

## IRISH WOMEN PLEAD WITH CONFERENCE

### Delegates at Lausanne Hear Woes of Erin Recited

(Associated Press)

LAUSSANE, Dec. 28.—Irish women, foes of the Free State, have come to Lausanne to plead the cause of "an Ireland that will be truly independent."

The woes of Erin were recited today by Miss Kathleen O'Brennan, secretary of the delegation who announced she had come to the conference to bring before the world "the appalling conditions in Ireland which have resulted from the Anglo-Irish treaty signed under duress a year ago."

It was Miss O'Brennan who recently appealed to the Turkish delegation for assistance and succeeded in inducing the Turks to insist that the Irish delegation should be heard by the conference if the Armenians were allowed to present their grievances. As the Armenians were not permitted to appear before an official meeting of the conference, there seems to be no likelihood that the women from Dublin will be accorded an official audience.

Miss O'Brennan distributed a document signed also by Kathleen Lynn, a medical doctor of Dublin, and Mrs. Despard, a sister of Field Marshal French, in behalf of the woman's organization for the defense of Irish prisoners. It declares that the Anglo-Irish treaty, instead of bringing peace, has plunged the country in civil war, for which England alone is responsible.

It charges that at the moment when England was protesting against the Grellan executions she was ordering the execution of leaders of Irish leaders solely because they "refused to sell to England the fruits of the Irish victory."

The delegation petitions the conference to insist that Irish civil war prisoners be treated in accordance with the rules of the Geneva convention and to call upon England to cancel her menace of "terrible immediate war upon Ireland."

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