BRITISH OPPRESSION IN INDIA CRITICISED

Natives Declared Held Under Brutal System.

HOPE INCITED BY LEADER

"Labor of Love" of Mahatma Ganshi Said by Speaker to Be Having Its Effect in Country.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—British rule in India was criticised today in an address before the National Popular Government league by Syud Possain, one of the three representatives of that country who presented her claims at Versailles, as the cause of widespread suffering in India and as being apparently designed solely to transfer Indian wealth to Great Britain.

He expressed the opinion that it was futile to hold such a conclave as the arms conference when British militarism "is holding under its heel one-fifth of the people of the world by a brutal and sordid system."

Leader Invites Hope.

A great hope had come to India, he said, through the appearance and "labor of love" of the Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the movement for peaceful non-co-operation throughout India.

"India, one of the wealthiest countries in the world, is today a pauperized and bankrupt country," he declared.

"There are millions who do not get one square meal a day. Sixty millions live from day to day by eating a handful of boiled rice in the morning before going out into the fields, and by drinking in the evening the water in which the rice has been boiled.

Famines Held Chronic.

"So weakened are our people that you can almost count their ribs as you see them from the train windows working in the fields. Famines are so chronic that no longer do we protest. Everybody is despondent and simply waiting for the blight to pass in some way or another. The country and everything that it has has gone for the maintenance of this parasite English administration, which is sucking the life blood of India like some enormous vampire."

The British are applying nearly 50 per cent of the Indian national revenue for the upkeep of the English army of occupation, he said, adding that "hundreds, yes, thousands, of our most beautiful young souls—men of the finest education—are rotting in English jails for no other crime than the love of their native land."

"We cannot have peace in the world until Great Britain scraps her imperialistic military policy," he said.

ROUND TABLE IN PROSPECT

Interest in India Aroused—Truce Must Be Preliminary.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—Much interest has been aroused by announcement that as the result of a suggestion a representative deputation will visit the viceroy with a view to arranging a round table conference to deal with the non-co-operation movement. The viceroy will receive such a deputation December 21, but that a truce must be a preliminary.

AHMADABAD, India, Dec. 20.—(By the Associated Press.) — Mahatma Landhi, non-co-operationist leader, said today that he welcomed the proposed round table conference with the viceroy. He added, however, that he was skeptical about its success unless the government changed its attitude regarding what he characterized as the "fundamental grievance which caused the crisis."

Leader in Rebellion Arrested.

CALCUTTA, India, Dec. 21.—C. Thangal, one of the principal leaders in the Moplah rebellion, has been arrested. It is believed his arrest will break the backbone of the rebellion.

MAYOR BAKER PROTESTS

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vision for the day and first night relief. The 37 men who will go if the system is adpoted for reorganization on January 1 follow:

Six traffic patrolmen—G. H. Johnson, E. Cameron, Tauscher, Brewer, Babcock and Thurber.

One inspector—Persinger.

Twenty-seven regular relief patrolmen—First night (14): White, Ballard, T. J. Moloney, Vanderwal, Harper, C. L. Chamberlin, G. W. Wells, Meacham, A. B. Case, Turlay, Willard, Barber, Foote, Davison; second night (13), C. L. Anderson, C. N. Anderson, G. H. Schulze, McCormick, S. D. Clark, Timm, Blanchard, C. L. Miller, Hardin, Cabler, Paycer, A. Gump and Morriss.

Two patrolmen in St. Johns—Longstaff and M. T. Fleming.

One patrolman on moral squad—Kniskern.

In addition, two lieutenants, two operatives of the women's protective division and one engineer of the harbor patrol would be dropped and the salary of one captain in a vacancy that had not been filled would be diverted to make up the amount taken from the budget.

After the meeting Mayor Baker made clear his stand with the following statement:

"I am at a loss to understand how a group of men could figure any economy in cutting the city's police protection at a time like this. With a vicious wave of crime sweeping the country, with bootlegging and the narcotic traffic on the increase, with vice mocking at the law from every nook and corner and with the I. W. W. element bending every effort to stir up disorder and strife as a result of unemployment conditions, it looks to me like the most foolish sort of false economy to cut the heart out of the police force. Practically every other city is building up its force.

"The city council and this office have stood by during these times of tax conservation talk and raised no voice of objection, figuring that if any group of citizens could lessen the tax burden of the city of Portland more than we have been able to do, we were in favor of it, but we did not figure that any such step as this would be taken. By the action of the tax conservation commission the average taxpayer will save from 25 cents to 50 cents on his tax bill for a whole year at the cost of throwing the city wide open to the criminal element. It does not sound like good business to me. But by the action of the state legislature and other elements that do not know Portland's needs and conditions this tax conservation commission was created and appointed with absolute authority to do as it pleases with local affairs.

"We have no appeal from the commission's decision, and at present are forced to disrupt our police protection. There is nothing else we can do, as the tax conservation commission has acted and cannot back up. It has full authority and we have full responsibility. It appeals to me as a preposterous state of affairs.

"The recommendation of the tax commission was that we install the 'booth system,' which calls for motorcycle patrolmen in booths in various parts of the city. This is a theoretical system and may or may not work. To install such a system would require a vast outlay of money. Instead of allowing us money enough to install the system recommended, the commission cuts our appropriation to such an extent that we are forced to cut out no fewer than 40 men from our present undermanned force in order to come within the amount allowed for operation next year, leaving nothing whatever to use in installing the booth system.

"To install the booth system would require the cutting out of an additional 40 men, or 80 in all. To do this would mean that we would have to discontinue absolutely all special work, such as traffic work, narcotic and bootlegging operations, vice work, etc. To drop the 40 men that we have to let out will disrupt the police service. To drop still another 40 men to permit installation of the booth system would mean more than disruption. Men now working on these special details bring revenue to the city through the police court of about $100,000 a year. Such a proposition would be penny wise and pound foolish.

Ex-Service Men To Go.

"To make the cut in force that we are now forced to make means that a large part of the new blood of the department has to be dropped. Under civil service rules we must drop the last men appointed, which at this particular time means the ex-service men of the department, they having been added to the force since the war, as older men have dropped out or as discharges have been made. Of the 40 men we must drop, practically all are ex-service men, who through army training and experience have become very valuable men.

"There is but one way out that I can see and that is to organize a local vigilance committee to meet emergencies. These men cannot combat the narcotic and bootlegging traffic to any marked extent, but they can be used probably to good effect in some lines of work.

"The situation forced upon us with no appeal on our part and with no way out at this time astounds me. I cannot believe that the people of this city favor disrupting their protection from criminals merely for the sake of saving a few cents in taxes."

"VAMPS" TO BE WATCHED

CHICAGO WIVES ASKED TO NOTIFY COURT.

Woman Kisses Man and Lures Him Away; Prison Terms or Fines to Be Penalty.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Chicago wives are asked to notify the court of domestic relations if there is a "vamp" hanging around their doorstep trying to steal their husbands.

All those reporting to Judge Adams may have the satisfaction of seeing their rivals sent to prison or fined, the court announced.

Judge Adams announced his intentions after hearing a case in which Mrs. Emma Muelhauser, 45, is alleged to have "vamped" Frank Victinhoff, 54, from his wife of 23 years. Victinhoff is a grandfather.

Witnesses told how Mrs. Buelhauser kissed him on the street, under arc lights and anywhere convenient—secrecy no object. Ater threatening to send Mrs. Muelhauser to jail for a year if she so much as spoke to Victinhoff, the court said:

"There is no female so low as a home-wrecker. I am going to bring every affinity and home-wrecker reported to me into this court on subpenas. When they get here, if they aren't willing to listen to a little common sense and stop their home-wrecking, I am either going to fine them or send them to jail."

WEALTHY WOMAN HELD

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both Deputy District Attorney Mowry and representatives of the department store for a dismissal of the charge, but both insisted that she be prosecuted on equal terms with those less richly endowed who have been penalized recently for shoplifting.

Mr. McCulloch then asked for, and received, a continuance of further action in the case until 2 o'clock this afternoon. Judge Rossman released Mrs. Weatherwax on her own recognizance with the understanding with Mr. McCulloch that she would make her appearance today. The attorney told the court he desired to get into communication with friends and relatives of the woman before further steps should be taken.

Mrs. Weatherwax gave her Portland address as 204 St. Clair street. Her home, she said, is Burlingame, a fashionable suburb of San Francisco. The family formerly lived in Aberdeen, Wash.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Clifford M. Weatherwax and Mrs. Weatherwax are wealthy residents of Burlingame, fashionable suburb, south of San Francisco, and Mr. Weatherwax is identified with a large import and export house here.

He said tonight that the arrest of Mrs. Weatherwax in Portland today was "absurd" and that he was confident some other person was guilty of the offense, larceny of a pair of gloves, with which she was charged.

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DAIL'S DECISION EXPECTED TODAY

Miss MacSwiney Hints at Revolt if Pact Is Adopted.

SIGNERS DEFEND TREATY

Several References Are Made to Plebiscite to Decide on Free State Plan.

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praised its possibilities they agreed in strongly recommending the Dail to ratify. Duffy corroborated Robert C. Barton, who made the charge in his speech Monday, that signature was compelled by a threat of immediate war. Duggan dinied coercion.

Miss MacSwiney spoke passionately for a republic, denying that the idea of a republic was dead.

She asked for a plebiscite of the women on the question of a republic, saying that the women and children would continue to stand for it, even if the men turned their backs on it. She attacked Premier Lloyd George, the treaty and the press, including the American press, which, she said, was unfair to the republican cause. She bitterly resented the action of a number of the supporters of the treaty, who filed out of the room when she began to speak.

Mr. Duffy declared he recommended ratification reluctantly, because he argued that the signatures of the Irish delegates had been forced under duress. Mr. Duggan, on the other hand, warmly denied that he had been co-erced into affixing his signature, declaring:

"If the Irish people cannot achieve freedom under this treaty it will be the fault of the people and not of the treaty."

Pact Is Defended.

He declared the pact represented the fruits of the sacrifices of all who had died for Ireland.

"Every man and woman here," he continued, "is entitled to go out and die for Ireland. But none is entitled to send the Irish people to death."

At the afternoon session, William Cosgrave, minister of the local government, supported the treaty.

England has 30,000 troops in Ireland and extracted from Ireland £420,000,000 yearly. Ireland had worse than a foreign judiciary—she had a venal judiciary, venal professions and classes aping English ways. This treaty changed all that.

Mr. Cosgrave was loudly applauded, but was interrupted by Erskine Childers, who asserted that Ireland could not get Canadian powers. Mr. Cosgrave proceeded to dissect Mr. Childers' speech and his interpretation of the treaty, especially as regarded British control of Irish ports. The treaty has accomplished more than the Irish leaders had hoped for from Emmet to Parnell and Redmond with an united country behind them.

Objects Are Outlined.

The original basis of the Sinn Fein movement he said, was the restoration of Grattan's constitution of kings, lords and commons of Ireland; therefore the deputies then in the movement and now opposing the treaty must have been royal republicans. He asked if the members admit that the country had the right to decide.

There were loud cries of "yes."

Mr. Cosgrave said that some objected to a governor-general, but now a governor-general did not excite much terror even though backed by motor lorries and tanks, and he did not believe that any member cared in his heart for a governor-general.

He would deeply regret the loss of Mr. de Valera if the treaty were accepted and he stayed out; he also regretted the loss of the minister of defense but he knew that except for war the minister of defense was not worth anything, though they well knew how good he was for war.

Miss MacSwiney Speaks.

Mary MacSwiney, quoted Winston Spencer Churchill as evidence of British control of Ireland under the treaty. She described Premier Lloyd George as "an unscrupulous scoundrel," whose word no European minister would accept; yet Ireland was asked to accept it.

This treaty, she declared, represented Griffith, who had never believed in a republic. She had been a teacher and would teach that the treaty was an act of treachery. England would not kill the Irish agitation against that nation in every country by this instrument and Irish enemies would still undermine England's attempts at friendship with America.

She declared that the worst thing that could happen in Ireland was a split, and a split was inevitable, since they could not abandon a principle. People had accepted this treaty because they said what was good enough for Mick Collins was good enough for them.

Speech Last Hour.

"If Mick Collins went to hell in the morning, would you follow him?"

Loud cries of "yes."

After speaking for more than an hour she complained that members were looking at their watches, but she pointed out that this might be the last occasion she could speak until the republic was established. England could not win the battle, and she was willing to leave the issue of this treaty or war to the women's vote.

She denied that the alternative was war. She said she had a cablegram from America protesting against even the first dispatches concerning the Dail in the American press as utterly unfair. She condemned Desmond Fitzgerald, minister of propaganda, for not countering in London the propaganda of the British press during the conference.

Even if Mr. Griffith got a majority in the country for the treaty, she predicted that nearly half the population would be rebels to his government and she added:

"The Irish army is still republican at heart."

Another member who opposed the treaty was Peter J. Ruttledge. It was, he said, like the act of union, obtained by force.

KIDNAPED MEN ARE RESCUED

6 Reported Killed in Fight Between Police and Sinn Fein.

BELFAST, Dec. 21.—Fifteen men who were taken from their beds Tuesday night in the Limavady district of County Derry by alleged Sinn Feiners and made to tramp 15 miles through the mountains across the Derry border, were rescued by a detachment of the special constabulary after a spirited fight today.

The constabulary at dawn observed the men coming out of Hibernian hall at the foot of the Sperrin mountains and gave pursuit. The captured men escaped and their captors opened fire, to which the constabulary replied. After two miles' chase five of the alleged Sinn Feiners were seized near a chapel, in which was found bombs, other explosives and trenching tools.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Exchange Telegraph's account of the fight between the constabulary and Sinn Feiners in County Tyrone says that six republicans were reported killed and 20 wounded.

Lloyd George Contradicted.

BELFAST, Dec. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—"I stand by everything I said," declared Robert C. Barton today when shown the semi-official statement issued in London denying that Premier Lloyd George had coerced the Irish plenipotentiaries through a threat of war, as stated by Mr. Barton in the Dail Eireann. Mr. Barton was a member of the Sinn Fein delegation which signed the treaty.

COLD SNAP IS CONTINUED

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train at Bray, just south of Klamath Falls. This morning the local passenger train was equipped with a small snow plow, which the train crew felt would be ample to cope with the snow in the Siskiyous.

Astoria Has Warmer Day.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The shortest day of the year brought milder weather in the lower Columbia river district while there was a light east wind, the sun shone brightly all day and the mercury jumped up several degrees. Tonight, however, the temperature is below freezing, the barometer, which registered 29.55, had a downward tendency and this has given a hope that southerly winds will follow.

Storm Rages in Wasco.

WASCO, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—One of the worst storms in years has been raging here the last 48 hours. The thermometer has stood at 8 above zero. A strong east wind blew. There is about four inches of snow, which is drifting. Shaniko branch train was two hours late yesterday morning. Two engines bucked the drifts.

Boy Accidentally Kills Self.

MARTINEZ, Cal., Dec. 21.—George Granelli, 11, a schoolboy, accidentally shot and killed himself today while hunting ducks with three young companions at the mouth of the Sacramento river. It was three hours before his companions could summon medical assistance.

12th Trinity Rector Inducted.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Rev. Caleb Rochford Stetson, formerly rector of St. Mark's church, Washington, today was inducted into office as the 12th rector of Trinity church, the time-blackened Episcopal edifice at the head of Wall street.

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IMPORTERS ACCUSED OF FIGHTING TARIFF

Chairman Fordney Sees Plot Against Valuation Plan.

PROFITEERING IS CITED

Merchants Who Bring In Foreign Goods Declared in Combine to Defeat Legislation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—Charges that importers, through misleading propaganda, were attempting to "delay or defeat" tariff legislation, and to accomplish this end were centering an attack on the American valuation plan, were made today in the house by Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee, who declared that American valuation was the "logical solution of the present-day economic conditions."

"Opposition to the pending tariff measure is readily traced," asserted Mr. Fordney, "not to the American producer, not to the man who deals chiefly in American-made products, but to the man who produces abroad and the man whose chief interest is in bringing the product of cheap foreign labor to the American market."

Department Store Involved.

Mr. Fordney declared he had "discovered" that the "department store that is leading the fight against American valuation," and is "one of America's largest importing establishments," retailed at $5 each knives bought in Germany at 3 cents.

Tremendous profits also are made on a variety of other articles imported from countries where production costs are low, said Mr. Fordney.

"Congress is endeavoring to write a tariff law and the declared object is 'to protect American industries,'" said Mr. Fordney, advocating haste in passage of the tariff bill now in the senate.

Valuation Plan Attacked.

Replying to Chairman Fordney, Representative Oldfield, democrat, Arkansas, member of the house ways and means committee, declared that the proposed import duty on hundreds of articles under the American valuation plan would be prohibitive.

"The American people," he said, "do not want a prohibitive tariff; no one does except those who would be specially benefited. I had not thought until recently that the republicans would be so foolish as to place the American valuation plan in our tariff law."

Mr. Oldfield's remarks precipitated a lively debate with Mr. Fordney, Representative Mann, republican, Illinois; Tincher, republican, Kansas, and others participating.

LIQUOR IS IN DEMAND

Public Wants "Medicine" as Holiday Season Approaches.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—With the approach of the holiday season there has come to the federal district prohibition office a deluge of applications for liquor, all for "medicinal purposes."

"There is going to be a thundering lot of 'medicine' consumed in the next few days," Tom Brown, assistant prohibition director, said today. "There must be a big epidemic somewhere but we haven't located it."

BROKER'S PERMIT TAKEN

California Acts on Complaint Made by Widow Who Lost $2200.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Don C. Aldridge, mining broker and member of the San Francisco mining stock exchange, was deprived of his license as a broker today by E. C. Bellows, state corporation commissioner, for alleged objectionable practices in connection with the marketing of Silver Hills mining stock of Nevada. Bellows announced that the revocation of Aldridge's licenses does not affect his seat on the exchange.

Aldridge was charged by Bellows with having made a profit of approximately $102,000 from the sale of $271,000 of the Silver Hills stock. The complainant against Aldridge was a widow who charged that she lost $2200, her entire savings, by buying stock on Aldridge's representations.

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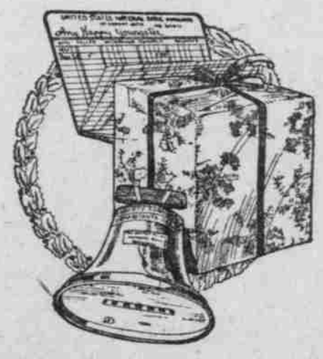

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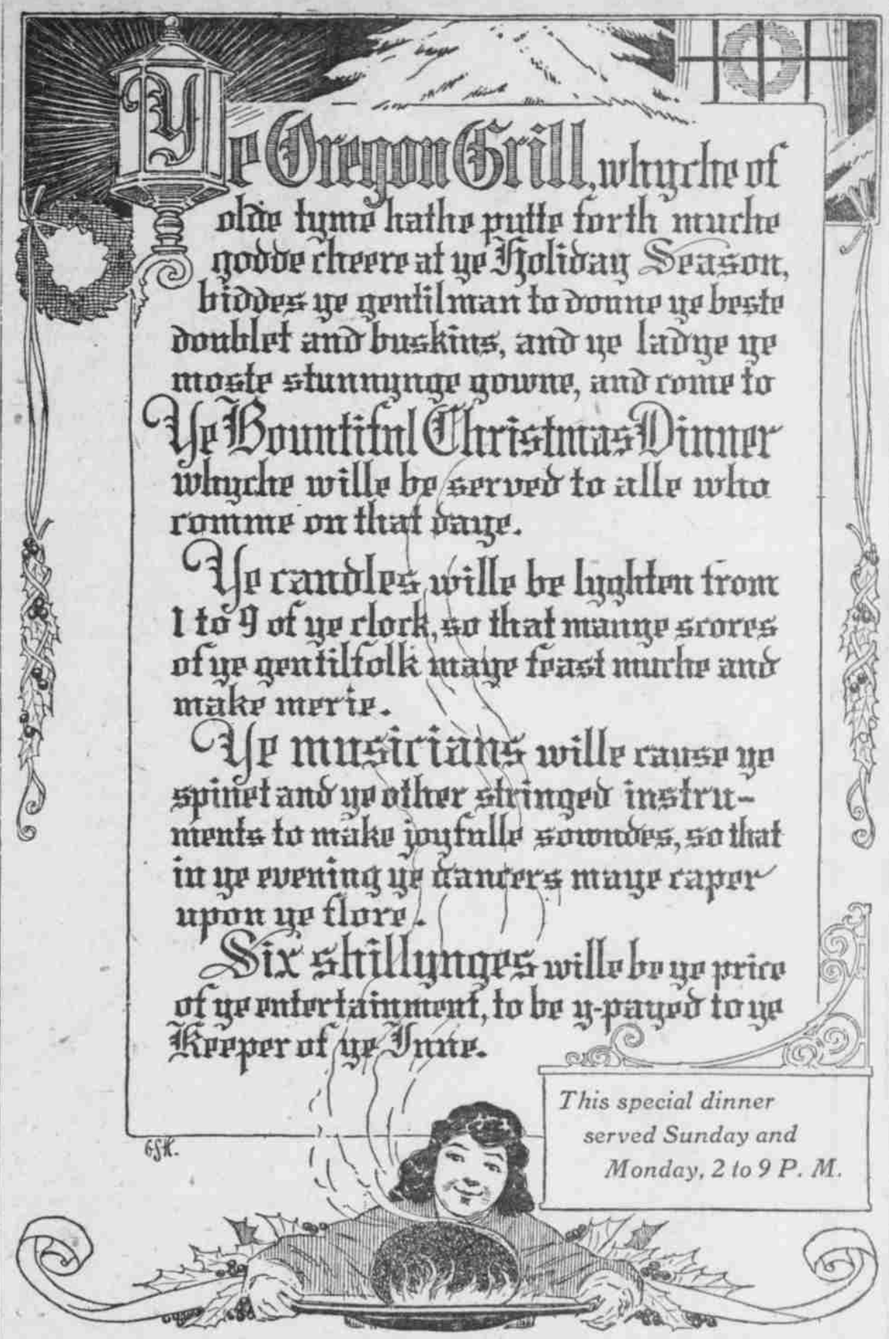

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