

IRISH ISSUE AT CRITICAL STAGE AGAIN

If Craig Answers "No," Whole Negotiations Go Overboard—De Valera Now Inspecting Sinn Fein Army.

BY DENNIS O'CONNELL.

London, Nov. 29.—The Irish parleys are at a critical stage. Ulster will give her answer to the overtures from the British cabinet Tuesday morning. Political circles are excited and worrying about what answer Sir James Craig will make.

If Craig answers definitely "no," the whole negotiations go overboard, because the Ulsterites, backed by the repeated promises of British statesmen, have the power to veto any settlement.

Britain Still Hopeful.
During the week end the Ulsterites stood firm in their refusal to join an all Ireland parliament, but the latest news from Belfast indicates that Craig will not give a pointblank refusal to continue the negotiations.

The scheme submitted to the Ulsterites by Premier Lloyd George is attractive to the Belfast commercial men. It would relieve them of two-thirds of the present income tax, which amounts to 30 per cent, and would give them adequate safeguards on the religious question. The alternative is to continue under the present scheme, which is rapidly proving unworkable, and threatening Ulster with bankruptcy.

The British cabinet still hopes that the Sinn Fein will accept the partition scheme, giving the south of Ireland full dominion home rule with safeguards. This hope is declared not to be justified, as it is known that Arthur Griffith, Michael Collins and their colleagues will never consent to such a settlement.

Lloyd George to Sail Anyhow.
Whatever happens Tuesday, Lloyd George has definitely made up his mind to go to Washington before the end of December.

In the meantime, De Valera is active again. He left Dublin Monday for Limerick to review the Irish republican army. He intends to make a tour of the whole country and inspect all the battalions.

SOUTH AMERICAN MEETING NEXT?

Rumor Hardening to Invite Latin-American Nations as U. S. Wants More of Their Trade.

BY CORNELIUS VANDERBILT, JR.,
Washington, Nov. 29.—News was current in official Washington that President Harding was seriously contemplating calling a conference of South American nations, shortly after the present disarmament conference adjourns.

Washington has known for some time that American trade is being gradually undermined through South America, to such a serious extent as to cause worry in export circles in this country.

I am informed by a member of the Pan-American Union that subtle propaganda is at work in the Latin-American countries, the chief object of which is to shut out American trade.

Germans Seek Eldorado.
"Germany," my informant tells me, "is impatient in Europe, is gazing upon South America as the future German Eldorado. Even today German commercial houses are underbidding Americans and exercising every possible subterfuge to create an anti-American feeling."

"To a great extent this propaganda has succeeded and unless it is counteracted by us, the rich South American markets will soon be under control of the Europeans.

"Official Washington has taken cognizance of this fact, and deems that a conference of South American republics is urgently necessary at this time."

Parley to End By January 15?
The present conference on limitation of armaments will be over by January 15. I am informed from authoritative sources. The various committees expect to recess from December 23 to 28.

Practically all the major-questions have resolved into committee work and aside from the question of disarmaments, which the conference may settle before adjournment, there is little likelihood of settlement of the Far Eastern questions for some time.

In fact, the probabilities are strong that the Far Eastern committee will meet in the Orient in the spring. I am reliably informed the present world conference may meet again in London next year, to definitely pass on the recommendations of the present committees.

LADY DECIES ARRIVES.

New York, Nov. 29.—Lady Decies, daughter of George J. Gould and the late Mrs. Gould arrived here Monday on the liner Carmania. She was called to this country by the death of her mother who expired on the golf links of the Gould estate at Lakewood, N. J., two weeks ago.

Other passengers included George M. Cohan and his wife. Cohan is here to gather material for his entry into theatricals in London.

FATTY ON STAND DENIES HE HURT GIRL IN ANY WAY

Story Given in Full—Says Bambina One He Threatened To Throw Out Window—Defense Rests—Verdict Soon.

BY CHANDLER SPRAGUE,

San Francisco, Nov. 29.—The Arbuttle defense has rested its case. At the close of the most vivid and colorful day of the trial Gavid McNab announced at 5:30 o'clock that he had no witnesses, and an adjournment was taken until Tuesday morning to afford the state time to marshal its rebuttal witnesses.

And the absorbing topic of conversation in San Francisco is the testimony of "Fatty" Arbuttle, given from the witness stand Monday. The defendant's sojourn as a witness was remarkable from several standpoints. It came earlier than expected, surprising spectators and prosecution counsel. It was brief, occupying only 20 minutes for direct examination. And, during the first two hours and 20 minutes of cross examination, virtually no objections were offered by Arbuttle's counsel. They left him entirely upon his own resources.

Does He Acquit Himself?
How he acquitted himself is a matter for the jury to determine. Unofficial opinion credits him, however, with being the most impressive witness of the trial. In an effort to ascertain the effect of Arbuttle's testimony your correspondent joined several groups of men and women spectators who were discussing the matter outside the court room. The prevalent opinion was that his story remained unshaken by Mr. Friedman's intensive cross examination.

It was early in the morning session that Arbuttle was called to the stand. A prospective finger print expert had been ruled out and the court asked Mr. McNab to put on his next witness.

Near Riot Starts.
"Mr. Arbuttle," called McNab, and the court room was electrified. The rumor spread to the eager crowd waiting outside for seats, and a near riot started.

"Fatty" hoisted his ponderous form to the little platform on which stands the witness chair and faced his chief counsel. No time was wasted in preliminaries. McNab led him immediately to the St. Francis hotel and told him to describe to the jury what happened in Room 1219 when he and Virginia Rappe were alone.

"Fatty" Now Testifying.
"Fatty" was strained to hear the story that was being told for the first time since Miss Rappe died. The jury leaned forward and Arbuttle, shifting slightly in his chair, talked straight toward the jury box. He told of going into Room 1219 to change his clothes, of locking the door and of going to the bath room.

"I opened the bath room door," he said, "and it struck Miss Rappe, who was on the floor. I did not know she was there."

He described holding her head while she was nauseated and of assisting her to the bed, when she said she wanted to lie down. Then he went back to the bathroom, he said, and when he again emerged she had fallen between the beds and was writhing on the floor. He declared he lifted her to the bed again, put her head on the pillow and stepped to the door to call Mrs. Delmont.

That, in brief, was his testimony. And he stuck to it with no deviation throughout a careful and painstaking cross examination. Mr. Friedman used the "narrative" species of cross questioning, beginning at the start of "Fatty's" testimony and taking him minute by minute over the occurrences of the afternoon. On two points he dwelt particularly. They were:

The ice incident, and the remark alleged to have been made to Miss Rappe about throwing her from the window.

"It Was Bambina Threatened."
Arbuttle admitted both points. They occurred, he said, almost simultaneously, but the ice incident was innocuous, according to him, and the remark was made not to Miss Rappe but Mrs. Delmont. Here is his version:

"I had left the room for a minute, and when I returned Miss Rappe was lying on the bed. Mrs. Delmont was rubbing Miss Rappe's head with ice wrapped in a towel."

"I said 'what's the idea' to Mrs. Delmont."

"And what did she say?"
"She said 'put it back, and mind your own business. I know how to take care of Virginia.'"

"What did you do?"
"I put it back."
"And what did you do then?"
"I told Mrs. Delmont to shut up or I would throw her out the window. I tried to pull the quilt over Miss Rappe but Mrs. Delmont pushed my hands away."

Why He Locked the Door.
If the jury believed this version of the happenings while Miss Rappe was lying on that bed, it removes from the state's case two of the most damaging points against the defendant.

Mr. Friedman dwelt at some length on why Arbuttle locked the door when he first entered.

"Was it your habit to lock that door when you entered it, to change your clothes?" he asked.

"Yes, if there were ladies in the other room," was the answer.

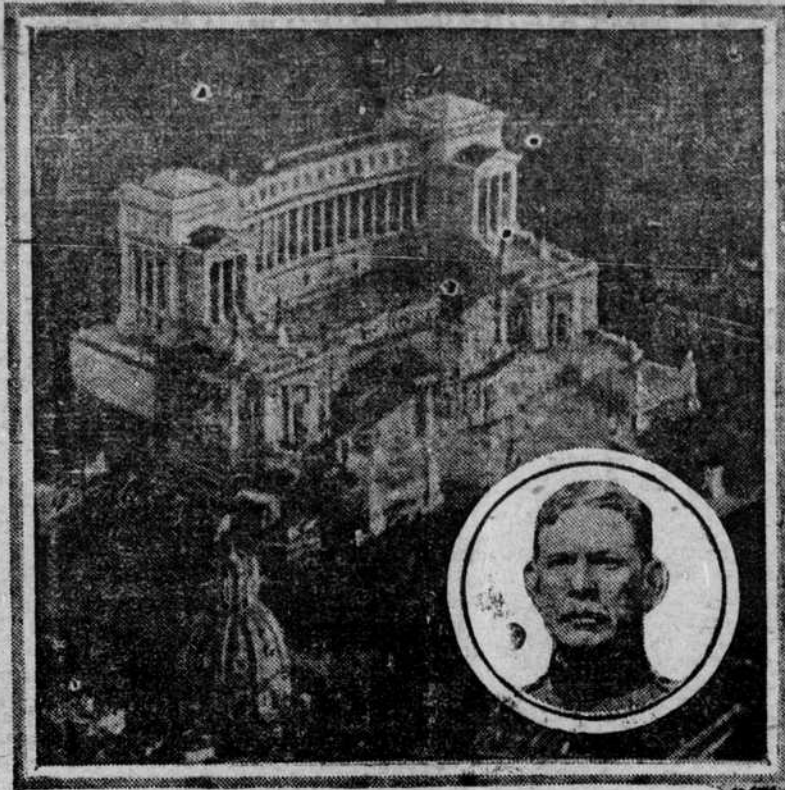
ROADS EMPLOY 1,634,872.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The railroads employed 1,634,872 persons during July, paying out \$214,339,385 in wages and salaries, according to the first monthly summary compiled by the Interstate Commerce commission under the new rules governing the classification of steam railway employees.

Accepts the Theory.

From the London Mail.
Do you really believe in hell-city?
"Most certainly I do. This is how I came into all my money!"

WILL HONOR UNKN OWN ITALIAN HERO.



Maj. Gen. Henry T. Allen, commanding the American forces in Germany, on behalf of the United States, will bestow the congressional medal of honor upon the unknown Italian soldier, with appropriate ceremonies to be held at the monument to Victor Emanuel on November 4. The illustration shows the monument where the ceremonies will take place and Major General Allen.

Landru Is a Doomed Man But Will Die Before Time For Execution--De Theleme

BY C. F. BERTELLI,

Paris, Nov. 29.—"Landru is a doomed man, but he will never go to the guillotine. He will be sentenced to death but will die before the time for the execution."

This prophecy was made Monday by Madame De Theleme, the famous seeress whose annual prophecies uncannily come true. She predicted the Washington conference, the end of the war, the fall of President Wilson, the revolution in Russia, and prophesied the very day that the kaiser would abdicate.

She Excites Landru.
When word of the prophecy was conveyed to Landru by newspaper men, he showed acute interest for the first time since the trial opened.

"Are you sure she said that?" he demanded, and upon receiving an affirmative answer, commented:
"Well my life is over anyway. I would rather die than go to exile as long as it is not the guillotine, so I don't mind."

Then he posed smilingly for a photograph.

Monday was another bad day for the defense, as the presiding judge skillfully and ruthlessly built up a strong tangle of circumstantial evidence tending to convict the Bluebeard of murdering by strangulation probably 10 women and one boy, and afterward burning them in his kitchen stove bit by bit.

Judge Plays Bluebeard.

"It is an everlasting disgrace to the French press that they have made this assassin, this slayer, this viper, preying on the blood of women, a national figure—a sort of hero," declared the judge who took four hours to detail the alleged crimes, laying stress on Landru's evident magnetism as a reason that 283 women became his sweethearts.

"Jurymen, look at his eyes," exclaimed the justice. "They are the eyes of a foul murderer, a bestial killer. He probably killed many more than we know."

Lively interest is displayed in Tuesday's session when the famous Attorney Mero Giffardi is expected to make the greatest speech of his life for the defense.

PENALTY OF DEATH FOR MRS. ASHBAUGH?

State to Make This Demand at Trial of Alleged Slayer of Husband.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Nov. 29 (Special).—The state will demand the death penalty for Mrs. Effie Ashbaugh, whose trial for the murder of her husband, Ross Ashbaugh, wealthy Fayette county farmer and stock breeder, opened in West Union Monday.

There will not be a woman on the jury. Four were summoned, but each was excused. The state excused 16 of the jurors for cause Monday afternoon. Among the questions asked them was: "Are you acquainted with Herbert Hough?" Hough is a wealthy business man of Oelwein and had been called the "propaganda agent" for the defense.

Mrs. Ashbaugh was brought into court alone. She was calm and collected during the "quiz" of the ventriloquist.

Her two children, a boy of 14 and a girl of 16, will be used as witnesses against her.

Four tentative jurors have been accepted and it is expected the jury will be completed by Tuesday night. Taking of testimony will require about three days and it is anticipated the case will go to the jury by Saturday morning.

Ashbaugh died from poison last June, and Mrs. Ashbaugh and Arthur Cahoe, a farm laborer, were indicted for the crime.

Cahoe will be tried immediately after the Ashbaugh verdict is returned.

STORM DAMAGE BIG IN NEW ENGLAND

Wires Down in Boston After Heavy Snow, Parts of City Dark.

Boston, Nov. 29.—Heavy damage resulted from a sleet and snowstorm that swept the New England states Monday. In Boston electric light wires were broken and parts of the city were in darkness Monday night. The property damage will exceed \$2,000,000.

FALL TO CALIFORNIA.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Secretary of the Interior Fall will leave for San Diego and Riverside, Cal., Tuesday night. In San Diego he will preside over hearings to determine the rights of all applicants for power sites and privileges on the Boulder canyon project in the Colorado river. The hearings will begin December 12. The southwestern league will hold a conference December 8, 9 and 10, to which Secretary Fall has accepted an invitation.

EUROPEAN PAPERS RAP FRENCH PRESS

English, Germans and Italians Play French and Ask U. S. for Support.

London, Nov. 29.—The press of England, Germany and Italy was arrayed against the press of France Monday—and all turned to America for support.

Britain, favorably accepting the hint for an association of nations, denounced France for her refusal to reduce armaments.

German papers looked favorably on the possibility that she may be invited to the arms conference, perhaps the association of nations, and declared she would advance guarantees to France that Germany has discarded militarism.

Italy's press called for a "show-down on the disagreement of French and Italian delegates" and Washington, it tagged France as "militaristic."

France admitted that "most of the world seemed to have turned against her silently while they soothed her with soft words," received with suspicion the association of nations suggestion and declared that France must protect her security with arms.

The press of France was most anxious over the reported invitation of Germany to the Washington conference.

PASSION PLAY SAVED BY AMERICAN COIN

Oberammergau, Nov. 29.—American dollars have come to the rescue of the famous decennial passion play. They have in fact saved the passion play and insured that it will be given next summer after a lapse of 12 years.

For a time after the preliminary preparations had been made, doubts arose whether the passion play could be given in 1922 because of the disastrous economic situation generally. Its financial success is dependent chiefly on visitors from abroad.

The outlook became exceedingly discouraging until large orders for seats from America, pointing to an unusually large American attendance. With the dollar buying anywhere from 200 to 300 German marks and the price of seats based on dollars, the situation was saved.

2,000 YANKS ON RHINE HOME BEFORE HOLIDAYS

Universal Service.
Washington, Nov. 29.—Secretary of War Weeks estimated Monday that about 2,000 of the American forces on the Rhine will be home before Christmas.

The Cantigny, one of the two vessels engaged to transport the forces home, already is on the way to New York with the first contingent.

JAPS TO ACCEPT HUGHES PROPOSAL TO SLASH NAVIES

U. S. Plan Must Win or Parley Fails—China Wins Demands—Even Italians Deny Briand Insulted Them.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The foreign governments at the conference have now put in all their investigations into the fact bearing on Mr. Hughes' 5-5-3 program for capital ships and those results, instead of shaking the position, confirm it in every detail. Therefore, the 5-5-3 position is established beyond argument and there would be no possible way of getting away from it, except absolutely breaking up the conference.

Japan will state her acceptance of this position within a short time. Whether or not she will tie up her acceptance with any argument about subsidiary shipping is a mere matter of speculation. So is the question of whether the British acceptance will be given along with speeches about submarines.

To Adjourn Before Christmas?

The chances for adjournment before Christmas are much brighter than they have been at any preceding date. The data on nearly every subject is either in or expected in within a few days. Then all that will remain will be the application of the general principles, all of which have been essentially although not publicly agreed upon.

Monday in the committee on Pacific and Far Eastern questions spokesmen for the Chinese made a flat demand for withdrawal of all foreign troops now in China excepting those permitted under special treaty and legation guards. It was charged that the presence of these troops was an infringement on China's sovereign rights. The demands will be taken up in detail Tuesday.

China Wins Fight.

It was settled also that China's postoffice affairs will be put into her own hands on a date to be agreed upon in a few days. The date is to "enable China and the powers concerned to make the necessary dispositions. A rumor puts the date at 1923.

The Frenchman now associated with the postoffice, and likewise the Englishman now associated with the customs, will be kept in office, the Chinese having taken them for granted as part of their program, these experts having long worked not for their government but for China.

Opium Smuggling to Stop.

Opium smuggling will stop at once, without waiting for the date on which the Chinese take charge. The form in which the agreement is expressed is that the Chinese in the interim shall have the right to examine air packages, "with a view to ascertaining whether they contain articles which are dutiable or contraband or which otherwise contravene the customs regulations of China."

For the first time the advisory committee came into the light and will be more in evidence from now on. It met in the Navy Building, with practically all of the 21 present. At the request of Secretary Hughes there will be a report in a day or two from the Committee headed by Admiral Rogers, charged with the duty of summing up how public opinion has taken the proposal to reduce naval armaments.

Another committee headed by Col. William G. Thompson will take a little longer to report on public opinion as it bears on the value of the conference in general.

Briand Not Guilty—Hughes.
The row kicked up by Pertainax by his story about insulting language used by Briand to the Italian committee, brought denials from Mr. Hughes, M. Viviani, and the Italians.

The Italians said Mr. Briand had said nothing that was not included in his speech in open session.

In opening the meeting Monday Mr. Hughes called attention to the "inaccurate and damaging press reports cable abroad." He spoke of its "unfortunate character, inaccuracy and even falsity."

The story to which he referred said that Briand had insulted the Italians in committee and that the insult had not been even resented by the Italians. So seriously was the story taken in Italy that a group of Italians made an attack on a French consulate, thus giving the matter importance.

Pertainax, the author of the story, is correspondent and special political expert of the Echo de Paris, a militarist and almost monarchist organ in close touch with the foreign office bureaucracy of the Quai d'Orsay. He was expected to sail for France Monday.

Although in the news just summarized, the most important point is the final confirmation of what I have been writing for some days that the 5-5-3 matter is absolutely settled, it is also true that Chinese affairs took a good jump forward.

Not only is the firm and immediate dealing with the opium evil a great satisfaction to the Chinese, but the statement that a report would be ready at the next meeting on foreign troops, police boxes and telegraph and wireless stations is fully as important as the agreement reached on post-offices, as it means that one of the most ticklish matters will be taken up Tuesday.

DENBY DENIES OFFICERS OPPOSING NAVAL CUT

Washington, Nov. 29.—Emphatic denial was issued Monday by Secretary Denby to published reports that American naval officers were opposing the naval reduction programs submitted by the American delegation at the armament conference and that the secretary of the navy had ordered naval officers not to oppose it.

"LOST BATTALION" HERO, WHITTLESEY PERISHES AT SEA

Famous Commander, Who Told Germans 'Go to Hell' Loses His Life While Enroute To Havana.

New York, Nov. 29.—His mind unnerved by the horrors of the world war which were brought vividly back to him when he acted as pallbearer to America's unknown hero at Arlington two weeks ago, Col. Charles W. Whittlesey, famous commander of the "lost battalion" and himself one of the foremost heroes of the war, perished at sea enroute from New York to Havana, Sunday night on board the United Fruit Company's liner Toloa.

Word of the death of the noted hero, who when his battalion was surrounded by Germans and surrender had been demanded, sent back a message to the German lines saying "go to hell, Whittlesey" reached here Monday in wireless dispatches to the United Fruit Company.

Didn't Know He Had Left.

The information came as a distinct shock to Whittlesey's friends and to his law partners in the firm of White and Case, of No. 14 Wall street, who were unaware that Colonel Whittlesey had even contemplated a trip to Havana.

Colonel Whittlesey left notes telling of his intended action, one of them directed to his father who lives somewhere in Massachusetts, and who has not been yet informed of his son's fate, and the other to a law partner, John B. Pruyn, of New York city. The notes were discovered in his cabin on the Toloa soon after his absence from the ship's company had been noticed.

Efforts to reach Mr. Pruyn's sister, Monday night were not availing but a woman who said she was Mr. Pruyn's sister, spoke over the telephone from the Pruyn residence in Riverside Drive.

"All a Great Mystery."

"It's all a great mystery to us," she said. "Colonel Whittlesey went to the theater with friends Friday night and seemed to be in the best of spirits."

"He did not tell us or any of his friends that he had even considered a sea voyage."

"From what we can gather we are afraid that the ceremony in honor of America's unknown hero, had unnerved him. He was a pallbearer, you know, and friends who saw him after the ceremony said he appeared to be profoundly impressed by what had occurred. Usually of a cheerful disposition, he seemed on this occasion unwarrantably depressed.

"There Was No Romance."

"No there was no romance. He was not engaged."

Colonel Whittlesey was very close to the common soldier of the ranks, in fact his record overseas was one of continuous and painstaking sacrifices for the welfare of his men, and their affection for their commanding officer was none the less marked.

Whittlesey's war record is one of the most romantic adventures of the war and so great was his heroism that General Pershing only recently ranked him next to Sergeant Woodfill as one of America's foremost heroes. He was the possessor of decorations from virtually every government associated with the United States in the war.

Gave All Credit to Doughboys.

Colonel Whittlesey's modesty on his exploits was one of his typical characteristics. Hardly ever would he say anything of his famous "go to hell" message which rang around the world as a sample of American heroism. He was at all times, however, ready to tell of the bravery and the fortitude of the men who fought under him.

The leader of the "lost battalion" was one of the first American officers to see service in France. He was also one of the first to leave the army after the signing of the armistice and the breaking up of the 308th infantry of which he was an officer. He went first to his family home in Pittsfield, Mass. At this time he announced his intention of resuming law practice in New York.

Made Plea for Stowaway.

His heart was as great as his backbone was firm. On one occasion since the armistice he made a special plea to Washington in order that a Polish stowaway might enter the country.

Just a month ago he was tendered a chairmanship in the Red Cross and accepted it, immediately plunging into the work of the campaign just ended.

Colonel Whittlesey was not a swearing man, according to a one time landlady, who dismissed his famous "go to hell" as merely "an excellent piece of advice to the Germans."

"For Conspicuous Gallantry."

The colonel was one of the first three Americans to receive the highest decoration the United States can give, the Congressional Medal of Honor. He was publicly decorated in Boston in 1918, the citation reading:
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action with the Germans northeast of Binerville, in the forest of the Argonne, France, October 2-7, 1918."

KANSAS WHEAT CROP CONDITION LOWEST YET

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 29.—The lowest wheat crop condition in the history of the state was reported Monday by J. C. Mohler, secretary of the Kansas state board of agriculture, in his first report of the new wheat crop. Condition was given as 58.6 per cent, normal. Lack of moisture was given as the cause of the poor condition.