

### An Act of Folly by Political Lunatics

London, April 26.—On Monday afternoon a large party of men identified with the Sinn Fein, mostly armed, occupied St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, and took possession forcibly of the post office, where they cut the telegraphic and telephonic wires. Houses also were occupied in Sackville street, Abbey street and along the quays. In the course of the day soldiers arrived from the Curragh, and fighting took place. So far as is known here eleven or twelve soldiers and police and 20 loyal volunteers have been killed and wounded. No exact information has been received of the casualties on the side of the Sinn Feiners.

London, April 26.—"Act of folly by political lunatics—old disgruntled cranks and young 'Sinn Feiners' is the orthodox view of the Irish Nationalists on the uprising in Ireland, as expressed by Matthew Keating, member of parliament from South Kilkenny, who has been active in the Nationalist group for six years.

"The utter lack of real political significance in what has just taken place in Dublin can be understood when I explain that these concerned could not possibly represent more than 1 per cent. of the population of the country," said Mr. Keating.

"To illustrate, not more than 25 of this brand of cranks can be found in my constituency of 7,000. Many of them originally joined the Irish Volunteer Movement, when Sir Edward Carson organized Ulster. Some time after we started the Irish Volunteer Movement to offset the Ulster organization, there arose a division between the Irish Nationalist Volunteers, those following Redmond and those following the old revolutionary movement. The latter, composed as stated, adopted the name of Irish Volunteers, and continued to talk nonsense and drill after the beginning of the war.

"It is quite evident that these kept in touch with Sir Roger Casement, and arranged an onslaught to coincide with the ill fated gun running exploit of Thursday."

The fact that Sir Roger Casement has been brought to England to stand trial, and is detained in military custody, leads to the assumption that he will be charged with high treason. This charge has been preferred less than half a dozen times in England in the last hundred years. The last instance was during the Boer War, resulting in the conviction of Arthur Lynch in 1903. Mr. Lynch, who is now a member of the House of Commons, was sentenced to death, but the sentence was commuted, and a year later a pardon was granted.

The Express suggests the possibility that Sir Roger, if convicted of high treason may be beheaded, as under the existing law a person found guilty of this offence may, by crown warrant, be given the penalty of beheading instead of hanging.

Marital law has been proclaimed in the City and County of Dublin. Troops have arrived at Dublin from Belfast and England.

Liberty Hall, headquarters of the Dublin rebels, and Stephen Green, which was captured by them have been occupied by the military, Premier Asquith announced today in the House of Commons.

Steps to arrest all those concerned in the movement at the moment Mr. Asquith said, were being taken.

Augustine Birrell said it was difficult to say whether any routes to Ireland were open or closed. He added that he was going there if he could make arrangements.

The following telegram was received today from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, dated Dublin; "The situation is satisfactory. Stephens Green has been occupied. Eleven insurgents have been killed. The provincial news is reassuring."

### Greece And The War

(St John Globe.)

An allied army of between half and three quarters of a million British, French and Serbian troops, camped at Saloniki and well supplied with the sinews of war, is more than a guarantee of the safety of that stronghold, more than a guarantee of Serbian rehabilitation. The presence of this force and its steady increase in strength is a guarantee that ultimately the Greek army will act with it against the Teutons. A great game has been played in Greece between King Constantine and the Central Powers on the one side, and the ablest Greek

statesman of modern times, Venizelos, and the Entente Allies on the other. Indications all point to allied victory, for they hold the trump cards. War on the Greek borders, the landing by the Allies, and the King's determination to keep Venizelos from aligning Greece with the Entente, resulted in mobilization of the army. An army must be paid, and the Greek army, which has not been paid for over two months, is now on the verge of revolt. Only the influence of Venizelos prevents the outbreak which might cost Constantine his throne. If the Allies were not so strongly entrenched at Saloniki, Germany might furnish money for Greece in the hope of eventually winning Greek support. The army at Saloniki makes that hope vain. Greece will get nothing from Germany. The only other possible bankers are the Allies, but they will not finance a hostile or unfriendly Greece. War or bankruptcy is the choice of Greece today, and when King Constantine finally decides for war the decision favored by the great mass of the populace, he must place Venizelos in power, for in no other statesman have the Allies faith, and no other can command the confidence of the Greek people. A correspondent writing from Athens on April 5 to the New York World said:

I saw Venizelos today and there was a slight change in his personal appearance that struck me as significant. He did not look so sad and resigned as he did three weeks ago. His manner was more spry. I might almost call it chipper. The stare was not so conspicuous in his face; he was smiling slightly, and, if I had not been so impressed by the seriousness of Venizelos, I might say he wore a faint grin.

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### Transplanting Hints.

We have been in the habit of transplanting tomato plants into tin cans which have been unsoldered by heat, says a writer. Last year I found that pieces of paper roofing cut six by ten, coiled into cylinder shape and tied with a string, answered the purpose much better. Stand the paper cans closely together in a shallow box. When ready to set the plants in the open ground remove the pieces, which can be saved for another year.

### Kitchen Hints.

- Water boils when it bubbles, fat when it is still, but it is not ready for frying until a blue smoke rises from the surface. Be particular about this point.
- Scum should always be removed at once, as it rises in boiling.
- Fat used for frying fish should be used for no other purpose.
- A stew boiled is a stew spoiled.
- Soiled pans filled with hot water start clearing themselves.
- Always save the liquor in which meat has been boiled.
- A spoonful of vinegar will set a poached egg.
- Spare the salt when using the catsup.
- Pour nothing but water down the sink.
- Baked meat should start in a hot oven.
- Salt brings out flavors.

### Behind The Scenes

This is the story of a woman who is a "swell lady" one week in every year—a little "truth stranger than fiction" yarn in which it would be cruel to use names. But it is a story of real life in Toronto.

The woman has already in her life been in and around theatres, in various capacities. It is said she was an actress once. Now she is a scrub woman in a Toronto theatre. Drink did it.

Her daughter—a fine and talented young woman—became an actress and married an actor, who is now starred throughout America. His wife is his leading lady. Once a year they play a week in Toronto. Before they arrive in that city the mother always obtains leave of absence from the theatre where she daily wields the scrubbing brush, always stipulating to the manager that she wants her job held for her. Then she joins her daughter and son-in-law at the best hotel in the city, is dressed by them in beautiful gowns, and dines with them in the hotel dining room. She even carries a lorgnette through which she glances at the menu card. For that one week she is a perfect lady. Then when they depart, she dons her working garb again and returns to her scrubbing. Her daughter has tried in vain to accomplish the elevation of her mother for the other 51 weeks of the year, but it cannot be done. The fatal thirst is too strong. Railway tickets purchased for her to accompany them on tour are never used.

But for that one week she dresses, dines, and behaves like a real lady—so long as she is closely watched. Such is life. There are tragedies acted daily by the players greater than those they portray on the stage.

### Women Soldiers

The Russian feminine warrior is no longer a thing to be remembered but a widespread fact to be commented upon. Great numbers of them were serving in masculine attire, a recent writer says, and he continues that he himself saw many as officers. "They look," he says, "like big, lanky, rawboned boys, with pale oval faces, 'pudding' features and dark hair. They enlist as men, but when their sex is discovered the easy tolerance of the Muscovite for what has been already accomplished prevails to let them remain in the ranks."

Mention of the names of some of the more prominent of these heroines who have received more publicity than their sisters of the rank and file would include Mile. Kokovtseva, the Cossack colonel who was decorated for gallantly; Apollovna Isoltseva, who followed her father, the colonel, into the war and fought by his side, rescuing him from a burning building under heavy German fire; Olga Schidlowkaia, who got permission to enlist through high officials and has been decorated for valor; Maria Bieloverskaia, who risked her life to save her commanding officer and

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### 100,000 Germans For Verdun Front

Paris, April 28.—German reinforcements are being hurried to the Verdun front, according to reports reaching us to-night. To fill gaps in the army of the Crown Prince the German General Staff, planning the forces on the Macedonian fronts, has ordered heavy trains of troops and supplies to be sent to the Verdun front. Swiss frontier despatches report reinforcements at more than 100,000 in addition to the quarter which recently arrived.

The German government was prepared to pay \$500,000 each for the destruction of ships loaded with war supplies for the Entente Allies, Lieut. Robert Fay, of the German army, on trial in the United States court for conspiracy, was quoted as having informed Carl L. Wittig, a witness for the prosecution, in New York on Wednesday.

### Sir Roger Casement Taken to London

London, April 26.—It is announced, officially, that Sir Roger Casement was brought to London on Sunday for trial.

### Soap By Bread Card

Berlin, April 19, via London.—The Federal Council has authorized the Imperial Chancellor to make regulations for the issue of soap, soap powder and other saponaceous compounds. According to the "Tageblatt," it is the intention to limit the supply of soap to 100 grammes per capita monthly, of other substances of the same class 500 grammes monthly. A bread card by which soap may be purchased.

The Federal Council has authorized the Chancellor to issue measures to assure the supply of print paper and to regulate its consumption.

### Little War Victim

"Well, mamma, mustn't I learn German any more at school?" "No, my

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