

Wilson to Ignore Plea Of Ireland

President Has No Intention Of Granting Recognition As Asked in Appeal of De Valera.

Tests Not Satisfactory

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, D. C., Nov. 28.—President Wilson, it was learned today, has no intention of recognizing Ireland as an independent nation as a result of the appeal submitted to him by Ermon De Valera, president of the Irish Republic.

The attitude of the administration will be based on the view that the tests of recognition have not been satisfied by the actual establishment of an independent government.

De Valera sent his appeal to the president following the official assertion that it would not be entertained by the state department. Mr. Wilson transmitted it to the state department where it awaits his instructions as to its disposition.

Whether the appeal will be replied to remains to be seen. The communications of Martens, the soviet envoy, never have been honored with a reply. The expectation at the state department, however, is that there will be either a reply to De Valera or an official statement setting forth the reasons that recognition cannot be extended.

Wilson Quoted.

In his appeal De Valera has quoted President Wilson liberally, the following being examples:

"Shall people be ruled and dominated, even in their own internal affairs, by arbitrary and irresponsible force or by their own will and choice?"

"National aspirations must be respected; people may now be dominated and governed only by their own consent. Self-determination is not a mere phrase."

"Every people should be left free to determine their own policy, own way of development, unhindered, unthreatened, unafraid, the little along with the great and powerful."

De Valera sets forth the Irish declaration of independence draws parallels between the Irish and the American revolutionary cause and quotes nearly all the presidents of the United States in support of his arguments. He asserts that there is a British civil government in Ireland, adding:

"Under their own act of parliament, England has ruled out all the English courts throughout the Irish republic, resorting exclusively to military courts martial and the courts of the republic are the only courts functioning there today."

Government Illegal.

De Valera contends that British government in Ireland is illegal because Great Britain renounced the right to legislate for Ireland under the Grattan resolution in 1782, while the act of union subsequently was put through the Irish parliament under the coercion of 129,000 British soldiers.

Precedents for the "recognition of the Irish republic" without intervention by America are cited by De Valera in President Monroe's recognition of the South American republics. In all these cases, however, recognition was not extended until the Spanish forces had been completely expelled, independent governments had been in existence for several years and there appeared no prospect of the mother country being enabled to reconquer the states. Replying to a protest against such recognition by the Spanish minister, Secretary of State Adams said:

Two Principles Involved.

"In every question relating to the independence of a nation two principles are involved, one of right and the other of fact, the former exclusively depending upon the determination of the nation itself, and the latter resulting from the successful execution of that determination. In conflicts which have attended these revolutions the United States has carefully abstained from taking any part, observing wherever it was a neutral party. But the civil war in which Spain was for some years involved with the inhabitants of her colonies, ceased to exist in substance, ceased to exist in fact."

"Under these circumstances, the government of the United States, far from consulting the dictates of a policy questionable in its morality, yielded to an obligation of duty of the highest order by recognizing as independent states, nations which, after deliberately asserting their right to that character, have maintained and established it against all the resistance which had been or could be brought to oppose it."

In the case of Ireland, it is the test last mentioned of maintaining an independent government against British forces that is held wanting of fulfillment up to date.

Veteran San Francisco Chief of Police Dies

San Francisco, Nov. 28.—Chief of Police D. A. White died here after an illness of 10 days.

He had held the position of chief for nine years continuously, longer than any other appointee ever had.

White received many recommendations from various parts of the country for efficient handling of the crowds at the democratic national convention here last June.

Former Empress Worse.

Dooty, Nov. 28.—A turn for the worse in the condition of the former empress, Augusta Victoria, occurred late this evening.

Omaha Branch of Mormon Church Dedicated by President Grant

Head of Sect From Salt Lake Tells of Contentment Brought by His Faith—Predicts Rapid Spread Of Mormonism Here.

An Omaha branch of the Mormon church was dedicated yesterday afternoon at Tenth and Pierce streets, President Heber J. Grant of Salt Lake City, delivering the principal address. The building is that formerly occupied by the Dietz Memorial church.

Services were held morning, afternoon and night, at all of which President Grant spoke. Others who participated were John M. Knight of Denver, president of the Western States mission of the Mormon church; M. J. Hellus, president of the Omaha branch and H. H. Ellefson, superintendent of the Sabbath school.

Twenty-three active missionary elders of this church, who put in all their time disseminating the Mormon doctrine, were present. These are all very young men and women, trained for this work.

President Grant is a man 64 with white hair and beard. He spoke of the happiness and contentment which faith in Mormonism brings.

"My sainted mother, when a young woman, went to hear the Mormon doctrine preached," he said. "That night she prayed to be forgiven for having listened to what she believed was false doctrine. Later she embraced the faith. Her brother offered to give her a great sum of money, guaranteeing her an income of several thousand dollars a year, if she would renounce it. But she preferred bitter poverty with the faith that made her happy.

"Utah's best crop, when it was occupied exclusively by Latter Day

Saints, was children. We obey that biblical command which tells us to 'increase and multiply'."

Big Family Reunion.

President Grant told of a recent reunion at his home with 48 of his immediate family were present, including eight sons-in-law.

Speaking of the recent "discovery" that alcohol is not good for man internally, but of value as an external application for the sick, he said:

"Joseph Smith had a revelation directed from the Lord three-quarters of a century ago, which told us that alcohol is not good for internal use, but is of medicinal value when applied externally."

The Mormon church—or the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, as it is also called—teaches not only total abstinence from alcoholic liquors but also from smoking and chewing tobacco and from drinking tea and coffee. Its members indulge in none of these things. Dancing, however, is not under the ban.

Communion Observed With Water.

Yesterday the sacrament of holy communion was observed, but not with wine or grape juice as in all other Christian churches. Glasses of water were passed through the congregation by young boys and each communicant took a sip of water.

President Grant expressed the belief that, with the new church property, the Mormon church will grow even more rapidly than heretofore in this part of the country. Conferences were held yesterday of the missionary elders, with reports and plans for the future.

State Officers Order Bank at Verdon to Close

Farmers and Merchants Bank Likely to Be Placed in Receiver's Hands—Worthless Notes Responsible.

Lincoln, Nov. 28.—The Farmers and Merchants State bank of Verdon will probably be placed in the hands of a receiver, according to information coming from the state banking bureau. The prospects up to Friday were that the bank might be able to get back on its feet, but the loadings of the institution with about \$150,000 worth of bad paper and the attitude of some of the stockholders stand in the way of readjustment of its difficulties.

The bank has a capital stock of \$18,000 and owners of two-thirds of its stock were favorable to putting 100 cents on the dollar in order to put it on its feet, but the rest of the stockholders did not care to advance the amount. It is said that this minority stock is owned by stockholders in the rival bank.

Ordered Bank Closed.

When it became apparent that nothing could be done, Secretary Hart, of the Department of Trade and Commerce instructed the president of the bank, E. E. Auxier, to close it and send Bank Examiner R. O. Chase to take charge. Attorney General Davis has also been requested to institute proceedings for the appointment of a receiver.

D. E. Lower, formerly of Lincoln but now living in Oregon, is the largest individual stockholder, having \$6,300 invested, while the rest of the stock is owned by President Auxier, \$800; Vice President H. N. Timmerman, \$800; Cashier I. B. Johnson, \$2,500; J. J. Parsons, \$800; and J. L. Orr, Crowley, Cole, \$1,000; C. H. Hall, George E. Hall and C. H. Weir of the opposition bank own \$5,800, the balance of the stock.

Deposits Are \$80,067.

Deposits of the bank aggregate \$80,067. Undivided profits are given as \$1,573, guaranty reserve fund \$1,308, and the bank's capital stock, make liabilities of the bank \$101,808. The book assets are loans, \$73,120; bonds, \$10,974; cash and due from other banks, \$10,966; overdrafts, \$275; banking house, furniture and fixtures, \$5,713.

D. E. Lower, the largest stockholder, is father of R. A. Lower, responsible for the failure of the Valparaiso State bank about a year ago and recently convicted of illegal loaning of funds to himself. According to Secretary Hart, D. E. Lower is the man who advised the \$16,000 of bad paper which the bank is holding, to the bank while one of the notes held by the bank for \$4,315 was given by R. A. Lower, but is said to be covered by sufficient collateral to make it good.

Teachers for Affiliation With Organized Labor

New York, Nov. 28.—A resolution urging affiliation with organized labor was adopted by the second semi-annual conference of teachers' unions of eastern states. The resolution declared teachers cannot serve society well without "adequate pay and democratic working conditions," and that "it was inevitable that teachers should join organized labor."

A recommendation was made by the committee on education that steps be taken to educate communities to the need of a \$2,000 minimum salary for teachers and as near as possible a uniform method of compensation.

Cheyenne County Crop of Corn Left to Rot in Field

Lodge Pole, Neb., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—With the price of corn so low that farmers do not feel like hiring men to husk it, a large part of the biggest crop Cheyenne county ever produced remains in the field. Little or no wheat is being marketed.

Youth Kidnaped and Stripped of Clothes By His Jealous Rivals

Los Angeles, Nov. 28.—A youth giving the name of Tom Santor and clad in nothing at all, shivered his way through the cold down to a suburban home near here and tapped for admission and succor. He got both and then reported to the sheriff that some rivals, incensed because of his assiduous attentions to a young woman here, had kidnaped him from her home last evening, taken him into the country, stripped his clothing from him, and set him adrift on the highway.

"Story sounds like a scenario," said Sheriff Clark, "but it's standing up under investigation."

Disabled Soldiers Neglected

T. N. GALBRAITH, JR.

American Legion Commander Scores Government for Poor Care of Wounded World War Veterans.

Officials Admit Charges

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, D. C., Nov. 28.—The United States is neglecting disabled veterans of the World War, Col. T. N. Galbraith, jr., national commander of the American Legion, charged here. Responsible government officials did not deny the charge.

Galbraith's accusation was made in connection with the conference of the legion hospitalization committee, which at the end of a day's work, had prepared a tentative bill to be submitted to congress, whereby all federal activities connected with discharged disabled veterans of the war will be co-ordinated under one head.

The legion hopes to cut the red tape which now surrounds the disabled soldier. It will recommend to congress a plan whereby the needy veteran will get action instead of letters which pass responsibilities to some other government bureau.

Heads of government bureaus connected with the rehabilitation of soldiers attended the conference. They offered no objections to the proposal, realizing that it would have been useless to comb the storm of indignation among World War veterans at the alleged shabby treatment their unfortunate comrades are receiving.

To Use All Pressure.

That the legion intends to bring to bear all of its influence to have congress adopt the proposed legislation was made clear. The co-ordination bill will be given precedent over all other American Legion recommendations.

"The American Legion is going to make the people of this country realize that the men who offered their lives, gave of themselves and their blood for the security and the welfare of their nation, are returned heroes to whom they owe a big debt of gratitude," Galbraith said.

"The condition of these disabled men is frightful, and we propose to take immediate steps to see that they are personally cared for by their debtors—the people of the United States."

"The government has not laid a brick nor set up a bed for the care of the 30,000 disabled men, although the armistice was signed two years ago."

"Conditions frightful."

"Conditions in the temporary makeshift hospitals that have been provided by the public health service are simply frightful. The temporary hospital at Marketon, Pa., is a disgrace to the nation and should be abandoned at once as unfit for a dog to live in."

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Capital and Labor

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Mesopotamia Oil Situation Likely To Cause Trouble

Britain Has No Desire to "Hog" Rights. Man in Close Touch With Lloyd George Says.

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London, Nov. 28.—A man in close touch with Mr. Lloyd George declared that the oil situation in Mesopotamia is the one question above all others most likely to cause Anglo-American trouble if indiscreetly handled. Great Britain, he declared, has no desire to "hog" Mesopotamian oil.

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Janitor Is Murdered In Church

Assault Uses Sledge Hammer on Aged Man—Body Found by Dr. Frank Smith and Secretary.

Robbery Was the Motive

G. F. Lung, 50, janitor at the Central Congregational church, under construction at Thirty-sixth street and Dewey avenue, was found brutally murdered in the boiler room of the church at 9 Sunday morning.

The murderer used a sledge hammer and a pocket knife. Robbery was the motive, police say. Lung had been working when found, according to Dr. Glenn Miller, a police surgeon.

A safe in the shanty office of the James Black Construction company outside the church was found smashed open and the contents thereof scattered about the room.

The nature of the robbery and murder indicated the murderer was acquainted with the surroundings.

Robbery Was Motive.

Lung's purse, emptied, and his spectacles, smashed by a blow of the sledge hammer, were found on top his body, lying on its right side in the doorway of the coal room.

Wounds on Lung's head show he was first stunned by a blow of the sledge hammer then slashed to his death. There was no evidence of a struggle. One of seven ugly slashes pierced Lung's skull. Evidently he was sure of death, the murderer made two piercing jabs in his victim's throat, severing the carotid artery.

The murderer wiped his bloody hands on a piece of paper found near Lung's body and on a canvas covering over a side doorway to the boiler room.

Seek Finger Prints.

The only chance of obtaining finger prints of the murderer was in the finding of the pocket knife covered with blood. A detective Arthur English found the knife on a window casing near the coal bin yesterday afternoon.

The murderer evidently broke into the construction company's shanty first, then ransacked Lung's trunk in his room before committing the murder, as no spots of blood were found about the safe or in Lung's room. A wheelbarrow loaded with slack coal, standing near the boiler, showed Lung was wheeling slack to bank the boiler fire for the night. The murderer evidently stood near the doorway of the boiler room in hand, awaiting his victim.

Safe Smashed Open.

The murderer used a steel bar taken from the tool chest of L. A. Angus, stone cutter, to smash open the safe.

Because Lung was in the habit of housing to workmen about the building that his uncle had given him "a valuable watch and \$100" for his birthday two months ago, de-

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Shipping Board To Ask Large Sum

Deficiency Appropriation of One Hundred Million Needed to Pay Expenses.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Nov. 28.—Deficiency appropriations totaling probably \$100,000,000 will be asked by the shipping board before the end of the present fiscal year.

The additional money will be necessary to total about \$325,000,000 expended by the board on the operation of ships, the sale of ships, and the settlement of claims. Expenditures for the present fiscal year are expected to total about \$225,000,000.

Revenues will total not more than \$225,000,000.

If the War department had settled all the claims which are pending, the board probably would have sufficient money to go through the year without asking a deficiency appropriation. So far, however, the War department has paid the shipping board only \$40,000,000 out of a total of \$200,000,000 which is in dispute. There are no indications that the balance of the claim will be disposed of in the current fiscal year.

Officials of the shipping board will appear before the subcommittee of the house appropriations committee which is preparing the annual sundry civil appropriation bill probably next Wednesday.

Interior of Steamship Is Destroyed by Fire

Bilbao, Spain, Nov. 28.—Fire discovered on the Spanish liner, Alfonso XIII, destroyed the interior of the vessel. The damage is estimated at 12,000,000 pesetas.

The company owning the dockyards where the steamer was lying recently dismissed 200 workmen and had received anonymous letters stating an attack would be made on the liner.

A number of workmen have been arrested.

Rickenbacker Sets New Airplane Speed Record

San Francisco, Nov. 28.—Eddie Rickenbacker, American ace, flew from Los Angeles to San Francisco in three hours and 10 minutes, said to be a record for a northward flight over the 341 miles. He bucked a heavy wind all the way and made a forced landing at San Jose for gasoline. A mark of three hours and one minute was set for the southward flight over the distance yesterday by Lieut. E. C. Batten, an army flyer.

The Weather

Forecast. Nebraska—Rain and colder Monday.

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m. 42 1 p. m. 38 7 a. m. 41 3 p. m. 36 9 a. m. 40 5 p. m. 35 11 a. m. 39 7 p. m. 34 1 p. m. 33 3 p. m. 32 5 p. m. 31 7 p. m. 30 9 p. m. 29 11 p. m. 28