

IRISH WOMEN INSPIRE THEIR MEN TO BATTLE

"Stand Fast," They Tell Republican Army While They Help in a Hundred Ways

DUBLIN, March 23.—(Correspondence Associated Press).—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 Féin 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 conjectured.

General Strickland, governor of the huge area now under martial law, told the correspondent that women carried concealed under their skirts and coats 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 guerrilla 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 carrying 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.

A proclamation recently spread broadcast through Ireland was headed "Stand Fast! Say the Women of Ireland!" After lauding the republican army the proclamation continued: "We men and women of Ireland will stand by our army till the certain day of victory. We glory in their heroism under torture and in their deeds of valor in the field. We repudiate the calumny that our brave soldiers are 'murder gang.' We must defy the enemy's insolent command to refuse food and shelter to our own countrymen. We scorn all proclamations that would make Irish men and women traitors to their country, and we will be as true to our soldiers as Nurse Cavell to English soldiers."

Besides the Countess Markievicz there are a score or more of prominent Irish women serving prison terms or waiting trial for their zealous efforts to further the cause of Irish independence. They include doctors, teachers and several young women conspicuously identified with the Irish language revival.

"NO CURE, NO PAY"
Early Doctors Got High Fees, But Earned Them
Doctors were the first people to raise their prices during the war, although drugs were affected as much as anything. It was not until 1918 that fees were raised generally and specialists began to charge three guineas instead of two for a consultation.

In the fourteenth century doctors' fees were very high, as, apart from the sum paid down, the patient contracted to allow his medical man an annuity for as long as he lived, or employed him. He also agreed to provide the medical man with one or more suits of clothes yearly.

If every patient undertook to do that medical men must have had a small fortune out of superfluous clothes alone.

This is the advice given by one John Arden to some beginners in the profession in the fourteenth century.

Ask a great man 100 marks, or 40 pounds with robes, and a fee of 100 shillings yearly for life. Of less men let him ask 40 pounds without further fees, and let him never take less than 100 shillings, for never in my life took I less than 100 shillings.—London Answers.

W. F. PATE ON PROGRAM OF DRAINAGE CONVENTION

(Special to The Star)

CHAPEL HILL, April 7.—The name of W. F. Pate of the North Carolina department of agriculture, has been added to the program for the drainage convention at Elizabeth City on the 12th and 13th of this month, the secretary announced today. Mr. Pate is the soil expert of the department and will take as the subject of his address "Agricultural Value of Black Soils of Reclaimed Swamp Lands."

The reclaimed lands are recognized as among the richest in the state. They will grow almost any kind of crops, including corn, cotton, grain, hay, potatoes and truck crops without fertilizer and the yield per acre is without parallel. While these lands are now very productive without fertilizer, it is conceivable that in the course of time their richness will become somewhat depleted unless some soil amendment is added from time to time.

So, following Mr. Pate's address, a general discussion of peat as a fertilizer will be taken up. There is an abundance of peat in eastern North Carolina, the average nitrogen content of which amounts to 2 per cent, although some deposits contain more than this quantity. Its content of soluble nitrogen is immediately available for plant food, and it is potentially rich in nitrogen that is gradually released for plant life under natural conditions of growth. On account of its black color it absorbs heat; soils to which it is applied are made pliable and easily worked, and its water-holding capacity protects crops against long dry periods.

Peat has been used commercially for soil fertilization in the United States since 1908 and is coming to be used extensively in the manufacture of commercial fertilizers. But the nitrogen and other plant foods may be extracted not only through chemical processes as ammonium sulphates, but also—and here is the important point for farmers—these elements may be made available for plant food without being extracted from the peat. Thus, by using it in the raw state, peat becomes one of the most extensive domestic sources of nitrogen that can be converted into plant food at prices economical to the farmers.

Mr. Pate's address and this discussion should be of interest and value to delegates attending the convention.

MERRIMAN WINS

PINEHURST, April 7.—B. H. Merriman, of Waterbury, won the medal for the low score in the qualifying round of the North and South amateur golf championship here today when he defeated Perry Adair of the Druidhill club, Atlanta, in the play off. Merriman doing a 75 and Adair a 76.

WHAT'S YOUR HURRY?

DON'T FUSS WITH MUSTARD PLASTERS!

Musterole Works Without the Blister—Easier, Quicker

There's no sense in mixing a mess of mustard, flour and water when you can easily relieve pain, soreness or stiffness with a little clean, white Musterole. Musterole is made of pure oil of mustard and other helpful ingredients, combined in the form of the present white ointment. It takes the place of mustard plasters, and will not blister. Musterole usually gives prompt relief from sore throat, bronchitis, tonsillitis, croup, stiff neck, asthma, neuralgia, headache, congestion, pleurisy, rheumatism, lumbago, pains and aches of the back or joints, sprains, sore muscles, bruises, chilblains, frost-bitten feet, colds of the chest (it often prevents pneumonia).

25c and 65c jars; hospital size \$2.00.



—(Adv.)

Spring Jewelry Suggestions

Dainty Designs, Charming for Spring Wear Because of Their Simplicity

Each creation offered harmonizes with the smartness of your spring wardrobe. The variety is large and varied and the prices are pleasingly modest.

Geo. W. Huggins Co.
JEWELERS ... WATCHMAKERS
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Belk-Williams Co. Inc.
WILMINGTON - N. C.
CAROLINA'S LARGEST DISTRIBUTORS OF RELIABLE MERCHANDISE

Week-End Sale Offers Greater Values

FASHION DEMANDS HOSE OF QUALITY
Women's full fashion all-over silk hose, lace stripe, boot effects and lace, clox designs; colors, new gray, cordovan and black. Week-end price **\$4.69**
Women's full fashion all-over silk hose, high spliced heels, double soles and toes, extra fine quality; black or gray. Week-end price **\$2.98**
Women's fashioned silk hose, heavy, durable quality, in black and assorted colors. Week-end price **\$1.39**
Women's lace stripe silk hose with seam back, cotton lisle finished tops, in white, navy and gray. Week-end price **\$1.39**
Children's three-quarter length cotton socks, lisle finished, assorted colored tops. Week-end price **49c**
Several hundred yards of Val and Torchon lace and insertion in widths from one-half to one inch. Offered very cheap on account of broken sets, slightly musty and soiled. Week-end price, a yard **3 1/2c**
Women's and children's patent leather and kid belts in several styles in the following colors: Brown, tan, white, gray and black. Week-end price **39c**
Bethany lawn box paper, extra good quality, neatly packed, in colors as buff, blue, lavender, green and white. Week-end price, each **25c**
18x36 full bleached Turkish towels, extra good quality, finished with assorted colored borders. Week-end price, each **69c**
20x40 full bleached Turkish towels, good, durable weight for bath room use. Week-end price, each **39c**
15x30 full bleached Turkish towels, medium grade. Week-end price, 3 for **50c**
81x90 standard grade, seamless bed sheets, soft, smooth finish and very durable. Buy your summer supply now. Week-end price, each **\$1.39**
42x36 standard grade pillow cases, fine, durable quality, every case strictly first quality. Week-end price, each **35c**
72x90 dimity bedspreads, regular \$2.00 grade, on account of this lot being slightly soiled we have made the price very attractive for week-end selling, each **\$1.48**
36-inch brown homespun sheeting, light weight. Week-end price, a yard **7 1/2c**
27-inch dress ginghams, good durable quality, closely woven, wide range of dark and light plaids to choose from. Week-end price, a yard **15c**

EXTRAORDINARY WEEK-END VALUES OFFERED IN OUR WAIST DEPARTMENT
Stunning Tailored Blouses, \$2.98
You'd expect to pay more if we didn't tell you we offer them at this price. The lot includes crepe de chine, pongees and striped satins. Pongees are in the majority and the fine, smooth quality and workmanship will interest those most who seek quality first—all have pretty finished collars. Some convertible, others Buster Brown style. Sizes 36 to 44.

BEAUTIFUL GEORGETTE BLOUSES
\$3.75 EACH
Georgette in the newest and most approved colors, such as porcelain blue, henna, bisque, brown, navy, flesh, black and the always wanted white. Lace, embroidery and beads are the fashion touches that trim these lovely blouses.

SUMMERY VOILE WAISTS, \$2.19 EACH
Voiles seem to have the call in wash waists, and no wonder; they are so dainty and fresh looking; serviceable, too—made up in many fascinating styles. Women who are interested in voile waists will enthruse over these values, at each **\$2.19**

ONE HUNDRED SILK JERSEY PETTICOATS
Week-end Sale Price \$3.45 Each
Unquestionably one of the best petticoat bargains offered for a long time. We want you to see them today, confident the remarkable values will make you an enthusiastic purchaser of one or more of these petticoats. Fashioned of splendid all-silk jersey with deep satin ruffles, in all the wanted shades.

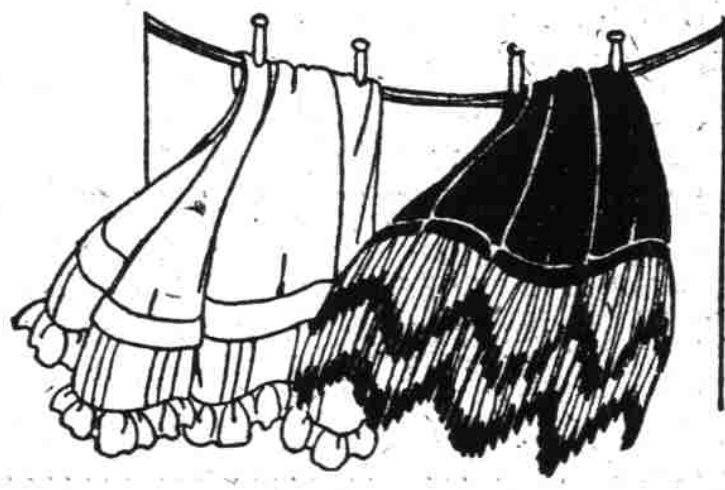
On Sale Ready-to-Wear Department—Second Floor

TOILET COUNTER SPECIALS
Brown's Peroxo Cream, each **18c**
Brown's Witch Hazel Cream, each **18c**
Brown's Cucumber Cream, each **18c**
Brown's Garden of Allah Sachet, each **38c**
Brown's Violet Simplicity Talcum, each **18c**
Brown's Mitzit Face Powder, each **35c**



FEATURING 200 WOMEN'S TRIMMED HATS
\$3.49 EACH
New, Becoming Shapes—Straws and Fabrics All Colors

Here is another big week-end sale, offering most excellent choice of new trimmed hats as well as banded sailors. And not one in the lot worth under \$5.00—and many sold up to \$8.95. All new straws represented as well as combinations—all bedecked with foliage, flowers, fruits to beautify milady's headgear.



HOUSE FURNISHING DEPARTMENT
(Third Floor)
Is Offering Again Several Items at Very Attractive Prices for This Week-end Selling
Japanese matting rugs, size 9x12 feet, assorted patterns. Week-end price, each **\$5.95**
Japanese matting rugs, size 6x9 feet, assorted patterns. Week-end price, each **\$3.98**

Mercedized poplin full 36 inches wide, fine, smooth weave, splendid for making children's dresses, middie suits and play clothes of all kinds; colors, brown, light blue, navy, Copen blue, light Copen and new green. Week-end price, a yard **49c**

An assortment of taffeta plaid and stripe silks in several patterns and colors, full 35 inches wide; worth \$2.00 a yard. We have made the price very low for quick disposal, a yard **\$1.39**

32-inch shirting Madras, fine woven quality; beautiful range of stripe patterns. Week-end price, a yard **89c**

36-inch Imperial nainsook, fine, soft quality for making up summer underwear; full 10-yard bolts. Week-end price, per bolt **\$2.59**

MEN'S DEPARTMENT
Men's summer union suits, Athletic style, made up of good quality checked muslin, full range of sizes. Week-end price **95c**

Men's summer union suits, Athletic style, made up of fine grade crepe cloth, with Madras stripe, all sizes. Week-end price **\$1.39**

Boys' summer union suits, Athletic style, made up of checked muslin; sizes 26 to 34. Week-end price **79c**

Men's chambray work shirts, medium weight, durable quality, in plain blue or stripes, all sizes. Week-end price **\$1.19**

Men's blue chambray work shirts, medium weight, closely woven and well made; best grade, all sizes. Week-end price only **\$1.55**

Boys' khaki pants in sizes 7 to 16, good wearing quality. Week-end price **89c**

Boys' work shirts in blue and striped chambrays, sizes 12 1/2 to 14 1/2. Week-end price **95c**

Men's cotton half hose, medium weight, in cordovan, navy, black and white. Week-end price, 3 for **50c**

Men's lisle half hose, fine, medium weight quality; colors, gray, green, navy, white and black. Week-end price **48c**

ART DEPARTMENT—SECOND FLOOR
Fine quality stamped pillow cases in several designs to be embroidered. Week-end price, a pair **\$1.39**
All-pure linen centerpieces, trimmed with pure linen Cluny lace, 18-inch size. Week-end price, each **\$2.69**

24-inch all-pure linen centerpieces, linen, Cluny lace trimmed. Week-end price, each **\$3.69**

36-inch all-pure linen centerpieces, linen, Cluny lace trimmed. Week-end price, each **\$5.45**



Luxuriant Hair Due To Care and Cuticura
Shampoos with Cuticura Soap preceded by light touches of Cuticura Ointment do much to cleanse the scalp of dandruff, allay itching and irritation, arrest falling hair and promote a hair-growing condition.



Special Week-end Cut Flower Sale!

SATURDAY ONLY
Carnations, dozen **\$1.50**
Roses, dozen **1.00**

No Flowers Delivered at Above Prices

FIFTH AVENUE FLORIST
119 S. Fifth Ave.—Phone 1125

Attention, Patrons Sunset Park and Shipyard Line!

On account of the suspension of operation of the Carolina Shipyard the following schedule will be effective on this line:

In the mornings a 20-minute schedule through to the Carolina Shipyard, up to and including the car leaving the hospital at 7:40, thereafter a 40-minute schedule through to the shipyard.

The last car for Sunset Park will pass Front and Princess streets at 11:25.

TIDE WATER POWER COMPANY