

SAYS RELIGION IS NOT CAUSE OF IRISH FIGHT

MacSwiney's Sister Declares Protestants, Too, Are Active for Freedom.

TESTIFIES IN CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The religious question does not enter into Ireland's fight for independence, it was declared here today by Miss Mary MacSwiney, sister of the martyred Lord Mayor of Cork, who testified before the American Commission on Ireland. "Indeed," said Miss MacSwiney, "many of Ireland's most revered leaders have been Protestants."

Miss MacSwiney was the first witness to appear before the commission when it resumed its hearings. Two new members were seated, ex-Senator J. J. Martin of New Jersey, and Senator Thomas F. Walsh of Montana, Congressman-elect C. L. Knight of Akron, Ohio, also has an invitation to become a member.

Miss MacSwiney began her testimony with a detailed account of the causes for the Irish troubles of today. She explained Ireland's history and that of her family, the members of which she told the commission with flashing eyes, had always been identified with the fight for Irish freedom.

"This is not a religious fight," she declared, "it is merely the continuation of a fight begun centuries ago. It is not a rebellion, for a rebellion can only be made against a legally constituted authority. This is an insurrection, an insurrection against a tyrannical authority which Ireland has never recognized."

Ireland has suffered from landlord tyranny for years, she said. One particular thing which she said she had said, was that Catholic parishes were forced to contribute to the support of non-Catholic clergy who did not reside in Ireland and who were paid out of public funds gathered in taxes.

In anticipation of hearing Mrs. MacSwiney, widow of the lord mayor, a great crowd gathered about 419 Seventh street, where the hearing was held. It was planned to see the widow on the stand later in the day.

CABINET VIEWS PEACE OVERTURES

LONDON, Dec. 8.—A full session of the cabinet was held to discuss the Irish peace overtures from Father Michael O'Flanagan, acting president of the Sinn Féin. From a well informed source it was learned that a reply probably will be sent to Father O'Flanagan's telegram asking for further information as to his powers and what guarantees he is able to offer.

"Hope for peace in Ireland before Christmas is false," said the Globe, commenting upon the Irish truce efforts. Dispatches from Dublin and other Irish cities to the Westminster Gazette say that "amusement has been aroused in Ireland by the announcement that the House of Commons by Sir James Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, that the government will not enter into a truce until the leaders of the Irish republican army are arrested or have surrendered."

"The moderates were winning peace, but now they have been blocked," said a Dublin dispatch to the Westminster Gazette.

CHARGE AGAINST WOMAN STRONGER

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Information. Should the lead prove up to expectations of Attorney Brown an official probably will be dispatched immediately to El Paso for the woman's arrest and return to the place she is placed in custody and returned to Ardmore.

RUTH WALKER HAMON TELLS OF AFFAIRS

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 8.—That Frank Louis Hamon, alleged to have married Clara Smith at the behest of Jake Hamon, Oklahoma oil king, made the declaration just before he disappeared five weeks ago that he was going to see the millionaire and "have it out with him," was the declaration made here by Ruth Walker Hamon, the wife of Frank Hamon. She declared that her husband had received a check for \$100 a month regularly from Hamon, the oil man, for having married the Smith woman, but that he was disgruntled because he learned Mrs. Jacob Hamon was receiving an allowance of \$1,000 a month.

She declared that her husband was divorced from the Smith woman in Texas in 1917, and had never lived with her. Before coming to California, Mrs. Hamon said, her husband had attempted to take her to Oklahoma, where he had been told his uncle, Jake Hamon, to "clear out" and never bring that woman around here.

She told of meeting Clara Smith Hamon in Tucson, Ariz., and declared the Smith woman at that time had showed her an automatic pistol.

"She told me she always carried it for protection," said Ruth Walker Hamon.

Mrs. Hamon said she had been able to secure no trace of her husband since his disappearance five weeks ago.

No Damages Awarded in Mulford Lawsuit

Special to The Times.

GREENSBURG, Ind., Dec. 8.—After eight hours' deliberation the jury which heard the evidence in Christian vs. The Standard Oil Company et al. case in which \$10,000 was asked by the plaintiff, returned a verdict for the defendants.

The litigation grew out of the death of Mrs. Carrie Christian of Mulford, who died at March from burns received while starting a fire. She poured gasoline on the fire from a container supposed to be filled with kerosene. It was alleged the gasoline was placed in the kerosene container through the negligence of employees of the Standard Oil Company.

Belgian Business Hit by Depression

LONDON, Dec. 8.—A grave business crisis in Belgium is reported in a dispatch from Antwerp today. Persistent rumors are current in that city, the dispatch says, of the imminent collapse of the business scene, including the important banks. The Belgian government is said to be taking precautionary measures to avert a panic.

TRACK ELEVATION ASSURED

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 8.—Track elevation in South Bend is assured by the announcement from the Grand Trunk Railway Company that the city officials have been reconciled to the idea of warping their line so as to bring their tracks into the city in the vicinity of the present New York Central roadbed. The work is expected to start in the spring. The company has agreed to remove the tracks from one of the city's streets just outside the city limits. The proposed change will cost \$4,000,000. The city has agreed to pay one-tenth of the sum.

Disposal of Rat Tails Worries City Controller's Office

Employees Lie Awake Trying to Dope Out Scheme for Handling Them.

Employees in the city controller's office almost lie awake nights trying to figure out what they are going to do with the rat tails which are being rolled in by the hundreds when people, particularly school children, learn that the city council has passed an ordinance providing a bounty of 5 cents for each rat tail appended delivered. The employees are living in hope that the slaughter of the rodents will not become wholesale until City Controller Bryson recovers from an illness which confines him to his home at present so that he, and not they, may work out a scheme for the disposal of the tails.

The controller's office cannot get away from having the tails because the ordinance specifically provides that the controller shall pay the bounty on those delivered. It will be necessary to keep a record of the rat tails in order to make sure that those which Willie Jones is paid do not get into the hands of Johnny Smith or he, too, can collect on them.

Various schemes are being suggested. To receive of them.

Install a cold storage room so they may be preserved for the scrutiny of the State board of accounts at any time.

Others suggest that the city should dynamite the place because of the smell. Ship 'em to China.

Bury 'em in the city hall furnace, providing the neighbors do not threaten to dynamite the place because of the smell. Ship 'em to China.

Bury 'em on Seller's farm and stick the job on some business official, as the administration would like to get rid of but hasn't got the nerve to openly demand a resignation.

Em on to the board of sanitary commissioners for the city garbage reduction plan in the hope that Board Member Lucius B. Swift may be able to show a balance on the profit side of the ledger from the sale of the grease extracted.

HOUSTON MAKES TAX PROPOSALS

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per cent. corporation profits should not be permitted to escape with a single tax of only 10 per cent.

When the excess profits tax is repealed some equivalent of compensatory tax should be placed on the corporation, as nearly as possible equal to the surtax imposed on the saved income of the individual.

If individuals doing business in partnership pay 10 per cent on undistributed profits, individuals doing business as a corporation should pay 20 per cent.

Houston urged that if an undistributed profit tax be adopted Congress should prohibit various devices by which corporations distribute their "dividends" while actually retaining their profits in business. He urged the advisability of requiring every corporation, 25 per cent of whose stock is held by a single individual, to be treated as a partnership or personal service corporation.

Losses in revenue through repeal of excess profits probably will amount to \$300,000, which must be made up in new taxes.

INCOME SURTAX RECOMMENDATION.

2. Income surtaxes must undergo drastic modifications, as they are excessive and driving wealthier taxpayers to transfer their investments in tax free securities, setting up needless and dangerous competition with industrial and railroad securities, with consequent impediments to business development and foreign trade expansion, the secretary asserted.

"The effective way to tax the rich is to adopt rates which do not force investment in tax exempt securities," he said. 3. Consuming taxes are recommended to reach a class of surplus income of "taxable capacity," but from which the Government derives no revenue. This proposal is designed to cover the secondary and tertiary taxes on consumption among those persons who do not ordinarily pay income tax.

Repeal of taxes on fountain drinks, ice cream and other similar articles of food and drink, imposed by present revenue laws, is recommended, and Congress is urged to substitute heavier taxes on certain other luxuries. Regarding low excise and luxury taxes, the secretary said:

"It is not necessary to tax every luxury. It is desirable to avoid absolute necessities, because some individuals have little or no wage income to be tapped either directly or indirectly."

Present luxury taxes are defined poorly and uncertain and difficult of collection, the secretary said.

WILSON'S TIPS TO BE SKIRTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—President Wilson's recommendations to Congress are to be dismissed with scant consideration by Republican leaders, they made plain today in informal discussions of the message read to the two Houses yesterday.

The Republicans said an effect that while they agree with Wilson that the reconstruction job should be tackled and finished as soon as possible, there is no hope of agreeing with him as to the methods to be followed.

One exception was noted in the general rejection of the President's request for immediate action. This was the budget bill, which is scheduled to pass the Senate soon and go to Wilson.

Tax revision will be deferred. There is a strong feeling that something should be done for the disabled soldiers and sailors, but that too will have to wait, according to present plans. Government reconstruction is being brought about fully until Government reorganization is accomplished under the next administration, leaders maintained.

The recommendation for a loan to Armenia was scouted on all sides. There is a wide variance of opinion regarding the Philippines. The laws Wilson has twice asked to regulate cold storage again will fail to pass, it was declared. His proposal to license all concerns doing an interstate business was greeted by Republicans and many Democrats with the condemnation that it was "socialistic" or paternalistic.

Attorney Davis to Address Credit Men

Lawrence B. Davis, Indianapolis attorney, will speak on "Investigation and Prosecution of Commercial Frauds" tomorrow at the weekly luncheon of the Indianapolis Association of Credit Men.

The committee for the State conference of credit men, which will be held in this city Friday, Jan. 21, at the Claypool Hotel, will be announced at the luncheon.

\$70,000 GOLD ARRIVES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The Finland, arriving from Antwerp and Southampton, brought \$70,000 in gold for Kuhn, Loeb & Co. The consignment was part of a supply which the bankers have been receiving from London for several months and which now totals approximately \$70,000,000.

SEEK 2 NEGROES IN NEAR DEATH

Police Hold Several After Agent's Skull Fractured by Shovel.

As the result of a brutal attack by an unidentified assailant, W. F. Purcell, 34, a collector of the Empire Sick and Accident Insurance Company, is in a serious condition today at the City Hospital.

Purcell, whose home is No. 33, Drexel Arms, collected an insurance payment at the home of Mose Williams, 319 Toledo street, last night, and five minutes later was found lying on the rear steps of the Williams home unconscious. He had been hit on the head with a shovel.

The blood-covered shovel was found near him. His hat and 30 cents were found nearby. The police do not believe Purcell was robbed, as his purse containing \$23 and his diamond ring were not taken.

Three negroes, Mose Williams, Henry Baker and Jackson Dickson, all living at the Toledo street address, were arrested on vagrancy charges. The police are searching for two other negroes said to have been in the house.

Williams, who founded the injured man and who notified the police, made a statement.

He said Purcell had called at his home and that he paid him 75 cents for his insurance. He said Charles Woods, negro, did not have the money to pay Purcell, and that Purcell and Woods, accompanied by another negro whom he did not know, walked from the house by way of the rear door.

Williams said he heard Woods say, "I have no money now, and if I would get sick I don't think you would pay me any."

Five minutes after Purcell left the house, Williams said he heard him groaning and found him lying on the steps. Purcell's skull is fractured.

Neither Woods nor the unidentified negro has been found.

APPEALS MADE TO ELK SANTA CLAUS

Members of Lodge to Be Solicited for Benefit Fund.

Letters of appeal from little folks are beginning to arrive at the Elk's Santa Claus headquarters in the Denison hotel building, 131 Pennsylvania street, and baskets of food have been made by old people.

One of the letters recently received which was the need of a Santa Claus is as follows:

Dear elk's Santa Claus,

will you please bring me something my papa and I find any work and my mama says you are not coming to see house I have got 2 sisters and 2 brothers I am 12 years old. Basil is 10 years old and Edna is 6 years old and woodie is 3 years old my name is Harry Means my sisters would like to have a doll and my baby brother likes a tricycle I don't care what you bring me or basil either but my baby brother and basil would like a pair of shoes if you can please come we go to school 60 on 30 st please come if you can

Harry and basil and woodie and Edna

come straight out Rural st to 28 and come across the commons to Temple are house is a little house on the corner with a fence around it

At a meeting at headquarters last night it was decided that only members of the lodge are to be solicited for contributions to the benefit fund, but gifts of clothing, toys or baskets of food volunteered by others will be gratefully accepted.

Leonard M. Quill, director general of the Elk's Christmas activities, presided at the meeting. Among others were Herbert Spelman, J. Al Donohue, Fred McNeely, Ryland Pratt, Dr. J. C. Kincaid and John Orman.

Tickets for the Old Melodine Concert to be held at the Murat theater Dec. 19, for increasing the benefit fund, will be sold at the Murat theater, Merchants Light and Heat Company, the Elk's headquarters and the Santa Claus headquarters.

THE HARVEST.

The clock ticks thirty minutes and a man is killed through motor car accident. It ticks for another thirty minutes and another man is killed. Every thirty minutes some one is killed in the United States through automobile accidents. The grand total exceeds 15,000 deaths a year.

Files Cured in 6 to 14 Days.

Druggists refund money if PAIN EXPELLER fails to cure itching, bleeding, or prurient piles. Instantly relieves itching piles, and you can get relief from sleep after first application. 60c.

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Important Letter

SOUTH BEND, IND.—"Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription saved my life years ago after the doctors had given me up. I was only fifteen years of age

when a heavy cold brought on functional disturbances and I was a very sick girl for eight months. I was bed-fast for more than two months, doctoring all the time but getting too weak to even raise my hand. Then my mother learned of the 'Favorite Prescription,' and the first bottle enabled me to walk around my room and the color came to my cheeks. I took six bottles of the 'Prescription' but was feeling almost well by the time I had taken the third bottle. To make certain of permanent recovery my mother insisted upon my taking the half dozen bottles. I owe so

much to Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription that I feel it my duty to send this statement, hoping that it will be the means of restoring other girls to a healthy, womanly development, by proving to them that Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the right medicine for them to take."—Mrs. LILLY KEITH, 627 S. Fellows St.

Send ten cents to Dr. Pierce's Invalids Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., for trial package of "Favorite Prescription Tablets," and write for free, confidential medical advice if there is need.

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Mrs. Harding to Buy Clothes in Gotham

What she will buy but she must change her mind several times, so New York shop keepers will have to guess along in laying in their stocks for the present.

"I didn't have a minute during the campaign to buy any clothes," Mrs. Harding said, discussing the state of her wardrobe. "But I'm going to make up for it now."

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