks made by a cabinet member himself.

Ever since the day of the inauguration last March it has been a fixed policy of the administration to consolidate the war and navy departments into a single department of national defense.

This consolidation would affect two of the most popular members of the cabinet, Secretaries Weeks and Denby, and naturally there has been much speculation as to which would be "let go" when the impending changes should take place.

Understanding Is Reported.

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Blood-Soaked Cloth Found.

A strip of blood-soaked prison cloth, but a few inches square, found on the eastern end of McNeill island today, was found tonight as one of the most important developments in the search for Gardner.

Maloney and other officials declared that the cloth indicated that Gardner was wounded either on the day of his flight or during the last few nights when guards and inhabitants have fired at a sinking figure or in the general direction of suspicious noises in the underbrush.

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Since the discovery of one of the robber's lairs Saturday afternoon half way up the bluff at the eastern extremity of the island Maloney has prosecuted a vigorous search throughout that section and for the last five nights the fugitive was believed to have been under heavy fire.

Gardner Held Hard Pressed.

The finding of the bit of cloth led Maloney to express the belief that Gardner is hard pressed and nearing the end of his rope. The cloth also proved, in the opinion of the warden, that Gardner is still in his prison clothes, simplifying the search, as it would show that the robber is not being harbored by island residents and so far has been without outside assistance.

Likewise, the guards assumed, if Gardner has been unable to obtain civilian clothes, he is also without weapons. The bit of cloth was therefore held at the penitentiary tonight as the answer to several vital questions.

The largest daylight posse that has been on duty in any one part of the island today combed the eastern shore. The bit of cloth was found and the cliff rising more than 200 feet above the water. Throughout tonight the hunt will continue to be concentrated there, it was announced at the penitentiary.

GARDNER OFF ISLAND, BELIEF

Report of Fugitive's Visit to Centralia Is Discounted.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Louis Sonny, member of the Centralia police force, who captured Roy Gardner, super-bandit, in Centralia several months ago, returned yesterday from McNeill's island and expressed the opinion that the fugitive had left the island.

"If he is still there," said the officer, "there is one chance in a million of his capture."

Sonny made it known that he did not go to the island with any idea of being instrumental in the capture of Gardner, but rather to satisfy his curiosity as to the lay of the land and what the searchers are up against.

Little weight is attached to the report of W. B. Johnson, night clerk at the Dale hotel, that Gardner ate a meal there about 11 o'clock Friday night, although Johnson is the man who rented a room to the bandit on the latter's previous visit to Centralia. According to the hotel clerk, the man he said is Gardner was beating his way south on a freight train.

He was a red sweater and his coat was pulled up around his ears. Grease was smeared over his face and he ate with his hat pulled down over his eyes, Johnson said.

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CALIFORNIA'S TAX ON ALIENS INVALID

State Supreme Court Knocks Out Poll Levy.

TREATY HELD VIOLATED

Japanese Citizens Declared Exempt From Tax Not Imposed Upon Natives of United States.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—The state alien poll tax law was declared unconstitutional in so far as it affects Japanese, in a decision handed down today by the state supreme court.

The court directed the dismissal of Heikichi Terui, Oakland Japanese, who was arrested to test the law. The case of Guillermo D. Kotta, a Mexican residing here, who was also arrested in order to bring about a test of the application of the law to Mexican nationals, is still pending in the supreme court.

In its opinion the court said: "In view of the provision of the existing treaty between the United States and Japan, the alien poll tax law is ineffective for any purpose with relation to any citizen of Japan."

Japanese and Mexican Freed.

The court reviewed the contentions of counsel for Terui that the law was violative of the favored nations clause in the treaty, which holds that the citizens of Japan shall not be subject to any tax not imposed on the citizens of the United States.

The decision ordered the dismissal of Heikichi Terui, a Japanese, and Guillermo D. Kotta, a Mexican, who were arrested to test the law.

In the decision the court held that as far as Kotta is concerned the law was in violation of the 14th amendment, which provides that there shall be no discrimination in taxing residents of the United States. Touching on the case of the Japanese, it said: "In view of the provisions of the existing treaty between the United States and Japan the alien poll tax is ineffective for any purpose with relation to any citizen of Japan."

Law Enacted in 1920.

The California law, imposing an annual poll tax of \$10 on all alien male residents of the state between the ages of 21 and 60, was passed by the 1921 legislature in response to a constitutional amendment adopted by the people in November, 1920, by a vote of 103,160 to 27,311.

Only paupers, idiots and insane persons were exempted from payment of the tax, the proceeds of which were to go to the school funds of the school districts where the aliens reside.

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