

SELF-CHOSEN BODY STARTS IRISH PROBE

Intends to Send a Commission to Ireland to Study State There.

FIRST WITNESS RELATES ATTACK

Reprints Followed Quickly When Attack Was Made on the Soldiers.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Only the first witness, can justify a resort to arms for the adjustment of disputes between the British Empire and the United States, especially the League of Nations, when he takes the presidential chair. His statements are being scanned closely and copy much newspaper space.

The commission plans to send a mission to England and Ireland, to make an inquiry into conditions in the latter country. It will investigate the killings and disorders. Quite as important to the permanent adjustment of the dispute, it will investigate the economic conditions in Ireland, and to which the Irish have developed a self-contained economic and cultural life, as well as the extent to which the Irish people have evolved their own agencies of self-government during the last few years.

Don's Morgan, of Thurles, Ireland, said he was a college teacher in Thurles, and that he had been elected chairman of the town council as the labor candidate, winning over Sinn Féin and independent candidates.

The witness described what he termed as the shooting up of the town of Thurles by government constabulary. He testified that after a constable had been shot last January 20, the constabulary in reprisal made a midnight raid upon houses and stores of townsmen prominent in the Irish independence movement. Ten houses and stores were riddled with bullets and hand grenades, he alleged.

"Was it apparent that these places were picked out?" asked Senator Walsh, of Massachusetts. "Yes," Morgan replied. "They were all of people known to be associated with the movement for the independence of Ireland—leaders in this movement."

The witness described how he and his family lay huddled on a stone floor all night to escape the bullets flying through his windows and doors. Arrested by Police.

The witness testified that he was arrested by a squad of eight constabulary when he left his home January 30 to attend an organization meeting of the town council. He said he asked with what offence he was charged and the constabulary replied: "No charge, just government orders."

Mr. Morgan told the commission that for six weeks after his arrest he was continuously transferred from place to place handcuffed to another prisoner. He was never informed as to charges against him. He declared that there was never an indictment or trial.

New York, Nov. 18.—Dr. Maurice

ENGLISH NEWSPAPER OPINION OF HARDING

Feeling Prevails That United States Will Yet be in League of Nations.

(Copyright, 1920, by Cross-Atlantic) By SIDNEY B. CAVE. London, Nov. 17.—There is much interest here as to the attitude of President-elect Harding in international politics, especially the League of Nations, when he takes the presidential chair. His statements are being scanned closely and copy much newspaper space.

The Yorkshire Post says: "Harding has expressed himself in favor of an association of Nations free from such objection as super-sovereignty. It may be that a way will be found to derive an international commission and give power to declare an economic blockade against an aggressor. In the absence of the United States, such an association and such provisions could not be applied easily, but with the British Empire and the United States present, almost irresistible economic pressure could be brought to bear."

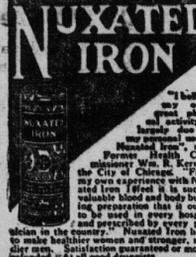
The Manchester Guardian says: "There is a comforting symbolism in Harding's gesture in appealing for help for the children of southeastern Europe. Nothing could have robbed more gently or firmly these cheerful Europeans who acclaimed his election, as the final evaporation of the sentiments interpreted first by Wilson and then embodied in the League. Harding's words are proof of the truth that America's opposition to the League is due not to imperviousness of its spirit but to a dislike of certain aspects of the constitution and distrust of some of the Associations."

Francis Egan, former United States Minister to Copenhagen, recently appointed a member of the Committee of One Hundred investigating the question, today sent a telegram expressing his regret at being obliged to resign from the committee as he felt no find it could be useful unless the committee had power to enforce the presence of witnesses.

A statement by Professor Irving Fisher of Yale University made public here tonight said he was invited to join the committee but never accepted.

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FEAR SHIP IS LOST

Kingsport, Ont., Nov. 18.—It is feared that the steamer John Randall, commanded by Captain Harry Randall, and used in trade on the Rideau Canal has been lost on Lake Ontario while on a voyage from Oswego to Belleville, Ont., loaded with coal. The John Randall cleared from Oswego on Tuesday at noon.

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