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EARLY MESSAGES

ALL ABOUT IRELAND.

LONDON, May 18.

Ireland and Irish affairs again have been to the fore. Discovery of a German plot involving certain persons in Ireland was announced last night in London by the issuance of a proclamation signed by Edward Shortt, Secretary for Ireland in the cabinet of the Lord Lieut. Viscount Curzon. The proclamation asserts that British subjects resident in Ireland have entered into treasonable communication with the German Government and calls for drastic measures to be taken to prevent the execution of the plot. It is urged in order that the proclamation may be avoided and that Irish may assist in putting down the conspiracy. Communication with the German Government is slow but a despatch to the Times says that a large number of persons already have been arrested in Ireland and other parts of Ireland. The reference to voluntary enlistment in the proclamation appears to contradict predictions that the Government has changed its policy concerning enlistment in Ireland owing to Nationalist and Sinn Fein opposition. Support became current in Ireland that the Government contemplated launching a recruiting scheme in the lines of that formerly conducted by the Earl of Derby in England. It gained much prominence in Irish newspapers and was discussed widely. However, a Dublin despatch to the Daily News says the report met with little success, the despatch adds "the scheme is completely unsuitable and it is doubtful if a single man with

real influence could be found to back the scheme." Opposition to conscription has come from some unexpected quarters, an instance is an article in the current number of the Church of Ireland Gazette, the leading organ of the Irish Protestant Church outside Ulster, in which the writer believes he is speaking the mind of all good Irishmen in telling the Government force is no remedy and that no good can be derived from a sanguinary conflict with any section of the Irish people, while any government which recklessly added civil war in Ireland to the anxieties already confronting the empire would be executed by the conscience of christian men. Another report is to the effect that a number of prominent Irishmen have submitted to Premier Lloyd George a request to appoint General Sir Bryan Mahon to the command in Ireland, Director of recruiting in Ireland. General Mahon is popular with large classes of Irishmen. Signatures are being invited in Ireland to a proposal that the Irish question be submitted for adjudication to a competent international tribunal, says a despatch to the Times from Dublin. Such a tribunal, adds the despatch, might consist for example of the United States and the neutral Powers of Europe. Prof. Edward De Valera, President of the Sinn Fein, Arthur Griffiths, founder of the Sinn Fein, Countess Markievicz, Dr. Dillon and William Cosgrove, Sinn Fein M.P. for Kilkenny, have been arrested, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Dublin.

A later despatch from Dublin adds to the list of those arrested the names of H. Mellows and half a dozen others who have not been identified here. Professor De Valera is President of the Sinn Fein, Mr. Griffiths is Vice-President, Mr. Cosgrove one of the treasurers, Mr. Figgis one of the secretaries and Dr. Dillon and Countess Markievicz are members of the executive committee of the Sinn Fein organization. Several of them were arrested or interned in connection with the Dublin revolt of two years ago at Easter, and oddly enough, today's events occur on the occasion of another festival of the church, Whitsuntide. The arrest of the Sinn Fein leaders and the issuance of Lord French's proclamation came as a complete surprise here (Dublin). In Dublin the arrests were made by detectives acting in co-operation with the military, while in the provinces they were carried out by the Royal Irish Constabulary. So far as has been ascertained no formal charge has yet been preferred against the prisoners. They were taken into custody on warrants issued under the Defence of the Realm Act. Although there have been many rumors concerning events in Ireland recently, the news received from Dublin early this morning of the arrests made in Ireland and of Lord French's proclamation that certain of the King's subjects "have entered into treasonable communication with the German enemy," created a sensation. Some days ago, Sir Edward Carson, the Unionist leader, said in a letter to the Government that he knew certain persons in Ireland had been in communication with the enemy, but it was generally taken to mean some unimportant individuals connected with the

man who was captured after landing recently on the Irish coast in a collapsible boat. The nature of the arrests taken in connection with the posting of Lord French's proclamation, however, indicates that the persons referred to are the heads of the Sinn Fein movement and that the Government possesses evidence against them. The Government has adopted the policy of the Iron Hand in dealing with sedition in Ireland. All the leaders of the Sinn Fein party have been arrested by a swift comprehensive dragnet drawn by the police and soldiers during the night and early hours of the morning. The movement was apparently a complete surprise and most of those arrested were quickly and quietly placed aboard ships. The dragnet swept all over the country and there was no possibility of resistance. The majority of those arrested were taken from their homes while abed, and only a few scuffles and a little revolver play took place. According to the latest reports hundreds of arrests were made. Documents of great importance dealing with an Irish conspiracy have fallen into the hands of the Government through the arrest by coastguards of a man with certain evidence upon him. A considerable number of arrests have been made in Dublin and throughout Ireland, according to a despatch to the Times from Dublin at two o'clock Saturday morning. Additional arrests in Ireland, reported in a despatch from Dublin, include Dr. Hayes and Darrell Figgis. The Irish Times to-day says, the government has not acted a moment too soon, as all the signs pointed to another outbreak of armed violence possibly in connection with the landing of German troops on Irish shores.

tend to stand by Russia, as well as France, he said.

GERMAN DESIRE TO "WIN AND PRESERVE PEACE."

AMSTERDAM, May 18.

"I am still optimistic enough to believe we shall have peace this year," said the German Chancellor Count Von Hertling, in an interview with the Berlin correspondent of the Budapest newspaper Azest. "I cherish firm confidence that further events in the west will bring us nearer a speedy end of the war. If the world should one day unite in an international peace league, Germany would unhesitatingly and joyfully join in it. Unfortunately present conditions give very little hope of that. Our desire is to win and preserve peace."

CO-OPERATION IN THE FAR EAST.

PARIS, May 18.

Japan and China have been informed by Allied Governments that they have arranged for Entente military co-operations to keep the dangers threatening the peace of the Far East from German penetration.

COMMENT ON LORD FRENCH'S PROCLAMATION.

LONDON, May 18.

Commenting on the proclamation by Lord French, the Dublin Freeman's Journal is quoted in an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Dublin as saying:

change Telegraph despatch from Dublin as saying "Conscription is to be launched in Ireland under cover of revelations connected with an alleged German plot, that appears to be the meaning of this rather strange proclamation which is Chief Secretary Shortt's word to the Irish prophets. Of course, it is not impossible that a few foolish men in Ireland may have been interested in a conspiracy to invoke German aid, as the covenanted threatened to invoke it in 1914, but the Irish people have never been pro-German, and notwithstanding all the provocation received from the English Government, they are not pro-German to-day."

IN AID OF RED CROSS FUND.—A Sale of fancy and useful articles will be held on Wednesday, May 22nd, at the Girls' Department of King George 5th Institute. Admission 10c. Teas served from 4 to 7 p.m. Concert at 8 p.m. Tickets, including Tea and Concert, 30c. Miss Harris has kindly consented to open the Sale.

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B. I. S. QUARTERLY MEETING.—The regular quarterly meeting of the B. I. S. took place yesterday morning when the various reports of the different committees were presented. Rev. Bro. A. P. Kennedy, who is now here on a visit, was given a hearty welcome.

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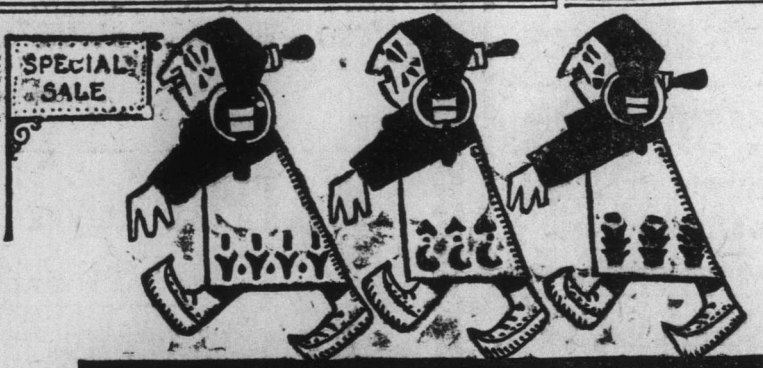
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BRITISH VICTORY IN EAST AFRICA.

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British troops campaigning against the German East Africa forces have won another success after heavy fighting and inflicting heavy losses on the Germans. It is officially announced. The engagement began when a small body of British African rifle men surprised an important German camp and set the huts on fire. The Germans counter attacked and the British force fell back fighting heavily all the way along. Before the day was over, however, the British rallied their forces and the fighting ended with the defeat of the Germans who sustained heavy losses.

REGARDED AS SUCCESSFUL.

LONDON, May 18.

Recent British operations in Palestine and Mesopotamia are regarded as entirely successful by the British General Staff. The main object of General Allenby's operations in Palestine have been largely realized.

BRITISH DESTROYER SUNK.

LONDON, May 18.

A British destroyer was sunk on Tuesday by a German submarine, the Admiralty announces. The announcement reads: "One of the British destroyers was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine on May 14th; two men were killed."

POSITIONS IMPROVED.

LONDON, May 18.

British troops last night improved their positions in the neighborhood of Ville Surcroix, northwest of Morlaix, on the Amiens front in France. The British War Office announces this afternoon that in this engagement a number of prisoners and machine guns were captured by the British. On the remainder of the British front the activity was confined to raids.

WILSON ON THE WAR.

NEW YORK, May 18.

To win the war the United States is determined to set no restrictions on the number of men to be sent to France, President Wilson declared here to-night in a speech reaffirming the purpose of America to set no limit on its efforts. As many men will go overseas as ships can be found to carry them, the President said, after referring to statements that have been made that five millions should go. The United States, he said, will not be interrupted by insincere talk of peace by the Teuton Powers. Their proposals, he declared, sprang from a desire to have a free hand in the east. I in-