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## WAR AGREEMENTS WITH RAILROADS TO END JULY 1

**Conference on Rules to Meet—Rate Cut, Acceptible to Roads, Forecast by Secretary Mellon.**

Washington, April 18.—A general scheme for reduction of railroad rates, acceptable to the railroads, probably will be presented to the interstate commerce commission shortly, Secretary Mellon said today. He did not indicate the source of the plan.

Chicago, April 18.—National agreements defining working conditions for employes on all American railroads formerly under the federal railroad administration were today ordered abrogated, effective July 1, 1921, by the United States railroad labor board.

The board called upon the officers and system organizations of employes of each railroad to select representatives "to confer and decide" as much of the rules controversy as possible.

"Such conferences shall begin at the earliest possible date," the decision said.

**Sixteen Points in Conference.**

While the decision did not specifically say so, members of the board said that all disputes as to rules and working conditions automatically were referred back to individual conferences between each individual road and its employes. This methods of procedure had been sought by the railroads, whereas the labor side had favored a national conference between representatives of all roads and all unions.

The decision affected railroad employes except those in train service who are under separate agreements between the individual railroads and the four big brotherhoods.

In connection with the conference negotiations, the board laid down a set of 16 principles to serve as a foundation for any rules which may be agreed to in the conferences. The present general rules-hearing before the labor board, which has been in progress since January 10, will continue until both sides have completed their testimony, following which the board will promulgate such rules as it determines just and reasonable as soon after July 1, 1921, as is reasonably possible and will make them effective as on July 1, 1921."

The principles outlined by the board were drawn up by Henry T. Hunt of the public group and upheld the eight of the employes to organize for lawful purposes, the right to negotiate through representatives of their own choosing, the right of seniority and the principle of the eight-hour day.

**Espionage Is Barred.**

It was specified that "eight hours' work must be given for eight hours' pay." Espionage should not be practiced by either side, the decision said, and employes' representatives should have the right to make an agreement applying to all employes in the craft or class of the representatives.

The 16 principles outlined were as follows:

"1. An obligation rests upon the management, upon each organization of employes and upon each employe to render honest, efficient and economical service.

"2. The spirit of co-operation between management and employes being necessary to efficient operation, both parties will so conduct themselves as to promote this spirit.

"3. Management having the responsibility for safe, efficient and economical operation, the rules will not be subversive of necessary discipline.

"4. The right of railway employes to organize for lawful objects shall not be denied, interfered with or obstructed.

**Rights of Workmen.**

"5. The right of such lawful organization to act toward lawful purposes through representatives of its own choosing [illegible] management.

"6. No discrimination shall be practiced by management as between members and non-members of organizations or as between members of different organizations, nor shall members of organizations discriminate against non-members or use other methods than lawful persuasion to secure their membership. Employes by carriers on the legitimate activities of labor organizations or by labor organizations on the legitimate activities of carriers should not be practiced.

"7. The right of employes to be consulted prior to a decision of management adversely affecting their wages or working conditions shall be agreed to by management. This right of participation shall be deemed adequately complied with, if and when, the representatives of a majority of the employes of the several classes directly affected shall have conferred with the management.

"8. No employe should be disciplined without a fair hearing by a designated officer of the carrier. Suspension in proper cases pending a hearing which shall be prompt if asked for, not to be deemed a violation of this principle. At a seasonable time, prior to the hearing, he is entitled to be appraised of the precise charge against him. He shall have a reasonable opportunity to secure the presence of necessary witnesses, and shall have the right to be there represented by counsel of his choosing. If the judgment shall be in his favor he shall be compensated for the wage loss, if any, suffered by him.

"9. Proper classification of employes and a reasonable definition of the work to be done by each class for which just and reasonable wages are to be paid if necessary, but shall not unduly impose unreconomical conditions upon the carriers.

"10. Regularity of hours or days during which the employe is to serve or hold himself in readiness to serve is desirable.

**Seniority Called Sound.**

"11. The principle of seniority, long applied to the railroad service is sound and should be adhered to. It should be so applied as not to cause undue impairment of the service.

"12. The board approves the principles of the eight-hour day, but believes it should be limited to work requiring practically continuous application during eight hours.

"For eight hours' pay, eight hours' work should be performed by all railroad employes except engine and train service employes, regulated by the Adamson act, who are paid generally on a mileage basis as well as an hourly basis.

"13. The health and safety of employes should be reasonably protected.

"14. The carriers and the several crafts and classes of railroad employes have a substantial interest in the competency of apprentices or persons under training. Opportunity to learn any craft or occupation shall not be unduly restricted.

**Right of Selection.**

"15. Any craft or class of employes shall have the right to determine what organization shall represent members of such craft or class. Such organizations shall have the right to make an agreement which shall apply to all employes in such craft or class. No employes, however, shall infringe upon the rights of employes not members of the organization to present grievances for adjustment or by representatives of their own choice.

"16. Employes called or required to report for work and reporting but not used should be paid reasonable compensation therefor."

The board's decision came unexpectedly in the middle of the hearing on the justness and reasonableness of the existing rules and opened a way to speedy conclusion of the whole controversy.

**France to Occupy Ruhr If Germany Doesn't Pay Up.**

Paris, April 15—Germany's obligation to the Allies will be fixed at between 130,000,000,000 and 150,000,000,000 gold marks by the Allied Reparation Commission, says the Echo de Paris. The newspaper adds the exact figure will depend upon the solution of certain questions still being considered.

In case Germany refuses settlement, the newspaper declares, it is accepted by the Allies that France will recall two classes of recruits to the colors, and proceed to occupy the Ruhr basin. This district includes the most important coal mines and industrial plants in Western Germany.

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Folly is not easily avoidable because it becomes plainly distinguishable only in the retrospect.

When so-called non-partisans flock together, there is another party.

Those who know the least about a subject do the most talking about it.

## KNOX PUTS IN AGAIN HIS PEACE RESOLUTION

**Text of It Similar to One Passed in Preceding Congress and Vetoed by President Wilson.**

Washington, April 15.—In line with the recommendations in President Harding's message, a resolution to end the state of war with Germany and Austria was introduced by Senator Knox of Pennsylvania. It is similar to the one passed previously by Congress and vetoed by former President Wilson and will be reported favorably in a few days by the foreign relations committee and then brought up for debate after disposal of the Colombian treaty, according to Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, Republican leader.

Senator Knox's new resolution differs little from that which he sponsored before. As suggested in President Harding's address it contains no general declaration of American policy with respect to future action by the United States, but is confined to measures for ending technically the state of war with the imperial German and Austrian governments. It also would reserve to the United States all rights and privileges under the Treaty of Versailles and to alien enemy property seized during the war. The text of the resolution follows:

"Resolved, That the joint resolution of Congress passed April 6, 1917, declaring that a state of war to exist between the imperial German government and the government and people of the United States and making provisions to prosecute the same be, and the same is hereby repealed, and said state of war is hereby declared at an end.

"Provided, however, that all property of the imperial German government or its successors or successors and of all German nationals which was on April 6, 1917, in or has since that date come into the possession or under the control of the government of the United States or of any or by any agency whatever, shall be retained by the United States and no disposition thereof made except as shall have been heretofore or specifically hereafter be provided by Congress until such time as the German government has by treaty with the United States, ratification wherof is to be made by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, made suitable provisions for the satisfaction of all claims against the German government of all persons wheresoever domiciled who owe permanent allegiance to the United States and who have suffered through the acts of the German government or its agents since July 31, 1914, loss, damage or injury to their persons of property, directly or indirectly whether through the ownership of shares of stock in German or other corporations or in consequence of hostilities or of any operations of war or otherwise and also provisions granting to persons owing permanent allegiance to the United States most favored national treatment, whether the same be national or otherwise, in all matters affecting residence, business, profession, trade, navigation, commerce and industrial property rights and confirming to the United States all fines, forfeitures, penalties and seizures imposed or made by the United States during the war, whether in respect to the property of the German government or German nationals and waiving any and all pecuniary claims based on events which occurred at any time before the coming into force of such treaty, any existing treaty between the United States and Germany to the contrary notwithstanding.

"Section 2. That until by treaty or act or joint resolution of Congress it shall be determined otherwise the United States, although it has not ratified the Treaty of Versailles, reserves all of the rights, powers, claims, privileges, indemnities, reparations or advantages to which it and its nationals have become entitled, including the right to enforce the same under the terms of the treaty signed November 11, 1918, by the imperial German government, or to which it is entitled as one of the principal allied and associated Powers.

"Section 3. That the joint resolution of Congress approved December 7, 1917, declaring that a state of war exists between the imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian government and the government and the people of the United States, and making provisions to prosecute the same be, and the same is hereby repealed, and said state of war is hereby declared at an end."

## MR. LANSING'S FAILURE

New York Mail: The very completeness of the case which Mr. Lansing has made out against Mr. Wilson's conduct of the peace negotiations constitutes a grave impeachment of his own conduct. Between him and Mr. Wilson were fundamental differences of opinion on policies and settlements affecting the destiny of this country and indeed of the whole world. Yet Mr. Lansing clung to his anomalous position.

Mr. Lansing claims that he had the prescience to see the futility of the Wilson policies. Even more, he foresaw their danger to America should they by any chance win the support of the Senate. Yet he sat tight in Paris, nursing his grievance and allowing the nations of the world to believe that Mr. Wilson was speaking the mind and will and desire of this country.

What has been the result? Throughout Europe today, America is openly criticized because the Senate did not underwrite all that Mr. Wilson did at Paris. There was nothing to show the world that the American peace delegation was not a unit, nothing to show that Mr. Wilson was merely elaborating in the privacy of his own rooms policies which his conferees were swallowing as obediently as if they had no minds of their own. There is nothing to show that these men—Mr. Lansing above all, according to his own account—who could have brought all that out into the open "pussyfooted" to an end by a single explosion of the truth, were not enthusiastic supporters of the ill-prepared, ill-presented and ill-judged schemes which Mr. Wilson had for the future place of America in the world.

Between two loyalties Mr. Lansing chose the lesser. Between loyalty to this country, which in the circumstances meant loyalty also to a real peace, and loyalty to Woodrow Wilson, who had snubbed him, he chose the latter. History cannot forgive him for that. It demands of the men it shall honor that they shall break their narrow molds when wider opportunity offers. And if ever a man had the opportunity to do a great thing, the thing that would have shown his ability to put the interests of high service before the dictates of mere convention, Robert Lansing had it. In the histories still to be written he can scarcely fail to be measured as one of the most pathetic and inadequate figures whom destiny, and the desire of a strong, self-willed man, forced into small men around him, pitchforked into an assembly with the fate of mankind on its hands.

Everything that Mr. Lansing says in his book justifies not himself but the United States Senate, which saved this country from a disaster which apparently Mr. Lansing thought of little importance beside his loyalty to a narrow conception of service.

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**Gentleness Aids Live-Stock Growth and Checks Drift.**

The practical value of treating live stock kindly is discussed by a Virginia live-stock owner in a letter to the United States Department of Agriculture. "All cattle buyers," he remarks, "know how great is the 'drift' in shipping cattle. Very much of this loss is due to digestive troubles caused by excitement and fear incident to travel.

"Keep all live stock as quiet and make them as gentle as possible and your feeding costs will be noticeably reduced. Try this suggestion with one litter of pigs."

"It will abundantly repay any live-stock breeder," he adds, "to spend a great deal of time going out quietly among his animals and letting them make the advancements. He will be surprised how soon he can begin to put his hands on them. After they realize his hands are not to be dreaded they will soon enjoy gentle rubbing or scratching. When animals are sheltered from annoying or exciting occurrences they digest feed better and it takes much less to keep up normal growth and fat production."

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It is good enough policy to wait for something you want, if you know where it is.

## CAMPBELL ANSWERS BRITISH STATEMENT ON IRISH RELIEF

**Judge Gives Figures to Refute Embassy Assertion That There Is No Need of Foreign Aid for Erin.**

Judge Richard Campbell, secretary of the American Committee for Relief in Ireland, yesterday replied to the recent statements of the British Embassy in Washington which denied the necessity for relief work in Ireland. Judge Campbell said that the statements of the British Embassy were inaccurate and unfounded when they said "that every case of distress and destitution is directly due to the effects of the Sinn Fein rebellion."

He also denied that millions of pounds have been made available from money raised by taxation in the United Kingdom to carry on general reconstruction in Ireland. Judge Campbell, however, took particular exception to the portion of the British statement which says that "there is no case of distress affecting any individual or property which could not be adequately met from British sources."

"Attention," Judge Campbell said, "is directed to the words 'could not' as wholly misleading. The British authorities in Ireland themselves admit that the violence in Ireland has resulted in the destruction of property to the value of $35,000,000. Other and impartial estimates does not include the hundreds women and children. Among other facts reported by our unit in Ireland is that with the destruction of creameries it will become necessary for farmers to sell their milk herds, which at present, owing to the widespread creamery destruction, are liabilities rather than assets. If the milk herds are sold one of the principal industries of Ireland will suffer irreparably.

"If we are to credit the statements attributed to the British Embassy," Judge Campbell concludes, "in Ireland's case the laws of economics are reversed and Ireland is the one country in the world where continuous and systematic destruction of property, the burning of towns and the ruin of farms and homesteads, extended over a period of a year and a half, increases the sum of the general wealth, promotes banking and industry and conduces to the prosperity and happiness of the inhabitants."

## 73 DEAD, HUNDREDS HURT, DAMAGE VAST BY TORNADOES

**Storms in Southern States Blaze Path of Tragedy and Desolation — Victims Grilled to Death in Wreck of Homes.**

Memphis, Tenn., April 18.—Seventy-three persons reported dead, several hundred injured and property damage roughly estimated in the millions, made the toll of a series of tornadoes which broke late Friday in northeast Texas and swept eastward today over sections of five states into Georgia.

Arkansas, with 50 persons reported killed in Hempstead and Miller counties, suffered the heaviest loss of life. In Alabama the number of dead was estimated at 16; seven were killed in Texas and six in Mississippi. In Tennessee, the other state which felt the effects of the storm, no fatalities were reported.

Owing to interrupted wire communications only fragmentary reports had been received tonight from the sections reported to have suffered the greatest loss.

## LET DEAD LIE WHERE THEY FELL

## SENATE [illegible] LOANS [illegible] ON REGIME

**Senator Reed Starts Move for Probe of Advances Made to Foreign Nations.**

Washington, April 19.—A searching investigation into the subject of foreign loans authorized by the Wilson administration may be decided upon at the meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary Monday, members indicated today.

Official records of the Treasury Department, filling four huge boxes, which were sent to the Senate just before adjournment of the last Congress, have been gone over carefully by clerks of the committee, and all documents bearing directly upon the loans of millions of dollars to foreign governments have been set aside for the attention of the committee.

To ascertain definitely whether the loans authorized by the last administration were regular in every particular, Senator Reed, Democrat, of Missouri, today introduced a resolution authorizing the Judiciary Committee to have the more important documents printed for the confidential use of the committee members.

"We desire to ascertain if the loans granted by the last administration were properly safeguarded, and, determine whether all the transactions were regular," Senator Reed said. "I presume the committee at Monday's meeting will authorize the printing of these papers for the private use of the committee, so that the investigation might be facilitated. I do not know if irregularities will develop, but I am anxious to have full knowledge of the negotiations, and we cannot waste through four boxes of documents to get this information."

## LITERARY BILL IS PASSED

The Fearon bill proposing a constitutional amendment by prescribing a literacy test for new voters was passed by the assembly. The vote was 88 to 47. Twenty-one Republicans joined with the Democrats and Socialists in casting the negative votes. The proposal will be submitted to a referendum next November.

In the debate which preceded the final vote, Assemblymen Austin, O'Connor and Donohue, Democrats, and Orr and Solomon, Socialists, opposed passage of the measure and it was upheld by Majority Leader Adler and Assemblyman Halpern.

**Veterans' Preference Bills Succeed.**

The Senate passed two measures designed to give war veterans preference in the civil service lists. One was the Baumes-Martin resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution so as to extend to the veterans of all wars the preference in civil service lists now granted to veterans of the civil war. The vote was 33 to 14. This measure now having been passed by two legislatures will be submitted to the electorate for ratification at the state election next November.

The other preference bill was Senator Duell's measure designed to extend civil service preference on th civil service lists to disabled veterans without regard to standing, and preference to every veteran over non-veterans equally qualified. The Duell bill was passed unanimously. It now goes to the assembly for concurrent action.

**Factory Education Bill Passes.**

The Luck bill, authorizing the education boards or trustees of city and school districts to establish courses of instruction in connection with factories of other places of illiterate and non-English speaking persons more than 16 years of age was sent to the Governor when the Assembly concurred with the Senate in its passage. Authorization is given the commissioner of education to apportion public moneys on account of teachers employed to give these courses.

**Jewish State of Palestine.**

The restored Jewish State of Palestine is apparently to be a British protectorate. Great Britain is to have a mandate over it, with a large degree of sovereignty; and is to see to it that while it is a Jewish State, people of all other races and religions shall have equal rights there with Jews. Whether this will satisfy the aims and aspirations of the Zionists remains to be seen. But in view of the political and social status of Jews in England in the last century there is no great power which could more appropriately be accepted by interested, with the preceding mandate.

## PARTY SPLIT ON PAYMENT TO COLOMBIA OF $25,000,000

**Nation Morally Bound to Compensate for Gain, View of Knox—Objections by Borah—Ratification, He Holds, Would Put "Brand of Shame" on Roosevelt.**

Washington, April 19.—Payment to Colombia of $25,000,000 as provided in the Colombian treaty was advocated in the Senate today, as a measure of justice and a moral obligation, and attacked as without justification.

Senator Pomerene of Ohio, opening the fight for ratification from the Democratic side, declared justice demanded that Colombia be compensated for the loss of Panama through a course of events in which the participation by the United States, he asserted, could not be defended "either in the sight of God or of man."

Ratification of the pact was urged by Senator Knox, Republican, Pennsylvania, on the other hand, because the United States was "morally bound to compensate Colombia, not for what she lost; but for what we gained."

Taking issue with Senator Pomerene, the Pennsylvania senator asserted that the course of the United States in the events attending the secession of Panama "squared to our rights and duties and to the governing rules and principle of international law."

**View of Senator Borah.**

Declaring ratification of the pact would put the "brand of shame" on Theodore Roosevelt, Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, in concluding the debate for the day, declared "the moving force behind Panama's revolt from Colombia was not Theodore Roosevelt, John Hay or the United States government but the people of Panama," who, he said, despite a Colombian dictatorship, were striving to exercise the independence they declared in 1851.

Discussion of the pact on the Republican side of the Senate, Senator Borah said, had shown "an almost complete difference of opinion" as to the reasons for ratification.

Mr. Borah suggested if the United States was seeking to obtain Colombia's friendship through the $25,000,000 payment, that it be expressly written into the pact.

Detailing examples of the treatment accorded Panama by Colombia prior to the revolution of 1903, Senator Borah declared: "We are planning to consummate a treaty with Colombia while we draw back from recognizing soviet Russia, and yet I dare anyone to cite any crime committed in Russia under the soviet regime which was not duplicated in Panama under Colombia's dictatorship."

**America Not Conspirator.**

Defending the course pursued by the United States government under President Roosevelt, Mr. Borah denied that the United States in any way aided in bringing about the separation of Panama from Colombia, and the thread running throughout was "more money" on the part of Colombia.

The United States was not a conspirator," said Senator Borah. "Roosevelt did not become a common adventurer. John Hay was not a liar. Short-sighted duplicity and venal policy of Colombia killed Panama. We owe Colombia nothing. The brand of shame should not be put on Roosevelt and for the nation a statement made of dishonor and a confession of crime."

Another treaty step to be made, Senator Borah said, "if American citizens have acquired oil interests in Colombia that need protection."

"To ratify this is to confess to the charges made against us," said Mr. Borah.

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**TOOT, TOOT, ALL ABOARD.**

**But Nary a Passenger Responded to the Conductor's Call.**

Ogdensburg, April 15.—An unusual occurrence was noted by local New York Central employes yesterday morning at the New York Central station. Train No. 99 left the local station for Dekalb without a passenger aboard, with the exception of a crew. The train left here at 8:20 o'clock. The train is a so-called daily local. It is the first time recorded that a train left this city on the New York Central line with no passengers since the road was built.

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**ELIMINATE MIDDLEMEN.**

**Farmers Ship Calves Despite Offer of Higher Prices.**

Barnes Corners, April 19.—On Saturday at Barnes Corners a good price was paid for veal calves, 5½ and 9 cents a pound, a raise of two cents on last week's price, by J. Williams, buyer for Eugene Parker. Nevertheless most of the farmers shipped their calves according to the commission plan, worked out by E. J. Gregg, whereby the farmers will get the profits now made by the middlemen.

**Sue Hearst for $600,000.**

Suit has been commenced by the Dexter Sulphite, Pulp and Paper Company against William R. Hearst, of New York, to recover $600,000 claimed as loss during the construct of the paper mill from May 1, last, when Hearst entered into a contract to purchase the plant, until the alleged rescission of the contract a few months ago. Elon R. Brown is attorney for the paper company.

**William A. Seymour.**

The death of William A. Seymour occurred at the home of his son, Nelson Seymour, of Fort Leyden, at 9 o'clock, Friday evening. He was born July 24, 1846, and for many years resided in the vicinity of West Martinsburg and Lowville. Forty-nine years ago he was united in marriage to Celia Bellinger, who passed away ten years ago at their home in Lowville, since which time he has resided with his son. William Seymour was a member of the G. A. R., of Lowville, and especially enjoyed meeting with them while health permitted. For the past eight years he has suffered from heart trouble. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at the M. E. church, Fort Leyden; interment at Martinsburg. The deceased is survived by one son, Nelson Seymour, and three daughters, Mrs. Eugene Ingersoll, Houseville; Mrs. Dora Denslow and Mrs. Matthew Ingersoll, Boonville.

Dear father, he has left us,
Left us forever more,
And we hope to meet our loved one
Over on the other shore.

We miss thee from our home, dear father,
We miss thee from the place,
Our home is dark without thee,
We miss thee everywhere.

## CLOSING HOURS OF SESSION SEE MANY BILLS PASSED

**Check on Labor Price Fixing Heads List in Legislature.**

Legislation enacted in the closing hours of the legislative session included:

Meyer-Martin bill, designed to prevent labor organizations fixing a selling price for the product of union workmen. The bill, defeated in the Senate during the week, was passed by the assembly in the early morning hours and then sent to the Senate, which concurred in its passage, thus reversing its previous action.

Whitley bill, which seeks to restore the former system of party conventions for the nomination of candidates for state and judicial offices.

Simpson-Brundage bill, which is intended to reorganize the state boxing commission and to place wrestling as well as sparring under the commission's control.

Newport-Judson bill, designed to amend the highway law as affected by the transfer to the new state tax commission the administration of the automobile bureau, formerly administered by the Secretary of State.

Fearon bill, to add two troops to the state constabulary and to vest the troopers with the jurisdiction and powers now vested in the game protectors.

Lusk-Clayton bill, creating a state board to censor and license motion pictures films.

Gibbs-Adler waterpower bill, to provide for state development of waterpower under the direction of a state commission which would be empowered to lease power rights to private interests for a period not to exceed 50 years.

Lusk anti-sedition bill, prescribing a loyalty test for public school teachers and the licensing of private schools by the state department of education.

Ferris-Witter bill, reorganizing the state department of farms and markets.

Downing bill, to provide for increasing the salaries of the mayor, comptroller and other officials of New York city.

## SINN FEINERS SLAY WOMAN AS AN ALLEGED INFORMER

**Taken From Home in Monaghan by Masked Men and Shot to Death in Main Road—Neighbors Refuse to Remove Body.**

Dublin, April 15.—The first execution of a woman in the strife between the discordant factions in Ireland is announced. She was taken from her home in the Scotstown district of Monaghan today and shot and killed on the bank of the river.

The woman, whose name was Kitty MacCarron, belonged to the farming class. She was about 45 years of age and lived with her parents, octogenarians, in a wild, mountainous part of the country.

About midnight a knock was heard at the door, and a party of masked men entered and informed the victim they had come for her.

**Sinn Fein Mark Left on Body.**

She struggled in vain; the assassins fastened her hands behind her back and led her pleading pitifully down a lane about a mile to the main road, by the side of which the body was afterward found with a bullet wound through the cheek, which is the customary sign of Sinn Fein executions.

A card on the body was inscribed "Spies and informers, beware. Thus executed and executed by the Irish republican army."

Members of the [illegible] and [illegible] in the district [illegible] the [illegible] to remove the body, [illegible] the [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] to