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Smuts' Efforts Bring Renewed Hope of Settlement of the Irish Trouble.

"REPUBLIC"

De Valera and Others Show Disposi tion to Yield-No Improvement in Near Eastern Mess-Germany Expects Coup d'Etat-Tariff Fight Is On.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD.

The entry of Jan Christian Smuts into the peace negotiations changed the Irish situation over night. The South African premier is regarded as one of the most astute statesmen in the world, and apparently Lloyd George has done well in enlisting his assistance. It now appears likely that a peaceful settlement of the Irish trouble will be reached before long.

Optimistic persons were not dismayed by De Valera's centative refusal to attend the meeting in London proposed by Lloyd George and Sir James Craig's refusal to confer with the Sina Foiners and south Ireland unionists it Dublin. The latter conference was begun without representatives of Ulster, and an attempt was made to reconcile the positions of the Stam Fein and the unionists. Then General Smuts slipped across to Dublin, gave the leaders there a heart-to-heart talk, and hurried back to London to report to the English authorities. What he told them gave rise to the most cheerful of predictions.

Though no official statements have been issued, it appears that this is how matters now stand: The British government is willing to grant to Ireland the fullest autonomy, patterned. after that enjoyed by South Africa; Ulster to be considered still a part of the dominion but having an autonomous government of its own, such as (that of Natal. "President" De', Valera, Arthur Griffith, founder of Sinn Fein; M'chael Collins and other republican Plead, vrs are now willing that Ireland shall 1 emain a part of the British empire-though they prefer the term "British commonwealth of nations"provided the ir right of secession is recognized. Other prominent Sinn Feiners, comprusing the intellectuals and doctrinaires. Insist Prime Minister Lloyd George has not yet sufficiently recognized the estential unity of Ireland and its right to self-determination. All th Sinn Feigers assert that Ulster must accept her Eutonomy from the supreme Irish parliament in Dublin. The task that remains' is to reconcile these views and bring the Ulsterites and southern uniontists into agreement with the comprontise plan. That this can be done is the expressed opinion of some of the chief tigures in the negotiations. Says General Smutst: "I think, I am hopeful, I trust, that the question will be solved and that the reby the British empire will be freed from the imputation that in this ancient part of the United Kingdom there still exists violation of the fundamental principles upon which the empire res. A. I say that the problem is soluble | vecause I have seen it solved in my ov if country under circumstances less en bittered than in Ireland but certainly . If a very difficult character, too."

Treaty of Sevres already is shot to pieces, even if the men who formulated it are unwilling to admit it. Turkey was neatly partitioned, but refuses to stay in parts, and the nations to whom the helpings were assigned seem quite unable to take or retain them. Naturally the sultan's government, to which the treaty left but a tiny part of the huge empire, is not doing anything to hinder the efforts of the nationalists, who refuse to permit that empire to be carved up. Greece is making all preparations for her promised offensive in Asia Minor, and ships loaded with troops, munitions and supplies arrive daily in Smyrna from Athens. Observers who have been with Kemal Pasha are somewhat doubtful of the ability of the nationalists again to stop the

To complicate the situation in the Near East, it has become certain that Bulgaria is co-operating with Kemal in the hope of regaining eastern Thrace. So far she has taken no overt steps, and if she does, the "little entente," comprising Jugo-Slavla. Czecho-Slovakia and Roumania, will get into action, for the real raison d'etre of that alliance is their determination to keep Bulgaria within the limits now fixed for her. Moreover it is asserted that the "little entente" now has the complete backing of Italy.

Greeks.

One thing the great powers are determined to prevent-the seizure of Constantinople by the Bolshevists. To this end the entire British Mediterranean fleet is being concentrated in the vicinity of the Turkish capital. It may be that heavy re-enforcements of allied troops also will have to be sent to that region, for the Russian Bolshevists evidently are planning some big coup. They are calling to the colors all men from eighteen to thirty-five years of age, and general mobilization is expected soon. The demobilization order issued some time ago has been canceled. More interesting than reliable is the story that Trotzky has been imprisoned on orders from Lenin. Similar reports of disagreement between the Bolshevist chiefs have been heard too often.

Germany, still apprehensive that she is to lose out in Upper Silesia, is crying "wolf" again. The country is warned of an impending coup d'etatand the allies are permitted to over-

which Secretary the freatles on Hughes is working.

Another thing demanding the attention of the State department is the situation in Tampico where it is feared labor disorders may endanger American property. One or two navy vessels have been sent there, but this was not to be considered a naval demonstration. The trouble in Tampico is a result of the recent decree of the Mexican government increasing the export tax on oll. The industry being checked, thousands of men were thrown out of employment, and their attitude was threatening. President STAMP Obregon says the government has no intention of rescinding the decree, and that the labor conditions are not as bad as reported.

The inevitable battle over the tariff was opened by a minority report from the Democratic members of the ways and means committee of the house. The bill as drafted is denounced as a "conspiracy to benefit a few favorites at the expense of all humanity." The report deals especially with the probable effect of the bill on American commerce and with the substitution of the system of American valuation as a basis for levying tariff duties. Calling attention to the fact that the foreign trade of the United States fell from \$1,188,255,449 last July to \$527,878,825 in May, 1921, the report says:

"Certainly the natural process is preferable to the infected knife of interested surgeons who, by selecting the industries to protect and those to destroy, can reap the harvest their campaign contributions seeded last fall. Verily, the oil men are entitled to their reward, and the lumber men and wool men and all the others who cast their bread on the waters of a Republican tide."

Senator Smoot's subcommittee made haste last week to get the Sweet veterans' bureau bill before the senate. This is the measure that is designed to provide proper care and adequate compensation for disabled soldiers and sallors through the co-ordination of relief agencies. Congress has been severely criticized for delay in passing the bill, which is the fruit of the efforts of the Dawes commission; and a senate investigating committee has been hearing testimony of the scandalous neglect and inhuman treatment



WILL GIVE FREE REIN TO BUSINESS INITIATIVE

Business and Industries of Country Are Carrying Bulk of Load Which Should be Shared Generally."

ON EVERYTHING

Washington .-- President Harding has made it clear to republican leaders in Congress that he wants a tax program adopted which will lift restraint from business initiative.

While the tax program is in embryo condition, certain fundamentals are practically agreed upon. For instance, imagining that, with repeal of the excess profits tax, the government would be obliged to increase materially the corporation taxes. The aim of the Harding administration, however, is to avoid any increase of corporation taxes, if possible, and only to impose a slight addition, if necessary. The repeal of the excess profit tax is a foregone conclusion, and it is certain that the next revenue bill will not attempt to make the business and industries of the country carry the bulk of the load. Instead, the tax burden will be more evenly distributed by the use of every sort of stamp tax. The threecent letter postage may come back.

and it seems assured that revenue stamps will be necessary on practical

Plane Smash Kills Four. Oakland, Calif .- An airplane from Jascuzzi Brothers' airplane factory in to word received by the Oakland Tribune.

Use Crude²Oil and Cotton. Enid, Okla. - Crude oil and cotton Orthopedic Hospital, at Gasto-

Roport of Work Done By Public Health

Nurse May and June, 1921. Visits to homes where nursing

was given to sick, 2. Present with physician in confinement, 1. Secured birth certificate for child two months old, still unre- limits of the town of Boone shall, ported, 1. Mothers and babies visited and advised 89. Names sent to State Board of Health for literature on care of mother and baby, 57. Visits to investigate sanitary conditions, 21. Time spent with State Sanitary Inspector in county inspecting privies built last year, 2 days. Visits in interest of tuberculosis clinic, 49. Tuberculosis Clinic June 21 to 25, 5 days. Number of persons examined at Clinic, 85. Number of persons found to have tuber-

culosis in some form, 26. Num-A conference of midwives was held at the court house June 18,

and instructions were given by Miss Manning, of the State Board of Health regarding reponsibility of midwives and State law governing midwives. Number of midwives present, 8. Visits to ex-soldiers, by request of Red Cross, Atlanta, Ga., 21. Number of ex soldiers on file needing to be helped in getting adjusted, 35 Health talks given to teachers at A. T. S., 4. Other health talks given, 4. Public welly every kind of business transactions. fare visits, 4. Other visits made in county in the interest of Pub inc Health, 59. Total number of visits made, 298. Time spent in Berkeley fell at Modesto, killing the going to Baltimore with Miss pilot and three passengers, according Emma Moretz, 4 days. Thus spent in office in correspondence keeping records, clinics ond cou rerences, 16. Made application to

At a meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners the following laws were passed:

Any person found drunk or intoxicated within the corporate upon conviction, be fined \$15.00 and cost.

New Town Ordinances.

It shall be unlawful for any person to park or stop an automobile or other motor vehicle for more than ten (10) minutes directly in front and adjacent to any occupied business house or hotel in the corporate limits of the town of Boone. Any person or persons violating this act shall upon conviction, be fined \$8.00 and cost.

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to play ball on the stree's or sidewalks in the corporate limits of the town of ber of persons applying for San- Boone. Any person or persons violating this act, shall upon conviction, be fined \$1.00 and cost.

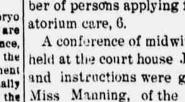
J. F. MOORE.

D. J. COTTREL,

A. E. SOUTH, Com'r's. W. R. GR. GG, Mayor.

NOTICE OF TAX SALE

t	I, the undersigned sheriff of Watau-	
	ga county, to satisfy the taxes f	or the
8	year 1920 will sell to the highes	t bid-
3	der for cash at the court house	
5	of Watauga county, on the first	
1	day in August 1921, the following prop	
r	erty, to satisfy said taxes.	5.8 A.
1	Blowing Rock Township.	
•	Mrs. L. M. Stitt, town lot	\$ 3.15
B	A. H. Was iburn, town lot	42.00
b.	Shawneehaw	
1	S. P. Worley for years 1919 and	L
	1920, 170 acres	48.54
1	Blue Ridge	
	F A. Ernest, 459 acres	17.50
£.	Ed. Hasque deirs, 2 acres	.45
e.	Hold & Generalin, 1530 acros	107.07
	D ad not on heirs, 100 acres	32463
0	This the Ch day of July 1921.	
0	J. E. YOUNG, Sheriff.	



De Valera, in his first authorized tatement since Lloyd George's invia civilized basis of right and reason for that of barbaric violence in the arbitration of the question at issue between Ireland and Great Britain.

"Should the conference now initiated lead to an ultimate understanding and lasting peace between the peoples of these two islands, which have been n a state of war, or suspended war, or more than seven and a half centuries, it will set a worthy Christian precedent for the entire world.

"British prestige will be restored. young Ireland will live in history as

having saved, by its courage and steadfastness the ideals for which millions were led to offer their lives in the great war."

As significant, perhaps, as these statements was an incident in Liverpool. The city was decounted in honor of a visit of the prince of Wales, and in the Irish quarter were displayed many Sinn Fein flags intertwined with the union jacks. A prominent Sinn Feiner said: "The order to do that came from Dublin."

From this side of the world it looks as though the great powers do not now what to do with Turkey and the turks. If they have any definite policy it isn't apparent from either their statements or their actions. The

hear the warning. The story, as it comes from Berlin, is that all the reactionary elements are prepared to march on Berlin and upset the government, and that the decision against German possession of Upper Silesia is to be the signal for move ment. The German Irregular forces were withdrawn from the disputed ter ritory, in accordance with the agree ment with the inter-allied commission but they have not disbanded or disarmed, nor have they moved far from the Silesian border. These troops are commanded by monarchists, and it is reported that General von der Goltz, who led the Baitic expedition and also was mixed up in the Kapp revolution. is now in Upper Silesia. A few days ago the German population of Beuthen, in Upper Silesia, was making a hostile demonstration against the Poles and when the French troops tried to disperse the marchers, the latter fired on them, killing a French major. The troops retired to their garrison and opened fire with machine guns and a number of Germans were killed. So far the "peaceful" arrangement made by the inter-allied commission has not been a conspice-

The present German government really seems to be increasing in ish prime minister's letter may prove in it by the allied governments is to be the first step toward submitting growing daily. That is, the confidence that it will trry out the terms of the treaty as far as possible. In a public address last week, Doctor Rathenau, minister of re truction, said:

ous success.

"The United States is the world's chief creditor and German v is the world's chief dentor, with all a ther nations sandwiched in between these two as creditor and debtor rettions. each tied to or obligated to to the another.

"Germany is not a land of gold of lives, and will continue to liv p. by the work of her hands. We as c, therefore, only able to pay our d abts with our products, our mental ar a ;manual labor. This we honestly prop ose to do."

Our State department alis now bury ing itself with the pr elly ninaries: for lowed her. Both were rescued. negotiating treaties that will Innke effective the pence with the countral powers and restor's dig tomatic and other relations. Admin stration av thorities give as: forance ; that nothing will be done that will dis diat relations existing | United States and the a illed powers, which presumably means that they are heing taken into the a enibience e this government in the /f rmulation of

of disabled veterans under the present complicated system-or rather lack of system.

The five train service brotherhoods are to take a referendum vote on the acceptance or rejection of the wage reduction order of the federal railway labor board. Rall union leaders belleve there will be no strike unless the rallway executives insist on the wiping out of the present working rules.

Gife For Museum.

Washington-A chair owned by Gen. Robert E. Lee and occupied by him at the surrender at Appomatox is given to the United States government for the war department museum by the will of Mrs. Bridget E. O'Farrell.

U. S. Vessels at Hamburg.

Hamburg. - Twenty-nine vessels which entered the port of Hamburg during the month of June flew the Stars and Stripes. There were 612 ships, having an aggregate tonnage of \$88,445, which made port here

Pay Homage to Jefferson. Charlottesville, Va. - A delegation

from the Central Democratic club at Harrisburg, Pa., headed by Henry Oppoemar, visited Monticello and placed a magnolia wreath on the tomb of Thomas Jefferson.

Gonzales Gives a Reception. Lima, Peru.-The United States ambassador, William E. Gonzales, gave a reception in honor of the Fourth of July, which was attended by President Leguia, the members of the Peruvian cabinet, government officials and the diplomats here.

Trotzky Jalled by Lonine. Paris .- Reports have reached here from quarters that demand notice to the effect that Leon Trotzky, Russion raw materials, but a natio g which Beyiet minister of war and, marine, officials told the senate finance comhas been imprisoned by V.ikolai Le mine, the Soviet premier,

> Women Tumble Ip'co Niagara. Niagara Falls, N. Y .- One woman was overcome with heat and tumbled into the Niagara river a short distance above the American falls, and another, faining from excitement, fol-

Discuss Moose Home Site.

Toledo. Ohio .- Selection of a site turb the cor- for the national Moose home was up between the for discussion at the thirty-third session of the annual convention of the Loyal Order of Moose in session here. A decision was not looked for, however, until after the convention reconvenes at Moose Heart, Ill.

vere substituted for the customary ta and feathers by masked men, who re moved Walter Billings, a wealthy theater owner and real estate dealer from his automobile to the country and whirped him.

Japan Accepts Suggestion.

Washington .- Japan's acceptance of President Harding's suggestion that a conference be called to discuss limitation of armaments has been received.

\$50,000.000 Live Stock Pool. Chicago.-The \$50,000,000 livestoch pool subscribed by bankers at recent conferences here and in New York will be in operation July 18, Everett C Brown, president of the National Live stock Exchange, said.

Sheriff is Impeached.

Montgomery, Ala.-George W. Mitch ell, sheriff of Lauderdale county, was impeached and ordered removed from office by the Alabama supreme court.

Turks Are Deporting Greeks. Samuson, Asia.-The deportation of gainst 220,878 for the same three ish Nationalists continues. The de portees included hundreds of em ployees of American tobacco firms.

The World Cotton Crop. Washington .- The world cotton cror of the year 1920-21 is placed at 19, 595.000 bales of 550 pounds gross, or 478 pounds net, by the bureau of markets and crop estimates.

Cotton Consumed During June. Washington .-- Cotton consumed during June amounted to 461,656 running bales of lint and 48,683 bales of linters, the census bureau announced.

\$1,000,000,000 Interest Owing. Washington. - Approximately one billion dollars in interest was owed the United States by European debtor nations up to about May 15, treasury mittee in explaining the administration bill to give the secretary of the treasury authority in funding the Allied debts.

Leo Murphy Shot Dead.

Cork .-- Commandant Leo Murphy of the Mid-Cork brigade of the Irish republican army, was shot dead in a military round-up at Waterfall, near here. Forty-five republicans were captured. Murphy was wanted on charges in connection with several deaths and a kidnaping.

Lady Randolph Churchill Dead. London.-Lady Randolph Churchill. who was Miss Jennie Jerome of New York, died here. She recently underwent an operation on her right foot. which was injured in a fall down a flight of stairs.

nia, to admit crippled boy for treatment. Made application to School for Blind at Raleigh for 18 year old blind girl.

M. S. MCCARTNEY, P. H. N I. G. GREER, Chm. Nur. Com.

FORD PLANT BUILOS 108,962 IN JUNE During the month of June the Ford Motor Company, thru its Detroit factories and 22 assembly plants throughout the country reached the production of 105,962 Ford cars and trucks, setting up new high record for one month.

Production of Ford cars and trucks has been steadily increassubstantial gains over the same period last year. The second quarter of 1921, viz: April, May and June shows an output of 301,796 Ford cars and trucks a

Greeks into the interior by the Turk- months of last year, or a net increase of 80,918.

> Despite the fact, however, that the Ford Plants have been running at maximum capacity the demand for Ford cars and trucks is not being met, and at the present time, many thousand untilled ordeas have been piled up ahead so that Ford sales ing facilities rather than mar- sow Izvestia. keting possibilities. Particularly is this true with respect to enclosed cars, for which the demand has been unusually heavy.

officials for the unprecedented compensation bill. demand for Ford cars is the present tendency toward economy: Many of those whose names have been added to the long list of buyers might well have afforded larger and more costly cars than the Ford, but it is the belief lished here by the United States for that most prospective motor car est service. buyer is investigating all of the costs incident to motoring much more carefully than at any peri-

od during the past five years. Ford factories for July calls for nent that he is not available because 109 000 cars and trucks, or a pro- of advanced years. duction of 4,360 a day for 25 days Since the assembling of cars is being handled during an eight Tifton, Ga .- S. F. Webb of Valdoot output will be 545 cars. In oth- Southern & Florida railroad, was soaldor words, one Ford car or truck jured when a southbound freight train leaves the assembly line every was wrecked. adv 6's seconds.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Having quantied as administrator of the estate or Dr. J. E. brooks, deceased, this is to notify all persons having raims appinst the estate of said decan ed, to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of July 1922, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will Dicase make immediate settlement. This och day of Jul: 1921. T. H. COFFEY, Administrator.

MOTOR BOATING

I now have on the power dam, 2 miles from Boone, a newly con structed motor boat that will be ing since early spring, and shows run at any time for the pleasure of the public (Sundays excepted) Three mile ride for 25c. Fifteen passengers to a trip. R. F. TATE

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Bandits Get Truck of Liquor. Allentown, Pa .- Four armed motor bandits held up David Linderman, of Egypt. Pa., and, after a lively fight, succeeded in escaping with a truck load of whiskey and alcohol.

5,000 New Cases of Cholers.

Riga --- More than 5.000 new cases of cholers have been reported in Rusare still limited by manufactur. at in the last fortnight, says the Mos-

Dial Stands by President. Washington .-- Senator Dial announeed that he would stand by the administration in its position respecting the One reason cited by the Ford postponement of adjusted soldiers'

Forest Experiment Station.

New Orlesns .- Southern timber and the various uses to which it can be adopted will be studied by a staff of technical experts working out of a forest experiment station to be estab-

Disqualified by Advanced Age. Berlin .-- Prot. Lujo Brentano, who has been informally considered by the "The estimated output of the United States, has notified the gover-

Trainman Jane Death.

In., freight conductor of the Georgia id to death and three trainmen is-