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SINN FEIN MOVEMENT NOT BASED ON RELIGION, DECLARES COMMITTEE OF 100

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Religious aspects of the troubles in Ireland are discussed in a report made public here today which supplements the 30,000-word findings of the commission of the Committee of One Hundred Investigating the Irish Question.

The only evidence before the commission concerning serious religious controversy resulting in the destruction of life and property dealt with the Ulster riots of the summer of 1920, the report says.

As in the case of the major report the testimony of witnesses taken before this committee was made public at the time it was given.

Referring to the Belfast disorders beginning July 21, 1920 in which by the end of August, 56 persons were killed, the commission observed that "these riots between Protestants and Catholics in which the Protestants were the aggressors partook of the character of Russian pogrom against the Jews."

One of the witnesses, Mrs. Annot Robinson, the report said, declared that in October 1920 she visited Ulster and found that "more than 20,000 expelled workers and their families were existing on relief."

The killing of District Commissioner Smyth in Cork, the execution of 25 men who were not Orangemen to the Belfast City council, whose total membership is 50; the alleged expulsion of 4000 nationalist workers from the Belfast shipyards; and the destruction of the town of Lisburn, just outside of Belfast, were designated as "an appalling record of a revival of religious strife."

"The Ulster pogroms," the report continued, "were not primarily due to a spontaneous flare-up of smoldering bigotry but were rather promoted by those whose economic and political interests were opposed both to strong labor unionism and to Irish republicanism. Certain manufacturers and unionist politicians, it was alleged, had taken alarm at the solidarity of labor, Protestant and Catholic, shown in the great shipyard strike of 1919."

A large Belfast manufacturer was quoted as having said: "I know and all the manufacturers in this city know, that the trouble is not a religious trouble except as it has

been fostered by them to serve their political and their economic interests. I warned them a long time ago that they were rousing up a monster they could not control and which some day might turn upon them."

As regards the rest of Ireland outside the region immediately about Belfast the commission says it was "impressed by the evidence of lack of any religious strife." It also charged that Sir Edward Carson, former leader in Ulster, "would seem to have accepted a home rule act which gives his party practically what they want in Ulster at the price of delivering over the Protestant minority in the rest of Ireland to the majority rule of their Catholic neighbors."

The report continued: "In Ireland there was according to the census of 1911, 1,147,594 non-Catholics as against 3,242,570 Catholics. Of these non-Catholics 890,880 (as compared with 690,860 Catholics) are in Ulster, leaving 256,714 non-Catholics (as compared with 2,661,764 Catholics) in all the rest of Ireland. This small minority is, of course, physically at the mercy of the Catholic majority. Yet there is on record not one single case of attack upon the life and property of any Protestant on account of his religion. The Catholics were aware of the Ulster pogroms. They suffered under imperial British forces predominantly Protestant in religion who did not spare their priests, convents and churches, yet they were guilty of no reprisals of any sort upon their Protestant neighbors."

The alleged "excesses of the British forces in Ireland," the report said, "were tending to dispose southern Protestants favorably toward the republican government." Protestant business men, clergymen and farmers were reported as resorting to republican courts. The commission stated that Miss Mary MacSwiney and other witnesses had called to its attention that "many of the patriot leaders in Ireland's history were Protestant."

It was said that they further testified that the republican leaders included a number of prominent Protestants among them Ernest Blythe of the Irish congress (the Daill Eireann), and Captain Robert Barton and Erskin Childers.

On account of illness it has become necessary to postpone the service that was to be held at the Presbyterian church until one week later, April 19th

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HAVANA—The sixth chess game between Capablanca and Lasker was adjourned without decision after 37 moves.

OSKALOOSA, Ia.—Paul Prehn, University of Illinois wrestling instructor, threw Cyclone Burns, first and third falls.

SPRINGFIELD, O.—Tommy Gibbons knocked out Sergeant Norcross of Toledo in one minute and fifty seconds.

ST. LOUIS—Stanislaus Zbyzsko, threw Jack Vogel of Milwaukee two straight falls.

YORK, Pa.—Ralph Greenleaf, pocket billiard champion, set a new world's record by pocketing 169 balls before missing.

DETROIT—The amateur three cushion billiards title apparently rested between Walker Calkerswood, Detroit, and W. R. Brewer, E. W. Lookabaugh of Lindenwood, Ill., and H. D. Kuhns of Chicago, as the tournament neared its close today.

DETROIT—Joe Stecher is to meet Jack Linow in a wrestling match here tonight. It will be the first time Stecher has met the Russian grappler.

CLEVELAND—The Cleveland Indians finally ran against a pitcher who could stop their slugging, advices received here state. Olin Voight, a New York Giant recruit, loaned to the San Antonio, Texas league team for the season, had the champions at his mercy during the four innings he worked yesterday.

NEW YORK—"Babe" Ruth, who has been suffering from a sprained wrist for several days, played part of the game yesterday against the local Shreveport team, word received here said.

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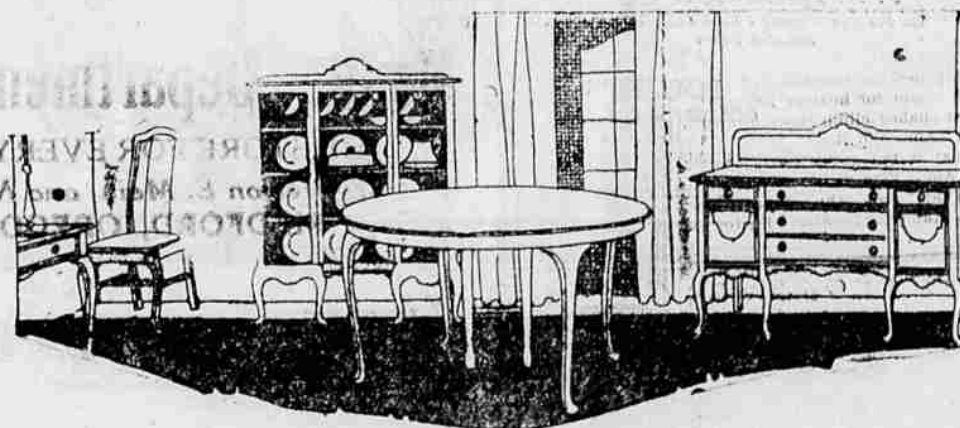
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