IRISH TROUBLES BLAMED ON BRITISH

American Investigators Charge Wholesale Killings, Brutality and Incendiarism

ACCUSE "BLACK AND TANS"

By the Associated Press

Washington, March 31.—Moral responsibility for the present disorders in Ireland is placed upon the British Government [illegible] commission [illegible] the Irish question [illegible] report made public [illegible].

It covers [illegible] witnesses at [illegible] commission [illegible] November, [illegible].

The report [illegible] title of [illegible] Conditions [illegible] states were [illegible] tee which [illegible] the report [illegible] nors, eleven [illegible] thirteen [illegible] teen cities [illegible] Methodist bishops, clergymen, educators, editors, business men and labor leaders.

The commission finds "the Irish people are deprived of the protection of British law, to which they would be entitled as subjects of the British king. They are likewise deprived of the moral protection granted by international law, to which they would be entitled as belligerents. They are at the mercy of imperial British forces, which, acting contrary both to all law and to standards of human conduct, have instituted in Ireland 'a terror,' the evidence regarding which seems to prove that:

"First. The imperial British Government has created and introduced into Ireland a force of at least 78,000 men, many of them youthful and inexperienced, and some of them convicts; and has incited that force to unbridled violence.

"Second. The imperial British forces in Ireland have indiscriminately killed innocent men, women and children; have tortured and shot prisoners while in custody, adopting the subterfuges of 'refusal to halt' and 'attempting to escape,' and have attributed to alleged 'Sinn Fein extremists' the British assassination of prominent Irish Republicans.

"Third. House burning and wanton destruction of villages and cities by imperial British forces under imperial British officers have been countenanced and ordered by officials of the British Government; and elaborate provision by gasoline sprays and bombs has been made in a number of instances for systematic incendiarism as part of a plan of terrorism.

"Fourth. A campaign for the destruction of the means of existence of the Irish people has been conducted by the burning of factories, creameries, crops and farm implements and the shooting of farm animals. This campaign is carried on regardless of the political views of their owners, and results in widespread and acute suffering among women and children.

"Fifth—Acting under a series of proclamations issued by the competent military authorities of the Imperial British forces, hostages are carried by forces exposed to the fire of the Republican army, fines are levied upon towns and villages as punishment for alleged offenses of individuals; private property is destroyed in reprisals for acts with which the owners have no connection and the civilian population is subjected to an inquisition upon the theory individuals are in possession of information valuable to the military forces of Great Britain. These acts of the Imperial British forces are contrary to the laws of peace or war among modern civilized nations.

"Sixth—This 'terror' has failed to re-establish Imperial British civil government in Ireland. Throughout the greater part of Ireland British courts have ceased to function; local, county and city governments refuse to recognize British authority; and British civil officials fulfill no function of service to the Irish people.

"Seventh. In spite of the British 'terror' the majority of the Irish people have sanctioned by ballot the Irish republic, give their allegiance to it; pay taxes to it, and respect the decisions of its courts and of its civil officials."

Two kinds of "killings" have characterized the Irish republican warfare, according to the report. First, the casualties resulted from the Sinn Feiners' attempts to obtain arms and ammunition in attacking motor lorries and police barracks, and second, the secret "execution" of spies, traitors and enemies of the Irish republic who have been adjudged "guilty" by its courts and sentenced to death.

It is admitted the accused never appear before these Sinn Fein tribunals. Minor offenses are punishable by sentencing the guilty to enforced absence from their home town and residence for a stated period in "an unknown locality." The commission condemns the so-called legalized killings.

Many instances of alleged atrocities and wanton destruction of property by the British troops are presented in the report. Denunciation of the methods of the Auxiliary Cadets and the Black and Tans is expressed in the findings. Evidence of witnesses and depositions from victims, according to the report, established the fact these troops included in their ranks "burglars and highwaymen, gunmen and petty thieves."

ANOTHER ILLUSION GONE

Rainbow in Genesis Only Flock of "Flybrushes," Says Scholar

Baltimore, March 31.—(By A. P.)—The rainbow after the deluge, described in the Book of Genesis, ix, 13, was not a rainbow, after all, but a collection of great fly brushes of the ancient Oriental gods, declares Prof. Paul Haupt, of Johns Hopkins University. Announcement of his discovery was made yesterday by Dr. Haupt at Goucher College at a session of the American Oriental Society, which is holding its 133d annual conclave in this city.

The mistake in Genesis, said Prof. Haupt, probably is due to a misunderstanding of a character on one of the old cuneiform tablets.

According to Dr. Haupt, the ancients naturally gave their gods credit for having fly-brushes, and, in fact in line 164 of the flood tablets the word "fly-brush" appears as big as life. The passage says that "when Istar sees the gods gather around the offerer like a swarm of flies (because there had been no offerings during the flood), she is so incensed that she takes the great fly-brushes of her father, Anu (king of the gods), to drive away the gods."

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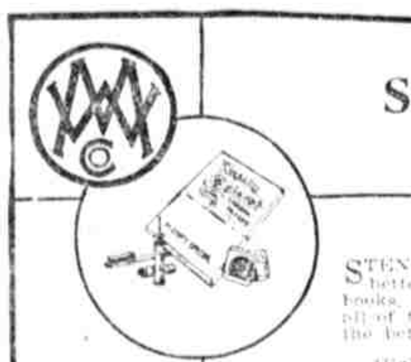

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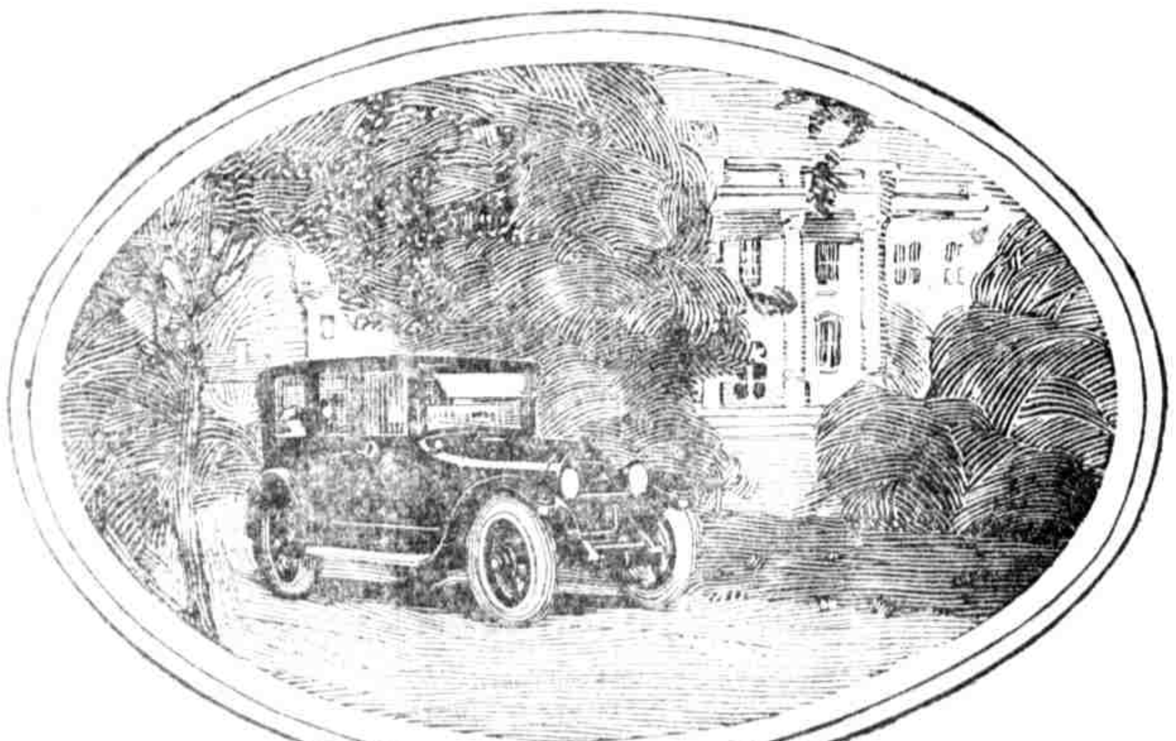

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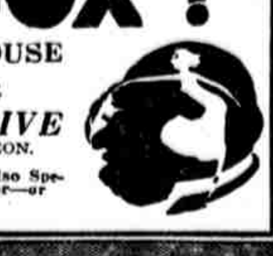

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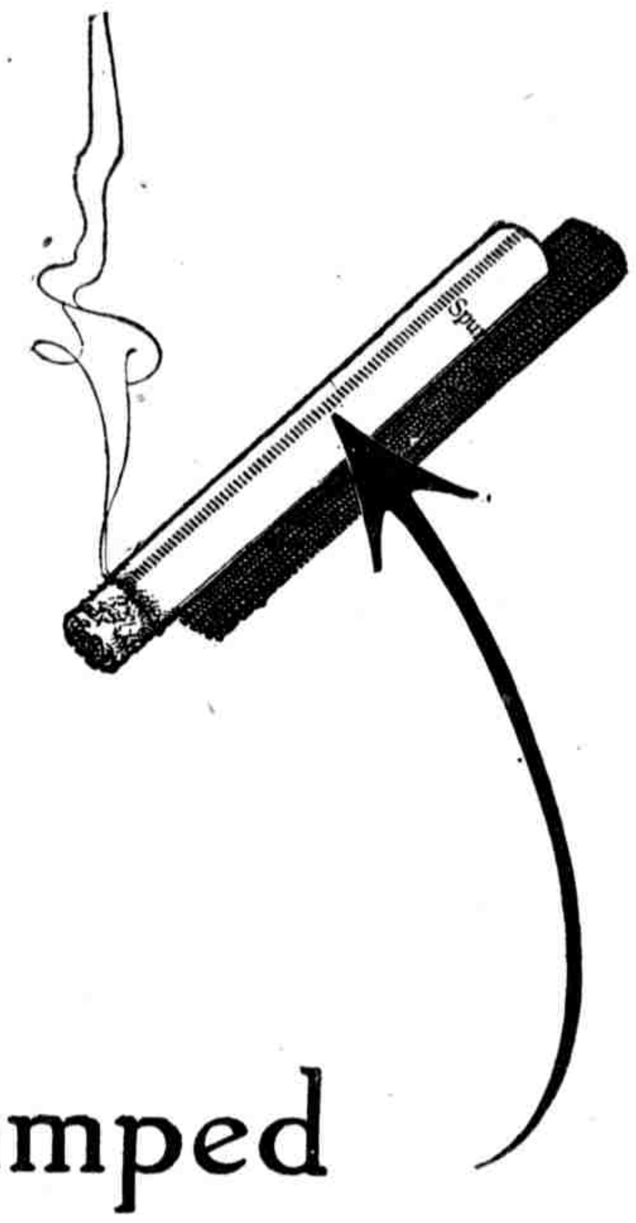

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