

SINN FEIN EXPOSED AS GERMAN ALLY

Teuton's Efforts to Foment
Revolution in Ireland
Are Laid Bare.

Irish Dupes of Bernstorff and
Zimmermann.

AMERICAN PRIEST INVOLVED

Father John T. Nicholson Revealed
as Accomplice of Roger Case-
ment in Attempt to Corrupt
Prisoners of War.

LONDON, May 25.—Germany's untiring efforts to foment revolution in Ireland with the aid of the Sinn Fein are laid bare in a statement from the official press bureau, reviewing this phase of the Irish political situation since the beginning of the war.

After the abortive rebellion of Easter week, 1916, plans were made for a revolt in 1917, but this miscarried because of America's entry into the war and Germany's inability to send troops to Ireland.

A rising in Ireland was planned for this year after the German offensive in the west had been successful and when Great Britain presumably would be stripped of troops.

U-Boat Bases Planned.
One phase of every plan called for the establishment of submarine bases in Ireland. In the present circumstances, it is added, no other course was open to the government, "if useless bloodshed was to be avoided and its duties to its allies fulfilled but to interfere the authors and abettors of this criminal intrigue."

Details of how Ambassador Bernstorff assisted in hatching the conspiracy in 1916 are given.

Activities in Two Series.
The statement from the press bureau follows:

"The revolutionary movement in Ireland, which culminated in the arrest of a considerable number of persons last week, consisted of two closely related series of activities:

"Attempts by the German government to foment rebellion in Ireland, and
"Preparations made in Ireland to carry these attempts into action."

"The story of the active connection between the leaders of the Sinn Fein movement and the Germans, as disclosed by documents in possession of the British government, falls into two parts—the period prior to and the period since the abortive Irish rebellion of Easter, 1916.

Aid Asked by Casement.
"The events of the first period can be told in some detail, but the second period, which concerns recent events, permits of no more than a summary."

"The story begins as early as November 6, 1914, when Herr Zimmermann transmitted through Count von Bernstorff a message from Sir Roger Casement (later executed), asking that a messenger, a native-born American, if possible, be sent to Ireland with word that everything was favorable. He was to carry no letter, for fear of arrest."

"Casement also asked that an Irish priest be sent to Germany with the assistance of the German Legation in Norway to work in prison camps to corrupt Irish prisoners of war."

Nicholson Goes to Germany.
"This priest was a certain Father John T. Nicholson, an American citizen of Irish birth. He reached Germany safely and we find him in January, 1915, transmitting messages to America."

WASHINGTON, May 25.—More evidence than that disclosed in a British official statement issued by the press bureau of the close connection between the Irish Sinn Fein and German influence is in the hands of the British and American governments, it was said officially today. Arrests are to be made soon in this country and possibly additional arrests in Ireland.

Many Under Surveillance.
A number of prominent Irish-Americans, including several heretofore known as Irish patriots, are under surveillance. In most cases, it was said, arrests will be made on technical charges of seditious utterances with most of the facts concealed until the trial.

Department of Justice officials today pointed to the disappearance of Jeremiah O'Leary, an Irish-American, former editor of the suppressed publication *Bull*, and organizer of the American Truth Society, on the eve last week of his trial on charges of publishing seditious matter, as a strong indication that O'Leary and others are informed of other charges which might be brought against them.

German Aliens Arrested.
Deputy United States Marshal Tichenor last night arrested four German alien enemies for violation of the President's proclamation restricting them to have permits to be within one-half mile of the Army. Three of the four men were found in the L. W. W. headquarters. They were Joe Koblitz, a member of the Sacramento L. W. W.; Christopher Neyer and H. Kritzler, F. probable interpreter.

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Warden Murphy Returns to Capital.

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Cor. Yet Will Be Sent—Work of

State Police Declared Good.

SALEM, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—The chase for Jeff Baldwin has settled down to a game of the cat at the rat-hole, and the manhunters are waiting for Jeff to make the next move. The headquarters of the pursuit again has been transferred to Salem, and instructions have gone out to send in all reports as to progress directly to Warden Murphy. While Major Delch has gone back into Portland, a few state policemen are still on the job, with others in readiness to be sent to any place in the state on instant notice.

Warden Murphy is highly pleased with the work of the state police in the chase, and while circumstances have militated against their bagging the first man they were sent for, nevertheless he declares their work has even exceeded his expectations and he is full of compliments for the manner in which they took the difficult trails which led them out of civilization.

In addition to this, the moral effect which the entrance of the state police

into the game has had on the inmates of the penitentiary is another big feature gratifying to Warden Murphy. He points out that every man in the prison is aware that 200 well-equipped, well-trained officers are ready to answer when called, and it is realized that they have the power of the state and the Government behind them. If any such thing as a general break ever had been contemplated, it is the belief that this will completely quell the thought, and even escapes by individual convicts will be thought over twice before attempted, he says.

Major Delch also expressed himself as pleased with the experience which the chase has offered to his men and he declares that they have proved to be no disappointment in action.

"I have some fine specimens of human beings in the State Police," declared Major Delch, "and the manner in which the men took up their first trail is gratifying."

LEBANON REPORTS SUSPECT

Warden Murphy's Men Following

Clew in Eastern Linn County.

ALBANY, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—Several Lebanon men believe that Jeff Baldwin, much hunted escaped convict from the Oregon Prison, was in that city Thursday night and is now making his way eastward from Lebanon, apparently trying to cross the mountains by the old Willamette Valley and Cascade Mountain wagon road. Different people who saw the suspect are positive it was Baldwin.

Late Thursday night a man answering Baldwin's description went into a Lebanon restaurant and ate a meal. Because it was thought Baldwin was in the Coast mountains the matter was not reported at once, but word was sent the sheriff's office here yesterday. Deputy Sheriff Frum went to Lebanon last night and showed a picture of Baldwin to the men who had seen the suspect and they are positive it was Baldwin.

Efforts were made today to trace the suspect and it was learned he had been seen near Waterloo going toward Sweet Home. The matter was reported to Warden Murphy and men are on their way to try and follow up the suspected of being the wanted convict.

Some officers assert the man being sought in Lincoln County has never been identified as Baldwin and they believe the convict is really working his way eastward from Lebanon. Following his plan on his former escape, Baldwin may have been hiding for several days before trying to make much progress. That he fled toward the hills near Silverton and then began working his way along the Woodburn Oak Ridge branch of the Southern Pacific is the theory advanced.

BLOW AT LABOR DENIED

SECRETARY OF WAR BAKER IS-

SUES REASSURING STATEMENT.

Crowder's "Work or Fight" Edict Not

Promulgated With Intent to

Disturb Conditions.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Formal denial that Provost-Marshal-General Crowder's "work or fight" regulations were promulgated with intent to affect labor conditions was made today by Secretary Baker.

They are purely military measures, the Secretary said, designed to mold the military mind of the citizen in the way of deferred classification in the draft now granted some registrants and are not intended as an indirect conscription of labor.

The Secretary's statement follows: "I want to say in the most positive manner that this regulation has nothing to do with labor. The sole purpose is to guide exemption boards in their duty to supply the provisions of the law affecting occupation as the reason for exemption and deferred classification."

Replying to a question as to how the regulations would affect workmen of draft age who strike, Mr. Baker said

that, while the regulations were silent on that subject, it was not the War Department's intention to affect the labor situation in any way through this indirect method.

He added that the whole question of the relation of the Government to labor was under the administration of the Labor Department, and that the War Department had no intention of intervening.

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SOLDIER WOULD PREFER TRENCHES TO TRAIN- ING OTHERS.



Sergeant Gilbert O. Russell.

In a letter to his mother, Mrs. R. C. Russell, 1822 Siskiyou street, Sergeant Gilbert O. Russell, of the 11th Company, 1st Training Battalion, 162d Depot Brigade, Camp Pike, Arkansas, says he and others of the regular Army regiments who were selected to train troops have put in their time instructing negroes in the art of war. A French officer told him recently that the depot brigade is the "cream" of the Army, as the best men have to be assigned there to insure proper training for the new comers. "I don't like being the 'cream,'" he writes, "when the common old skinned milk will get all the credit of winning the war."



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