

IRISH LAND PROBLEM CONFRONTS SINN FEIN

"Acting Minister of Agriculture" Asked That a Republican Land Commission Be Set Up, Secret Paper Shows.

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London, Aug. 16.—One of the most disturbing questions in Ireland today concerns land agitation, which in the western part of the country assumed alarming Bolshevik tendencies in May of this year. I am able to send today a report on this subject, written by the Sinn Fein acting minister of agriculture to the recent secret session of Dail Eireann, the Irish republican parliament in Dublin. The gravity of this back-to-the-land movement, and the Sinn Fein methods of controlling it, the fears of the government, and the attitude of the people, are revealed here for the first time by a leading Irish authority. All extracts published in this article were taken, verbatim, from a photographic copy of the report which is in my possession.

The land question is the biggest single economic problem of Ireland. When one travels in that country today, one hears from all sources the lament that because there are cattle, and not men, on the large estates, tens of thousands of Irish youths have to emigrate each year to America and other countries. Among the Sinn Feiners there is a movement to solve the land puzzle as the acting minister of agriculture himself states in reporting at the secret conference.

Secret Conference May 29.
"The conference met on May 29," he wrote, "and though there were a few regrettable absences, due to short notice, yet it achieved its main purpose by showing the necessity for a forward land policy. It showed further the suspicion which was general, of all sectional attempts at land settlement, not under the authority of the Dail, and the absolute necessity for co-ordination between the work of the courts and the machinery to carry out decrees. In speech and letter at the conference, four out of every five delegates made it clear that passivity, or an attempt to drive the land movement under, would be not merely futile but dangerous and unjust to the young men whom the circumstances of the war had compelled to remain in Ireland, and who are now more than ever, from patriotic reasons, desirous to remain in their own country."

Land a National Problem.
"As a result of the conference and many discussions I have had with people from different parts of the country, as well as through my own observations, I have come to the conclusion that the land question must be tackled by us, not in any halfhearted, dilatory manner, but with a desire to solve it where so many others have signally failed. The circumstances of the present hour, though much against us in the creation of machinery, favor us as previous generations were not favored. Power and control are passing from the British Government in land, as well as in everything else, all over the country, and we should be worse than fools if we let the opportunity pass of righting the wrong of ages."

Land Purchase Inadvisable.
"The commission should be adequately staffed to make its work effective immediately. It was suggested at a recent land conference—and with this I am in entire accord—that the present is not a wise time for people to be purchasing interests in lands, generally speaking. Recent land trouble tends in Mayo and West Galway to a struggle on the part of very unscrupulous holders to gain possession of some lands in their immediate vicinity which in many cases were little larger in extent than the claimant's own. In Roscommon and East Galway the struggle was rather for a division of the large holdings, which might be termed ranches. In Mayo and West Galway there is a heavy demand for land, and little to go around, namely, untenanted lands in the hands of the C. B. D. and other large grazing ranches."

"Many unjust acts undoubtedly have been done in the name of the Sinn Fein, but the situation is rapidly changing. Out of evil comment good. Recent happenings have proved that the majority of the people readily turned to organized republican opinion to save society from a complete collapse."

On the 12th instant I went to Claremorris. On the 13th I failed to see Conor A. Maguire, solicitor, before I

left for Ballinasloe to attend East Galway. The Sinn Fein executive, F. MacLachlan Brennan, was in the chair, and there was a very fair attendance of delegates. I spoke to the delegates on the general principles underlying our attitude toward the land movement.

Constituency Lack Courts.
"No" courts had been in operation in this constituency up to this time. There were a few difficult cases pending. We discussed the constitution of arbitration courts, and decided on one

provisionally for the constituency, to operate until the Dail had definitely decided on its scheme. The chief anxiety with the delegates was that there should be some authority to carry out the findings of the courts. Otherwise they would be a farce.

"The majority seemed to favor using volunteers, as a deterrent rather than as a cure, saying that if one or two good examples were made of evil doers there would be no further trouble. This is a matter which I think intimately concerns the minister of defense. I think the whole troublesome situation in the west now is pretty well in hand, due to the following points: "First. Like a fever in the land, hunger breaks out at the first of May each year. This year it was more violent than heretofore, probably due to the uncertainty of our point of view and action. Now that the first of May has passed, the fever has very much subsided; and, "Second. Owing to the establishment of the arbitration courts and the

knowledge that we will not back up or tolerate the attempted robberies which were in progress or in contemplation, a regular and well-considered land policy for the west and other similar parts of Ireland, fitting into a proper national scheme such as I hinted at in Galway, should be thought out; and all our dealing with the land should be staged to fit in with a thus properly conceived national scheme."

C. D. B. Very Unpopular.
"Fortunately for us, the feelings against the C. D. B. and impatience for its delaying tactics are very strong, and general in Connemara, and this coupled with the disposition which even large land owners have recently developed toward us, such as faith in our fair play and power over our own followers, will make them very ready to come forward to assist in drafting a proper, workable scheme, with special reference to its financial requirements."

GOING TO AUSTRALIA WITH SPIRIT MESSAGE

Sir Conan Doyle Claims He Has Converses With Dead Who Entrusted Words of Comfort to Him.

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London, Aug. 16.—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the creator of Sherlock Holmes, and Lady Doyle are preparing to leave almost immediately for Australia and New Zealand to carry a message of spiritualism. Both declare they have been in communication with even dead relatives, not through table

appings but face to face talking to them as if in life.

"What we tell friends," says Sir Arthur, who declares he will devote the rest of his life to spreading the message of spiritualism, "what we heard from the lips of the dead must be true. No such message has been given before and we will get across to those bruised hearts for whom it was intended. The same message came two thousand years ago, but has been so mingled by men that it has been lost."

When the personal effects of the once-famous dancer "Irigolocha," who died recently in Paris at the age of 30, were sold at auction, an old silk dress was knocked down to a secondhand clothes dealer for a mere song. On examining the garment the purchaser found concealed in the lining a bundle of French bank notes to the value of \$1,060.

Forty per cent of blindness is said to occur after the age of 46.

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The "Windward" Won Cup Series

The Halifax Yacht Won the Fourth and Final Race of the Coronation Cup Series off Chester Yesterday.

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 16.—The "Windward," owned by R. A. Corbett, of this city, won the fourth and final race of the Coronation Cup Series, which was sailed off Chester, N. S., today, and the famous trophy will be brought to Halifax. The cup defender Llanes, owned by C. H. Talcott, of Hartford, finished thirteen minutes behind the Windward.

Yesterday's Results In the Big Leagues

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Toronto 5; Syracuse 0
At Syracuse:
Toronto . . . 130200000—5 9 0
Syracuse . . . 000000000—0 4 1
Bader an dSandberg; Donovan and Casey.
Rochester at Baltimore, rain.
Akron at Reading, wet grounds.
Buffalo at Jersey City, rain.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Cleveland 4; New York 3
New York, Aug. 16.—In a ninth inning rally by New York, which fell short by one of tying the score today, Cleveland won the opening game of the series 4 to 3. Coveleskie proved a puzzle to the Yanks until the ninth, when three hits and a pass resulted in three runs. Errors by Ward and Ruel figured in Cleveland's two runs in the fourth inning.
Cleveland . . . 010210000—4 7 0
New York . . . 000000003—3 7 2
Coveleskie and O'Neill; Mays and Thorman and Ruel.
Boston 5; Detroit 4
At Boston:
Detroit . . . 00000400—4 9 3
Boston . . . 10010100—5 10 1
Daus and O'Day; Stange and Alsmith; Penneck, Hoyt and Walters, Schang.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Cincinnati 9; Chicago 1
Chicago, Aug. 16.—Cincinnati batted Hendrix hard and beat Chicago decisively in the third game of the series, 9 to 1. Hendrix was out of the box in the seventh and Bailey and Jones finished.
Cincinnati . . . 00202050x—9 10 1
Chicago . . . 000000001—1 8 1
Fisher and Wingo; Hendrix, Bailey, Jones and O'Farrell.
Pittsburgh 3; St. Louis 2
At St. Louis:
Pittsburgh . . . 20001000—3 7 0
St. Louis . . . 10000000—2 8 1
Adams and Haeffner; Haines and Dillhoefer.

Great Finishes On Moncton Track

SPORT—GT FINISHES—... notT
Moncton, N. B., Aug. 16.—Finishes that brought the grand stand to their feet featured the second and final day's racing in the Maine and Maritime Circuit meet on the Moncton Speedway this afternoon. The 224 rot and the free-for-all furnished the thrills of the day, but all the classes contributed their quota to one of the best day's racing seen on the local track for some time.

Owing to the two postponements on account of rain, the two days' racing scheduled were merged into one, winding up the meet today.
The summaries follow:
216 Trot and Pace. Purse \$400.
Lady Gratton, b. m., by Gratton Royal, R. Potvin, Moncton (Potvin) . . . 1 1 1
Corwin Hal, b. g., by Pal, J. F. Smith, Minkora, P. E. I. Steele . . . 7 2 2
Little Peter, c. e., by Peter the Great, V. Douse, Boston (Douse) . . . 2 5 5
Bill Be Sure, b. g., by Will Be Sure, Bathurst, Stables (Bouttier) . . . 4 3 3
Tommy Catter, King Wilkes, and Slinger also started.
Time—2:17 1-2; 2:15 1-2; 2:15 1-2.

224 rot. Purse \$400
Dolly Duroc, b. m., by Duroc, R. Potvin, Moncton (Potvin) . . . 1 1 1
Bingen Worthy, b. s., by Wartenbury, Acker, Halifax (Hood) . . . 2 3 1
The Manor, b. e., by Exponent, Kitchen, Fredericton (Raymond) . . . 7 2 2
Orwell Bell, blk. m., by Commodore, Lydard, Roney, Charlottetown (McCabe) . . . 3 4 4
Lochiel, Native Worthy, Barton, Siro Todd also started.
Time—2:23 1-4; 2:21 1-4; 2:19 1-2; 2:22 3-4.
220 Trot and Pace. Purse \$400.
Bill Sharon, ch. s., by Capt. Aubrey, Peter Carroll, Halifax (Carroll) . . . 1 1 1
Victoria, b. m., by Quindio, Dr. McAllister, Sussex (Cameron) . . . 2 2
Rhoda Mack, b. m., R. Potvin, Aintree (Potvin) . . . 3 3 3
Bessie L., b. m., by Will Be Sure, Hennessey (Hennessey) . . . 4 4 5
City Man and Morris Tipton also started.
Time—2:18 3-4; 2:17 1-2; 2:19 3-4.