

IRELAND GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY TO RESIST CONSCRIPTION Lull in Fighting on West Front Develops Favorably to The Allied Forces

PLEDGE TO RESIST CONSCRIPTION WAS TAKEN IN IRELAND Hundreds of Thousands Subscribe to Doctrine of Armed Resistance APPEAL BY CLERGY Nationalists to Follow Precedent Set by Carson, Declares Dillon AUTHORITIES ACT

BERLIN BELITTLES BLAZE AT MANSEL Damage Caused by Fire in Old Hungary Slight, says Official Statement ENEMY LOSSES HEAVY

JAPAN TURNS OVER SIX SHIPS TO U.S. Negotiations in Progress for Some Time Have Been Completed BRITISH LINES WERE ADVANCED ON TWO FRONTS

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MAIN LINE EAST Eastern Standard Time. For Toronto and Montreal. For Hamilton, Toronto and late stations. For Hamilton, Toronto, N. and East. For Hamilton, Toronto, N. and East. For Hamilton, Toronto and N. and East.

B. & B. RAILWAY FIVE MARCH 3RD, 1918. EAST BOUND Daily except Sunday. For Hamilton, Toronto, N. and East. For Hamilton, Toronto, N. and East.

WEST BOUND Daily except Sunday. For Hamilton, Toronto, N. and East. For Hamilton, Toronto, N. and East.

T. R. ARRIVALS Arrive Brantford 6:30 a.m. Arrive Brantford 1:30 p.m. Arrive Brantford 2:10 a.m.

and N. Railway November 11th, 1917. For 8:05, 10:05 a.m., 12:05, 2:05 p.m. For 8:10, 10:10 a.m., 12:10, 2:10 p.m.

Professional RCE, Specialist in the Eye, Ear, Nose. Hours: 1:30 to 5. Shoes Machine finished all sizes 11 to 5. All of all kinds, W. E. Market Street.

Control Taken Over London, April 22.—The military authorities have taken over control of the principal Irish railways, the post offices and telephone exchanges, according to the correspondent at Cork of The Daily Chronicle. It is added that the police on Saturday removed all arms and ammunition from gunsmiths' shops in Dublin, where it is reported that similar action will be taken throughout Ireland.

Follow Ulster's Lead Dublin, April 21.—By the Associated Press.—Nowhere does any disturbance or even excitement seem to have occurred either at the pledge-taking meetings or at numerous political gatherings throughout Ireland to-day at which conscription was denounced in strong terms. Joseph Devlin, in a speech at Belfast, said that the Irish were in a position of being able to defend their action on the subject of conscription set by Sir Edward Carson and his friends by forming a revolutionary party against the Home Rule Bill.

Message From Australia Dublin, April 22.—John Dillon of the Nationalist party in the House of Commons, has received the following cablegram from Archbishop Kelly of Sydney on behalf of the Australian hierarchy: "Considering the persistent refusal of respective governments to grant Home Rule to Ireland, despite the votes of the British people and petitions from the Dominion, we, voicing Irish and Australian democratic sentiment, call upon the government to grant home rule for Ireland forthwith and considering the inevitable failure of the conscription in Ireland, we strenuously protest against any attempt by the British Government to conscript Ireland."

WEATHER BULLETIN Toronto, April 22.—The barometer is now quite low and the weather is high to the south and west. The weather is showery from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces and fair in the western provinces. Forecasts: Strong westerly winds, scattered showers, but partly fair. Tuesday northwest winds, fair and cool.

Property Damage May Reach \$150,000—Business Districts of Two Towns in Ruins, While Hundreds Are Homeless Los Angeles, Cal., April 22.—More than one-third of the business district of San Jacinto, and a smaller proportion of that of Hemet, both in Riverside County, about seventy miles east of here, were in ruins to-day, and scores of residences in the two little towns were wrecked by a series of earthquake shocks, which caused all of Southern California to tremble late yesterday. The property damage is estimated at from \$100,000 to \$150,000 in the two places. Half a dozen other towns and cities including Los Angeles, suffered minor damage, confined mainly to plate glass windows and shattered cornices.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 22.—A serious earthquake of approximately twenty seconds' duration shook the entire southern portion of California at 3:33 this afternoon. Dozens of plate glass windows in Los Angeles stores were broken and several windows were injured in panics at theaters in Los Angeles. The damage was quite extensive. One fatality was reported, a man being trampled to death in the rush of crowds on the Municipal Pier at Santa Monica, near here.

SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHDAY London, April 22.—News that the birthday of Shakespeare is to be celebrated in America as well as in England is welcomed by The Daily Telegraph, which says that there is every justification for a movement like this, for America always has claimed its birthright to Shakespeare.

U. S. CASUALTIES Washington, April 22.—The casualty list to-day contained 71 names, divided as follows: Killed in action, 10; died of wounds, 5; died of accident, 1; died of disease, 4; other causes, 2; wounded, 49.

Encourage Kaiser. Amsterdam, April 22.—Berlin newspapers report that the National Liberal Party leaders have decided unanimously to send a telegram to Emperor William recommending that he accept the crowns of the former Russian Governments of Esthonia and Livonia.

LIEUT. VAN SOMEREN SUSTAINS INJURIES AT THE FRONT Miss Van Someren, 115 St. Paul's Avenue, received the sad word today that her nephew, Lieut. Van Someren was wounded on the 15th in the leg, arm and face. He left here with the 125th and was later transferred to the 54th. While in this city, he was on the staff of the Bank of Commerce and much hope for more cheering news later.

MAN'S SPINE FRACTURED Following a fall sustained while he was at work in the shipping room of the Pratt and Letchworth plant, just before noon to-day, John F. Sigel, of 124 Charlotte street, pitched with head to the ground, and is believed to have sustained a fracture to the spine. He is being attended by Dr. G. W. Barber. His condition at two o'clock this afternoon was reported as being very critical.

SETTING THE CLOCK Chicago Tribune

CZECHS MAY BE KILLED WHOLESALE Eleven Thousand Who Deserted From Austrian Army Retaken MAY BE EXECUTED

Washington, April 22.—Much concern is felt here over the fate of 11,000 Czech troops who deserted from the Austrian army to join the Russians at the beginning of the war, and who, according to Vienna newspapers, have been captured by the Germans advancing into the Ukraine. The Czechs are reported to be in the hands of the German army, and it is feared that most of the prisoners, or at least the officers, might be summarily executed.

Resumption of Active Hostilities on West Front Is Impending London, April 22.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa agency)—The lull in the battle is not expected to last long, despite the inclemency of the weather, with wind and rain. The fiercest of the recent fighting is reported to mean to do so on a great scale. They are being openly and energetically reinforced, but the Allies have also strengthened their forces, and it is not likely the next truce will be any more effective in achieving a decisive truce than that of a month ago, when the German people were told to expect a speedy triumph.

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DUNCAN WAS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL Charge Reduced to Manslaughter, and Bail of \$2,000 Given. THE EVIDENCE TAKEN

When the preliminary hearing against George Duncan charged with the murder of Alfred Isaacs, was concluded in the Police Court this morning, Magistrate Livingston, on the request of Mr. E. Kelly, counsel for the defense, and with the consent of the Crown attorney, reduced the charge to manslaughter, committed Duncan for trial at the first court of competent jurisdiction, and admitted him to bail on two sureties of \$1,000 each.

Paris, April 22.—German raids east of the Avre River and near Rheims, were repulsed last night, the war offices announced. The statement followed: "A German raid last night east of the Avre in the region of Thennes, was repulsed. We took prisoners. Another German raid, east of Rheims, failed to achieve any success. Active artillery fighting continued at different points on the front."

German Aviator Dead London, April 22.—Captain Baron von Richthofen, the famous German aviator, has been killed, Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters reports.

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