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ELECTION OF SINN FEINER IS A GRAVE MATTER

British Press to Regard the Outcome - New Member Quoted as Saying He Will Not Sit in the Commons - Unionist Papers Make Bitter Comment

By Courier Leased Wire

New York, July 12.—An Associated Press cable from London this morning, says: The election of Edward De Valera as member of parliament for East Clare, the third Sinn Feiner to be returned to parliament of late, is treated as an event of great political consequence by the morning newspapers, who devote considerable space to the victory. The tendency of the Unionist press, reflecting their advice from Belfast and Dublin, is to emphasize what it always contended—the folly of the government in liberating Sinn Fein prisoners and refraining to deal with revolutionary talk and acts as such would be dealt with in England.

These papers regard the situation as gravely threatening for the establishment of Sinn Fein movement but rebellion. The Liberal press also is alarmed, but rather for the position of the official Nationalist party and for the prospect for the establishment of constitutional home rule. One opinion seems common among all parties namely, that the prospects of the convention in Ireland to consider home rule is seriously impaired, if not entirely doomed. Another view is that the election is an irreparable disaster for the Irish Nationalist party, which many Irish people complain, held the country for years in the dead hand of rigid machine politics.

The Sinn Fein movement is regarded in the same quarter as an expression of discontent and vehement resentment of a long course of administrative folly, indicating rather a lack of confidence with present parliamentary methods than a revolutionary tendency, and in this respect, resembling a state of mind which often leads Russian electors, who themselves are not all Socialists, to support Socialist candidates at the poles.

The Telegraph's parliamentary reporter says all the Irish sections of the House of Commons regard the result as virtually a death blow to the Nationalist party—the end of constitutional agitation and the beginning of republicanism. It is declared that no Nationalist seat outside of Dublin is now safe. Timothy Healy, M.P., frankly gratified, says the English people are mistaken about the Sinn Feiner. They are not rabid extremists, but devoted idealists.

The local correspondent at Ennis quotes Professor De Valera as saying he does not intend to take his seat in the House of Commons. Commenting on the East Clare election of a Sinn Feiner to parliament, the Irish Independent says: "Five out of every six electors who supported the victor, did so out of sheer disgust for the cringing, crawling policy of the Irish party, and the blundering tactics of their leaders."

The Irish Times considers that East Clare voted for a program of revolution. The Sinn Fein policy so far has developed on destruction and bitterness pregnant with menace to the peace of Ireland, yet this policy triumphed over the memory of a devoted soldier (Major William Redmond) and swept the Nationalists out of a seat held without opposition for twenty years, says the Irish Times.

The Dublin Express says the victory is the most portentous ousting in modern Irish political history. "It is clear," the paper says, "that the Nationalists can do little at a convention, but record their pious opinions."

London, July 12.—The Chronicle says the Sinn Feiners receive enormous sums of money from the United States, much of it doubtless from German sources, which enables them to conduct extensive propaganda.

EMPEROR INTERVIEWS CHANCELLOR--LATTER HAS RESIGNED?

By Courier Leased Wire

Amsterdam, July 12.—Emperor William had an interview lasting several hours with Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg yesterday and received his report on the political situation, according to a semi-official despatch from Berlin.

Has Resigned

Berne, Switzerland, July 12.—The Vossiches Zeitung of Berlin says the German Imperial Chancellor, Dr. van Bethmann-Hollweg, has resigned, Emperor William, the newspaper adds, has postponed his decision whether to accept the Chancellor's resignation.

Summoned Crown Prince

Berne, Switzerland, July 12.—(British admiralty per Wireless Press)—An official communication issued in Berlin yesterday says Emperor William expressed the opinion that the political and constitutional reforms demanded by the Reichstag are such that they concern not merely himself, but his successor inasmuch as they would be permanent. For this reason the Emperor summoned the Crown Prince to attend one or more crown councils at which final decision regarding the extent to which the crown and the government will make concessions to the Reichstag will be reached.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE HEAD-QUARTERS OF FOE IN GALICIA

By Courier Leased Wire.

Petrograd, July 12.—The Russians have captured Kalusz, the headquarters of the enemy in Galicia, according to a semi-official announcement made to-day.

According to information received at the ministry of war, the Russian troops are continuing their successful advance and have taken a large number of prisoners.

Kalusz is a city of about 8,000 population, 28 miles southeast of Styr.

Petrograd, July 12.—Official announcement that Kalusz, in Galicia, had been occupied by the Russians, was made to-day, coupled with the statement that the occupation was effected after a sanguinary battle.

WILSON ISSUES STRAIGHT NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTS

Informing Mine Operators, Manufacturers and Shipping Interests That the Government Will Fix Prices

Washington, July 12.—In an open address teeming with sensational utterance, President Wilson last night served notice on mine operators, manufacturers and shipping interests that the Government intended to fix prices of their products during the war period and that the public must be served on the same basis as the Governmental agencies.

Those who sought to avoid the ruling of the Government, he said, would be held guilty of an act favorable to the cause of the enemy. The price fixed, he said, must, of course, be a just one.

"We must make the prices to the public the same as the prices to the Government," the President stated, "that pays them or not. They mean victory or defeat. They mean that America will win her place once for all among the foremost free nations of the world, or that she shall sink to defeat and become a second-rate power alike in thought or action. This is a day of her reckoning and every man among us must personally face that reckoning along with her."

Forget the Profits

Patriotism and profits ought never in the present circumstances to be mentioned together, the President said, for patriotism leaves profits out of the question. No true man, he added, who stays behind while others go to the front to risk their lives, will ask himself what he is getting for his money. "No true patriot," he said, "will permit himself to take toll of their heroism in money or seek to grow rich by the shedding of their blood. When they are giving, their lives will be not at least give his money?" The President said he could not believe that men living in easy and peaceful fashion would attempt to "exact a price, drive a bargain," while others were enduring the agony of this war on the battlefields and "bereaved women" and "pitiful children" were about them.

of the tremendous demand on shipping facilities.

"They," he said, "are doing everything that high freight charges can do to make the war a failure, to make it impossible." Then he added that those who had raised freight rates had "taken the most effective means in their power to defeat the armies engaged against Germany."

He took it for granted that they would reconsider the whole matter. In concluding his address, he said: "I shall expect every man who is not a slacker to be at my side throughout this great enterprise. In it no man can win honor who thinks of himself."

IN NO DANGER

Boston, July 12.—James M. Stahl, Canadian immigration inspector at this port, has obtained from the immigration officials at Ottawa assurances that summer visitors from the United States to Canada are in no danger of annoyance from the Canadian military regulations. Men between the ages of 18 and 45 years will be required to satisfy the inspector at the border that they are bona fide residents of the United States, whereupon they will be passed without inconvenience.

OPPOSE GENERAL STRIKE

Saskatoon, July 12.—The members of the Trades and Labor Council here have declared themselves as opposed to the idea of a general strike as a means of defeating conscription, but favor the conscription of wealth before manpower.

DEPORTED BELGIUMS ARE BADLY TREATED

Object is to Force Them to Work for the German Army—Insufficient Nourishment, Cruel Punishment, and Brutal Intimidation the Methods used

By Courier Leased Wire.

Havre, June 29.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—The Belgian Government has received from various sources evidence which accords in every detail, proving that deported Belgian civilians are subjected systematically to mistreatment to bring them to forced labor for the German army.

This evidence exposes insufficient nourishment, cruel punishment, brutal intimidation and hard conditions of labor, under which a great many of the deported civilians succumb while a larger proportion return so reduced and weakened that they are incapable of physical effort.

This is the regime of the camp of Soltan described by one of the men who had been interned there and who succeeded in escaping.

In the morning a third of a litre of beverage resembling coffee, but seeming to have been made from a corn, at noon a half litre of soup generally made of beets, but sometimes of potatoes, in the evening a cornmeal or barley, the ration of bread is about a half pound per day. It is made of a mixture of cornmeal and rye. The interned are never given meat, fish or cheese. In certain camps the evening meal was suppressed altogether and even the meagre repairs were reduced for those who refused to work for the Germans.

Besides hunger, the principal measures resorted to in order to bring the deported men to submission, were the supply of the post, stoutly fettered to posts the men are exposed to heat or cold, according to the season, for days together, during which the food rations are reduced systematically until they reach the proportions of a half ration only for two days subsistence. Another cruelty practiced upon the deported to force them to work is the supply of the tank, or a severe application of the Turkish bath.

Some of them lost consciousness after a few hours of this exposure, and all of them were taken to the hospital the following day.

The son of a manufacturer of Antwerp, a very stout, robust fellow, at the time of the deportation, was sent home a complete physical wreck a short time afterwards. He has since died from the mistreatment. He made the recital of his sufferings to the doctor who treated him, and the Belgian Government is in possession of the evidence as given to the doctor.

Two soldiers from Havre, the Lebris brothers, who escaped from Germany, confirm this evidence regarding the supply of the Turkish bath.

A number of witnesses call attention to the fact that frequently groups of deported men have been the object of a simulated execution, sometimes by a firing squad and sometimes by machine guns to overcome their resistance and impress their courages.

From all the evidence it appears certain that the mortality among the men subjected to these, and other forms of mistreatment is alarming.

HYDRO CARRIES

Large Majority in Suburban Districts For the Introduction of the System

The property owners of Brantford township yesterday definitely expressed their approval of the introduction of hydro electric service in the suburbs by an overwhelming majority vote of 158, every section with the exception of Farrington strongly favoring the measure. Each voter had an opportunity of voting for or against the installation of hydro electric and voting on the money by law authorizing the township council to issue debentures to finance the undertaking. For the most part, the ballots were consistently marked, and the results from both sections of the ballots were practically identical, but one voter in Grandview has voted for the raising of the necessary sum while at the same time voting against hydro.

The official vote as checked over to-day, stands as follows:

Table with 2 columns: For Hydro, Against Hydro. Lists various districts like Grandview, Parkdale, Echo Place, Cainsville, Farrington with their respective votes.

ARRESTED ON TRAIN

Two Ministers Under Chinese Monarchy Stopped As They Were Attempting Escape

By Courier Leased Wire.

Tien Tsin, July 12.—Cheng Chen Fang and Lei Chen Chan, ministers of finance and war, respectively, under the monarchy, were arrested on a train at Feg Tai, while endeavoring to escape from Peking. Feng Lin Ko, the Manchurian general, whose intentions were suspected, was unexpectedly arrested in the Tien Tsin railroad station. He was disguised as a Chinese. Tuan Chi Jui, leader of the Republican forces, referring to Wu Ting Fang's telegram that he has installed himself minister of foreign affairs at Shanghai, states Wu has been dismissed from office and that all actions after he had left Peking, were irresponsible. Tuan Chi Jui said the cabinet, which had been established at Tien Tsin will be transferred to Peking and that it alone will undertake all diplomatic dealings.

DRIVEN OFF.

London, July 12.—A raid attempted by the enemy last night south of Limbaertzyde was successfully driven off," says to-day's official communication. "There is nothing further to report."

NORWEGIAN BARQUE SUNK

London, July 12.—A Central News despatch from Christiania reports the sinking near Iceland, by a German submarine of the Norwegian barque Forella, 1,168 tons gross. The crew was rescued.

TORONTO STREET CARS

May Be Running Again Tomorrow According To a Rumor In The Queen City

By Courier Leased Wire.

Toronto, July 12.—It is being freely prophesied this morning that the street cars of the Toronto Street Railway will be running to-morrow. A proposal will be made to the men's mass meeting to-night, which it is thought will be accepted by them. The terms of the proposal are that the Ontario Railway Board take over the operation of the system; that the men go back to work at once at an advance of five cents per hour pending further developments, the men working for the Ontario Railway Board and that the board then conduct an enquiry into the rights of the dispute, making an award at a later date.

In the meantime everything is outwardly calm. There is inconvenience to the public, but that is nothing new and the striking employees continue to express their pleasure at having a holiday, and their determination to seek other employment rather than go back under the old conditions.

It is believed the company will consent to a five cent per hour increase.

ELEVEN LIVES LOST.

Paris, July 12.—The French minesweeper Jupiter struck a mine in the British channel Tuesday and sunk. Eleven lives were lost.

ENTIRE STEEL PRODUCT To Be Available For U.S. Government Price to Be Determined On Cost of Production

By Courier Leased Wire. Washington, July 12.—Formal announcement was made by Secretary of War to-day that an agreement had been reached with representatives of the American steel industry in conference here, under which the entire product of the industry will be made available for the government's war purposes at a price to be determined on a basis of cost of production, including a profit of 10 per cent.

Weather Bulletin Toronto, July 12.—Pressure is to these forecasts over the continent, except along the north Pacific seaboard. Unsettled showery weather prevails from Ontario to New foundland. Showers have also occurred in the western provinces. Forecasts. Moderate winds, mostly south and west, occasional showers; Friday—Moderate winds, generally fair and a little warmer, but a few scattered showers; Saturday—Moderate winds, mostly south and west, occasional showers; Sunday—Moderate winds, generally fair and a little warmer, but a few scattered showers.

EIGHTEEN HUNDRED The Total of British Casualties In the Reverse On The Belgian Front

By Courier Leased Wire. London, July 12.—The total British casualties resulting from the German success near Nieuport, Belgium, on Tuesday, were about 1,800, including prisoners. These figures were given by Major General F. B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office today. The section captured by the Germans, said General Maurice, who made his statement in his weekly talk to the Associated Press, was defended by only two battalions of British. The German claim of 1,250 prisoners he considered probably accurate.

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