...WN' HADN'T FIGURED ON NO. 1 BEING THERE

...egro Wedding at Kinston Broken Up by Irate Wife and a Couple of Guns

(Special to The Star)

...INSTON, Jan. 26.—When the ritual ...t to the "forever hold your peace" ...rt nothing had happened to mar the ...edding-with-all-the-frills here last ...ight of John Gordon and Cora King, ...egroes. It was a church wedding, and ... large congregation looked on. The ...ridegroom was "all dressed up" and ...e bride, who cares little for society ...t is wrapped up in the business of ...rapping up fish, in which she con...ucts a lucrative trade, radiated hap...iness, as they say in the "contributed" ...ections of weddings.

When John and Cora marched up to ...he altar in the negro Disciples' church ...here was not a cloud on the horizon ...f their happiness. The bride allowed ...o stay by John indefinitely, and John ...o do the right thing by Cora until ...ich should them part, an obligation ...e was destimed to keep only two or ...hree minutes. The congregation ...eamed its collective pleasure. It was ...o far—an altogether satisfactory ...edding. The bride was becomingly ...rowned and the couple appeared well-...atched, John being of middle age ...nd Cora, as it was avowed in the rear ...ews, being no spring chicken, herself.

The ceremony concluded and the ...lessing pronounced, the newlyweds ...eated themselves. There was going ...o be "church," the nuptials having ...receded a set service. The choir was ...rimed and cranked. Then a raucous ...ry, three-fourths command and the ...ther quarter expletive, broke upon ...he stillness just before the prelimin-...ries. "Jawn!" John straightened up ...nd took on a rigidness exemplary to ... Thebelan mummy.

He knew that voice. It was his ...aster's!

"Jawn!" and nothing more. It was ...ore than a croak. It sounded like ...hunder to John.

Up the aisle strutted the owner of ...he voice. The congregation was all ...tirred up. Deliberately and with ...easured stride she strode—"another ...oman." She wore the mien of an out-...raged wife. Also there was that on ...er face which portrayed her determi-...ation to brook no foolishness. In each ...and she caried a gun. "Jawn!" she ...epeated and gave the gasping John ...he "about face." They left the church ...together, John meek, embarrassed and ...quaking. On the outside she hustled ...him off, possibly to be shot later. "I ...thought he was down here working," ...she commented as she left. She was ...John's "loving wife" from another ...town.

...ANT UNDERSTAND HOW AN IRISH-AMERICAN CAN DO IT

BOSTON, Jan. 26.—Rear Admiral William S. Sims, at a mass meeting arranged by the loyal coalition here said that to him it was inconceivable that American citizens of Irish nationality could support the Sinn Fein "knowing what they do about them."

"How any American of Irish descent can support a party that was our implacable enemy during our war passes my understanding," the admiral said.

Sinn Fein activities, he asserted, necessitated the diversion of vessels from the convoy of troops and of merchant ships.

"And you people here in America," he added, "have a great many of your sons at the bottom of the sea today because we were obligated to divert those vessels and could not give adequate protection."

"We were fighting against the Germans and the central powers, but they were fighting in the open. They fought the submarine under the water but that is the way to fight the submarine. The Sinn Fein were fighting us just as bitterly and behind our backs."

Characterizing many of the differences between the United States and Great Britain as "pin pricks," Admiral Sims said that although pin pricks usually were of little consequence, sometimes they caused "blood poisoning—the poison being supplied skillfully by propaganda."

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Many of the children shown in this picture of one of the European Relief Council's child feeding stations in the famine-stricken areas of Eastern and Central Europe have regained a degree of health from the one nourishing meal a day provided by American charity. But an overwhelming proportion of them are still seriously undernourished, while tuberculosis and rickets, both the results of prolonged underfeeding, are claiming an ever-increasing number.

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The European Relief Council is composed of eight large charitable organizations which have pooled their resources to collect $33,000,000 for the continuance of the children's kitchens in the famine lands of Europe and for the extension of medical care for millions of sick and crippled. The cooperating organizations are the American Relief Administration, the American Red Cross, the American Friends' Service Committee (Quakers), the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Knights of Columbus, the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A.

"Invisible Guest" certificates may be obtained from your local committee Or, if you prefer, apply to Franklin K. Lane, treasurer of the European Relief Council, 42 Broadway, New York City.

DENOUNCE CANCELLATION OF CONTRACTS AS WRONG

Mania for Repudiating Orders Has Retarded Progress of Business Back to Normal, and Has Played Fast and Loose With Producers—U. S. Chamber of Commerce to Investigate the Matter

By HARDEN COLFAX
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WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The chamber of commerce of the United States is about to begin a comprehensive inquiry into the cancellation of contracts by American business men on orders placed with British firms.

Woven into and around the investigation will be the whole question of cancellation of contracts, not only abroad, but in the United States. The effect of the investigation will be to bring out into the open some of the evils which have surrounded what business men describe as the greatest curse with which American business has been inflicted since the war,—cancellations without justification. This practice has not only clogged the courts of the country with suits for damages, but has played a vital part in retarding the return of business to normal.

Joseph H. Defrees, president of the chamber of commerce of the United States, characterizes the contract-repudiation mania which has infected the business world as wrong. So does Gen. Samuel McRoberts, former chairman of the board of the National City bank of New York, who was a visitor to Mr. Defrees' office while the latter was being interviewed by the writer. Gen. Roberts remarked:

"What is needed in American business is a revival of good old-fashioned American honesty. Business is seeing that the repudiation of contracts is unmoral. Fortunately, I think I see signs every day that the moral tone in this respect is improving."

Cancellations Wrong

Mr. Defrees believes that cancellations which might be classed as repudiation of contracts are wrong and that there is the opportunity now for the application of the golden rule in business. He said:

"I have no doubt that most of the orders which have been subjected to cancellation were technically capable of enforcement. Where an agreement is made and a cancellation is thereafter accomplished it can only be said that it is fair, ethical, and worthy of American business if it results in a new meeting of the minds of the parties, acting freely and without constraint.

"There are many instances in which such meeting of minds occurred in most recent cancellations. Frequently, to carry out the contract literally, would place such a burden upon the purchaser as to cause his failure, or, at least, so cripple his efforts as to minimize his future operations as a customer.

"In such cases, it has been found both to the interest of the seller and of the customer for the contract to be modified either by cancellation, by charge in price, or by change in dates of delivery, so that the customer could continue, and the seller could assist in preserving his customers for the future advantage to him.

"Such arrangements can not be regarded as unethical. It is simply unfortunate that the occasion for their creation has come into existence at all."

The minute prices started on the down-grade recently, however, and deliveries were easier to obtain, cancellation of contracts by all classes of business men began. This was one of the things which helped to break the sugar market, forcing the price of retail sugar to the householder from 23 cents down to ten cents and nine cents. It assisted in breaking the silk markets. It was a contributing cause to the closing of textile mills and clothing factories, and one of the controlling factors in the shut-down of shoe factories.

Producers Hard Hit

But while helping to lower prices to the consumer, the cancellation of contracts played fast and loose with producers, bankers who had lent money to do business, and the employment of labor. The American Sugar Refining company went into court and sued a big sugar distributor to make him either take the goods he had agreed to take or pay the difference between the low price of the open market and the high price of his contract. This example of suit for damages is being followed all over the country. Business men, bankers, and business lawyers are anxiously awaiting verdicts.

The investigation of the chamber of commerce of the United States will be the result of an important series of complaints by British business men to the American chamber of commerce in London, recently passed on to the national chamber here. But inquiry shows that complaints are reaching the state department and the department of commerce from many American houses of cancellations from many South American, Cuban, and European concerns. In all likelihood these complaints from Americans will be set up against the British complaints.

Facts on Income Tax

NUMBER FOURTEEN

The bureau of internal revenue has at its command innumerable sources for checking up delinquents. Under the "information at source" provision of the revenue act report must be made by all persons, trustees, guardians, fiduciaries, and by partnerships, personal service corporations, and organizations, of payment to others during the year 1920 of $1,000 or more. The act requires report of payments "of all fixed and determinable income," such as salaries, wages, rents, commissions, and royalties. The requirement is not limited to periodical payments, but a single payment of $1,000 or over as a fee to a lawyer or commissions to a broker must be included.

A separate return of information for each employe whose salary for 1920 was $1,000 or more is required of employers. The return must show the name and address of each recipient and the amount paid. Partnership, personal service corporation and fiduciary returns must disclose the proportionate share paid or credited to each member of the partnership, personal service corporation, or to each beneficiary regardless of the amount. Information returns must be required also regardless of the amount in the case of payment of interest upon bonds, mortgages, deeds of trust, or other obligations of a corporation.

Filed at Washington

Returns of information must be filed with the commissioner of internal revenue, sorting section, Washington, D. C. Collectors of internal revenue are not authorized to receive such returns. Forms on which the returns must be made may be obtained, however, from the offices of collectors.

Approximately 10,000,000 information returns showing payments during 1919 of $1,000 or more of wages, rents, commissions, etc., were received in the year 1920. In addition the bureau received 4,500,000 ownership certificates revealing the payment of bond interests and 1,800,000 reports of the payment f interest and dividends on bonds and stocks of foreign countries and corporations, which are collected through the domestic offices of these corporations and through the regular banking system of the United States.

Returns Carefully Checked

When directed by the commissioner of internal revenue or by general regulations brokers may be required to render a return showing the names and addresses of customers to whom payments were made or for whom business was transacted.

Information returns are carefully checked with the returns of individuals, and where it is shown that a payment of $1,000 or more has been made to John Doe and John Doe has failed to report this payment in his individual return quick action by the bureau of internal revenue follows. Thousands of delinquents have been discovered and delinquent taxes, penalties, and interest aggregating hundreds of thousands of dollars have been collected as the result of this audit.

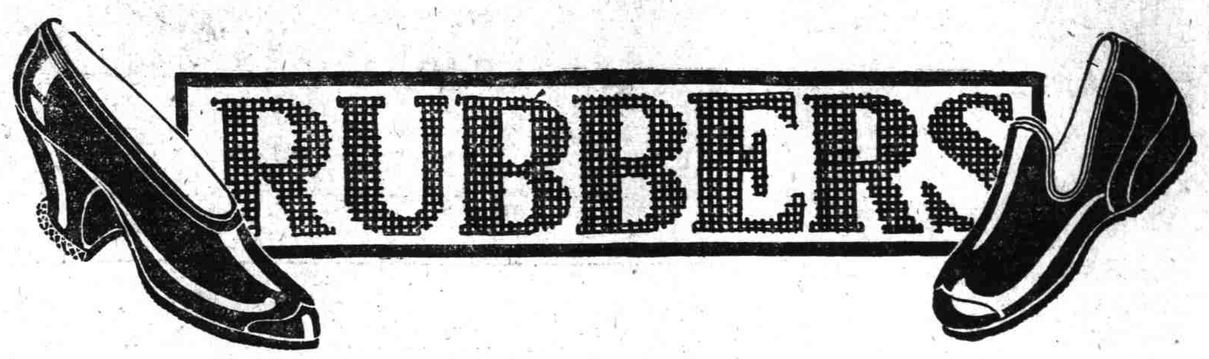
The period for filing returns of information is from January 1 to March 15, 1921. Persons required to make such returns and who fail to do so are subject to the same penalties which apply to a person failing to make a return of individual income.

JAPANESE PARTY DISPLEASED OVER AMERICAN NEGOTIATIONS

TOKIO, Jan. 26.—In the diet Tuesday Representative Kotaro Merchizuki, a member of the Kensei Kai party, for two hours arraigned the government for its alleged failure in diplomatic negotiations with the United States, Great Britain, China and Serbia.

Mr. Merchizuki quoted extracts from a foreign office pamphlet on the California question. He then said that Foreign Minister Uchida had been waiting and trusting to Mr. Morris, American ambassador to Japan, "a respectable gentleman, doubtless, but who may not be invested with full powers to negotiate the questions at issue."

Viscount Uchida, disregarding the personalities indulged in by the speaker, explained that Japan should not expect to have everything her own way in the negotiations in the United States and respect should be shown the other side.



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