Radicals Only Group Opposed to Irish State

98 Per Cent of Americans Favor New Government, Say Members of High Commission Here.

"Ninety-eight per cent of the Americans favor the new Irish Free State, and in Ireland opponents to the new Gaelic state are but a small minority of radicals, given some standing because of De Valera's unreasonable attitude."

Thus did the three members of the Irish provisional government high commission, in Omaha for two days, sum up Ireland's present political situation.

"It is now the declared policy of Irish Free State opponents to endeavor by violence to oppose the will of the majority of the Irish people," said James M. Sullivan, one of the commissioners. "Their leaders have declared they will not accept the verdict of the majority of the Irish people if it goes against them in the election next month. They are preparing to shed blood of their fellow Irishmen to enforce their will."

Mutiny Could Be Crushed.

General Piaras Beaslai, commandant of the Irish republican army, member of the Dail Eireann, vice president of the Gaelic league and founder of "An Fainne," Irish-speaking league, emphasized that there is mutiny among only a very small portion of the republican army and that this could quickly be crushed if Michael Collins were not trying to avoid bloodshed.

"Already opponents of the Free State have given evidence of their idea of freedom by breaking up meetings by armed force and smashing up newspaper plants whose owners criticize them," said General Beaslai. "We feel sure that no Americans will give encouragement, still less financial assistance, to such a campaign of criminal lunacy."

Ask America's Friendship

"We come to you as the accredited representatives of a native Irish government, recognized by other governments of the world and entitled to speak for the Irish people, to show our friendship and gratitude to the American people and to ask your friendship for the infant state which has come out from the shadow of tyranny into the comity of nations," was the explanation of the commission's aims given by John Forrestal of the Dublin municipal council, third member of the commission, who said that for 20 years he has been identified prominently with the Sinn Fein movement.

Proponents Celebrate as School Bond Issue Voted

Pender, Neb., April 25.—(Special.)—At the special election held here Pender school district voted $100,000 bonds for a new public school building. The vote was 285 for and 135 against.

Considerable excitement prevailed as many of the heavier taxpayers were active in opposing the bonds. School children paraded the streets in the morning carrying banners depicting the need for a new school and the village band turned out and gave public concerts at noon and at 5 in the evening.

Proponents of the bond issue celebrated the victory by staging a monster bonfire as soon as the results were known.

Loot Taken by Boy Bandit Pair Returned to Owners

Beatrice, Neb., April 25.—(Special.)—Loot volued at nearly $2,500 and which is alleged to have been taken in the raids made by Marshall Bremser and Clarence Keeley, Beatrice youthful bandits who last week were sentenced to the industrial school, was turned over to Beatrice residents who identified their property. The loot included gold watches, wrist watches, bracelets, beads, necklaces, knives, revolvers, flash lights, cartridges, saws and other articles.

Contracts for Catholic Hospital at McCook Let

McCook, Neb., April 25.—(Special.)—The building committee of St. Catherine of Sienne hospital of this city let the general contract for building the new hospital to the McAdams Construction Co. of this city. The plumbing contract went to Charles Miller of McCook, and the elevator contract to the Otis Elevator Co. Work will begin immediately. The cost complete will be $75,000, giving a 30-room semi-fireproof modern building.

Irish Commission Here

"It's the Irish Free State or nothing," say the three members of the Irish Provisional government high cemmission, shown here. The three commissioners, who are stopping for two days at the Hotel Fontenelle, are, left to right:

Gen. Piaras Beaslai, commandant of the Irish Republican army; Councillor John Forrestal of the Dublin municipal council, and James M. Sullivan, formerly of the United States diplomatic service, appointed a commissioner by special cable from Michael Collins.

Transportation on Missouri Held to Be Necessary

Omaha, K. C. and St. Joseph Flour Manufacturers Need Cheap Avenues to Markets, Says Congressman.

Kansas City, Mo., April 25.—Water transportation over the Mississippi and Missouri rivers is practical, cheap and necessary if a tie-up of transportation is to be avoided when the next extensive revival of business occurs, Representative Cleveland A. Newton, St. Louis, told the opening session of the Mississippi Valley association here today.

"Cut-throat rates," said Mr. Newton, "have long been practiced by the railroads in their efforts to prevent water transportation in this country, and they are not only destructive to river navigation, but destructive to the railroads themselves. Experience shows that the railroads never have and never will be able to successfully compete with water transportation, and every attempt that they make in that direction is a source of needless expenditure.

"There is no river in this country the use of which is more needed to bear its burdens of freight than the Missouri from Kansas City to the mouth. The wheat fields of western Icwa, Nebraska and Kansas produce millions of tons of freight which ought to be given the benefit of cheap water transportation over the Missouri and Mississippi rivers out to the sea, and the flour manufacturers at Kansas City, St. Joseph or Omaha ought to be given the benefit of cheap water transportation down the Missouri and Mississippi to Cairo and then up the Ohio to the great flour market in the industrial fields around Pittsburgh."

Nebraska City Will Give Prizes for Best Kept Lawns

Nebraska City, Neb., April 25.—(Special.)—The Chamber of Commerce has offered several substantial prizes for the best kept lawns and premises in the city during the summer in connection with their beautifying campaign in co-operation with the Civics club. Prizes also are offered for the best vegetable garden by children.

Man Attempting to Board Fast Freight Loses Foot

Kearney, Neb., April 25.—(Special.)—While attempting to board a fast freight train two miles west of the city, Ed Hunter, employed on the Scoutt farm, slipped and fell under the wheels. His left foot was severed at the ankle and he was badly bruised on the head and shoulders. Hunter was rushed to the hospital here for treatment.

"Hard Labor for Life," Final Word of Judge to Cole

Appeal of Slayer Who Defended Self Denied—"Not Guilty," Prisoner's Plea to Last.

The mysterious man who chooses to call himself "Otto Cole" stood before District Judge Leslie yesterday and heard these awful words:

"You shall be taken from here to the county jail and thence, within 30 days, to the state penitentiary, there to be confined at hard labor for the rest of your life."

Cole's face was impassive and he turned from the court and was led back to his dark, solitary cell in the county jail.

When asked, before sentence, whether he had anything to say, he rose and said:

"I Am Not Guilty."

"Only that I am not guilty."

Several days' growth of whiskers were on his face and he wore the brown unionall jail garb.

James Walker, assistant public defender, argued the formal motion for a new trial. Among the allegations was one that Cole had been allowed to waive his constitutional right to have a lawyer. The assassin of President McKinley was not permitted to do this, Walker argued.

"For the reason that he was insane," said County Attorney Shotwell.

The judge overruled the motion before sentencing Cole.

Resigned to Fate.

It is less than a month since this man emerged from the ocean of unknowns when, on March 28, he shot and killed Harry Hahn, secondhand clothing dealer, in his store, 414 South Tenth street.

His case attracted much attention because he chose to act as his own lawyer.

Cole has served six previous sentences in various penitentiaries.

He is resigned to his fate. "I believe I will not be able to get out for 18 or 20 years, at least," he said.

Brazilian Envoy Visits York School and College

York, Neb., April 25.—(Special.)—Frank A. Harrison and Senhor Sebastino Sampaio, Brazilian envoy, stopped in the city from 11, until 1:54. They were taken for a drive through the city and a visit made to the High school and York college, where Senhor Sampaio made short addresses on the purpose of his visit to the United States as the industrial representative of the Brazilian government.

Man and Son Injured as Motorcycle Overturns

Nebraska City, Neb., April 25.—(Special.)—A. L. Danley and son, John, were severely injured when the motorcycle with sidecar in which they were returning home from Union skidded into a ditch and turned over. They were brought to the Wilson hospital where it was found that the father had received a double fracture of the right arm and a bad cut on his head. The son escaped with severe bruises about the body.

Road Conditions

(Furnished by the Omaha Alto Club.)

Lincoln Highway, East—Roads good to Marshalltown; fair to Cedar Rapids. All roads not passable in the Cedar Rapids vicinity; cars are coming through from Clinton in two days time now.

Lincoln Highway, West—Roads good to Grand Island and west.

O. L. D. Highway—Roads fine to Hastings.

O Street Road—Good.

Cornhusker Highway—Roads fair to good; some road work just north of Lincoln.

Highland Cutoff—Roads fair.

Omaha-Topeka Highway—Roads good.

S. T. A. Road—Good.

George Washington Highway—Roads in good condition to Sioux City.

Black Hills Trail—Roads fair to good to Norfolk.

King of Trails, North—Roads fair to good to Sioux City. Road work Crescent to Honey Creek.

King of Trails, South—Roads fine to Hiawatha, south roads fair to good.

Custer Battlefield Highway—Roads fair to good through Iowa. Improving in South Dakota.

River to River Road—Road work two miles east of Council Bluffs. Roads good at Des Moines. Iowa City reports roads in excellent condition in stretches.

White Pole Road—Road work 11 miles east of Des Moines and extending into Oakland, also road work Anita to Adair. Roads fine at Des Moines. East of Des Moines roads good to Muscatine. Muscatine to Davenport roads bad

I. O. A. Shortline—Roads fine.

Blue Grass Road—Good to Ottumwa.

Weather reported cloudy at Ashland, Schuyler, Atlantic and Plattsmouth, clear every other point with predictions for clear and continued warmer today and tomorrow.

Men Physicians Are Mercenary, Convention Told

Dr. Philbrick, Lincoln, Claims at the State Meet That Male Associates Are After Dollars.

Methods of decreasing mortality and pain in childbirth was discussed at some length by doctors attending the 54th annual convention of the Nebraska State Medical association at Hotel Fontenelle, yesterday afternoon.

Dr. A. B. Somers' paper on "Twentieth Century Obstetrics—A Criticisim" resulted in a general and spirited discussion of obstetrics.

Dr. I. C. Philbrick of Lincoln, a woman doctor, rose and declared she believed the only reason men of the profession take obstetric cases is because they are lucrative.

Disagree on Hospitals.

"If I could come back to earth 500 years from now I would expect to find woman doctors handling all such cases," said Dr. Philbrick.

Commenting on Dr. Somers' expressed preference for handling obstetric cases in maternity hospitals allother physician declared the dirtiest of homes safer than the maternity ward of general hospital. One doctor told of a case in Omaha where four physicians were called before one could be found to take the case and permit the patient to remain at home.

The doctors and their wives attended a party at the Orpheum last night. Medical and surgical clinics will be held at several hospitals for the visiting doctors this morning.

More Than 100 Registered.

More than 100 doctors had registered for the convention at noon yesterday, and total registration is expected to reach 300 before Thursday, the last day of the meeting. Speakers on yesterday's program were Dr. H. B. Lemere, Dr. R. J. Murdock, Dr. E. W. Rowe, Lincoln. Dr. L. W. Rork, Oxford; Dr. N. T. Johnston, Upland; Dr. S. J. Jones, Hastings; Dr. A. J. Brown, Omaha; Dr. H. A. Johnson, Tekamah; Dr. W. L. Albin, Lincoln; Dr. J. I. McGirr, Beatrice; Dr. A. B. Somers, Omaha; Dr. Daisy Hanson, Lincoln; Rev. Frank G. Smith, Omaha; Mayor James C. Dahlman, Omaha; Dr. J. A. Henske, Omaha; Dr. C. R. Spicer, Hastings; Dr. F. B. Young, Gering; Dr. F. W. Plehn, Scottsbluff; Dr. E. C. Henry, Omaha; Dr. A. I. MacKinnin, Lincoln; Dr. A. P. Condon, Omaha; Dr. S. R. Gifford, Omaha; Dr. J. M. Banister, Omaha; Dr. W. L. Sucha, Omaha; Dr. J. E. Thomson, Lincoln.

Dr. B. B. Davis, president of the association, was unable to be present to open the meeting yesterday, due to the serious illness of his wife.

Man Convicted of Robbery at Beatrice Starts Term

Beatrice, Neb., April 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Monte Wisdom, who was sentenced to from one to 10 years in the state penitentiary some time ago for robbing Davison's dairy, was taken to Lincoln by Sheriff Emery to begin serving time. He was arrested in Kansas City. James Lillie of this city, returned to the state prison last winter for breaking his parole, finished serving his sentence today and will be brought back to Beatrice to answer to charges of breaking and entering the home of Howard Beam, near Holmesville, last summer and stealing a rug valued at $125. Lillie was arrested near Washington, Kan.

Nebraskan Talks to Midwest Credit Men

Des Moines, April 25.—Credit departments in retail stores, when properly organized and conducted, form a part of the selling organization instead of merely functioning as a check on sales, speakers declared yesterday at the second annual conference of the midwest states division of the Retail Credit Men's National association. They said the negative aspects of credit work frequently are over-emphasized.

This view was presented by E. W. Nelson of Lincoln, Neb., president of the national association and by Sidney Mandelbaum of Des Moines. Mr. Nelson said the credit men should cultivate friendly relations with the sales department, so that when credits have to be refused there will be no unfounded resentment on the part of the salesmen.

In general discussion it was said the credit situation is easing, although still requiring close watching. Collections have considerably improved in the last month, it was said.

York to Have Playground.

York, Neb., April 25.—(Special.)—A meeting was held to perfect an organization to build a playground in York. The probable cost will be near $400.

Radio Department

Trace Wires for Leaks, Says Expert

Many Amateurs Fail to Achieve Maximum Range.

"Why is it one receiving set will hear Newark, Chicago, Pittsburgh and Detroit without difficulty, while another of similar construction can hear only Omaha concerts?" writes a radio enthusiast.

This correspondent is experiencing practically the same difficulties that many radio amateurs new in the game are.

t is safe to say that not more than one-half the radio amateurs in Omaha are getting the maximum of which their sets are capable. There might be any number of reasons why this is so.

The trouble may be in any of the four following divisions of a radio station:

No. 1 is the aerial.
No. 2, the lead-in.
No. 3, the radio set proper.
No. 4, the ground connection.

If three of these are 100 per cent efficient and the fourth is only 50 per cent efficient, the set will not give maximum results.

A lead-in that "leaks" will spoil the results of the best set in existence.

It is a good plan to trace your wires to see if the connections are perfect if receiving is poor, an expert radio operator advises.

QUESTIONS

Warren Davee, West Point, Neb.

Q.—(1) How can I tell when I have a sensitive spot on my detector? (2) Can I hear music and speech with a crystal detector? (3) What radio stations can I hear from best around West Point? (4) How may I stop static from interrupting the signals?

A.—(1) Manipulate the hair spring on the crystal while you are tuning up. When you hear what is broadcasted, you have struck a sensitive spot. (2) From a distance of about 40 miles under favorable conditions. (3) With a crystal detector set you should hear from any broadcasting station within a radius of 40 miles. (4) See that your aerial is away from and running at right angles to your phone and electric light wires and have patience in tuning up.

Farmers Make Good Profit on Fatted Cattle

Randolph, Leigh, Stanton and Cozad Represented in Shipments Sold on the Local Market.

Everett Roberts came in from Randolph yesterday with two loads of choice Hereford steers for the local market that averaged 1,342 pounds for which he received the good price of $8.25 a hundred. Mr. Roberts said the cattle when bought here last October averaged only about 907 pounds and they netted him a handsome gain.

"There are quite a number of light cattle on feed around Randolph," said Mr. Roberts. "Heavy cattle on feed last fall, have all been sent to market."

Leigh was represented on the local market yesterday by a load of choice horned Herefords brought in by Carl Schroeder. The shipment averaged 1,144 pounds and were sold for $8.40 a hundred. Mr. Schroeder said the cattle he brought in were all raised and fed by himself and that he was well satisfied with the prices he received.

Two loads of cattle, of which one was steers tipping the scales at 1,291 pounds and which sold for $8.10 a hundred, were brought to the local market yesterday by Rasmus Hensen of Stanton. The other load was of heifers averaging 891 pounds and sold for $6.60 a hundred.

Mr. Hensen said there were at present a good many cattle on feed around Stanton, but not nearly as many long-fed, heavy steers as at this time last year.

A. P. Haug who was in yesterday from Cozad with two loads of steers averaging 1,312 pounds and good enough to bring $8 a hundred said there were a number of farmers who had light cattle in their feed lots, but that they would not reach the local market until about the middle of summer.

He said there was a scarcity of stock cattle and that there was a large amount of pasture acreage for rent. He also said wheat around Cozad was looking fine and that farming operations were getting along normally in spite of the weather.

Disabled Vets Will Hold State Meeting at Kearney

Kearney, Neb., April 25.—(Special.)—Robert Crevier, vice state commander of the disabled veterans of the world war, has issued a call for a state convention to be held in Grand Island Thursday, April 27. A meeting of the executive committee will be held the preceding day. Headquarters for registration of the veterans were opened Tuesday. Kearney is headquarters of the subdistrict of the veterans bureau, which has supervision of vocational work in this portion of the state.

Ralph Obenchain Breaks With Wife

Back to Chicago, Refuses to Say Whether He Will Remarry Accused Woman.

Chicago, Ill., April 25.—Refusing steadfastly to say whether he would remarry Madelynne Obenchain, his former wife, if she is acquitted at her next trial for the murder of J. Belton Kennedy, Ralph Obenchain today declared he was back in Chicago to re-establish his law practice, but would return to Madelynne's side in Los Angeles if she again needs him.

Reports from California said Obenchain was believed to have broken with his former wife, to whose aid he rushed eight months ago when she and Arthur C. Burch were accused of Kennedy's murder. The reports said he had changed his plans without wanting to marry Madelynne, but Obenchain today said that all depended on what happened in the future.

"But there is no change in our feeling for each other," Obenchain added.

Price of Lead Advanced.

New York, N. Y., April 25.—The American Smelting and Refining company today advanced the price of lead from 5.10c to 5.25c per pound.