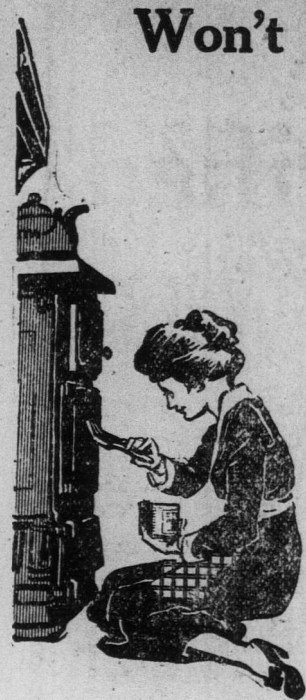


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War News.

Messages Received Previous to 9 A.M.

PEACE TALK CONTINUES.

LONDON, May 12. The latest peace overtures, said to be of German origin, while not as insistent and impossible as previous statements on the same subject, certainly do not yet offer a basis for negotiations, said Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of War Trade, in discussing with the Associated Press the latest reputed German peace terms. Lord Robert continued: "We have never received either officially or unofficially any direct peace suggestions from Germany. The only indirect overtures, that we are aware of appear in the speeches of Bethmann Hollweg and in the recent German note to America. We would not think of discussing, or even considering any overtures without consulting our Allies. No formal or informal conference for this purpose has ever taken place. If Germany should decide to approach us through the medium of the United States the latter would have to use its own judgment as to whether or not to deliver the request." While disclaiming any knowledge of the internal condition of Germany, Lord Robert declared that the increasing reports of peace overtures indicate that there is some truth to the stories that the Central Powers are in desperate straits.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

LONDON, May 12. About 500 yards of British trenches in Vermelles were captured by the Germans on Thursday night, but later the British in a counter attack took a portion of their lost ground, according to a British official this evening. The communication says that yesterday, after heavy preliminary bombardment, the enemy succeeded in capturing about 500 yards of our front trenches north of Vermelles. We regained a portion of the lost by a counter attack, made during the night. To-day there has been no further infantry action, but considerable artillery activity was shown in this neighborhood. Further north, opposite Guinchy, we bombed the enemy's positions. Otherwise there has been

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so-called Provisional Government, namely Jas. Connolly and John McDermott, took place on May 9th and sentence of death was returned in each case. The sentences were carried out this morning after confirmation by the General Commanding in Chief.

SKETCH OF McDERMOTT'S LIFE.

NEW YORK, May 12. John McDermott was known to Irishmen in the United States as one of the most brilliant orators in Ireland, and as one of the so-called inner circle of revolutionists active in the recent uprising. Authorities in this country on Irish affairs say that he was one of the original organizers of the Irish Volunteers in November 1913, in Dublin. On the outbreak of war he, comparatively a young man, was editor of the Irish Freedom, a Dublin journal ardently opposed to recruiting among the Irish for the British army. This paper was one of those suppressed for its attitude on the subject. McDermott, according to his friends in this country, made an anti-recruiting speech, and was arrested and sentenced to four months in jail. McDermott who has never been in the United States, was a leading athlete in Ireland during his youth participating in Gaelic games throughout the country. During the visit of Queen Mary to Dublin some years ago, McDermott and his friends declare that he was arrested during the disturbance and so roughly handled by the police, that he was removed to hospital, remaining there for some weeks, becoming permanently a cripple.

PRaise FOR THE PRIESTS.

DUBLIN, May 12. Behavior of Catholic clergy during the recent outbreaks was so courageous that General Maxwell, Commander of the British forces has sent to Archbishop Walsh a special letter of thanks, requesting him to give the names of priests who had displayed special gallantry. Archbishop Walsh replied, expressing appreciation, but declining to give the names, as he said it would be invidious to practice in numerous cases.

LANSING'S ANXIETY.

WASHINGTON, May 12. Secretary of State Lansing announced to-day that he had asked Ambassador Gerard at Berlin to ascertain the nature of the punishment imposed by the German Government on the commander of the submarine which sunk the steamer Sussex. Lansing said the request was not in the nature of a formal enquiry to the German government.

HOMELESS AS RESULT OF FLOODS

CAPE TOWN, May 12. A hundred persons are homeless as the result of floods in the midland districts. The loss of life is estimated at 150, and the property damage very large.

AUSTRIA-GREEK LOAN.

ATHENS, May 12. The Austrian member of the International Financial Commission has been instructed by his Government to support the Greek Government's project for a new international loan. The Government expects to issue the loan at 8½ with interest at 5%.

EXECUTIONS.

DUBLIN, May 12. James Connolly and John McDermott, were shot this morning, for complicity in the rebellion. James Connolly was styled by his associates, Commandant General of the Irish Rebel Army. He was one of the seven who signed the proclamation issued by the insurgents. In the Dublin outbreak Connolly was wounded fighting, and was taken prisoner. His thigh had been broken by a bullet. It was announced in London last week that he could not be placed on trial at the time on account of his wounded condition. At a session of the Commons yesterday, protests were made by Irish members against the execution of rebel leaders, and an attempt was made to obtain an undertaking that there would be no more of them. Mr. Asquith said that two other persons were under sentence of death, and that he did not see his way to interfere with Major General Maxwell, Commander in Ireland, and say that the extreme penalty should not be inflicted. The Premier thought it unjust that preferential treatment should be accorded in the case of men of equal guilt. Connolly lived for several years in New York, where he was active as a Socialist and writer on labor topics. He returned to Ireland about five years ago to assist in organizing the Irish Labor Party. He was about 50 years of age. Official headquarters announcement regarding executions follows: The trial of two prominent leaders of the rebellion, whose names were appended to the proclamation issued by the

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This display of public spirit is worthy of all praise and deserves to be recorded in public print as an appreciation and encouragement as well as an example to other communities. By this application of a day's free labor the roads have been put in tolerable condition, that previously were in a deplorable state owing to government neglect. The present improved state of the roads must prove an inspiration to independence and self-reliance on the part of the men who so cheerfully gave of their labour to effect the improvement. This voluntary labor is, of course, nothing new to the good people of the Colroy Valley, but as far as public works are concerned, the younger generations are almost forgetting the fact that their fathers were great in the giving of labor for the public good.

To the generous toil of the older folk now passing away, the younger people owe the existence of many a bridge and highway. The road on which the writer of this humble note had the pleasure of giving a helping hand was built by a pioneer of the district who is now well up in his eightieth year, but as keenly interested to day as ever. His great regret on the day of giving of the free labor was that he was no longer able to "dig in" with us; of course there were some "blackies" who held back and it is to be regretted that some of those were men who by reason of their position in the community were naturally expected to set a worthy example, but they failed to measure up to their duty and their conduct might almost be regarded as treasonable. Some of those men would not only work but they discouraged others from giving of their help. Let the "good men and true" who fear not to labor for the common good take no heed of those elms on public progress, but go on doing their duty to the community and take joy in the performance of a work well done.—Com.

Western Fishery.

The Board of Trade have received the following from R. Furneaux regarding the fishery between Rose Blanche and Harbor LeCou:—"The catch to date is 5738 qtls. with 300 for last week. Forty-five dories and skiffs and two boats are fishing. There is a good sign of fish on the Rose Blanche Bank, about 20 miles off and a few herrings are obtainable for bait. Several small schooners during the last week were on the Rose Blanche Bank and found cod of a large size plentiful. No schooners are fishing here now as all have left for the Gulf fishery."

Rifle Covers

Not Required.

His Excellency the Governor was advised by wire yesterday that the War Office were now supplying rifle covers and are of a different pattern, and adding the request that no more at present need be made locally. The W. P. A. under whose supervision this work has been going on are asked to discontinue. However, the material will not be wasted as it can be turned into socks and other useful articles.

Bay Bulls Project.

Much progress is being made at Bay Bulls in getting ready the site for the new premises of the Newfoundland American Packing Company. Messrs. W. J. Ellis and E. St. J. Howley, who have been in the States in connection with the project, are expected to arrive back Wednesday next.

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