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## IRISH LEADER ASKS LIBERTY FOR COUNTRY

President De Valera Issues Appeal to American People—English Military Despotism Responsible for Irish Ills—Outrage Every Principle for Which America Stands.

NEW YORK, June 24.—Eamonn De Valera, "president of the Irish republic," expects no trouble with the American government over his appearance here.

"When I came here," he said, "I had all the intention of observing the laws of a government of the people, by the people and for the people."

This statement was made when newspaper dispatches quoting Washington officials that he would have to observe the laws of the country in making his appeal for the Irish republic, was called to his attention.

In a formal statement, Mr. De Valera said:

"The Irish desire the closest possible political and commercial relations with the people of America. I have come here at the request of the elected government of the Irish people to endeavor to establish those relations."

"My presence here also cannot fail to remind the people of America that in Ireland there is set up a government elected by the democratic and peaceful machinery of the ballot, answerable to the will of the Irish people, but kept in suppression and prevented from functioning by the armed violence of England. It cannot fail to remind them that in their nearest neighbor in Europe, already only sixteen hours distant, there is established an autocratic military despotism which outrages every principle for which America entered the recent war and that in a document which the people of America are to be asked to set the seal of their approval it is now proposed to maintain this despotism in perpetuity."

"While here I shall endeavor, insofar as I may do so within my laws to call the attention of the people of America irrespective of party or division to these facts."

## MISSING SEATTLE GIRL FOUND, IS HELD AS THIEF

SPOKANE, Wash., June 23.—Identification of Lillian Davis, held here on shoplifting charges, as Miss Sebil Smith, daughter of George D. Smith, of Seattle and missing from home since March 28, last, was announced today by local police.

A photograph of Miss Smith, sent out by her father, was recognized as that of the girl held in jail here since about a month after that date, when she was arrested charged with stealing a fur coat from a local store. She was acquitted of grand larceny in connection with this charge, but two other charges are still pending.

According to a letter from Chief of Police Joel Warren of Seattle, Miss Smith disappeared a week after her mother's death and her father's efforts to locate her had been unsuccessful. He stated that she never had fully recovered from an illness which left her in a weakened condition.

Chief Warren said the girl has a wealthy aunt in California who is willing to provide for her care, and he asked the local authorities to arrange for her release.

## OLCOTT OPENS HOTEL MEN'S CONVENTION

PORTLAND, June 24.—With about 150 delegates present, the Greeters of America opened their annual national convention here today. Further accessions to the delegations were expected with the arrival of trains later today.

Charles D. Schriener, president of the Oregon Greeters and president of the national body, opened the convention. Governor Ben W. Olcott and Mayor George L. Baker gave welcoming addresses. A credentials committee was appointed consisting of Louis Lucas of Seattle; Harry M. Eastman of Chicago; and J. Y. Bedell, after which the convention began an informal "get acquainted" session.

## FRANCE FEARS HUNS MAY ALSO SCUTTLE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

PARIS, June 24.—Some criticism is directed at the British admiralty, the Journal saying: "No article in the armistice forbade the maintenance of British guards aboard the German ships."

"Germany," says L'Action Francaise, "may one day, if we are not careful, scuttle the League of Nations as she scuttled the fleet. Premier Lloyd George and Sir Robert Cecil will be just as much responsible that day as are now the authorities at Scapa Flow."

It is likely that the whole subject will come up for discussion in parliament.

## GOVERNOR OLCOTT TO INVESTIGATE WAVERLY HOME

PORTLAND, June 24.—An official and searching inquiry under direction of Governor Ben W. Olcott and Mayor George L. Baker of Portland, into charges made against the management of the Waverly baby home, in connection with a recent epidemic within the institution, was today requested by the heads of four leading civic organizations of Portland—the Portland Ad club, the Progressive Business Men's club, Oregon Civic League and the Rotary club.

The investigation which is requested results from an epidemic which caused the death of 14 babies. Charges of mismanagement, malnutrition and unsanitary conditions were made by investigators of the Women's Protective bureau of the police department and by an independent investigator.

Immediately following the publication of these allegations directors of the Waverly baby home announced that an official investigation was desired.

## VILLA FORCES DEFEATED BY FEDERAL ARMY

EL PASO, Tex., June 24.—Sixty-three Villa rebels were killed and many more wounded Saturday in a fight between federal troops and Villa forces for possession of Villa Ahumada, according to an official military dispatch given out here today.

According to the dispatch, General Quiroga, federal cavalry commander, attacked the Villa forces in Villa Ahumada Saturday afternoon. A fight which lasted three hours followed, with the federal cavalry charging the Villa positions inside the town. Finally the rebels were forced to retire, leaving their wounded in the town, according to the dispatch.

Quantities of ammunition and other war implements were captured. No estimate of the federal casualties was given.

Villa representatives here today asserted that the Villa forces killed 16 federal soldiers and track workmen sent out from Juarez yesterday to repair the Mexican Central railroad.

## PORTLAND OFFICER KILLED IN FRANCE

PORTLAND, June 24.—Word was received by letter today from France that Lieutenant Joseph Chester Miller, nearly 25 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred O. Miller of Portland, had been killed near Givres, France, by being run down by an engine while he was walking along a narrow gauge railroad track in the darkness.

The late officer was a graduate of the University of Oregon of the class of 1916. He began his military career as a private soldier in the old Third Oregon regiment. He did not attend a military school of officers' training camp, but worked his way up from the ranks, unaided. He was unmarried.

## PREMIER NITTI VERY FRIENDLY TO AMERICANS

New Italian Premier Wishes to Establish Close Relationship With U. S. A.—New Peace Delegation, However, Will Insist Upon Italian Rights in Adriatic.

ROME, Monday, June 23.—The new Italian delegation to the peace conference, it was announced tonight will leave here Wednesday and expects to arrive in Paris to sign the treaty of peace with Germany.

The delegation is composed of Foreign Minister Tittoni and three senators, Vittorio Scialoja, Guglielmo Marconi and Maggiorino Ferraris. Marquis Giorgio Guglielmi, a member of the chamber of deputies, will be secretary of the delegation.

ROME, June 24.—"Francesco Nitti the new Italian premier, is undoubtedly a statesman who is most friendly to America," said Guglielmo Marconi today in speaking of the new cabinet.

It is known that Signor Nitti wishes to establish close relations with America to bring about the reconstruction of Italy. The newspapers favorable to Baron Sonnino, former minister of foreign affairs, and the nationalist press, are unfavorable to the new cabinet, maintaining it is not particularly keen to uphold Italy's claims, but Tomaso Tittoni, the new foreign minister, who will be the first Italian delegate at Paris, has declared "a satisfactory peace for Italy must be such as will allow her to conclude equitable treaties, insure raw materials for her industries, protect her immigration and safeguard her position in the Adriatic and Mediterranean, besides giving her legitimate colonies."

Impartial political observers agree that the downfall of the Orlando ministry was due to Italy's disapproval of the handling of the nation's affairs at the peace conference.

"The new government must go to Paris with a firmer resolve to secure the ends for which Italy fought," said Captain Gabriele D'Annunzio, the Italian poet-aviator today. "Wee to it if it should return without having accomplished this mission. Italian claims on the Adriatic must be allowed."

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## FERGUS FALLS LOSS REACHES 3 MILLION

FERGUS FALLS, Minn., June 24.—Military authorities in charge of the tornado stricken area of this city have compiled a list of 48 known dead as a result of the cyclone Sunday. Officers estimate the total death list will be "not less than sixty."

"A careful survey of the city shows that the early estimate of a million and a half loss is too conservative, and that the actual loss is at least three million dollars. Forty per cent of the residence district is in ruins, and about the same per cent of the business district has been demolished."

## OREGON WILL WORK FOR RECLAMATION

SALEM, June 24.—Oregon will cooperate with eight other western states in a convention that may be called in the northwest at an early date for the purpose of bringing pressure to bear on congress to pass the Lane bill appropriating \$500,000,000 for reclamation in the west. A letter to the governor from S. E. Brady, president of the Idaho Reclamation Association today reached State Engineer Percy A. Cupper, who has replied that delegates will be sent from this state and co-operation given in any other helpful way. Co-operation also is asked from the states of New Mexico, Colorado, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, California, Montana and Utah.

## EXPECT TREATY SIGNED THURSDAY OR FRIDAY BLOCKADE TO BE RAISED

PARIS, June 24.—No word has been received from Weimar relative to the new German plenipotentiaries at Versailles. The date of the ceremony of signing the treaty has not as yet been fixed but the belief is gaining ground that it will occur Thursday or possibly Friday.

PARIS, June 24.—The supreme blockade council met today to decide on a date when the blockade of Germany should be lifted. One element it is understood, favors the day when the treaty is ratified, but it is believed the council will probably decide to lift the blockade with the signing of the treaty.

## NO SETTLEMENT OF WIRE STRIKE NOW IN SIGHT

Conferees in San Francisco Fail to Reach Agreement—Adjustment of Wages by Companies Not Satisfactory—Shipyards Pay Demanded—Walkout in Oregon Threatened.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 24.—After deliberating for two hours, the conferees were unable to arrive at any conclusion. It was announced by representatives of the strikers. They would make no statement as to what progress was made.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 24.—Representatives of the striking International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers went into conference today with executives of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company. Before the conference the former announced that the strikers would demand a final answer. They stated that the compromise terms offered yesterday by the company officials were unsatisfactory and that it would be necessary to make further concessions if the unions of Washington and Oregon were to be held in line.

Members of the northwestern unions were reported as becoming restless and are said to be demanding immediate satisfaction, according to the strike officials.

A group of club women who have endorsed the stand of the strikers were to confer with telephone company officials today to urge a quick cessation of the strike.

Union officials repeated today that a satisfactory basis must be reached quickly and the Washington and Oregon locals will be called out.

In the company's answer the demand for a beginner's wage of \$2 a day was granted the operators, but the \$4 minimum demanded for experienced operators was not granted. The linemen were given \$6. They demand the "shipyards wage" of \$6.40.

CHICAGO, June 24.—S. J. Konenkamp, international president of the Commercial Telegraphers' union of America, will leave for Washington tonight in connection with the strike situation which will be placed before Postmaster General Burleson by a committee appointed last night by the American Federation of Labor.

The committee includes John Walker of the mine workers, and W. E. Bryan of the leather workers. Konenkamp has asked E. J. Manion, president of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, and J. P. Noonan, of the electrical workers, to attend the conferences.

The railroad telegraphers are refusing to handle commercial business as a means of aiding the striking commercial telegraphers.

Pass Camp Site Bill. WASHINGTON, June 24.—Without a record vote the senate today approved a committee amendment to the annual army appropriation bill authorizing the war department to proceed with the purchase of camp sites, negotiations for which are under way.

Opposes Sale Merchant Fleet. WASHINGTON, June 24.—Opposition to the sale of the government's merchant fleet was expressed in a resolution introduced today by Senator Fletcher, democrat, Florida, who proposed to address the senate on the subject.

## FRENCH PEOPLE GO WILD OVER PEACE SIGNING

Paris Cannon Boom While Parisians Celebrate On Boulevards—Enthusiasm Surpasses That of Armistice—Lille and Other Towns Liberated From Hun Control Celebrate.

PARIS, June 23.—Celebrations over the German decision to sign the treaty of peace without reservations were nowhere more enthusiastic than at Lille and other cities and towns in territory wrested from the Germans.

Newspapers printed special editions, cheering crowds paraded the streets and the houses were decked with allied flags. At Toulon, Brest and other naval ports, warships announced the news to the people by firing salutes of 21 guns. In all the cities government buildings were illuminated.

High carnival reigned in the boulevards of Paris far into the night and scenes enacted at the time of the armistice were repeated and indeed intensified.

PARIS, June 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Long months of strain during the peace negotiations and weeks of doubt whether Germany would accept the conditions offered or would invite by her refusal of them a further invasion of her country ended late this afternoon when a note announcing Germany's unconditional acceptance was delivered to the supreme council of the conference.

The announcement during the early morning of the council's decision to refuse a further extension of time in which Germany might answer inaugurated a day of extreme tension. The first light came in a press dispatch from Weimar about noon, stating that Germany had decided to yield, but nothing was heard from Versailles until shortly after 3 o'clock when a telephone message announced the arrival of the German reply. The first definite announcement was made to American correspondents at Quai d'Orsay at 4:50 o'clock, it being stated that an affirmative reply had been delivered to Colonel Henry, liaison officer, who was bringing it to Paris by automobile.

Paris Guns Boom. It was not long after the reply had been received and opened before the supreme council that the guns began to boom from the forts around Paris, and rejoicing crowds began to stream through the streets, having been apprised by the sound of cannon that the Germans had accepted the allied terms.

Plans for the ceremony attending the signature of the treaty were considered by the supreme council today. It is known that President Wilson favors making it as simple as is consistent with the nature of the event, and the original plans for the conclusion of "the second peace of Versailles" have been materially modified at his suggestion.

Short Speeches Planned. The plenipotentiaries will be seated on a raised dais in the center of the vast hall of mirrors in the chateau of Versailles upon which will be installed a table upon which the treaty will be signed. The program does not contemplate any set addresses, but it is believed possible that both Premier Clemenceau and the leading German delegate may make short speeches. The delegations will come to the table when called upon by Secretary Dugas to affix their signatures opposite the seals which will prior to the event, be fixed to the instrument.

CHICAGO, June 24.—Samuel T. Hardy, A. L. Green, Jr., and Ralph H. Burdick have been chosen for the western tennis team which is to oppose the east in the annual sectional team championships of the country at Cincinnati July 10. It was announced today. They will be teammates of William M. Johnson, Axel Graven and Robert Kinsey, California stars. The pick of the east, expected to line up on the hard courts against the Chicago-California combination, includes W. T. Tilden, Jr., Philadelphia; Vincent Richards, Yonkers, N. Y.; Ichiji Kumagae, formerly of Japan and now of New York; S. H. Voshell, New York, and Wallace Johnson, Cynwyd, Penn.

## FAST AND WEST WILL FIGHT FOR HONORS ON THE TENNIS COURT

WASHINGTON, June 24.—Charges that selfish and sinister influences were at work in behalf of Secretary Lane's project for farms for soldiers and sailors caused a wrangle today in the house public lands committee.

Representative Nichols, republican, Michigan, declared that a soldier who appeared last week before the committee had been coached and sent forward by J. J. Harris of the Big Horn Investment company of Harding, Mont. Representative Ferris, democrat, Oklahoma, took vigorous exception to the charge, saying he himself had seen the soldier in the audience and invited him to speak.

Mr. Harris promised to appear tomorrow to testify. He told the committee had come to him for information about the bill and he had sent him to the committee.

## TOTAL CASUALTIES OF A.E.F., 289,016, WITH 33,754 KILLED ACTION

WASHINGTON, June 24.—Total casualties of the American expeditionary forces reported to date was announced today by the war department as 289,016, including:

Killed in action (including 381 lost at sea) 33,754.  
Died of wounds, 13,579.  
Died of disease, 23,396.  
Died from accidents and other causes, 4942.  
Total deaths 75,662.  
Wounded in action, 210,984.  
Missing in action (not including prisoners released or returned), 3379.

## 56 HOURS WEEK MAXIMUM FOR OREGON NURSES

PORTLAND, June 24.—Recommendation for a maximum of 56 hours per week for students in nurses' training schools of Oregon hospitals was promulgated today by the Industrial Welfare commission, with the understanding that hospital superintendents, owners and trustees arrange their schedule as they see fit and appear next Monday afternoon at another session of the conference to make a report and present their program.

Under its recommendation, the conference imposes no restrictions as to a proposed one-day-in-seven of rest for students in training schools, but will insist that the young women be not required to be on duty more than 56 hours in one week.

## WILL KIRK AND J. W. FERGUSON TO BE APPOINTED

SALEM, Ore., June 24.—Governor Olcott has announced that he will appoint J. W. Ferguson of Portland and Will T. Kirk, now head of the claims department of the industrial accident commission, as members of that commission to succeed Harvey Beckwith and Wilfred Allen, respectively. The governor said he had written to Mr. Beckwith informing him that his resignation as a member of the commission will be acceptable to the executive office, his resignation to be effective as of July 1. Mr. Allen's term expires last January.

Under the provisions of the workmen's compensation law no more than two members can be of the same political affiliation. Consequently Mr. Ferguson, who is a democrat, is named to succeed Mr. Beckwith, also a democrat. Mr. Kirk is a republican as is the third member of the commission, William A. Marshall of Portland. Mr. Marshall has been a member of the body since its inception and will be retained.

Under the new arrangement as provided for in the act, Mr. Marshall will represent the interests of employers, Mr. Ferguson the interests of employees and Mr. Kirk those of citizens of the state at large.

## CLAIM LANE BILL MASK FOR GRAFT

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## DEEP DISTRUST OF GERMANY IS FELT IN LONDON

Sinking of German Fleet, Burnings of French Battle Flags, Taken as Evidence of Old Treachery—Doubt Expressed That Treaty Will Ever Be Signed.

PARIS, June 24.—Word of the burning of certain French battle flags by the Germans has been received here. Peace conference opinion is apparently unanimous that this is a distinct violation of the peace treaty, inasmuch as that document stipulated that the flags should be returned to France by Germany.

It is probable that a commission will be appointed to consider taking action in the matter. Presumably the foregoing refers to French battle flags taken by the Germans in the war of 1870-71.

German Treachery. LONDON, June 24.—Profound distrust of Germany is the predominant note in London press comments on the German government's decision to sign the treaty of peace. It is contended the Germans proved themselves treacherous throughout the war, the latest instance being the sinking of their interned fleet in Scapa Flow, and therefore it would be premature to celebrate peace until the treaty is actually signed. Even afterward, it is said, the allies must be continually on guard until the last penny is paid.

The Herald, a socialist organ, says: "Germany cannot and will not keep the treaty, because it is based on force instead of justice."

WEIMAR, June 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Dr. Haniel von Hammbausen, who was on Sunday designated as the German representative to sign the treaty of peace, has telegraphed his resignation from Versailles rather than attach his name to the instrument.

Burn Battle Flags. PARIS, June 24.—The council of three has referred the question relative to the sinking of the German fleet in Scapa Flow to a commission of experts which will determine whether the armistice conditions were violated.

PARIS, June 24.—Viscount Gustave de Keruevedec, member of the naval committee of the chamber of deputies, told the budget committee of the chamber yesterday that he had warned the French ministry of marine previously that the German fleet interned in Scapa Flow was not being watched with sufficient care.

The budget committee decided to ask Premier Clemenceau for further information.

BERLIN, June 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Addressing the German national assembly at Weimar today in reference to the unconditional signature of the peace treaty, Dr. Gustav Bauer, premier, said that a "defeated nation was being violated body and soul to the horror of the world."

"Let us sign," he continued, "but it is our hope to the last breath that this attempt against our honor may one day recoil against its authors."

## FIANCEE VIEWS AVIATOR'S DEATH

RYE BEACH, N. Y., June 24.—Lieutenant Shelby Watson, of Rogers, Tex., and his civilian mechanic, M. Ireland, of Westbury, were killed today when an airplane in which they were flying crashed to the ground here and caught fire.

Watson, who recently returned from 18 months' service overseas had flown here every morning from the aviation field in Mineola to circle the house in which his fiancée was spending the summer. He was at a height of about 200 feet this morning when his motor stopped and the plane fell to the ground. The accident was witnessed by his fiancée.

FOREST FIRE IN MONTANA BURNS OVER 5,000 ACRES. HELENA, Mont., June 24.—The brush fire in the state timber lands in the Spokane hills east of Helena has been brought under control after having burned an area of between 4,000 and 5,000 acres and extended over a front of six miles. The timber was small, but much valuable range was destroyed.