

Agreement Reached On Irish Bill

British Government Accepts Proposal on Home Rule Measure as Framed by Upper House of Parliament.

Early Action Is Expected

London, Dec. 18.—When the amended Irish home rule bill reached the house of commons from the lords this afternoon, it was announced by Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, for the ministry, that the government accepted the proposal framed by the upper house regarding the Irish council. This removed the only outstanding difference between the houses and indicated the speedy adoption of the bill.

The house of lords last night agreed virtually to leave all the amendments to the bill made by the house of commons, changing them only to provide the Irish council should not be elected by proportional representation and that the lord lieutenant should retain the right of nominating the president of the council.

Amendment Passed. The lower house today amended the lords' proposal that if either area in Ireland refused to set up a parliament the executive could not make the offer a second time unless within two years both houses adopt a resolution asking for it. On motion of the government, the house passed an amendment by vote of 175 to 12, making the time limit three years after June 1.

The bill this afternoon was returned to the lords, who will consider it Monday. Lloyd George, speaking concerning the time limit amendment, said to accept the lord's proposal for two years was placing the whole chance of the experiment being brought into operation upon the possibility of the government being able to succeed at the first go.

Good Thing to Try. While he was not altogether confident that when the government made the offer to the southern area of Ireland in the next few months it would be accepted, the premier asserted he thought it was a good thing to try. It would be a means of beginning to rally the population against forces of disorder, he said. Even if the government got only 25 or 30 per cent to commit themselves to constitutional methods, Mr. Lloyd George went on, it would be of advantage.

The premier declared Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, had achieved remarkable success in the direction of restoring order in Ireland and there was greater desire to try the experiment of constitutionalism in Ireland again.

Former Publisher of New York Mail Found Guilty on Two Counts

New York, Dec. 18.—Dr. Edward A. Rumely, former publisher of the New York Evening Mail, and S. Walter Kaufman and Norvin Lindheim, his co-defendants, were acquitted by a jury here on three counts of an indictment charging conspiracy with withdrawal from the government knowledge of the alleged German ownership of the paper, and found guilty on two counts. The finding of not guilty was on counts alleging that the German government owned actual shares of the newspaper's stock, while the verdict of guilty was on that part of the indictment which alleged that the defendants had borrowed money from German sources with which to conduct the paper.

Hinchey Presented With Diamond Ring

A \$500 diamond ring was presented to M. M. Hinchey, formerly assistant superintendent of the Nebraska division of the Union Pacific, at a reception in his honor at De Luxe hall last week. The reception was given by employees of the operating and transportation department of the Union Pacific. Talks were made by Ed Hamilton, P. E. Dunbar, Jerry Linahan and Ed White. Forty-nine roses were given Mrs. Hinchey. Mr. Hinchey recently was transferred from his position as assistant superintendent and is at present acting chief dispatcher.

San Francisco Man Killed In Mexico, Report States

Washington, Dec. 18.—John Bensen, an American mining man of San Francisco, was killed about November 29 in the state of Mexico, Mexico, according to information received today by the State department from the American embassy at Mexico City.

Argentina Lifts Wheat Embargo for Export Use

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The department of trade and commerce today received cablegram from Buenos Aires announcing that the Argentine government has removed the wheat export embargo.

Sixteen Reported Drowned When Skiff Overturned

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 18.—Sixteen men are reported to have been drowned when a skiff in which they were crossing the Kanawha river overturned at Spring Hill, near here.

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Keeping of Cider With Kick 'O. K.' Palmer Declares

Attorney General Interprets Section 29 as Meant to Prohibit Sale, But Not Manufacture, of Beverage.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Use of cider in the home by its manufacturer, even after it has become intoxicating, is lawful and without the bounds of the prohibition enforcement act, according to an opinion submitted to the secretary of the treasury by Attorney General Palmer and made public today.

The opinion is in conflict with the regulation of the bureau of internal revenue which state home-made cider must be "non-intoxicating in fact" although not necessarily containing less than one-half of 1 per cent of alcohol. Secretary Houston asked for an opinion as to whether the term "non-intoxicating" in fact means non-intoxicating in fact, or containing less than one-half of 1 per cent of alcohol. The phrase occurs in section 29 of the prohibition act which permits manufacture of non-intoxicating cider for use in the home without a permit.

In answer the attorney general held that the expression meant containing less than one-half of 1 per cent, but added:

"In view, however, of what I understand this to mean, I am sure it would be misleading for me to content myself with this direct answer to your question.

Meant to Stop Sale. Congress intended by section 29 to prohibit the sale, but not the manufacture of intoxicating cider for use in the home, the opinion said.

"Congress seems to have recognized the peculiar nature of cider," the attorney general declared. "Fermentation very shortly sets in, producing alcohol and all that is necessary to convert the cider into an intoxicating liquor is the lapse of a short time.

"Broadly speaking, one who has manufactured cider which has not yet had time to ferment has not yet manufactured intoxicating liquor."

Section 29 has sought to make it clear that was not intended that one who manufactured cider and kept it in his home for beverage purposes, until it fermented would be guilty of possessing intoxicating liquors unlawfully, the opinion stated.

Possession Not Illegal. Possession of intoxicating liquor is not prohibited by the 18th amendment, the attorney general explained, and the only offense against the enforcement act which a manufacturer of cider for use in the home could be guilty of would be of having it in his possession after it ferments and produces alcohol.

"By the provision above," he said, "I think congress has, at least by necessary implication, provided that the publication of the manufacturer of cider, even after it has by fermentation become intoxicating, shall not be unlawful so long as he holds it exclusive for use in the home or sale to those having permits to make vinegar."

While the opinion is binding on the treasury, prohibition enforcement officials intimated tonight Mr. Palmer might be asked to reconsider his decision in view of the conflict between his contention and existing regulations.

Seventeen Men and 20 Stills Seized in West Virginia

Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 18.—One of the biggest "moonshine" raids in southern West Virginia, extending nine days and centering in Logan county, was reported by Frank Adkins, state prohibition officer. Seventeen prisoners were taken and 20 stills, 100 gallons of moonshine, 5,000 gallons of mash and 40 points of bonded whisky were confiscated.

Texas Legion Posts Urged To Combat Wave of Crime

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 18.—Post commanders of the American Legion throughout Texas are urged to call immediately, special mass meetings of their members for discussion of emergency measures to assist in combating "a wave of crime" and maintaining law and order, in a telegram sent from headquarters of the Texas department of the Legion here.

Budapest Postal Workers Arrested for Stealing Mail

Vienna, Dec. 18.—(Czechoslovak Agency.)—A number of postal officials in Budapest have been arrested in connection with thefts from American mail, says a dispatch from Budapest today. It has been discovered that \$300,000 has been stolen from American letters.

Cole and Grammer to Die Monday

Supreme Court Decision to Halt Execution in State; Charles and Howard County Men.

Currie to Throw Switch

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Cole and Grammer will be electrocuted Monday. After exhausting every avenue of escape, through the state and federal courts, Alton B. Cole and Allen V. Grammer will go to the electric chair as punishment for the murder of Mrs. Lulu Vogt in Howard county in 1917. It will be the first electrocution in the history of Nebraska.

At the state penitentiary in Lincoln the electric chair, equipped a year ago, is waiting for its two victims, now confined in the death chamber in an adjoining room. Edward B. Currie of Boston is en route to Lincoln and is expected to arrive Sunday to throw the switch that will snuff out the lives of the two young men.

Many Reprieves Granted. More than a dozen reprieves have been granted the two men, as they appeal the case on various grounds from time to time. The last reprieve was signed by Governor McKelvie Saturday delaying the execution until Monday.

The state supreme court dismissed today a petition in error filed by attorneys of Cole as a last attempt to save the man's life. The writ of error was recalled. This ruling affirms the opinion of District Judge Faine of Howard county.

With this decision of the court it appears impossible that the execution can be stopped unless Governor McKelvie relents at eleventh hour and grants the two men clemency. He has signified no intention of following this course and has ordered Warden Fenton of the penitentiary to complete arrangements for carrying out the sentence of the Howard county district court.

Will Obey Law. Governor McKelvie when informed of the decision of the court instructed the warden to carry out the electrocution sentence as provided by the Nebraska statutes. This will make the "party" strictly private and exclude newspaper men from witnessing the electrocution.

It has been more than three years since Cole and Grammer were first sentenced to be electrocuted for the murder of Grammer's wife and Mrs. Vogt. Cole was convicted of committing the crime at the Behest of Grammer in order that Grammer could come into possession of her money.

Farmers' Conference Plans Co-Operative Elevator in Omaha

St. Louis, Dec. 18.—Establishment of co-operative farmers' banks as a method of assuring credit to agricultural producers was considered at the final session of the nation-wide agricultural conference here.

A resolution adopted asserted such banks were necessary at present because of the lack of credit to farmers and rural banks.

The conferees discussed the feasibility of building large elevators in the nine principal terminal cities, and smaller elevators in various other sections of the country.

The nine proposed grain centers are: Chicago, Omaha, Kansas City, Seattle, Galveston, Baltimore, Minneapolis-St. Paul, St. Louis, and New Orleans.

It was announced that a committee would be appointed to meet January 4, to work out plans of financing the proposal.

Cardinal Gibbons Is Rapidly Recovering

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 18.—An announcement concerning the health of Cardinal Gibbons, signed by Bishop O. B. Corrigan, vicar general of the diocese, appears today in the Baltimore Catholic Review. It said: "His condition varies from hour to hour, but those in attendance are hopeful of early recovery. His devoted people are urged to offer daily prayers for him."

"Dips" Take \$1,000 From Salt Lake Railway Clerk

Salt Lake City, Dec. 18.—William Hunsberger, clerk at the local ticket office of the Denver and Rio Grande railroad, was just at the entrance of a bank by two men. As a result he informed the police he lost \$1,000 in bills from one of his pockets. Hunsberger was proceeding to deposit the money for the railroad company when he became sandwiched between the men, he stated.

Snow Monday and Tuesday Is Promise for Coming Week

Washington, Dec. 18.—Weather predictions for the week, beginning Monday, are: Upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys, generally fair and cold, but snows are probable Monday and Tuesday.

Packing Company Sued

William C. Downey of Pleasanton, Neb., filed suit in district court yesterday against the Skinner Packing company for \$115,000 which he invested in stock of the company. He alleges that untrue representations were made to him.

Women With Shawls To Censor Dress in Zion City Tabernacle

Zion City, Ill., Dec. 18.—Two censors, armed with one dozen woolen shawls, were appointed by Wilbur Glenn Voliva, overseer of Zion City, to enforce an order against the wearing of low-neck dresses in the Zion tabernacle.

The censors, Mrs. W. H. Glendine, wife of the mayor, and Mrs. T. C. Pihl, are to place a shawl around any woman who violates the order, conduct her from the tabernacle and surrender her to a waiting policeman. A sign has been posted across the front of the tabernacle warning Zion women against wearing dresses without collars; skirts more than three inches above the ankle, openwork stockings, "x-ray" sleeves or transparent blouses.

Fate of Woman on Trial for Murder In Hands of Jury

Self-Defense Plea of Defendant in Sensational Trial at Alliance—First Woman To Face Charge.

Alliance, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—The fate of Evelyn Preiss McElhaney of Alliance, 21, charged with first degree murder in connection with the shooting of Earl E. Anderson here December 7, went into the hands of the jury shortly before 4 o'clock today. The trial has been one of the most sensational ever heard in Box Butte county and is the first in western Nebraska in which a woman has been tried on a first degree murder charge. The trial began Wednesday.

Eighteen witnesses testified for the state and seven for the defense. Testimony was completed at 10 o'clock today and arguments consumed the remainder of the time to nearly 4 o'clock. Attorneys for the state in arguments stated that the state would not demand conviction on first degree murder, but intimated that it would be satisfied with conviction on a second degree charge. Conviction on second degree carries sentence of ten years to life imprisonment. First degree carries a penalty of death or life imprisonment.

Self-defense was the argument of the defendant and testimony showed that Anderson had abused the woman on several occasions and that she followed him into a darkened alley at 1 o'clock in the morning and fired the fatal shot. She admitted firing the shot but claimed the revolver was discharged accidentally. She claimed she had struggled with Anderson and taken the revolver away from him just before the shooting.

The defendant on the witness stand displayed a high temper and fairly screamed some of her answers under cross examination. At no time during the four days of the trial did she show remorse for her action. She evinced little interest in the testimony of the state's witnesses and listened to the fiery plea of attorneys demanding her conviction for murder with apparently no emotion.

Her husband, A. E. Anderson, a tailor of Alliance, and her brother-in-law, Oscar Brush, farmer near here, sat with her during the trial. Three brothers, four sisters and her father, Joe Preiss, sat in the audience each day. She is a handsome woman of the brunette type and appeared each day at the trial nattily dressed in a blue serge suit.

Charged With Taking Employers' Circulars

Roy M. Harrop, 2567 Douglas street, was arrested last yesterday afternoon on the complaint of officials of the Western Sales and Auction company, Brandeis building, who allege, according to Chief of Detectives Charles A. Deussen, that Harrop, formerly in the employ of the firm, took circulars, pennants and advertising literature belonging to his employers.

Since leaving the Western Sales and Auction company, it is alleged, Harrop used the goods, valued at \$35, in a business which he established.

Harrop, who says he is a mining engineer, is held on \$100 bond, pending investigation. He is secretary of the Citizens and Taxpayers league of Omaha and is said to be well known in labor circles. He was defeated at the recent election as a candidate for state railway commissioner.

Food Prices in Omaha Decline During Month

Washington, Dec. 18.—A further decrease of 2 1/2 per cent in retail food prices in November as compared with October was reported today by the Department of Labor's bureau of statistics. The greatest decrease, 5 per cent, was shown in Memphis. In Birmingham and Seattle the decrease was 4 per cent; in Butte, Mont., Dallas, Texas and Kansas City 3 per cent; in Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, Omaha, Portland, Ore., and Salt Lake City, 2 per cent; in New York, San Francisco and Washington, 1 per cent.

Cork Officials Barred From Probe of Big Fire

Cork, Dec. 18.—The corporation has refused the request of the military authorities to permit the city engineer and other officials to attend the inquiry into Saturday night's fire. It has renewed its offer to permit testimony to be given before "an impartial tribunal."

Tacoma Man Pleads Guilty To Charge of Kidnaping

Tacoma, Dec. 18.—George Stagg, former Tacoma newspaper man, pleaded guilty to having kidnaped his son, Bobbie Stagg, September 16. He was sentenced to the state penitentiary to a term of from 10 to 15 years. The case against Miss Betty Brainerd, charged as an accomplice in the kidnaping, was dismissed.

The Problem



Troops Go on Duty At Independence

Negro Who Started Riot Spurred Out of Town by Officers.

Independence, Kan., Dec. 18.—Two companies of state guardsmen, one a machine gun unit, arrived here early today from Lawrence and took charge of Independence. Shortly after 6 o'clock this morning, before the city stirred, Noble Green, negro, whose arrest two days ago as the slayer of a white merchant caused threats of lynching and brought about a race clash, was spirited from the city jail and rushed from the town in an automobile. Green was in custody of officers from Nowata, Kan. A murder charge has been filed against Green.

Police Arrest Aviator on Stock Selling Charge

Alleged Promoter of Blue Star Aviation Company Said to Have Misrepresented Status of Firm.

A. V. Green, 2886 Newport avenue, aviator and one of the alleged promoters of the Blue Star Aviation company, was arrested at 5:30 yesterday afternoon by detectives on complaint of County Attorney Walter Vasey of Gage county that Green had sold stock in the company under false pretenses.

In the warrant for the aviator's arrest, Vasey alleges that on October 27 Green sold Ralph Scott of Gage county one share of stock for \$100. The county attorney asserts that Green represented the company as being lawfully incorporated and that it had the permission of the department of trade and commerce to sell stock, which has not been estimated.

According to Chief of Detectives Van Deusen, Green is alleged to have sold stock to other parties in Gage county. Green denies the charge.

He was released on a \$2,500 bond and will be taken to Beatrice upon the arrival here of officials from Gage county, according to police.

Well-Known Editor Of Nebraska Dies In Council Bluffs

George Wells, former Nebraska editor, died Friday night at St. Bernard's hospital in Council Bluffs. He was 86 years old. For many years he was owner and editor of the Democrat at Central City. Previous to that he was located at Hastings, to which city he came from Peoria, Ill., in 1870. For the last 20 years he had lived in Omaha.

Huge Wireless Station Delivered to France

Bordeaux, Dec. 18.—Rear Admiral T. P. Magruder, naval attaché to the American embassy in Paris on behalf of the American government, delivered to France the Lafayette wireless station built by the American Navy department during the war to provide better communication with the United States and presented by the United States to France. The station is the most powerful in the world.

Bomb Explosions Damage Two Chicago Apartments

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Bomb explosions which damaged two North Side apartment buildings and sent scores of people scurrying from their flats at midnight last night were attributed by the police to labor troubles. No one was injured. The landlord said he recently had discharged a union janitor and employed a nonunion man.

De Valera to Come Out of Retirement Christmas Day

New York, Dec. 18.—Eamonn De Valera, president of the Irish republic, will come out of retirement Christmas day in New York City, according to his secretary, Harry Boland, who recently denied reports that De Valera had left for Great Britain.

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Attorney Asks Receiver For Goodyear Rubber Co.

Columbus, O., Dec. 18.—Asking appointment of a receiver and an accounting, Frank S. Monnett, an attorney, today filed suit in local courts against the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company of Akron. In his suit Mr. Monnett, who is a stockholder in the company, charges the directors of the company with malfeasance in office.

Marines In Haiti Are Exonerated

Forces Given Clean Bill of Health by Naval Inquiry Board on Charges of "Indiscriminate Killings." Statements Groundless

Washington, Dec. 18.—The naval court of inquiry which investigated the conduct of the marines in Haiti reported to Secretary Daniels today that there "had been no proper grounds" for the statement by Brig. Gen. George Barnett, former commandant of the marine corps, that the force had been guilty of "practically indiscriminate killing" of Haitians.

After a careful survey, the court, presided over by Rear Admiral Henry T. Mayo, found General Barnett's charges were "ill-considered, regrettable and thoroughly unwarranted reflections" on the work of the marine corps in Haiti, adding that the corps had performed difficult, dangerous and delicate duty worthy of the highest commendation.

The marines virtually were given a clean bill by the court, which declined to recommend trial by court-martial of Freeman Lang of Los Angeles and Doras Williams of Birmingham, Ala., charged by native witnesses with the murder of Haitians. Indeed, the Lang and Williams cases were not mentioned.

Daniels Approves Report. In all "isolated" cases of unjustifiable conduct by marines, the court found disciplinary action had been taken.

The findings as made public were approved by Secretary Daniels and Maj. Gen. A. Lejeune, commandant of the marine corps.

The court finds two unjustifiable homicides have been committed, one each by two of the personnel of the United States naval service which has served in Haiti since July 28, 1915, and that 16 other serious acts of violence have been perpetrated against citizens of Haiti by individuals of such personnel.

"The court finds that these offenses were all isolated acts of individuals and that in every case the responsible party was duly brought to trial, convicted and sentenced.

No Evidence of Oppression. The court has found no evidence of the commission of any other unjustifiable acts of oppression or violence against any of the citizens of Haiti or unjustifiable damage or destruction of their property caused by any of the personnel in question.

In view of the fact that the only justifiable acts found to have been committed are those wherein disciplinary action has been taken and where no further proceedings could be had in the matter, the court has not deemed it necessary to report further as to responsibility.

Conclusions. Referring to paragraph two of the precept of the conclusion of the court that there have been no proper grounds for the statement (Turn to Page Two, Column Two.)

Parcel Post Mail in 3 Days Exceeds Last Year's by 1,204 Sacks

Omaha prosperity note from the postoffice: In the last three days, 1,204 more sacks of parcel post mail were sent out from the postoffice than on the same three days last year. An Associated Press dispatch from Washington, D. C., a few days ago reported that the Omaha postoffice was the only office in the larger cities to report an increase in parcel post business for the Yuletide of 1920.

San Francisco Gangster Takes Stand at Trial

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Edmond (Spud) Murphy, pugilist and alleged criminal gangster, attempted to prove in his trial here today on a charge of feloniously attacking Miss Montgomery, a Reno girl, here, that he was not present when the attack was said to have been committed. The state rested its case and the defense put on witnesses whose testimony tended to prove that Murphy had been at home at the time the attack is said to have been made. His mother made a plea to the jury to acquit her son when she was called to the stand. Prosecution attorneys did not object to her statement.

Logging Plant Closes

Salem, Ore., Dec. 18.—The C. K. Spaulding Logging company announced that the Salem plant of the corporation would close indefinitely. Approximately 400 men will be thrown out of employment. Uncertainty of the lumber market and the necessity for immediate repairs were given as reasons for suspension.

Printers Strike Against Move to Reduce Salaries

Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 18.—Designers, engravers and printers at the Pacific Print works, about 80 in number, went out on a strike against a wage cut of 22 1/2 per cent, which is to go into effect Monday. Should the strike continue, it would eventually affect the entire plant, employing about 2,000.

The Weather

Forecast: Probably snow Sunday; not much change in temperature. Hourly Temperatures: 6 a. m. -14, 7 a. m. -16, 8 a. m. -18, 9 a. m. -20, 10 a. m. -22, 11 a. m. -24, 12 noon -26, 1 p. m. -28, 2 p. m. -30, 3 p. m. -32, 4 p. m. -34, 5 p. m. -36, 6 p. m. -38, 7 p. m. -40, 8 p. m. -42, 9 p. m. -44, 10 p. m. -46, 11 p. m. -48, 12 noon -50. Protect shipments during the next 24 to 36 hours from temperatures as follows: north, 10 to 20 degrees below zero; south, 15 degrees below zero.