

M'KEOWN RELEASED BY BRITAIN

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Dublin, Aug. 9.—Within an hour after his release from Gaoli on Monday Gen. John McKeown of the Irish republican army, was seated amongst a whole group of other released prisoners singing Irish songs just as joyfully as if he had never been imprisoned.

"My release is the acceptance of my attitude that my act was an act of war," said McKeown to Universal Service. "It is therefore clear that my release is a final abandonment of the claim of the enemy that the Irish war is murder."

"My release is an admission on the part of the government that I am not only a representative of the Irish people, but they also recognize me as an army officer."

"The Irish war was a war waged in accordance to prevailing conditions. If I had not been a soldier of Ireland I should not have been chosen as a representative of the Irish nation. That conclusion makes it clear that my fellow soldiers in the jails must be similarly recognized."

McKeown was met outside the prison and embraced by his aged mother. The hundreds of friends who had waited all day for his expected release took him upon their shoulders and carried him away.

LET WORLD HELP HERBERT HOOVER FEED RUSSIANS

All Relief Agencies Are Urged To Meet in Geneva 16th to Prepare Food Invasion of Famine Areas.

Washington, Aug. 9.—Six million Russians are moving out of the poverty stricken areas in Russia, the state department was advised Monday by its official representative abroad.

This is the greatest simultaneous movement of people in all history, according to officials here.

Chairman Kemeneff of the all-Russian commission, estimates that it will require 1,476,000,000 pounds of breadstuffs for the 10 districts where the distress is greatest, the advisers add.

London, Aug. 9.—World co-operation in Russian relief under the sole direction of Herbert Hoover's American Relief Administration, is fore-shadowed by the emergency call by the international Red Cross. The call asks all relief organizations to meet in Geneva, August 16, to lay down methods for a food invasion of the famine areas.

Assistant director Mitchell of the American relief bureau in London, expressed his belief that a world organization will be functioning within a fortnight after the Geneva agreement is reached.

No Time to Waste. "The co-ordination of all organizations under one directing head is absolutely necessary if Russia is to be saved," said Director Mitchell. "There is no time to waste in duplication and congestion which is bound to occur unless everyone co-operates. From what we can gather the Red Cross aims to accomplish the co-ordination in Geneva."

Mitchell declared that relief ships at Danzig and other ports are now completely ready with their cargoes of food and medicines to leave at a day's notice for Russia. This means that the food will be in Petrograd and Moscow within a fortnight from the day the agreement is signed in Riga.

England Holds Back. While numerous private organizations in England are feverishly working to gather money and supplies, the British government has so far refused to recognize the famine conditions in Russia. The government refrains from committing itself until the question of the extent of allied aid is settled at the Paris conference.

A foreign office agent, who has been in Moscow for the last 10 days making an investigation, has not been heard from. This leads Lord Curzon to believe that his dispatches are being held up by the soviet government. British official opinion asserts that the soviet government is now attempting to minimize the news regarding famine conditions, fearing that interference by western powers will destroy communism.

KENYON WANTS PRICE PROBE. Washington, Aug. 9.—Senator Kenyon, Iowa, Monday introduced a bill calling for the federal trade commission to investigate failure of House furnishing goods to follow the general downward trend of prices. Kenyon's action followed complaints by farm organizations.

GET LEADER OF THIEVES? Alliance, Neb., Aug. 9.—A Burlington special train was used Monday to run down Ed Lynn, believed to be the brains of a gang of box car thieves, who have been operating here. The train caught up with him 30 miles from Alliance near Lake-side and he was surrounded by officers who were aboard the special car. Lynn gave up when he saw himself surrounded by officers.

VOLIVA MEANS BUSINESS.

Zion, Ill., Aug. 9.—Wilbur Glenn Voliva, head of the Christian Catholic Apostolic church in Zion, has defied persons who burned large sign boards recently calling attention to the fact that Zion City was for Zionists only and asserts that work is being started today on "three-story bulletin boards" whereon entire sermons can be printed.

"WALLINGFORDS" IN RUM RINGS

How Bootleggers Combine "High Finance" with Crime And Rob Public Is Exposed.

BY W. B. SEABROOK, Washington, Aug. 9.—Bootleggers combining "high finance" with crime are robbing the public wholesale as well as violating the law, according to specific facts disclosed from high official sources at the federal prohibition headquarters here.

By adopting all the methods of modern big business—exception—they are realizing profits that run as high as \$6,000 on a single barrel of alcohol and often from 500 to 1,000 per cent. on a case of whisky or gin.

Sit in High Places. "The opportunity for enormous gain," said this official who has closely investigated the national situation, "has attracted two big classes of offenders who are now working hand-in-glove together in the widespread distribution and sale of illicit liquor—the brains of the criminals of the underworld, and unscrupulous, dishonest Wallingfords of high finance."

"They sit in high places, secretly directing gigantic operations which make fortunes for themselves and big money for the thousands of agents who carry out the details of the traffic."

"We are out to get these big men. They pride themselves on being beyond the law. But big crooks in the past have imagined they enjoyed the same security, yet sooner or later most of them have been caught and convicted. The prohibition law is here to stay. In the long run the law wins. Disgrace and then penitentiary await criminals at the end of the road."

Case of Broloski. "The biggest and most typical case this department has yet exposed was the notorious Harry Broloski conspiracy in California. Broloski was a power in politics and finance. He was long mayor of a California town. He corrupted local officials and federal officials as well. For months he had practical control of the release of bonded whisky in the entire state. Witnesses testified that "territorial rights" were offered for sale. His business was as well organized as the automobile industry. He boasted that he had been indicted 79 times and never convicted. It was currently reported that he individually cleaned up more than \$1,000,000 in less than 10 months.

"In the end we got him. Through the efforts of the government, Broloski, the man of wealth and political boss, has been convicted of conspiracy and sentenced to the penitentiary. Only an appeal to the higher courts now stands between him and the actual prison stripes."

Case Is Typical. "I mention this case because it is typical. There are Broloskis in every bootlegging center of America and as fast as it is humanly possible we are going to bring them to justice. It is learned that the government knows who some of these master minds are. It knows exactly what they are doing. And it is gradually drawing the net tighter. Time must be given, but these men are big and powerful and any newspaper which published them before absolutely certain criminal evidence is obtained would risk heavy libel action. The master mind seldom engages in anything so crude as actually buying and selling whisky. They furnish the brains and the money. Rich and amply supplied with credit, they get all they want legitimately from the banks.

Through their lieutenants they use it to charter ships, buy cargoes of booze in the Bahamas, finance and supply funds to operators of moonshine plants on a large scale. "Whenever possible they furnish "protection" to their henchmen through business interests. This is one of their chief plans. They supply large sums for bribery and corruption."

PARIS SKIRTS SHORT AS EVER—BERTELLI

Paris, Aug. 9.—The reverse of the decollette was launched Monday by Molyneux with gowns leaving the back bare to below the waist and the front closed right up to the neck. The skirts were as short as ever but "black and white" is dotted as the unhappy result of the attempt to popularize these colors by Mrs. Smith Wilkinson.

PICK W. C. T. U. DELEGATES. Watertown, S. D., Aug. 9.—The South Dakota W. C. T. U. will send Mrs. Flora A. Mitchell, of Brookings, state president, and Mrs. J. A. Frensen, of Sioux Falls, as delegates to the national convention in San Francisco, August 18.

ITALY ACCEPTS. Washington, Aug. 9.—Italy's acceptance of November 11 as the date for the Washington disarmament and Pacific conference was received at the state department late Monday.

ANTI-BEER BILL PASSES IN SENATE; VOTE IS 38 TO 20

Drastic Amendment Making Search of Premises Without A Warrant a Penal Offense Is Adopted After Fight.

Washington, Aug. 9.—After adopting a drastic amendment making the search of private property and premises without a warrant under the prohibition act "or any other law," a penal offense, the Senate late Monday passed the Campbell-Wills "anti-beer bill." The vote was 38 to 20.

The measure forbids physicians prescribing beer for medicine and is designed to nullify the ruling made by Attorney General Palmer just before he left office, that beer might be made and used for this purpose. Rigid restrictions on the amount of other intoxicating liquors that physicians may prescribe for patients also are imposed by the bill.

Makes Enforcement Harder. Adoption of the amendment making illegal searches a crime, punishable by heavy fines and imprisonment marked a signal victory for the liberal elements of the Senate. While it ostensibly intended to check the abuses and indignities to which private citizens have been subjected by prohibition agents and about which there has been so much complaint, it will, it is admitted, have a liberalizing effect on the enforcement of the dry law.

Alarmed by this possibility the dry forces and supporters of the bill fought the amendment to the last ditch and only surrendered when it became apparent that the measure which has already been pending for weeks would be tied up indefinitely unless it were adopted. Then they permitted its passage by a vive voce vote.

The amendment specifies that any federal enforcement officer who subjects a citizen on his premises to search without a warrant shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and made liable to a fine of \$1,000 and imprisonment for one year. It likewise provides that any person, who posing as an enforcement agent violates the legislative rights of private citizens shall be guilty of felony and punishable by a fine of \$10,000 and five years imprisonment.

Hits "Beverage" Medicines. As adopted the amendment is a combination of a measure offered originally by Senator Reed, democrat, of Missouri, and re-drafted and presented by Senator Stanley, democrat, of Kentucky, upon the insistence of the proponents of the "anti-beer bill." As it stood at first the amendment applied only to prohibition enforcement officers, but its scope was widened when the "dry" senators insisted upon its principle being made applicable to the enforcement of all laws.

Besides the Stanley amendment, the Senate also adopted an amendment giving the federal prohibition commission power to compel changes in the formulae of patent medicines containing alcohol when it is found they are being used for beverage purposes. Another amendment offered by Senator Spencer, republican, of Missouri, which would reverse the restrictions on the prescriptions of liquor other than beer was voted down.

What Effect On Rules? The effect of the passage of the bill upon the plans of the prohibition enforcement authorities for issuing the regulations governing the distribution of medicinal beer was in doubt Monday night. Secretary of the Treasury Mellon had stated only a few hours before the Senate action that the regulations would be issued within a few days unless the Senate should pass the measure. Monday night he could not be reached.

The secretary's statement was predicated on his understanding that the situation in congress was such that the anti-beer bill would not be passed for a considerable time and he plainly indicated that if it should appear that the bill would become a law within a reasonably short time, the regulations would not be promulgated.

Liberals Try to Kill Bill. Following the adoption of the Stanley amendment, the liberals attempted to press their advantage by trying to kill the "anti-beer bill" all together by sending it back to committee. The motion to re-commit was made by Senator Broussard, democrat, of Louisiana, leader of the democratic opposition to the bill. It was rejected 24 to 28.

The bill already has passed the House and it now goes to conference where an agreement by the lower chamber to the Senate amendment will be sought. Some opposition is expected but Senate leaders believe that the approval of the House will be obtained eventually in order to expedite the enactment of the legislation. Afterward it will be sent to President Harding for final approval. The vote on the bill came after a lengthy discussion in which the whole question of prohibition and its enforcement was re-opened and thoroughly probed. It centered chiefly on the proposed amendment to restrain enforcement agents from abusing their authority in their quest for liquor.

RANCHER'S SLAYER RELEASED. O'Neil, Neb., Aug. 9.—Walter Holcomb, who shot and killed Thomas Olsen of Chambers, Neb., on Holcomb's ranch six miles southeast of Chambers Sunday evening, was released from custody here Monday afternoon, the county attorney not having filed a complaint against him. Tuesday afternoon County Attorney Chapman will reopen the inquest on the Holcomb ranch.

BIG LONDON FIRE FOLLOWS RIOT OF UNEMPLOYED MEN

Breaks Out with Renewed Violence with Great Lumber Yards Destroyed—Dissatisfied Labor Started Blaze?

London, Aug. 9.—At 10:30 Monday night the London lumber fire broke out with renewed violence. Only the skeletons of a few buildings in London's greatest lumber yards are left standing and several firemen and policemen have been injured.

The fire in the big lumber plant started early Monday and the stock of timber valued at more than \$5,000,000 covering 21 acres of ground with great piles of boards and timbers, is completely destroyed.

The fire followed a riot by 5,000 unemployed men who were refused work by the owners. The origin of the fire is a mystery but the police believe it was started by disappointed laborers who invaded the yard when they were told that there was no work. They upset lumber piles and hurled rocks through the office windows.

Entire District Threatened. A riot call resulted in an attempt by 500 foot and 50 mounted police to disperse the angry crowd. The fire alarm soon followed. The fire spread with lightning rapidity over the quarter mile of lumber piles which were thoroughly dried out by the long drought.

The yards are on the banks of the river Lea in the heart of the densely congested east end manufacturing district. At one time it was thought the entire district was threatened and adjacent factories began emptying their buildings by sending the employees home and removing the contents.

The fire spread to timber laden barges in the river. A strong breeze fanned the flames, making it almost impossible for the firemen to approach because of the intense heat.

Cranes Fall, Tanks Explode. Scores of firemen narrowly escaped with their lives when piles of lumber and timber near which they were working toppled over, undermining the 65-foot cranes which fell a moment later. Late Monday afternoon several gasoline tanks exploded endangering nearby buildings as huge spurts of burning gas shot many feet from the lumber yards.

Efforts of the firemen to control the flames were ineffective owing to lack of pressure in the water mains due to the recent prolonged drought which has cut London's water supply almost in half.

Scores of Scotland Yard detectives were sent out around the yards in an attempt to find the cause of the fire.

GET BANK BANDIT IN TOP OF TREE

Former Mason City Plumbing Inspector Tries to Rob Geneva, Minn., Institution, Is Report.

Mason City, Ia., Aug. 9 (Special).—G. C. Merritt, formerly plumbing inspector of Mason City, is in jail in Albert Lea, Minn., following an attempt to hold up and rob a bank in Geneva, Minn., according to word received here Monday. He was captured on the topmost branch of a tree in a corn field near Geneva after he had entered the bank, beaten the cashier over the head with his revolver and broken into the vault.

The cashier, regaining consciousness, jumped through a plate glass window and spread the alarm. Merritt fled in an automobile without any loot. Hundreds of citizens joined in the man-hunt, capturing Merritt after a 12-hour search. He is the father of three children and previously had served part of a 10-year term for forgery, being on parole now, it is said.

FATAL SHOOTING ON A NEBRASKA RANCH

O'Neil, Neb., Aug. 9 (Special).—Thomas Olsen, a real estate man of Chambers, 25 miles south of O'Neil, was shot and killed by Walter Holcomb, at the Holcomb ranch, six miles southeast of Chambers, Sunday night. Olsen and a Chambers' auto livery man were driving near the Holcomb ranch when their car broke down. The driver went to the Holcomb ranch to ask aid from the latter. Holcomb promised to go after the car as soon as he had unloaded a jag of hay. It is said Holcomb was slow in unloading the hay and that Olsen and the driver of the car returned to the place and made threats of violence to Holcomb. The shooting followed. Holcomb is in jail here.

DAKOTAN SHOTS MEXICAN? Belle Fourche, S. D., Aug. 9.—M. Morallis, a Mexican, was probably fatally wounded, it is charged, by William Rae at the home of the Rae brothers near Fruitdale early Tuesday morning. A full charge of shot entered the left side of the abdomen. The Mexicans had been ordered off the premises but had returned early Tuesday and two of them were beating David Rae, when his brother is said to have fired the shot. William Rae was held on \$1,000 bond to appear for a hearing.

TO LET HARDING DICTATE TERMS OF TAX REVISION

Committeemen Decide to Put Problem Up to Him After They Cut Mellon Estimate 600 Millions.

Washington, Aug. 9.—President Harding will be asked by republican leaders in congress to settle the tax problems.

Chairman Fordney and the other republican members of the House ways and means committee, after deciding Monday to cut \$600,000,000 from Secretary of Treasury Mellon's estimates, announced that they will call at the White House on Wednesday or Thursday and ask the president to decide what kind of a tax revision bill they should write.

Ignore Mellon's Requests. The republican members of the ways and means committee hope to secure the support of the president to their plan for reducing taxation by reducing expenditures instead of levying new taxes to make up for the repeal of the excess profits tax and other existing taxes.

The committee Monday definitely decided that it will not levy new taxes despite the recommendation of Secretary Mellon, that new taxes will be needed.

Charles B. Dawes, director of the budget, conferred with the House appropriations committee and pointed out how approximately \$600,000,000 could be pared from the estimated expenditures for the present fiscal year. His suggestions were turned over to the ways and means committee.

To Repeal Luxury Taxes. General Dawes and the appropriations committee agreed that Secretary Mellon's estimate \$4,555,000,000 in expenditures during the present year could be cut to \$3,979,000,000. The shipping board would be allowed only \$100,000,000 under the revised estimates. The army and navy will be cut a total of \$134,000,000, army expenditures being reduced to \$375,000,000 and navy expenditures to \$430,000,000. The revised estimates also include a cut of \$245,000,000 in Secretary Mellon's estimate of what will be required during the present fiscal year for settling the claims of the railroads.

The ways and means committee Monday formally decided to repeal the existing soda fountain and ice cream tax and several of the present taxes on wearing apparel.

I'VE KILLED ONLY MAN I EVER LOVED

Kinhead's Slayer Wants Case to Be Lesson to Young Girls—Writes Poem on Wasted Life.

New York, Aug. 9.—"I have killed the only man I ever loved," said Olivia M. P. Stone, Monday afternoon in her prison cell, granting the first interview since her arrest for the slaying of Ellis Kinhead, Cincinnati lawyer, whom she shot to death here three nights ago. She sat on her iron cot with her knees crossed, her hair disheveled looking out of swollen red-rimmed eyes.

"I realize what I have done," she continued, speaking in the presence of her two lawyers, "and I feel as if a band was around my head. But I want to say this in the beginning. I hope this will be an example to all young girls. I tell them never to trust a man just because of love for him. Ellis Kinhead was the only man I ever loved. God knows I loved him and he loved me."

"My Spirit Lawyer." I have always been honorable and true to my ideals. Now Ellis can see it all as it really was. Now he is no longer weak. He will be my spirit lawyer and see me through these awful days. All I have done is to think of him. I believe he knows how I loved him now.

If he had only been strong enough to do as he wanted to all this might never have happened. I love Kipling and Service, I tried to write a poem telling how I know Ellis must have felt. The poem shows how he felt toward me and how he was hampered by the other life he seemed chained to. The words are supposed to be his, addressed to the woman he married. I fainted when I heard he was to marry her.

"He Had Me Barred." Ellis loved me but other influences held him and caused him to make me the worst of my kind. He had me barred everywhere I tried to get work. And nursing was all I could do. I felt as if I could lose my mind when I thought of all the money he owed me. Yet I loved him all the time and I love him now. I was wild with pain for months and at the sight of the cause of my suffering I— Here Miss Stone began to cry and after recovering her partial composure thought better of it and decided not to tell of the actual shooting.

MEMBERS OF JUGO-SLAV CABINET UNDER ARREST. Paris, Aug. 9.—Fifty communist members of the Jugo-Slav chamber of deputies have been arrested in Belgrade, says a dispatch from that city. This action followed the lifting of parliamentary immunity. Wholesale arrests have been made recently by the police in Jugo-Slavia as a sequel Prince Regent Alexander last June. To the attempted assassination of Prince Regent Alexander, last June.

TO INDICT MADELYNN AND BURCH

Los Angeles, Aug. 9.—Grand jury indictments will be asked Tuesday against Mrs. Madelynn Obenchain and Arthur C. Burch, now held as material witnesses in the mysterious slaying of John B. Kennedy. An official announcement was made to this effect Monday night by Deputy Sheriff Joe Nolan.

"I anticipate no difficulty in securing an indictment against Burch," he said, "but of Mrs. Obenchain I'm not so sure."

The indictment will be asked, the officials said, to thwart release of the prisoners on a writ of habeas corpus.

Unraveling Mystery. Development in unraveling the murder mystery came rapidly Monday. Burch, who was brought here from Las Vegas, where he was arrested on a train, admitted he had hired an automobile in Los Angeles the night Kennedy was slain. A tire on the automobile was marked by a flaw which, the authorities declare, resembles the tread of a tire found in a creek near the scene of the shooting.

But Burch, although grilled all day and Monday night steadfastly maintained he did not commit the crime and he did not know who was guilty.

It also developed Monday that Mrs. Obenchain had visited Burch's room in the Broadway hotel and had occupied a window where she could watch Kennedy's office. She had visited Burch in disguise, it was said. She refused to explain these visits, but insisted she knew nothing of the identity of the slayer.

Seek Another Woman. The authorities were searching for another woman Monday night. She is believed to have written the note of warning to Kennedy. The note was found near the scene of the slaying. The hand writing did not correspond with that of Mrs. Obenchain.

The authorities also found a diary written by Mrs. Obenchain and covering the events of her daily life up to the day of the murder. The last entry told of Kennedy inviting her to spend the afternoon at the beach. That was August 5. He was shot to death at the door of his summer home late that night while Mrs. Obenchain was with him.

And on that night Burch left his hotel, hired an automobile at 7 p. m. and remained out with it until 11 o'clock. Kennedy was slain about 9:30. The next day Burch was speeding toward Chicago but was arrested at Las Vegas.

VERMILION READY FOR TEMPLAR CONCLAVE

Record Crowd of Knights Expected to Attend Annual State Convention.

Vermilion, S. D., Aug. 9 (Special).—The largest attendance ever registered at a Knights Templar conclave in South Dakota is expected here Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday when the thirty-eighth annual convention of the organization comes here.

Largely due to the good weather and fine roads, more than 150 Knights Templar, wives and families, had registered with the chairman of the reception committee at 8 o'clock Monday evening. The remainder of the Templars are expected to arrive during the night and early morning. All delegates and their families will be housed in the Dakota and East Hall dormitory buildings on the University campus as the guests of the local commandery.

Dean L. E. Akeley, of the College of Engineering at the University of South Dakota, will make the address of welcome at 9:30 Tuesday morning. The business of the conclave will consist of the regular routine of business and election of officers for 1921 and 1922.

James E. Mathews, deputy grand commander, of Watertown, S. D., is in line to be elected grand commander to succeed Dr. G. W. Collins, of Vermilion, and probably will be elected to that position Thursday.

The entertainment will be featured by The Sioux City Tribune Flying Circus. A ball game between teams from Jones and Mitchell, S. D., and exhibition drills by the different conclaves of the state, dancing and golfing will feature the meetings.

LAD, 18, CONFESSES KILLING MOTHER, 70

Booneville, Ind., Aug. 9.—William Deffendoll, 17, confessed Monday to murdering his widowed mother, Laura Deffendoll, 70 years old, officials declared. The woman's body was found decapitated in a woods near the Deffendoll home at Heilman, some time ago, two weeks after she had disappeared.

Young Deffendoll first accused his older brother of the murder, claiming that a desire to secure household furniture so that he could marry at once was the motive.

GREEKS ALL READY FOR OCCUPATION OF ISMID

London, Aug. 9.—Greek re-occupation of Ismid is expected at any moment, according to dispatches to the Daily Express from Constantinople. Only a small number of Turkish forces of Mustafa Kemal remain at Ismid. The resumption of any large scale offensive is unlikely before September owing to the necessity of repairing the railway.