

WAL ANIMALS GAS PACS RATED

Republican Army Men Plan Coup

Revolving Members of Republican Military Forces Discuss Overthrow of Opponents to Republic.

Final Action Is Delayed

London, March 29.—(By A. P.)—At the conclusion of this afternoon's session of the conference on the situation in Ireland, Arthur Griffith, president of the Dail Eireann, informed the newspaper correspondents that the southern delegates would meet Sir James Craig, premier of Ulster, and his colleagues at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Discuss Dictatorship

Dublin, March 29.—The convention on Sunday of revolving members of the Irish republican army debated the question of declaring a military dictatorship but deferred action thereon, says the correspondent here of the London Star, in a dispatch to his paper. He gives as his authority a statement issued from the Beggar's Bush barracks this morning, which says the proposal before the convention was to overthrow all governments in Ireland opposed to a republic.

According to the correspondent the report of the convention is vouched for by the regular general headquarters of the Irish republican army in a statement which says the following resolution was offered by Thomas Barry and Frank Barrett. "Resolved, that matters of immediate concern for the executive will include: "First—Maintaining Ireland as an independent republic.

Would Overthrow Government

"Third—Declaration of dictatorship. For this purpose the executive shall be empowered to secure the services of others, who need not be members of the executive, with a view to ordering the dissolution of all pretended governments in Ireland by the prohibition of parliamentary elections until such time as an election without the threat of war by Great Britain can be held on adult suffrage."

The statements proceed: "The dictatorship would overthrow the four governments in Ireland opposed to the republic—namely, the Dail Eireann, provisional, British and northern governments."

Police Barracks Raided

Belfast, March 29.—(By A. P.)—The police barracks at Belcoo, near the Fermanagh-Cavan border, were raided last night by armed men who crossed the Cavan county border, which is only 100 yards distant. Of the garrison of 21 royal Irish constabulary and special constabulary men, only six escaped. The other 15, with all the post's arms and ammunition, were carried into free state territory.

A freight and mail train bound from Belfast to Dublin was derailed by a large party of armed men near Newry early today. Nine cars were derailed.

Secrecy at London Meet

London, March 29.—(By A. P.)—The conference between representatives of northern and southern Ireland and the British government began this morning for the discussion of the Irish crisis with much official secrecy.

The conference was probably the most thoroughly representative held in London since the earliest days of the peace negotiations and it was the first time the north and the south had been brought together in a formal conclave of this kind.

Daugherty Asked to Rule on Status of Private Yacht

Washington, March 29.—Attorney General Daugherty was understood to have been asked by the treasury to rule on the status of the yacht Patricia, owned by James Shewan of New York, which was recently seized, together with 460 cases of liquor at Miami, Fla., by customs authorities. The ship's owner, it was said, claimed the vessel was sailing under British registry and that the liquor was part of the sea stores carried for the crew.

Mr. Daugherty, it was said, has been asked to rule as to whether the national prohibition laws apply to a foreign-built vessel, American owned, sailing under a bill of sale deposited with customs officials. He also was asked as to whether the customs authorities could decide if an amount of liquor carried as sea stores was excessive.

Bathers Flock to Atlantic City Beach

Atlantic City, N. J., March 29.—Inspired by climbing mercury which reached 70 degrees at noon, hundreds of bathers deserted the indoor pools for a plunge in the breakers. The board walk and beaches were a riot of color.

Matters Trial Is Given to Jury; Court Is Crowded

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Pershing and Harbord Opposed to Army Cut

Washington, March 29.—Stating the army's case in opposition to further reductions in its enlisted and commissioned strength before Washington newspaper men, gathered at the National Press club tonight, General Pershing, chief of staff, and Major General Harbord, deputy chief of staff, jointly declared their belief that the bill passed by the house limiting the army to 115,000 men and 11,000 officers would work serious injury to the nation's military policy and undermine the best system for preparedness the nation ever had.

Mount Etna Breaks Into Violent Eruption

London, March 29.—Mount Etna is in violent eruption, says a Central News dispatch from Rome, quoting advice from Palermo. Streams of lava are flowing from all sides of the crater, and the inhabitants of the villages on the mountain side have fled from their homes.

Principal of Utah School Is Charged With Murder

Ogden, Utah, March 29.—Marlow J. Christensen, principal of the Utah school near here, was charged with first degree murder as a result of the fatal shooting last week of Lloyd Bigbee, 18, one of his pupils. The murder complaint was sworn to by the boy's father.

New U. S. Ambassador to Germany Meets Harding

Washington, March 29.—Alanason B. Houghton, the new American ambassador to Germany, received final instructions from President Harding today prior to leaving later in the day for New York to sail Saturday on the Olympic.

Have you read today's Bee "Want" Ads?

17th and Farnam Atlantic 1000

Army Cut to 115,000 by House Vote

Number of Officers Reduced to 11,000—\$228,000,000 Appropriated for Expenses.

Guardsmen's Pay Raised

Washington, March 29.—Without a roll call the house today passed the army appropriation bill carrying approximately \$228,000,000 to meet military and nonmilitary expenses of the War department during the coming fiscal year.

Smith Attempts to Prove Alibi as Bank Robber

Wahoo, Neb., March 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Riley Smith, 3520 Pine street, Omaha, who was positively identified by two witnesses as the larger of two men who held up the Ithaca bank and escaped with \$1,733.35, is endeavoring to establish an alibi. He spent nearly the entire day on the witness stand telling of his whereabouts on December 16, 1921, the day the robbery occurred.

Women on Stand

Mrs. Ray M. Lampert, corroborated his statements as to the time of his arrival at the farm and time he left for home.

Increased Guardsmen's Pay

By a vote of 146 to 62 the house increased the pay of National guardsmen from \$9,000,000 to \$11,000,000 and by a vote of 188 to 144 voted to increase the appropriation for forage, bedding, etc., for animals from \$800,000 to \$1,000,000.

Liquor Valued at \$3,000,000 Seized

New York, March 29.—Three thousand barrels of gin, valued at \$3,000,000, were seized by the U. S. marshal at Peoria, Ill., were transferred from the steaming ship Orizaba to a customs warehouse and detained pending the Treasury department's decision whether it may be stored in a bonded warehouse in New York.

Former Governor Enters Congressional Campaign

Lincoln, March 29.—(Special.)—John H. Murchison, former governor, today filed for the democratic nomination for congress from the first district.

Canadian Merchant Marine Cost Government \$2,210,724

Ottawa, Ont., March 29.—The Canadian government lost \$2,210,724 in operating its merchant marine in 1921, excluding depreciation and interest charges. Interest owed the government for 1921, was \$3,357,833. Depreciation was figured at \$4,158,775 for the year.

Unemployed Veterans

Henry Cotic, 41-year-old veteran, drifted into police headquarters yesterday and asked that he be permitted to sentence himself to 30 days in jail.

Omaha Man Testifies He Was at Wahoo Farm at Hour of Ithaca Robbery

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Ten-Year Holiday Is Approved

Senator France Only Member to Vote Against Limitation Agreement—Rollcall on Sub Treaty, 71 to 0.

Only Start, Borah Says

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Omaha Bee Special Writer. Washington, March 29.—The international agreement to reduce and restrict the navies of the great powers was ratified by the senate by a vote of 74 to 1. Senator France, Maryland, republican, cast the negative vote.

The treaty halts the competition in navy building, sends no warships built and building to the scrap heap, and establishes a 10-year naval holiday and restricts the size of the American, British and Japanese navies in the ratio of 5-5-3.

Ratification by the other signatories is expected to follow speedily. Following the almost unanimous approval of the navy reduction treaty, the senate, in an extraordinary burst of speed and with equal absence of partisanship, ratified the treaty prohibiting the use of poison gas and restricting the use of submarines in warfare. The vote was 71 to 0.

Nine-Power Treaty Next

The nine-power treaty, relating to China, is next on the program. It may be ratified tomorrow. Only the Chinese tariff treaty will then remain and this may be approved practically without debate.

The naval treaty had some interesting side lights. "I am glad that this treaty is here and that I have an opportunity to vote for it," said Senator Borah. "I arise to suggest, however, that it ought to be considered as the beginning, and only as the beginning, of the work for disarmament. I have no doubt that this treaty represents all that could be obtained from the Washington conference. But I should regard it as a disaster rather than a benefit if this treaty should be looked upon as all there is to do in the way of disarmament, even naval disarmament in the next 10 years."

Senator Borah also said it would be a good concern if the maritime nations, relieved from the necessity for competing against each other in capital ship building, should now turn their energies and resources into vast submarine and aircraft programs.

Johnson Waives Aversion

Senator Johnson, California, republican, waived his aversion for treating the treaty as a disaster, as well as the submarine and gas treaty, with wry face. He left misgivings over the Pacific fortifications clause in the naval treaty, he said, but he would vote for the pact upon the assurance of the navy general board to the effect that the United States would not be bound to build a battleship in the next 10 years.

Eastern Nebraska Reports Rain and Snow

Beatrice, Neb., March 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Rains have fallen in this section of the state a greater part of the day, giving the ground a thorough soaking and improving crop conditions. Henry Scheve, farmer and stock raiser living west of Beatrice, places the wheat in his neighborhood at a 90 per cent yield. South of there, across the state line in Kansas, the grain suffered from drought earlier in the winter.

Norfolk, Neb., March 29.—(Special Telegram.)—A light snow is falling all over north Nebraska and southern South Dakota. Temperatures are rising rapidly.

Mayor Hylan Orders Probe of Anti-Smoking Ordinance

New York, March 29.—Mayor Hylan directed Commissioner of Accounts Hirschfeld to find out how Alderman McGuinness' unadopted ordinance prohibiting smoking by women in public places happened to be put into effect by Police Commissioner Enright.

Proprietor of Birmingham Rooming House Flogged

Birmingham, Ala., March 29.—R. Robinson, rooming house proprietor, was taken from his home shortly before midnight by four men, handcuffed, whisked to Shades mountain and severely flogged. Robinson, according to city detectives, said he did not care to prosecute.

The men who did it think they are doing something for the good of the land and I do not want them prosecuted," Robinson said, according to the detectives. Robinson's mother stated, according to the detectives, that the four men had posed as officers.