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LONDON TIPTOES TO WORK TODAY

Amidst Rumors of Disaster and Sinn Fein Plots—Precautions Are Taken

PLACES ARE GUARDED

Guerilla Warfare With Sinn Feins is Continuing in Southern Ireland

(By Webb Miller, United Press staff correspondent)

London, Dec. 1.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—London figuratively walked tiptoes today amidst rumors of disaster. Convinced that Sinn Fein plots were about to burst about them in a series of massacres and incendiarism, officials constructed a defense outwitting those of wartime.

Unprecedented guards surrounded all public places. These were augmented by plain clothesmen, expert marksmen and police reserves. They were stretched about all public buildings and thrown into isolated sections of the city where it was believed incendiaries might be expected. Reports here indicated other cities were taking similar precautions on a lesser scale. The other cities had no public buildings about which it could excite hatred and it had fewer public officials to protect.

A number of suspects were taken from the liner Aquatina when she docked at Liverpool. They were brought to London and questioned at Scotland yard. They appeared to have satisfied police as to their innocence and were released. Some of them continued under surveillance, however.

Fighting in Ireland.

London, Dec. 1.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Guerilla warfare with the Sinn Fein continued in southern Ireland today with reports of conflicts in Cork and Ardee reaching officials here.

Black and tan police were reported to have raided several houses and to have killed two men in Ardee. The victims were said to have been dragged from their homes in the darkness and their riddled bodies left nearby.

In Cork there was continued disturbance with occasional fires breaking forth. The fire brigade was permitted to extinguish these.

An official report today said the bodies of sixteen black and tan police killed near Kilmichael had been hacked with hatchets after death.

Ten days of searching for leaders of the Sinn Fein movement have netted 400 prisoners. Varying from distinguished, well-clad men to uncouth peasants, the prisoners were herded in the temporary quarters until newly planned prison camps are completed. Strict watch is kept. Much literature seized on the men are in their homes has been taken to the Irish office where it is being examined for further information on the Irish volunteer army and its plans.

MILK DROP IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Dec. 1.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Milk prices dropped one cent for the second time in 30 days here today. The reduction was based on a cut of 45 cents per hundred pounds by producers. Dealers say the cut was forced by the closing of exporting plants forcing products used by that process on the market. Milk now sells for 14 cents a quart.

Christmas prices are being slashed daily, according to department store managers. In some instances prices are said to have reached the pre-war level.

BOOST MEMBERSHIP

Indianapolis, Dec. 1.—Thirteen organizers of the women's auxiliary of the American Legion met here today to plan a membership campaign which will be conducted until January 18. Mothers, sisters, wives and daughters of the Legionnaires or of the men who lost their lives in the war are eligible for membership. At the close of the campaign a state convention of the auxiliary will be held and an organization separate from the legion formed.

PIGS NOT SO DUMB

(United Press Service)
Santa Rosa, Cal., Dec. 1.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Pigs apparently playing football and trying to jump a picket fence between halves seemed beyond explanation until some one found a cask of wine in the barn was leaking.

YOUNG STORY IS DENIED

No further information concerning the story circulated a week or so ago that Roy Young a former resident of Geneva, had shot a revenue officer in Michigan, has been obtained. Friends of Mr. Young deny the story and say he is still at Kendallville where he conducts a soft drink parlor. Another rumor now is that Mr. Young was with another man who had the difficulty. The true story of the affair, if there was one, will be obtained in a few days, it is believed.

DIVORCE IS ASKED

Minnie Musser Asks the Court for Legal Separation From C. Musser

ASKS SUPPORT MONEY

For Care of Minor Children—Complaint is Filed by Attorney DeVoss

Late Tuesday afternoon L. C. DeVoss, attorney for Mrs. Minnie Musser, filed a complaint for divorce from Christian Musser, alleging cruel and inhuman treatment. Mrs. Musser asks the custody of the minor children, the sum of ten dollars per week for the support of the children, and a restraining order preventing the defendant from visiting the plaintiff or the children, and from in any way molesting or disturbing them, or from going upon the premises now occupied by the plaintiff, until final determination of the cause. The court granted the restraining order as asked in the complaint.

Mrs. Musser sets out in her complaint that they were married December 16, 1897, and separated November 30, 1920; that ten children were born to them; one of whom is deceased, and another married. The youngest is two years old. The complaint further alleges that the defendant has been extremely cruel to her and the children, and that three years ago he began a series of abuses, and has called her vile and indecent names, that he told her to get a divorce so that he could get a better wife. It is further alleged that he would not accompany her to church or anywhere else, and would sit around the house and curse and swear at the plaintiff and their children, all of which she says is unbearable, and therefore asks the court to sever the marriage vows.

MEETING OF QUEEN

ESTHER CIRCLE TOMORROW

The Queen Esther circle will meet on Thursday evening with Victoria Mills on Mercer Avenue. Mary Rinehar will have charge of the meeting and a special program has been prepared. They are planning to send a Christmas box to the girl whom we are supporting in school. Every Queen Esther come and bring something in the way of clothing or anything you think she would like. Also bring dues, if you have not already paid or send the money if you cannot come yourself. Don't miss a good time. Come and bring another girl with you.

STEAMSHIP ON FIRE

(United Press Service)

New Orleans, Dec. 1.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The American steamship Calno, bound for Liverpool from Port Arthur, Texas, with a cargo of cotton, is afire in the Gulf of Mexico, a wireless to the naval station here early today said. The wireless asked that tugs be sent to meet the ship, which was headed full speed for the mouth of the Mississippi river. The Calno was approximately 100 miles out from the mouth of the river when the wireless was sent.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

Fair tonight and Thursday; colder tonight in extreme north portion.

ONLY 20 DAYS TO SHOP



HOPES TO SAVE POOR ARMENIA

With Fate of the Nation in President Wilson's Hands He Hopes to Aid Her

PLEA FROM LEAGUE

Acceptance of the Offer as Personal Mediator Will be Read to Council

(United Press Service)

Washington, Dec. 1.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The fate of Armenia today lay in the hands of President Wilson.

The president has undertaken to save the Armenian nation from the aggression of the Turkish nationalists by accepting the league of nations request to act as mediator between the two forces. He has also before him the outlining of the boundaries of the new Armenian nation.

Following the cabinet meeting yesterday the president was described as "apparently stimulated by the huge work he has undertaken."

Senators who have opposed Wilson's foreign policies today were slow in offering criticism of the president's acceptance of the Armenian mediation request.

In accepting the request of the league the president made clear that his decisions must be guaranteed by the principal powers.

Wilson's warning that military aid could not be expected and that large expenditures would have to be approved by congress and therefore could not be assured, caused no dismay in the assembly. It had been agreed previously that necessary expenses or military expeditions would be furnished by the league.

TO RECEIVE SENTENCE

(United Press Service)

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 1.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Fred W. French, assistant cashier of the City Trust and Savings Bank, is today awaiting sentence by Superior Judge Dunham. French was arraigned late yesterday afternoon, pleaded guilty to embezzling \$50,000 and upwards of the funds of the bank and was remanded. The court fixed his bonds at \$50,000, which were not furnished.

SISTER IS DEAD

Complications of Diseases Causes Death of Mrs. F. P. Geary at Ft. Wayne

FORMERLY OF HERE

Sister of Mrs. Durkin, Mrs. Schmitt, Mrs. Omlor and Simeon J. Hain

Mrs. Francis P. Geary, forty-one years old, died Monday at her home near Fort Wayne, from a complication of diseases, and followed an illness of two years.

Mrs. Geary, who was formerly Miss Elizabeth Hain, was a former Adams county lady, being a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Hain, who lived south of the city. Her husband is also a former Decatur man, and after their marriage in this city moved to Fort Wayne, where they had resided during the past twelve years.

She is survived by the husband, four children—Agnes M., Margaret, Dolores E. and William B.; three sisters, Mrs. Dynois Schmitt, Mrs. Thomas J. Durkin and Mrs. Mary Omlor; two brothers, Simeon J. Hain, all of this city, and George, a member of the regular army, being stationed at Laredo, Texas.

Mrs. Geary was a member of the Precious Blood Catholic church, the Rosary society of the C. B. L. of I. at Fort Wayne. Funeral services will be conducted Thursday morning at 2 o'clock from the Precious Blood church.

DR. CONNELL RETURNS HOME

Dr. C. V. Connell, the well known veterinarian, returned this morning from Chicago where he attended the annual meeting of the United States Live Stock Sanitary association, which was held there Monday and Tuesday. The two-day session was an interesting one and subjects of importance were brought up and discussed.

CAST IS CONTINUED

The case against Florain Archer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Archer, formerly of this city, on a charge of assault and battery with intent to kill, was continued at Fort Wayne yesterday until December 16. Archer, it will be remembered struck Vernon Ward over the head with a monkey wrench at the Fort Wayne plant of the General Electric company, several weeks ago. Ward is now able to be about again, but the injury was at first thought to be fatal.

MRS. MYERS DIES

Former Decatur Woman Answers Call Before the Father Reaches Bedside

A MESSAGE RECEIVED

By the Sister, Mrs. Russell Andrews—Was Thirty-eight Years of Age

At two o'clock this afternoon Mrs. Russell Andrews, of this city, a sister of Mrs. Dora Elzey-Myers of Trinidad, Colorado, received the sad message that Mrs. Myers died Tuesday morning. The father, Alfred Elzey, in response to a message received Tuesday morning, left last evening for Trinidad and consequently did not arrive in time to see his daughter alive.

Mrs. Myers was only thirty-eight years of age and was a former Decatur lady, going to Trinidad eighteen years ago. She is survived by the husband and six children.

No word was received here when the funeral will be or whether the body will be shipped to this city for burial.

Her many friends in this city will be grieved to learn of her untimely death.

NO HOPE FOR HER

(United Press Service)

Doorn, Dec. 1.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Physicians have abandoned hope for the recovery of the former kaiserin, Augusta Victoria, it was announced today.

NEW "T. N. T." COCKTAIL

Indianapolis, Dec. 1.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Druggists here are doing a land office business in sweet spirits of nitre. Members of an exclusive club have discovered that mother's childhood remedy will slake the thirst of the toper and spread joy among the newly initiated—providing it is put through the proper process.

One of the ingredients to the new "T. N. T." cocktail, as it is known in the club rooms is essence of juniper berry. It is also known that the kitchen range and the boiling pot play a mysterious part but the ingredients and the exact formula is unknown except by a chosen few.

SUFFERS STROKE

Forest Murray Who Formerly Had Cigar Store Here is in Serious Condition

AT RICHMOND HOME

Suffered Stroke of Paralysis and Infection Causes Amputation of His Leg

Friends of Forest M. Murray, who formerly lived here, will be shocked to hear of his very serious condition at his home at Richmond. Since leaving here Mr. Murray has been traveling for the B. P. S. Paint company and a few weeks ago, according to the story brought here by a neighbor, suffered a slight stroke of paralysis which affected one of his legs.

His physician treated the leg by the use of electricity and the skin was burned resulting in the part becoming infected, amputation of the leg being necessary. His condition it is said is very critical.

Mr. Murray operated a cigar store while here, disposing of its to Lora Brothers. He has visited here several times during the past year or two and has many friends in Decatur.

AUSTRIA WILL BE ADMITTED

The Membership Committee Votes to Admit Austria to League of Nations

VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS

And No Delay Will be Encountered—A Note of Thanks Sent to Wilson

(United Press Service)

Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 1.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The commission on membership voted today to recommend the admission of Austria to the league of nations.

Debate had been looked for when the proposal reached the assembly floor but the fact that the vote was unanimous made it appear there will be no opposition to the new member.

An interpretation of the penalty clause of the league covenant was agreed upon by the commission headed by Lord Robert Cecil. A resolution adopted provided that all members of the league must break off all diplomatic relations with a state blockaded because of infractions of the covenant. It was also agreed to propose that inhabitants of the member states shall break off all relations with the penalized state.

President Wilson's acceptance of arbitration in Armenia was received with great enthusiasm in the assembly today. A note of thanks was ordered prepared and dispatched to Washington at once.

CHICAGO MARKET CLOSE

(United Press Service)

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 1.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Wheat: Dec. \$1.62 1/2, Mar. \$1.55 1/2. Corn: Dec. 63 1/2, May 74c. Oats: Dec. 45 1/2, May 49 1/2.

INDIANAPOLIS MARKET

(United Press Service)

Indianapolis, Dec. 1.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Hog receipts, 13,000; market 15 higher; best heavies, \$10.50 to \$10.85; medium mixed, \$10.50 to \$10.60; common choice, \$10.50; bulk sales \$10.50 to \$10.60; cattle receipts, 700, steady; steers, \$6.50 to \$13.25; cows and heifers \$5.25 to \$12.75; sheep receipts, 300; market steady; tops, \$3 @ 4.

A SONG RECITAL

Mrs. L. A. Holthouse, Assisted by Mrs. Haubold Will Give Recital

THURSDAY EVENING

At the Masonic Hall—Proceeds Will be Used in Buying a Piano

An excellent program has been arranged for the song recital to be given Thursday evening at the Masonic hall by Mrs. Louis A. Holthouse, assisted by Mrs. Carrie Haubold, the proceeds from which will be used in buying a piano for the Woman's club, under whose auspices the event is given.

Mrs. Holthouse is a pupil of Mrs. Zollars Bond of Fort Wayne and her sweet voice has gained for her the distinction of being one of the best soprano singers in this part of the state. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend.

Following is the program:
Were I a Star—Hawley.
I Bring You Heartsease—Branscombe.
Inter Nos—Mac Fadyen.
Cradle Song—Mac Fadyen.
Spring's Awakening—Hawley.
Arioso, (From "La mort de Jeanne d'Arc")—Bemberg.
Cycle, "A Lover in Damascus"—Woodforde-Flind.

Far Across the Desert Sands.
Where the Abana Flows.
How Many a Lonely Caravan.
If in the Great Bazaars.
Allah Be With Us.
Obstination—H. De Fontenailles.
Si mes vers avaient des ailes—Hahn.
Ouvre tes Yeux bleus—Massenet.
Love Has Wings—Rogers.
I Know a Hill—Whitely.
My Love and I—La Forge.
The Fairy Pipers—Brewer.
Pale Yellow Rose—Phillips.
Matthana—Leoncavallo.
Mrs. Haubold will be at the piano. Music lovers will no doubt be delighted with the program.

GOT OFF FAIRLY EASY

Henry Stegemeier, one of the proprietors of Stegemeier Brothers' restaurant and soft drink place, 17 North Illinois street, arrested recently on a charge of pool selling and operating a "blind tiger," was fined \$10 and costs on the former charge and discharged on the latter by Henry Abrams, acting judge in city court Tuesday. Stegemeier was fined a similar amount on a similar charge a few days prior to his arrest on the pool selling and "blind tiger" charges.—Indianapolis News.

WANT PARDONS

Twenty-two Additional Pleas Will be Filed With the Board of Pardons

TWO FROM ALLEN

Four "Lifers" Are Included in the List—Board to Meet Next Friday

(United Press Service)

Indianapolis, Dec. 1.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Twenty-two additional pleas for clemency have been filed with the state board of pardons to be heard at its meeting starting next Monday, the board announced today. Four more cases will be re-opened. Four of the new cases and one of those to be re-opened are pleas of "lifers" sentence for murder.

The cases announced today include: Walter Hoffman, Dekalb county, June, 1920, 1-8 years, petit larceny. Leslie Keever, Delaware county, January, 1919, 2-14 years, burglary. Glenn V. Cavender, Allen county, October, 1920, bigamy, six months state farm.

James Walker, Madison county, April, 1911, life, murder. Arlo Ballentine, Dekalb county, June, 1920, 1-14 years, grand larceny. Carl Cecil, Huntington county, January, 1920, 2-14 years, forgery.

Myrtle Hubbard, Madison county, March, 1918, life, murder. Thomas S. Shaw, Shelby county, October, 1916, life, murder. Charles Clay, Allen county, 1-8 years, petit larceny.

Joe Chiaro, Montgomery county, May, 1920, 1-8 years, petit larceny. Additional cases re-opened include: Robert O'Rear, Clinton county, June, 1920, 1-14 years, grand larceny.

PURDUE IS WINNER

Purdue's live stock judging team at the International stock show at Chicago won first place in the collegiate judging contest, scoring 3,196 points. Nebraska came under the wire a close second, scoring ninety-one points less than Purdue. Twenty-three colleges competed and it took the judges a full day to tabulate the results. Purdue, with Black Ruler, also won the grand championship at the show yesterday.

ACCUSED WOMAN HAS GONE TO MEXICO

(United Press Service)

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 1.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Clara Smith Hamon, alleged slayer of Jake Hamon, oil magnate and political leader, has fled to Mexico, 100 miles south of El Paso, according to statements made by a chauffeur in an interview today. The chauffeur whose name is withheld at the request of the police said the woman spent several hours in Dallas Tuesday and tried to engage an airplane to take her out to El Paso. When she was unsuccessful the chauffeur said she hired a Dallas taxi driver to take her to Cisco Tuesday night.

ROTARY MEETING THURSDAY

The regular meeting of the Rotary club will be held Thursday evening at the city hall. Matters of importance will come up and every member is urged to be present.

READ THE ADS



OBREGON TAKES THE PRESIDENCY

Mexico Has Good Chance to "Make Good" Under the New President

FORCEFUL CHARACTER

Belief is That President Wilson Will Settle the Mexican Problem

(By Ralph H. Turner, United Press staff correspondent)

New York, Dec. 1.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Alvaro Obregon, who today became president of Mexico, is believed by the majority of Mexicans to be the strongest, most capable leader in the republic. He represents Mexico's greatest hope in her struggle to recover from the chaos into which she has been plunged by ten years of revolution.

"Can Obregon save Mexico?" is the question the writer has been asked repeatedly since his departure from Mexico City fifteen days ago. That query can only be answered in this way: If Obregon cannot save Mexico then it is extremely doubtful whether Mexico has another man who can do even as well.

Mexico today has the best chance to "make good" that has presented itself in ten years and according to one opinion, voiced south of the Rio Grande, it also is her last chance.

Obregon is a forceful character, aggressive, natural leader of men and is fully cognizant of his country's problems. Moreover, he has declared on repeated occasions that he will do all in his power to promote cooperation with the United States.

Wilson May Settle It

Washington, Dec. 1.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Belief that President Wilson has determined to settle the Mexican problem before leaving the white house was strengthened today.

The latest development evidencing this government's willingness to recognize Mexico is the letter of Secretary of State Colby to Roberto V. Pesquera, Mexican confidential agent, made public late yesterday.

Colby proposed appointment of Commissioners by the United States and Mexico to draw a treaty settling the issues between the two governments. The United States would demand protection of American life and property, especially among oil holdings.

SALE STARTS FRIDAY

The parcel post, rummage sale and bazaar to be conducted by the Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church will start early Friday morning, and continue through Friday and Saturday. Many articles of value for Christmas gifts will be found in the bazaar. Many pieces of good serviceable clothing may be found in the used clothes department, and a visit to the sale will convince the public of the many values to be found. On Saturday evening at the K. of P. home the ladies will also conduct a two-cent supper, from 5 until 7.

FUNERAL TODAY

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Kern was held this afternoon from the Evangelical church at 2 o'clock, the Rev. Haney officiating, with burial at the Decatur cemetery. In the write-up of the death notice, the name of the sister, Mrs. A. E. Elzey, of Ossian, was unintentionally omitted. The funeral service today was very largely attended.

REVIVAL AT EVANGELICAL

A revival meeting is in progress at the Evangelical church, having commenced Monday evening, in charge of the Rev. Haney. The meeting will continue at least two weeks.

LITTLE HOPE FOR GIPP

South Bend, Ind., Dec. 1.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Physicians at St. Joseph hospital could see no improvement today in the condition of George Gipp, who is ill with pneumonia. Reports from the hospital say Gipp's condition is critical and little chance was seen for his recovery.