

LONDON IRISH CONFERENCE ON FREE STATE CONSTITUTION

New Constitution Must Conform Strictly to Terms of Anglo-Irish Treaty.

NO QUARREL OVER DE VALERA FACT

British Cabinet Ministers Regard That Agreement As Purely a Domestic One.

Dublin, May 26.—Michael Collins, head of the Irish Provisional Government, left for London tonight accompanied by William Cosgrave, Minister of Local Government in the Dublin Eireann cabinet, and Dermot O'Donoghue, Secretary of the Provisional Government.

It is supposed here that the main subject of today's discussion at London was the text of the Free State constitution, which Arthur Griffith, the Irish president, took with him. This constitution must conform strictly to the terms of the Anglo-Irish treaty and has been drafted with that object in view. The British Ministry are satisfied with it, and learn that it will be submitted to the Irish people in a referendum which will settle a quarrel with the Irish Republicans because they made a pact with Blanton de Valera.

Domestic Agreement

The view here among Sinn Feiners of both wings is that the pact, recently arrived at between Collins and de Valera, is, primarily, a domestic matter designed to keep both the longest possible time all enemies of the Sinn Fein party out control pass to other sections of Irish opinion identified in the past with a moderate policy.

This pact expressly admits the right of all other sections to contest the election, and this section was welcomed as an effective barrier against the possibility of a complete sweeping of all Sinn Feiners, but in some quarters, the probability is expressed that it may prove to be too effective and that the pact will insure the election is largely uncontented.

It is pointed out that the objections of the British cabinet to the completion of a new body growing out of the election will be met by the statement that it will not be a Treaty Parliament, which must come later, but merely a reconstruction of the Dail—no more than the body which has been operating ever since the treaty was signed and better able, by reason of the pact, to govern a moderate party.

No British Contemplated

In Provisional Government circles no quarrel with the Anglo-Irish pact is contemplated. Besides the constitution and the Collins-de Valera agreement, the Irish cabinet at London are expected to raise the question of the Anglo-Irish pact. It is said that the delegates will complain that British support of Ulster, in men and money, is unfair and that it will prolong the conflict between the North and the South. They also will call attention to the Ulster Premier's announcement of his determination to resist the boundary commission, which is part of the treaty.

Mrs. Charlotte Despard, sister of Field Marshal Viscount French, former Lord Lieutenant and Governor-General of Ireland, has written an open letter to Premier Craig, of Ulster, denouncing the government's treatment of Catholics and concluding:

"On all you are doing—give your men to shoot, maim and insult their fellow countrymen and destroy their homes and leave thousands of them to starve as they succumb to the ravages of an awful form of malaria."

Numerous releases are reaching Dublin from the six county area.

ANOTHER CONFERENCE ON CATTLE EMBARGO

London Corporation Calls Meeting of Consuming Interests Favoring Embargo Removal.

London, May 26.—Canadian Press dispatch.—The Cattle Commission of the London Corporation, "in view of the unsatisfactory position regarding an early date for the discussion of the Canadian cattle embargo in the House of Commons," has called another conference of the consuming interests of London, and has invited the Canadian cattle embargo in the House of Commons.

WARD FAILS IN HABEAS CORPUS

Supreme Court Dismissed Application—Respondent in Murder Case Held in Jail.

White Plains, N. Y., May 26.—The Supreme Court today dismissed an application for a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of the respondent in the murder case of Charles Lewis, who was held in jail.

FORMER BULGARIAN MINISTER TO PARIS MYSTERIOUSLY ASSASSINATED AT SOFIA

Passengers Are Searched By Irregulars

Train from Northern Area Held Up and Passengers Annoyed.

Sofia, Bulgaria, May 26.—Alexander Gruev, former Bulgarian charge d'affaires at Paris, Stockholm and Bern, was assassinated here last night. Some mystery attaches to the circumstances of the crime, and the motive for it, but the evidence is thought to point to a political basis for the crime.

GOVT SETTLES WITH DOMINION IRON-STEEL CO.

Company Paid \$1,500,000 to Wipe Out Claims Arising from War Contracts.

Ottawa, May 26.—(Canadian Press)—The claims of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company against the Dominion Government and arising out of war contracts has been settled for \$1,500,000. This is in addition to the payment of \$2,000,000 made by the government last fall.

This information was brought out in the Commons this afternoon when Hon. Arthur Meighen asked the correctness of press reports that the claim had been settled.

Mr. Meighen said that the settlement had secured a settlement of \$1,500,000 less than agreed upon by the old government.

Mr. Meighen related that an arrangement had been made by the old government and that the "agreement" was favorably applied.

Mr. Lapointe related that the old government had paid \$1,500,000 in November last year and had agreed to pay \$1,000,000 two months later.

The present government had had the matter studied by counsel and the minister of justice had been able to reduce the reduction of \$1,000,000, the cost of the action had been paid by the company.

Mr. Meighen said that the company had made a proposal to the old government to settle for \$1,000,000. This proposal had not been accepted but \$1,500,000 was paid to the company for the new administration.

MAY BREAK COAL STRIKE DEADLOCK

All Will Depend on Developments During the Coming Week.

New York, May 26.—Efforts to settle the anthracite coal strike deadlock today, when the labor and coal companies agreed upon a wage settlement, are expected to be decided by the end of the week.

RAIDERS PUT COLLIER OUT OF BUSINESS

Belfast, May 26.—The raiders at Ballywater, near Belfast, of Captain Harry McNeill, son of Lord Dufferin, who supersedes County Down in the Ulster Parliament, was attacked this morning by raiders, who seized the goods, counterpoise being following eventually the police drove off the raiders.

All Evidence Seems to Point to a Political Basis for the Crime.

POLITICAL SITUATION NOTABLY UNSETTLED

Some Apprehension Regarding Future Developments and Grave Developments Are Feared.

The political situation is notably unsettled, but there is no communist revolution, as has been reported from Vienna and Budapest recently. The reports may have arisen from the fact that on Thursday, May 19, a large meeting of communists was held here, demanding the immediate expulsion from Bulgaria of the soldiers of General Wrangel, former anti-Bolshevik leader in South Russia, who took refuge in Bulgaria, and asking the establishment of friendly relations with the Russian Soviet Government.

There is some apprehension regarding future developments, however, notably in connection with the assembling of 50,000 peasants in Sand next Monday attending the yearly congress of the national peasant party, the meeting plans to protest against the bourgeois and pseudo-developments in this connection are causing grave fears of trouble.

PROTESTANTS HAVE BEEN KILLED, TOO

So Say Ulstermen in Reply to Catholic Protection Committee Charges.

Belfast, May 26.—The Ulster Association has sent a message to Winston Spencer Churchill, Secretary for the Colonies, remarking that the Catholic Protection Committee and its leaders in the work of the number of Catholics murdered did not refer to the number of Protestants murdered.

Between May 25 and May 26, the message says, ten Protestants were killed and several others threatened. The Catholic Protection Committee (C.P.C.) has charged that the position of Catholics is desperate.

The telegram of the Catholic Protection Committee read as follows: "From the 19th to the 23rd of May 27 Catholics have been murdered. Of these five were women and two children. Twenty Protestants were wounded and hundreds evicted. The position of Catholics is desperate."

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, May 26.—Premier Oliver, of British Columbia, speaking before the House committee on transportation costs this morning, came out strongly against the putting into effect of the Crow Nest Pass scale of rates, claiming that 1897, other factors, and other sections of the country should be taken into account.

DETECTIVE INDICTED FOR KIDNAPPING

Figured Prominently for Jas. Stillman in His Divorce Case Proceedings.

New York, May 26.—Edmund Lough, private detective, who figured in the Stillman case today was indicted for kidnaping and wire tapping with the assistance of James Larson, in connection with the charge by August Probst, Swiss butler, that an attempt had been made to railroad him out of the country because of an alleged love affair with a prominent society girl.

Lough testified recently that he and a lawyer, representing James A. Stillman, New York banker, paid Fred Sweeney, Indian co-responder in the divorce suit against Mrs. Anne V. Stillman, \$15,000 for two love letters purported to have been written by her.

NIGHT SITTINGS OF PARLIAMENT

(Canadian Press)

Ottawa, May 26.—Commencing on May 31, the Commons will sit Wednesday evenings. This was decided today when members gave unanimous consent of a motion to this effect advanced by the Prime Minister.

AWAIT REPLY OF GERMANY ON REPARATION

Bankers Not to Consider Loan Until Favorable Reply on Committee's Ultimatum Is Received.

READY TO ADVANCE BILLION DOLLARS

Conditioned on Germans Accepting All Conditions Laid Down by the Commission.

Paris, May 26.—The committee of international bankers in session here this evening served notice on Germany that further consideration of a billion dollar loan to the German Government is virtually out of the question until Germany accepts, in full, the conditions of the ultimatum of the Reparations Commission which expires May 31, and also gives adequate guarantees that inflation of Germany's currency will be stopped immediately.

The committee then decided to adjourn until May 31 to await the decision of Germany.

The conclusion of the bankers was arrived at during the afternoon, when the committee was attended by Karl Bergmann, representative of the German Government, who immediately telephoned the decision of the bankers to Berlin.

Must Accept Conditions

In reparations circles tonight the view was advanced that the action of the bankers probably would result in a loan of more than a billion dollars, since the bankers have determined that a large loan could be arranged under those circumstances. The committee's condition is that Germany must accept the conditions of the ultimatum of the Reparations Commission, and it was explained that they had reached a point where they were ready to advance the loan, but the details of a loan, the security for it and many other points.

The bankers will take advantage of their adjournment till next Wednesday to get in touch with their respective governments, and the committee members of the committee may return to their homes for a day or two, but all of them attending the conference are expected to return to Paris on Monday, and their respective countries will be ready to report at Wednesday's meeting.

OLIVER AGAINST CROW'S NEST PASS AGREEMENT

Bringing It Into Effect, He Says Would Be An Injury to Canada.

Ottawa, May 26.—Premier Oliver, of British Columbia, speaking before the House committee on transportation costs this morning, came out strongly against the putting into effect of the Crow Nest Pass scale of rates, claiming that 1897, other factors, and other sections of the country should be taken into account.

Premier Greenfield, of Alberta, came out strongly for the full agreement, without regard to the consequences, and the situation had quite changed during the last twenty-five years. Fresh fuel did not now move Westward, but Eastward, and the same was true of coal and building and roofing materials.

As for grain, a comparatively large amount was now going out from the Prairies via Vancouver, but if the Crow's Nest Pass scale were in effect and the rate to Vancouver remained the same that movement would be stopped.

Premier Greenfield bases his claim for the coming into effect of the agreement both on the contract and the depressed conditions of agriculture. He questioned as to what he had to say about the making up of the \$50,000,000 which the railways said they would lose under a return to the 1915 scale, he said that this was a matter for the Government and the railways.

CHARLES R. CRANE HAVING TROUBLE

Paris, May 26.—A report has reached Paris that Charles R. Crane, former United States Minister to China, has been convicted by a French military court in Damascus on a charge of inciting to riot. According to this story Mr. Crane was sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment. The French foreign office has no knowledge of the conviction of Mr. Crane.

BELFAST WORRIED BY SERIES OF FIRES

Belfast, May 26.—Tonight has been a night of fire in Belfast. A dozen outbreaks had been reported up to midnight. It is reported that the Model School, a fine building in the Falls Road, was destroyed. Incendiary bombs were employed in starting the fire. Two attempts were made last week to burn the school. The Falls Road Library also was set on fire during the night to the horror of the authorities.

There was plenty of shooting in various sections of the city.

BUDGET ADDS DOUBT AND UNCERTAINTY, SAYS SIR HENRY

MOUNTED POLICE GET THEIR PRISONERS AFTER AN EIGHTEEN MONTHS' SEARCH

Charged With Assaulting Passengers and Raising Rough House on Coastal Steamer.

TOOK CHARGE OF DECK; ASSAULTED PASSENGERS

Have Been Able to Keep Out of Sight Since the Happening in 1920.

Sydney, N. S., May 26.—After being fugitives from justice for over 18 months, three brothers, Allan, John and Murdoch McCallan, were arrested Thursday afternoon by Sergeant J. P. Blakeney and Constable A. Cooke, of the Royal Mounted Police and were today lodged in the county jail here, charged with assaulting passengers and raising a general rough-house on the coastal steamer Aspy in November, 1919. A man named McCallan wanted on the same charge, is still at large.

The arrests were effected on the beach at West Cove, a lonely fishing village near Cape North, about 90 miles from Sydney.

The incident in 1920, caused quite a sensation at the time. According to the officers of the Aspy, the McCallans and McCallan became incensed when they learned that the steamer would not be stopping at West Cove, shortly after leaving North Sydney, took charge of the deck, some of them took over the wheel and in their underwear, terrorizing the women and children and assaulting anyone who interfered with them. The steamer turned back to Sydney; but the men evaded the police and got away.

ELBERT H. GARY STILL AN OPTIMIST

Advocates Congress Take Tariff Out of Politics and Play No Favorites.

New York, May 26.—Elbert H. Gary, in his annual address as president of the American Iron and Steel Institute, today advocated that Congress take the tariff out of politics; that it play no favorites in its tendency to regulate things; that it substitute a gasoline, illuminating, lubricating and fuel oils, nuts, net twines and fishermen's equipment, cements and fertilizers should be free from customs duties as well as the raw material entering into same.

"That the British preference be increased to 50 per cent of the general tariff."

"And the Liberal party hereby pledges itself to implement by legislation the provisions of this resolution when returned to power."

That such pledges were restated in the policy of the Liberal party in an official handbook issued just before the general election, namely, in October, 1921, under the authority of its leader, Honorable W. L. Mackenzie King.

PERMANENT MEMORIAL TO BRITISH ARMEN

Memory of Those Who Fell in War to Be Perpetuated by West Virginia Woman.

London, May 26.—British officers and soldiers who died in the air service of the Great War have been given a permanent memorial in Westminster Abbey through the generosity of Mrs. Louis Bennett, of West Virginia, whose only son was killed in France in 1918 while acting as pilot with the British forces.

The memorial which was dedicated today with impressive services by the dean, consists of a stained glass window with allegorical figures symbolic of the sacrifice of aviators and is contained a figure of the Archangel Michael, who has become known as the patron saint of aviators.

The window is in the west part of the nave directly overlooking the tomb of Great Britain's unknown warrior, and its inscription reads:

"In the glory of God and with proud and thankful memory of those who have fallen in the British flying service who fell in the Great War of 1914-1918."

ASSISTING FARMERS TO PURCHASE SEED

Sydney, N. S., May 26.—Sir A. Cameron, M.P., assistant general manager of the Dominion Coal Company, is seriously ill at his home here suffering from pneumonia poisoning contracted by eating fresh lobsters. Mrs. McCann, who has been visiting in Montreal, arrived home this morning.

FIRE DESTROYED TWO LARGE BARN

Farm Machinery, All the Property of Frank Haydon, Hartland, Also Lost.

Hartland, N. B., May 26.—A fire from an unknown origin, about half past twelve today, completely destroyed two large barns, owned by Mr. Frank Haydon, of Waterville Road, in the town at the time were a threshing machine, two mowing machines and several other farm implements. No stock and very little feed was destroyed.

The strong breeze, which was blowing from the southwest, and the shower of rain, saved the house and two other barns. A large number of men went over from Hartland, but were unable to do much as it was beyond control. The loss is estimated close onto five thousand dollars. It is partially covered by insurance.

Former Finance Minister Declares It Leads Nowhere and Settles Nothing.

FORMER DREADFUL TACTICS NOW ALRIGHT

Charges That Doings of Old Gov't Complained Of Are Quite Proper Now.

(By Canadian Press)

Ottawa, May 26.—Debate on the budget formally opened in the House of Commons this afternoon with a speech by Sir Henry Drayton, former minister of finance. He said he was filled with amazement at the gloomy outlook of the Minister of Finance who had forecast a decrease in the customs revenue and the income tax for the present fiscal year.

The present budget, he said, might well be returned to as one which gave 2-1-3 per cent, British preference and German free trade. He thought the cases of the widow and the commercial traveller merited more consideration under the present income tax, whilst, in his opinion, the tariff changes were hardly important enough to delay the House long. Sir Henry analyzed the drawback regulations and said he thought they were of great moment to the wool industry. He congratulated Mr. Fielding on reducing the excise duty which the budget had to pay on alcohol, although the Finance Minister had not removed all the hardships that arose under the heavy duty of 50 on alcohol, and he cited the case of the country doctor as deserving of sympathy.

RECALLS OLD COMPLAINTS

Sir Henry asked what had become of that old complaint and cry that the late government had exempted the rich and crushed the poor with its taxation. He recalled what a terrible thing the sales tax was held up to be by the opposition. The old complaint was a "dreadful government" in the way it had added to the burdens of the people. This dreadful procedure, however, had suddenly become alright.

The former Minister of Finance reminded the Liberals of their objections to the heavy taxes, especially the tax on automobiles. At that time they had declared that automobiles valued at \$1,000 and under were not luxuries and ought not to be taxed. Yet they had placed a tax on automobiles. No one could force the moving of the present sales tax general (Hon. D. J. MacKenzie) against a tax on candy. Yet, today, and as a result of the change of position, taxes which were an outrage formerly, are now reasonable and proper things.

Mr. Fielding undoubtedly required all the money he could get in view of the estimates which were being put through, but it was evident that he would require more than he could secure.

TAKES US NOWHERE

Sir Henry asked why telegrams were particularly picked out for tax as the time of the long distance telephone overlooked. The chief thing which he wanted was that it "takes us nowhere, leads us nowhere and settles nothing, but on the other hand adds doubt and uncertainty."

The Finance Minister had pointed out that business was bad, but the budget had not helped in relieving the situation with regard to Canada's unremitted trade with United States. Last year with every dollar Canada expended in United States, she purchased goods to the value of \$1.75. In spite of this, the budget was according to the efforts of the United States, Canada had reduced many of her duties upon American goods. "Are we to consider ourselves an adjunct to United States?" asked Sir Henry.

After discussing the sales tax and the tax on automobiles, Sir Henry declared that the budget could be secured in vain for measures which would relieve unemployment, whilst the cancellation of the depreciated currency regulations would further expose Canadians to unemployment. He claimed that nothing had been done in the budget to implement the pledges of the Liberal party platform of 1919. Sir Henry then moved the Conservative amendment, which was accepted by the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen.

POISONED FROM EATING LOBSTERS

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