

SAFETY BILL IS CHECK TO FOES OF FREE STATE

Drastic Measure Necessary to Curb Rebel Violence, Cosgrave Asserts.

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DUBLIN, Nov. 18.—The Free State government is determined to prevent threatened establishment of an Irish dictatorship by violence, intimidation and murder, President William T. Cosgrave told the United Press today. His statement was in explanation of the new public safety bill.

In his massive oak-paneled office at the Leinster house, the Irish president said the drastic new laws instituting a quasi-military regime to suppress political terrorism was necessary because of threatened disorders during the present economic depression.

"The public safety act restored confidence of the people in their institutions and permitted us to resume efforts toward economic progress," Cosgrave said. "We now are able to proceed from where we left off the work of reconstruction."

Like "Cop in a Crowd"

"It is difficult to say how long these measures will remain in force, except that it will be as long as they serve their purpose. You see, the bill fills a gap which always has existed in our Constitution. The Constitution previously was geared for the extremes of either war or peace. There was no middle way provided."

"In October the government institutions were endangered by the actions of a relatively small number of persons who were electing themselves as dictators of the policy of the nation. They attempted to enforce their dictatorship by violence, intimidation and murder."

"That experience was not novel. This time, however, we were facing unparalleled financial stringency and depression."

"The effect of the public safety bill is that of a policeman in a crowd. The crowd may not need the swinging of his stick to preserve order, but his mere presence has a quieting effect."

Rebels Claim Army of 20,000

Cosgrave, the hard-working little man who used to be a Dublin grocer's assistant, walked rapidly back and forth in his office as he talked. He spoke crisply and with confidence.

The correspondent earlier had been given the other side of the political picture by the commander-in-chief of the "Irish Republican army," which claims to have 20,000 men trained and ready for war against Britain.

The commander, a dynamic, well-educated man, was seen amid great secrecy in the Wicklow mountains, where he sat in a lonely shanty and talked of his plans.

"Britain forced the Free State to accept British political and economic control just when Ireland was within sight of her goal—complete independence," he said.

"President Cosgrave now can resort only to coercion, but it will not kill a sentiment which is 1,800 years old. Ireland never will relinquish her hope of freedom."

Denies Communist Aid

"Our army does not want civil war. It does not want to fight our own people. But recent months have

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ODD FELLOWS ELECTIONS TO 'TOP' SESSIONS

The Rev. Golden A. Smith to Be Installed as Grand Master.

Election of state officers will feature sessions of the annual grand lodge of Indiana Odd Fellows, which opened its two-day program this morning in grand lodge hall, Odd Fellow building.

The Rev. Golden A. Smith, New Albany, will be installed Thursday afternoon as grand master, succeeding Harry C. Rockwood, Indianapolis, who is unopposed candidate for grand representative. L. A. Handley, Richmond, will become deputy grand master by promotion.

Twelve nominees will stage a spirited contest for grand warden, first step toward the office of grand master. George P. Bornwasser will compete with E. Peters, Marysville, for the secretaryship.

R. B. Kolthoff, Lafayette, is the new grand patriarch of Indiana, I. O. O. F. He was installed at closing ceremonies of the grand encampment, Tuesday afternoon.

Other officers are: William McMannis, South Bend, senior grand warden; Perry Higman of Lafayette, grand marshal; Will E. Hiatt of Indianapolis, grand sentinel; Frank Wert of Angola, deputy grand sentinel; F. E. Shirey of Rensselaer, assistant sentinel.

Cameron to Move Up With I. C.

Charles C. Cameron, Illinois Central system general traffic manager, will succeed David W. Longstreet as vice-president in charge of traffic Dec. 1, when Longstreet automatically will be retired. Cameron has been with the I. C. system thirty-seven years.

Elmer D. Davis, Russellville, and Cyrus Herron, Muncie, were elected grand representatives to the sovereign grand lodge convention in Denver, Colo., in September, 1932.

Appointments are: H. A. Winter-

Witnessed a great surge of nationalistic feeling and Cosgrave's particular safety bill was passed purely to provoke forcible opposition, with the danger of another civil war.

"We are not Communists, as the government has charged. We have not received Communist money, although we would accept funds from anybody. Most of our funds have come from America."

"When we have an Ireland united and aroused, then it will be time to fight Great Britain. Nothing can stop us from preparing for the conflict."

In the last few days the Republican army headquarters in Dublin have been disbanded. Leaders have been hiding from government po-

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