

FLATTENED OUT, DECLARES IRISH REBEL OFFICER

"Five More Arrests in Each Area and We Are Finished," Says Document

Fears They Cannot Win "Militarily" — De Valera Talks of Viewing Tragedy Through Wall of Glass — Decided Swing Towards Peace.

Dublin, April 14.—The Irish irregulars have been reduced to such straits that a summer campaign on their part is impossible, according to captured documents made public by the publicity department of the Free State army.

In one of the documents, the officer commanding the first southern division of the irregulars reports:

"The present state of the division is that we have been fought to a standstill, and are flattened out. In the Cork 1st, 3rd and 4th brigades we have twenty-nine killed, twelve posts captured and six seriously attacked. If five are arrested in each area, we are finished."

"The men are suffering great privations, and their morale is going. The enemy is in a very strong position, with several spare battalions at the Curragh."

The divisional officer further says he is quite content to continue until a meeting of the republican executive, when he desires to satisfy himself that "what we are fighting for we can win militarily," but these are the only conditions on which he is carrying on.

Extracts from the correspondence show, according to the government publicity department, what the "high-thinking" irregular leaders are doing. An alleged communication from the adjutant-general to the president, dated Feb. 20, says: "The quarter-master-general is not quite clear what our minimum peace terms are. What should I say to him?"

The purported reply of the president to the adjutant-general two days later reads: "The obvious answer is that our minimum will be the maximum that conditions will enable us to obtain. Under conditions of which it is possible to conceive, this maximum might be as low as zero. People talk sometimes as if there were nothing in question but our desires."

Significant Admission. The captured documents are regarded as showing how decisively the situation is adjusting itself in favor of the Free State. The admission that big scale operations on the part of the irregulars are no longer possible is considered very significant.

When the peace resolution proposed by the republican deputy chief of staff Barry at a meeting of the republican executive committee on March 22 was defeated by only one vote it was agreed to summon the executive committee in three weeks to consider the position further. When this adjourned meeting is held it is thought possible the scale may be turned.

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against the continuance of armed opposition. Much comment is provoked by Eamon de Valera's admission in the captured documents that he was "condemned to view the tragedy through a wall of glass, powerless to intervene effectively."

Ottawa, April 13.—In the Senate this afternoon, Sir Louis Davis, Deputy Governor General, gave Royal Assent to the interim supply bill. Royal Assent was also given to the bill to authorize further advances to the Vancouver harbor commissioners.

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FORMER ST. JOHN NEWSPAPER MAN SERIOUSLY ILL

Thomas M. Dieulaide, Well Known Throughout United States, Sick in Washington—Had Been on Cruise With Navy.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

New York, April 13.—Thomas M. Dieulaide, formerly city editor of The Telegraph, St. John, N. B., and for more than 30 years on one of the best known newspapermen in the United States as a member of the editorial staff of the Evening Sun here, is gravely ill in Washington. He was taken from the U. S. transport Henderson upon her arrival in Washington this afternoon after a five weeks' cruise in the Caribbean Sea, suffering from paralysis of the throat. Mr. Dieulaide had been the guest of the United States government during the trip, having been a member of Secretary of the Navy Denby's party on the cruise and inspection of the government's naval bases in sub-tropical waters.

Mr. Dieulaide, on this cruise, covered much of the ocean which he had visited during the Spanish war in 1898, when he was one of the few civilian observers of the naval battle of Santiago, in which Admiral Cervera's fleet was destroyed. Subsequently, he was one of the two important civilian witnesses at the Congressional inquiry of the historical Sampson-Schley controversy, relating to the conduct of this engagement.

Mr. Dieulaide has been an executive of the Evening Sun during nearly all of his metropolitan newspaper life and has risen to the post of managing editor. Occasionally he had written of some important event from the standpoint of an onlooker. The memory of his brilliant work at such times always serves as an inspiration to New York reporters. His account of the destruction of St. Pierre and Martinique, in 1902, by the eruption of Mount Pelee, is known as a classic in American journalism. Dr. Francis R. Dieulaide, one of his two sons, who is connected with the research department of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, met the Henderson upon her arrival.

KILLS GUNMAN, GIVES HERSELF UP

Woman Says He Threatened Her—Shot as He Slept.

Worcester, April 14. — "I've just killed a man," said Mrs. Arnie Di Pari, twenty-eight, as she walked into police headquarters, and laid a .32 calibre, pearl handled pistol on Sgt. Power's desk.

The balance was sent to a tenement house at 8 Plum street, and the police found Salvatore Martucci unconscious on a bed. They took him to the City Hospital, where he died without regaining consciousness.

The police say that the victim was a notorious gunman, who was on parole from state prison at Charlestown, where he was sent for a Boston robbery.

Mrs. Di Pari said that she shot him as he lay sleeping because he demanded that she join in a white slave venture and threatened her life. She showed no hesitation in telling her story, or regret for her act.

Lieut. Prendergast found a discharged cartridge which fitted Mrs. Di Pari's pistol, on the floor of the room near the bed where the dying man was found. Martucci has been buried at the house since he was discharged in central court on a charge of murder.

He was arrested in connection with the killing of Pietro Mero, twenty-two, of 24 Prentice street, following a wedding in Mero's house. He got off because two men were alleged to have fired shots during the affray and the second man could not be found.

ENTERTAINED MOTHERS.

The members of the C. G. I. T. group of the Main street Baptist church entertained their mothers and friends last night in the church. Miss Ada Francis, the president, was in the chair and an interesting programme was given. The programme opened with the C. G. I. T. service of love and the address of welcome was given by Miss Marion MacLean. Miss Florence Watson gave a piano solo and Miss Sadie Chapman related "The Story of Womanhood." Miss Marjorie Christie contributed a vocal solo, with Miss Mildred McCutcheon as accompanist. A recitation was given by Miss Alice Correll and Miss Effie DeWitt played a piano solo. Miss Florence Gallon gave a recitation on Mother Love. A demonstration of the C. G. I. T. initiation ceremony was given by Miss Annie McCrea's group. The girls served refreshments at the close of the evening. Miss F. Estabrooks was general convener for the entertainment. Smith were the programme committee and Miss Sarah Grant were the Miss Bessie Babbitt and Mrs. J. L. conveners. Mrs. William Buchanan freshment committee conveners.

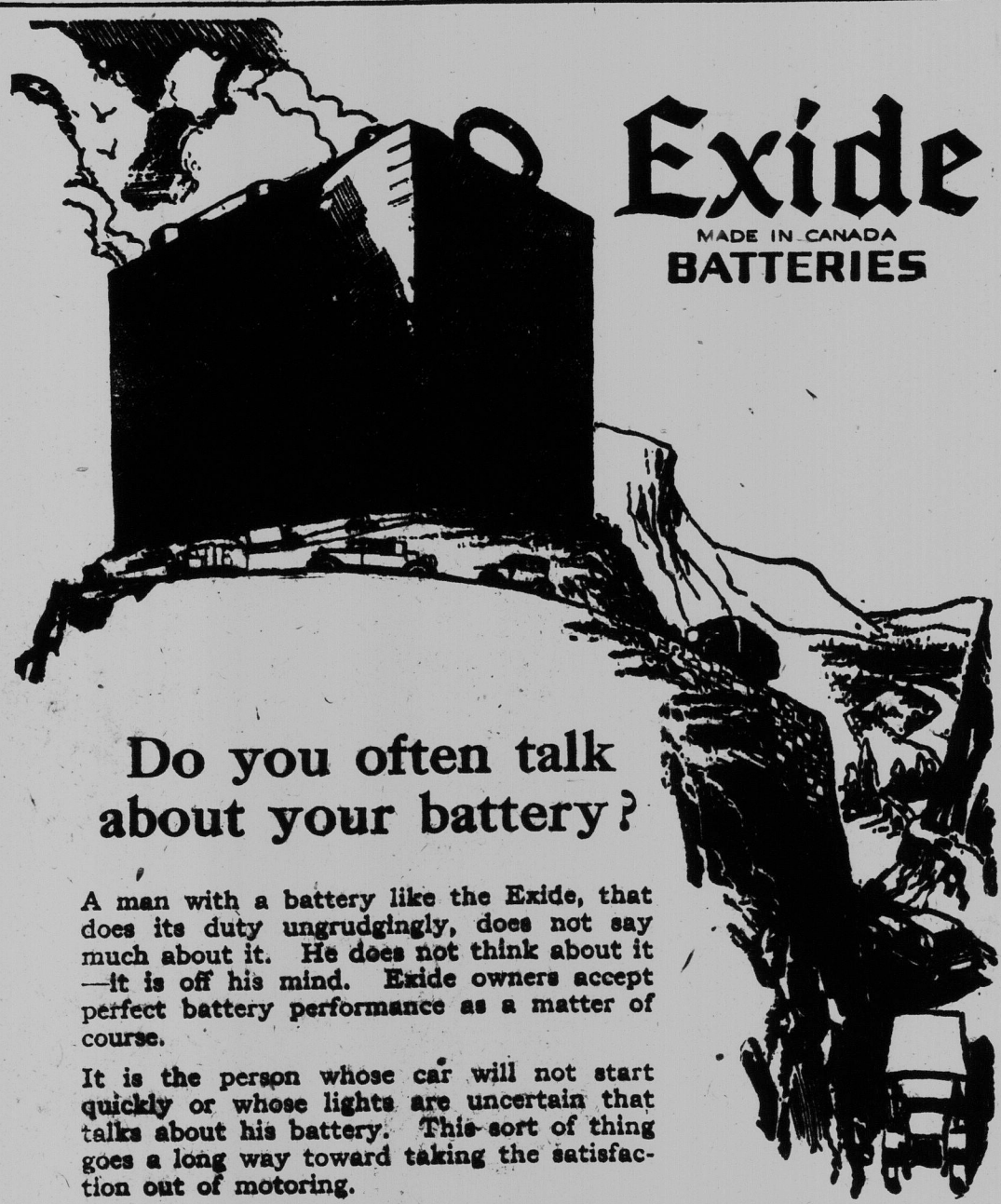
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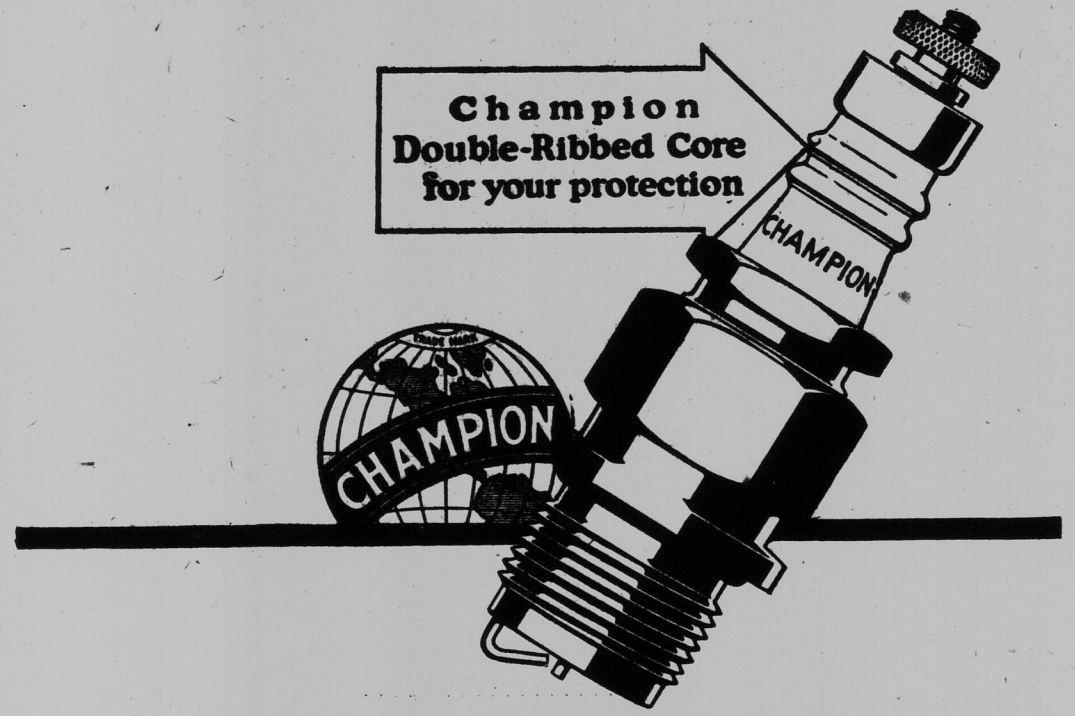
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