

Committee Says British Responsible For Ireland's Strife

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claiming either humanity or civilization," saying that "it appealed particularly to Americans so closely bound by ties of blood and culture to the Irish and English people." Unless moral force could prevail to end the terror in Ireland, the commission pointed out, "physical force seemed bound to continue both to deny the possibility of peace in Ireland and to diminish the possibility of non-intervention of our government in the struggle."

"It seemed to us," says the commission, "that we could best serve the cause of peace by placing before the English, Irish and American public the facts of the situation, free from both agonized exaggeration and moral understatement; for a knowledge of the facts might reveal their cause and recognition of that cause might permit its cure, by those whose purpose was not to slay but to heal."

Presence of British Menace

In touching upon the events leading to the present crisis, the report declares: "The central fact in the Irish situation is the presence of the British in Ireland. The British can point to 700 years of possession of Ireland, and to 700 years spent in trying to pacify Ireland, and the British naturally desire to continue to possess Ireland, for they are proud of their empire, jealous of its integrity and anxious about its security."

The report points out that the Irish, as a result of their resort to arms in 1793, 1798, 1803, 1848, and 1867, have won from the British Parliament the abolition of penal laws against Roman Catholics. Disestablishment of the Irish Church, Liberal Land Laws and, finally, the Irish Home Rule Act which was passed by the House of Lords and Commons and signed by the King in 1914. "At the behest of the British Tories, under Sir Edward Carson," the report says, "that act was suspended for the duration of the war and was later rendered void by a superseding act which partitioned Ireland."

The commission in referring to the Ulster rebellion of 1914 which, it says, was started by the Tories to fight Home Rule, charged that Carson and other leaders who had imported arms from Germany and had set up a provisional government in Belfast were forgiven and promoted to high offices in the British government.

Irish Republic unctious.

"After this," the report says, "in 1916, Irish poets, teachers and leaders, with less than 1,000 followers rose in rebellion and declared Ireland's independence. Confronted with the Irish declaration of independence, the Imperial British government poured additional troops into Ireland. The rebellion was crushed in April 1916. The Imperial British government then continued to pour troops into Ireland. The Irish to an increasing degree were deprived of civil and social liberty. Such British rule lasted until Dec. 14, 1918, when, at the conclusion of a war avowedly fought for the rights of small nations, the Irish people in the general election held under British auspices, gave the endorsement of their suffrage to the Irish republic which was the election issue in Ireland. In fulfillment of their pledge the elected representatives of the Irish republic met in Congress (the Dail Eirann) at Dublin, organized as a government, nominated officers and proceeded to function Jan. 21, 1919, and an army known as the Irish Republican Army was created, equipped with distinctive uniforms and drilled openly."

Two Kinds of Killings

Two kinds of "killings" have characterized the Irish republican warfare, according to the report. First, the casualties resulting from the Sinn Feiners' attempts to obtain arms and ammunition in attacking motor lorries and police barracks and, second, the secret "execution" of spies, traitors and enemies of the Irish republic who have been adjudged "guilty" by its courts and sentenced to death. It is admitted that the accused never appear before these Sinn Fein tribunals. Minor offenses are punishable by sentencing the guilty to enforced absence from their home town and residence for a stated period in "an unknown locality." The commission condemns the so-called legalized killings.

Wanton Destruction by British
Many instances of alleged atrocities and wanton destruction of property by the British troops are presented in the report but all of these were testified to and publicly reported at the time of the hearings last winter. Denunciation of the methods of the Auxiliary Cadets and the Black and Tans, two forces of "irregulars" that supplement the Royal Irish Constabulary and the regular British troops is expressed in the

findings. Evidence of witnesses and depositions from victims, according to the report, established the fact that these troops included in their ranks "burglars and highwaymen, gunmen and petty thieves."

Regarding casualties, the commission says that it is justified in concluding that "not more than 600 of the British have been killed in Ireland from May 1916 to December 1920. These 600 casualties would 78,000 during a period of four and one-half years, it is pointed out, at the rate of not more than .26 of one percent per annum.

200 Unarmed Civilians Killed

On the other hand, according to lists compiled by the Irish Republican government and submitted to the commission, more than 200 unarmed Irish civilians were killed by the military and police during 1920 also. This number, it was said, included six women, 12 children, 10 old men and two priests but did not include persons killed in the fighting. The commission says it does not vouch for the exactness of the figures but "direct testimony," it says, showed the killing of civilians in 1920 ran into "many hundreds."

The testimony attributed to the British forces approximately 45,000 raids, entailing "wreckage of property, robbery, murder of citizens, brutality of priests and women and children, and indiscriminate flogging." Many of the raids, it was said, were made at night by "members of the British forces dressed in civilian clothing."

Stress is laid upon "the moral consequence to the Imperial British forces" of the British government's military policy in Ireland. License instead of discipline, the commission says, now prevails among the troops. "Citizens of the Irish Republic," are held blameless for "incidental accidental and disciplinary casualties incurred under circumstances of general violence and disorder." Many of the excesses of the 78,000 British troops are attributed to the incitement of the fear of assassination in the soldiers' minds by the superiors.

Sympathize With British

"We would extend our sympathy to the great British people," says the commission in concluding its report. "The army which is the instrument of their government in Ireland would also seem to be the instrument of the destruction of that moral heritage which was their glory and which cast its lustre on each and all of them. The sun of that glory seems finally to have set over Ireland. British 'justice' has become a discredited thing. The official Black and Tans in Ireland compete for the dishonor of Anglo-Saxon civilization with out official lynch mobs. We hope that the wrong done to Ireland may be righted."

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36 States Represented

Thirty-six states were represented in the committee which initiated the inquiry, the report says, including five governors, 11 United States Senators, 13 congressmen, the mayors of 15 large cities, Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Keane and four Roman Catholic bishops, seven Protestant Episcopal bishops, four Methodist bishops and numerous clergymen, educators, editors, business men and labor leaders. The parent committee elected the sub-committee or commission which conducted the inquiry. This commission was composed of L. Hollingsworth Wood, a New York Quaker lawyer, as chairman; Frederick C. Howe, former Commissioner of Immigration at New York, vice-chairman; Jane Adams, of Hull House, Chicago, James H. Maurer, President of the American Federation of Labor of Pennsylvania; Major Oliver P. Newman, former president of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia; United States Senator George W. Norris, of Nebraska; the Rev. Norman Thomas, a New York Presbyterian clergyman and United States Senator David I. Wells of Massachusetts.

SUMMONS Equity No. 1205

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR KLAMATH COUNTY.

State Land Board of State of Oregon: Plaintiff, vs. Robert L. Malone and Eva Malone Defendants.
TO ROBERT L. MALONE, one of the above named Defendants:
IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby summoned and required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit, within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons in the Evening Herald, a newspaper printed and published in Klamath County, Oregon, which said first date is the 25th, day of February, A. D. 1921.

And you will take notice that if you fail to appear and answer, or otherwise plead within said time, the plaintiff, for want thereof, will apply to the above entitled court for the relief prayed for in its complaint, to-wit:

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CHARLES J. FERGUSON
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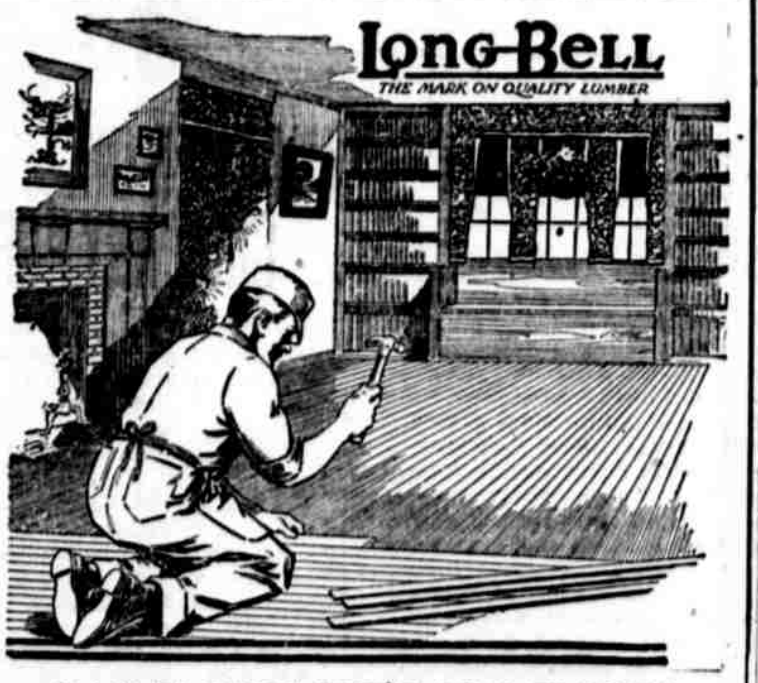
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