SENTRIES GUARD PARLIAMENT; FEAR PLOT TO BOMB IT

London, Nov. 30.—(U. P.)—British officialdom moved today in fear of a second Guy Fawkes plot to blow up the houses of parliament.

While government offices functioned as usual, the work was transacted behind a screen of guards and only in the presence of persons who had proven their identity and their loyalty to the government.

In the houses of parliament many plain clothes men circulated with the crowds. They were expert marksmen, ready for action. These sentries occupied every point of vantage in all government buildings, but particularly the houses of parliament. They were ordered to shoot to kill if any emergency arose.

Members of parliament known to lean toward the Sinn Fein were warned by outsiders to remain away from the buildings. This was taken by many to mean that a Guy Fawkes plot was hatching, its instigators desiring to save their friends.

The warning was disregarded by all the Sinn Fein sympathizers. They took part in the sessions as usual, and without a sign of nervousness.

The Liverpool fires and the threat of incendiarism in London was reflected today in a great rush for fire insurance. Lloyds reported an unprecedented demand for policies.

Although no fires of consequence occurred last night, the guard here was strengthened and additional squads went on duty in Liverpool, Southampton and other ports. For some reason it was believed plotters were especially anxious to cripple British shipping. A strong guard was organized in Glasgow, also.

An incendiary bomb in the warehouse district here last night caused trifling damage.

CORK'S $1,000,000 CITY HALL IS DESTROYED BY FIREBUGS

Cork, Nov. 30.—(I. N. S.)—The city hall was completely destroyed by fire today. The damage is estimated at $1,000,000. The first attempt to fire the building was unsuccessful, but the torch was applied a second time.

Black and Tan policemen were active all night and during the early hours today there was firing and bomb explosions. Many houses and shops were damaged and there was much looting.

Part of the population became terror-stricken and fled from the city.

The incendiary damage at Cork during the past week, including the loss from the destruction of the city hall, is estimated at $5,000,000.

REPRISALS RESULT IN BURNING OF DUBLIN HOMES

Dublin, Nov. 30.—(U. P.)—Smouldering ruins in the neighborhood of Macroom today marked funeral rites of 16 policemen, murdered in ambush last Sunday night.

Immediate reprisals on the population resulted in the burning of cottages, creameries and other buildings.

Word here was that Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, does not propose to check the police too severely in punishing Sinn Feiners for the ambushcade.

Reports of the ambush today said that from 80 to 100 men securely hidden poured a solid leaden fire into the lorries.

The roundup of Sinn Fein leaders continued uninterrupted today. Activity here was marked last night by raids on the newspapers as well as the Sinn Fein bank.

The Freeman's Journal was reported to have been fired after uniformed men searched the editorial rooms. Much damage was done to the Irish Times building, where the staff was surprised by soldiers.

Three Men Rob Woman

Chehalis, Wash., Nov. 30.—Three men entered the rooming house over the Pantorium Dye works Sunday night and held up the landlady, Miss L. Burgan, taking $12 she had concealed on her person.

Mrs. J. L. Hamon Seeks Vindication Of Slain Husband

Ardmore, Okla., Nov. 30.—(U. P.)—Public vindication of her husband will be sought by Mrs. Jake L. Haman, wife of the Republican national committeeman and millionaire oil king, who died from a bullet wound here Friday, according to the widow's plans today.

Mrs. Hamon, indorsed as a candidate to succeed her husband as the Republican national committeeman from Oklahoma at an informal meeting of Republicans who attended Hamon's funeral yesterday, has declared her willingness to make the run. Her selection, she believes, would be a repudiation of the charge that her husband had been slain by his former girl secretary, Mrs. Clara Smith Hamon, wife of Hamon's nephew.

The whereabouts of the accused woman continued a mystery today. A tip that she was getting her mail at Post Falls, Idaho, east of Spokane, Wash., was investigated by officials.

Prominent Seattle Hotel Held Nuisance

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 30.—(I. N. S.)—charging that the Butler Hotel company, operating one of Seattle's most prominent commercial hotels, has been guilty of maintaining a common nuisance by selling liquor, abatement proceeding have been brought by the federal district attorney here, and a preliminary hearing is scheduled before a United States commissioner this afternoon.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN MID-WEST SHOWS STEADY INCREASE

By J. L. O'Sullivan

Chicago, Nov. 30.—(U. P.)—Unemployment has increased steadily in the mid-west during the last month, while the volume of business has declined, the Seventh Federal Reserve bank of Chicago reported today in a survey of conditions in Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri and portions of Kansas and Nebraska.

While men are more plentiful than jobs, the report stated that the amount of idleness is no greater at the present time than at this period during the winter of 1914.

Ten per cent of the men employed in the steel plants have been thrown into idleness, the report found.

"The labor scarcity in the steel districts of a few months ago has vanished," the report said, "and men are at the gates seeking employment every morning."

50 PER CENT UNEMPLOYED

Those engaged in building lines estimate that 50 per cent of the men are out of work.

"Workmen who were attracted to the industrial centers in the allocation of labor are now returning to their former homes," the report stated; "but so far the return flow has not relieved the situation on farms, where wages approximating wartime figures are being paid corn-huskers."

"Speaking generally," the statement said, "wages have not been changed materially. Here and there concessions have been made in order that total unemployment may be avoided."

Te report emphasized that the letdown in business activity in the mid-West appeared to be less than is being experienced in the East.

UNCERTAINTY APPARENT

Discussing business conditions in the Seventh district's territory, the survey declared "Uncertainty almost completely dominates business calculations. Distinctly uneven declines in individual prices are factors in retarding business activities."

The recession in prices which has "already manifested itself in foodstuffs and textiles, is reported extending to other commodities heretofore unaffected," the survey found, "but there are industries which have experienced little, if any, readjustments."

Other findings were:

Few people are buying automobiles; and, with the exception of some of the larger manufacturers, automobile plants are either closed or operating on such a small scale that their production is less than 20 per cent normal.

MANY ORDERS CANCELED

In nearly every section stores are attempting to liquidate their stock through special sales, and the buying is from "hand to mouth."

Cancellation of orders has been large in all lines of merchandise.

Manufacturers report liquidation of debts is "very slow."

Mail order house business shows considerable decrease.

Farmers are withholding their grains from the market, due to the readjustment of market values. Forty per cent of last year's wheat crop is still in the farmers' hands.

Cattle loan companies are facing the problem of financing the winter's needs of producers, and the local banks are still carrying some of last winter's advances, as shrinkages in market values have wiped out a great many equities.