

IRISH SHOP GIRLS, HECKLED BY POLICE AND SOLDIERS, JAILED

(By Associated Press)

ATHLONE, Ireland, April 8.—Two sisters, Misses Una and Lena Sharkey, of Strokestown, County Roscommon, are prisoners in the military barracks here after a series of alleged prosecutions by the Crown forces which have made their case one of the most celebrated in Western Ireland.

An interesting feature of the case was the determination of the two young women, both of whom have visited the United States, to keep the American flag flying over their shop, "The American Novelty Stores," at Strokestown.

The White Cross association's report on the affair says the girls repeatedly raised the flag but each time it was hauled down and seized. Finally the flagpole was removed and a threat made, with a revolver at the girls' heads, that if the flag was again shown the house would be burned.

Girls Play Joke.

The young women's troubles began, it is said, when a retired police official conceived the idea that they were turning their shop into an ammunition factory because they had a knitting machine in their store. The sisters encouraged him in that belief. When the joke on him became public, the aged police official became the town butt. This made him so angry, the White Cross report states, that, with the aid of a fellow constable acting as a magistrate, he had the sisters arrested and they were detained in a prison cell for two months.

After being released, the report says "they were commanded to close their stores, which tyrannous order they ignored. Again they were arrested, and kept in prison for several months." On being freed they tried to re-open their shop with the result, the report asserts, that their entire stock, valued at more than \$15,000 was seized and carried to the military camp.

Try Again.

Six months later, the report continues, "the military took back a dilapidated remnant of the goods looted, and against the protests of the Misses Sharkey dumped them into their store. This was sold at auction, realizing about \$200. With that amount and a contribution made by sympathizers throughout the country, the sisters again engaged in business.

"The girls," the report says, "were now persecuted by Black and Tans, who robbed the counter tills and removed whatever of value that struck their capricious fancy." Because of alleged threats of night attacks, the girls slept at the house of their brother, a merchant. Persecution, it is charged, was then switched to the brother, whose "safe was rifled by Crown forces and his premises looted." Finally he and his sisters were arrested. He is now confined in the Strokestown military camp.

The total losses of the sisters is estimated at \$25,000.

Ohio News Flashes

LIMA—Declaring that the Lima police department had not suppressed bootlegging and the operation of disorderly resorts, Mayor Frank A. Burkhardt, Thursday, said the city would be cleaned if it were necessary to appeal to Governor Harry L. Davis.

COLUMBUS—Education is a national duty, Dr. W. O. Thompson, president of Ohio State University, told Ohio school men and women Thursday at the opening of the Ohio State Educational conference.

DAYTON—Following a hearing before H. E. Meyers, safety director, Police Chief Alaback and R. H. McGee, police prosecutor, Thursday, officers Oscar Gilmer and Walter Van Dyke were dismissed from the department on the charges of gross neglect of duty and conduct unbecoming of officers in connection with their alleged complicity in a liquor deal.

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Cracked Ice Fatal to Thirsty Chicago Residents of 50 Centuries Back

CHICAGO, April 8.—Once upon a time, or 107,391 years ago this winter to be exact—a cute little baby mastodon and its fond mamma went down from Chicago to Minooka, Ill., to get a drink.

Winters were cold in these parts then and practically all the water was frozen over. But down Minooka way there was a spring that bubbled despite the cold.

That Minooka spring was to the mastodon what Cuba is to the thirsty Chicagoan today.

Well, the lady mastodon and her offspring got out on the ice and started to drink, and the ice cracked and the poor mastodons went crash right through and were drowned.

And when the summer came the ice melted and made a bog there and other mastodons came to drink and got stuck in the mud and died.

Nineteen years ago this February, to be exact, Elmer S. Riggs, of the Field Museum, went down to Minooka, which is twelve miles from Joliet, and dug up the skeletons of the baby mastodon and its unfortunate mother and seven others.

These nine are the only survivors of the hundreds of mastodons, mammoths, moose and giant beaver which according to Mr. Riggs, tramped Chicago's loop district 50,000 to 200,000 years ago.

IRISH MOVEMENT IS SUSTAINED BY WOMEN

(By Associated Press)

DUBLIN, April 8.—Women are the inspiration and the sustaining power of the Irish National movement.

This is well recognized throughout Ireland, even by British government officials whose task of subduing Sinn Fein militants and restoring peace has been made ten-fold more difficult by reason of it. Wherever one goes in this country he hears extolled the spirit of the women.

Women shelter, feed and bind up the wounds of the "flying columns" of the Irish Republican army. They collect money for the Dail Eireann, they sew and nurse and do a hundred other things that fall to women in war time. What some of them do outside woman's accustomed sphere of activities can only be conjectures.

Women Carry Weapons.

General Strickland, governor of the huge area now under martial law, told the correspondent that women carried concealed under their skirts and cloaks the rifles, bombs and revolvers which were used by the men responsible for a number of ambushes of crown forces in the Cork district.

Nothing in the last six months of guerilla fighting has more intrigued the imagination of newspaper readers than the arrest of the 14-year-old peasant girl of Cork county who, wearing steel armor around her body, was caught while scurrying across a field lugging a Lewis machine gun.

Women, according to report, accompanied various parties of the Republican army who shot and killed the 14 British intelligence officers on Dublin's "Black Sunday" last November.

News of the Counties

BETHEL, Ind.—The young people of this place will give a home talent play April 15, for the purpose of raising money to paint and paper the church.

HAGERSTOWN, Ind., April 8.—The Daughters of Rebekah of Wayne county will hold the semi-annual meeting of the order at Hagerstown, on the afternoon and evening of April 12, at which time the degree will be conferred by the staff of Webster Lodge.

Mrs. Emma Wilson, president, and Mrs. Eva McDaniel, vice president of the state assembly will be present. The Milton Lodge will entertain the state officers Wednesday evening, April 13.

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PLANT TREES, URGE TO SCHOOL CHILDREN AS ARBOR DAY NEARS

The planting of trees on Arbor Day, Friday, April 15 this year, aside from an aesthetic view has great economic value by reason of the merchantable timber possible later on, says Charles C. Dean, forester under the state department of conservation, who appeals to all citizens, especially school children, to observe Arbor Day, 1921 by an extensive tree planting program.

The spirit of Arbor Day as conceived by its founders was to inculcate in youth a love and knowledge of trees. This work rightfully belongs in the schools of the land and in a bulletin the state forester urges that pupils gather en masse on this day and observe it generally throughout Indiana.

Mr. Dean suggests that schools arrange a program in advance, decide upon the number of trees to be planted and where, and the trees should be heeled in and on the ground ready for planting on the day of the exercises. He points out that it is unnecessary to confine Arbor Day plantings to the school grounds. In some instances no room is available. However, there are plenty of places in need of trees and in the country privilege can easily be secured to plant trees about churches, cemeteries, along roadsides, and especially roadsides paralleling streams where they are a source of beauty and comfort. In the cities it is suggested they be planted along streets, about churches and in parks and contiguous to public buildings.

Plant at Home.

"In addition to universal planting by schools, each pupil should be encouraged to plant one or more trees at home. The pupils can sell it his or her tree, or plant it in honor of a new born or in commemoration of a deceased relative or friend. Then a personal and aesthetic reason prompts the child to watch the tree all through life and to add interest in its welfare," says Mr. Dean.

"While the planting of trees for many years was considered only from a cultural standpoint, today such work has great economic aspects in view of the depleted timber stocks of the nation and particularly in Indiana where the bulk of timber used is imported.

"The commercial aspect looks big when one considers that if each of 500,000 school children would plant one tree and all these trees lived to maturity. In such an event the lumber these trees would in later years produce would have a market value of at least \$3,000,000. It should be remembered also that during the lives of

these trees they would be constantly a source of comfort and benefit.

"In planting trees great care should be exercised to select trees that are long-lived, free of insect enemies and disease and that possess a high commercial value."

Indiana Brevities

CONNERSVILLE — Edward Ward,

65 years old, saved two older companions from drowning when an automobile in which they were riding plunged into 14 feet of water in the White river here Thursday. The machine stalled on a high grade and plunged into the river, right side up, the men staying in their seats. Ward tore a hole in the top of the car worked his way through and then assisted William Winship, 82 years old and A. G. Newbold, 68 years old, to gain places where they could keep their heads above water. After waiting two hours for some one to pass he then swam to shore and ran two miles for assistance.

PORT WAYNE—Several thousand dollars worth of securities were stolen from the Woodburn State bank at Woodburn, 18 miles northeast of here. When the safety deposit vault was forced open, officials of the bank said the robbery was not discovered until about five o'clock Thursday morning when passersby noticed papers scattered over the floor.

COINCIDENT with Representative

Frear's attack on the proposed sales tax, Frederick E. Kip of Montclair, N. J., a well known economist, has submitted to every member of Congress a memorial advocating a sales

tax, which he refers to as a "turn-over" tax. He states that Rep. Good's phrase that a sales tax is "a tax on the backs and bellies of the people, and any party favoring it will be defeated at the next election." Every student of the subject must come to the same conclusion."

Rep. Frear states that his position in regard to the proposed tax is supported by the ablest tax bodies representing "great American industries" and by other tax experts. He concludes his letter with the following statements:

Would Shift Burden.

"Wealthy, powerful non-partisan influences, including great press interests, are in this campaign to set aside fundamental principles of taxation and are unconcerned with the political or economic effect on the country, so long as they can shift upwards of billion dollars' tax, which they now pay from their profits, over to the consumer, and have their profits go untaxed.

"This obnoxious sales tax will be a leading issue in the coming session and during the next campaign if it is passed. Do not consent to repeat any tax law now on the statute books unless one more just and equitable is to be substituted, and that excludes any sales tax."

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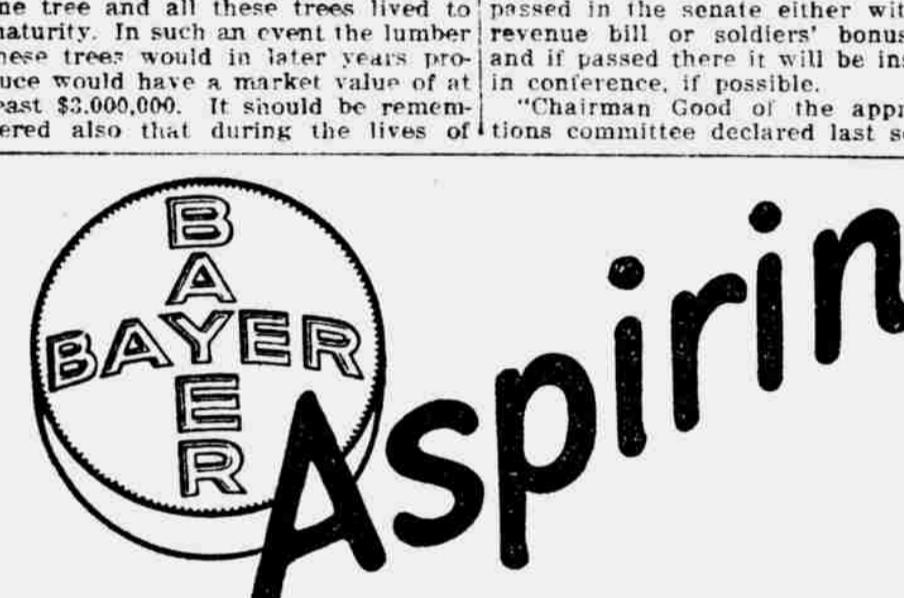
sold out untrue both as to tariff and as to turnover tax.

"Government experts are quoted as estimating that by reason of the present existing tax methods there is added to prices 23.2 per cent."

He then estimates that the proposed sales tax of one per cent on all commodities and merchants will add 2½ per cent to 3 per cent to prices, and that in no case could it add more than 3½ per cent. "In other words," Kip says, "the present taxes are six times as great a burden on all consumers as the proposed turnover tax."

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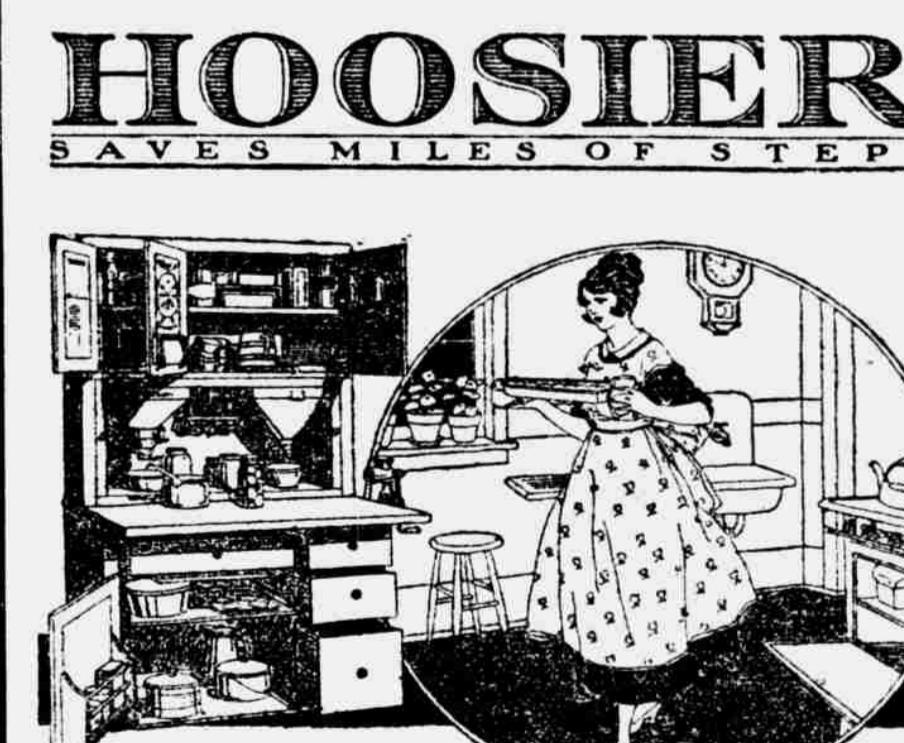
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