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De Valera's Demand Impossible.

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PRIME MINISTER TO DE VALERA.

LONDON, Sept. 18. The text of Lloyd George's telegram to Eamon De Valera follows:—"I have received your telegram of last night and observe it does not modify the claim that your delegates should meet us as representatives of a Sovereign and independent state. You made no such claim when you came to meet me in July. I invited you then to meet me in the words of my letter as chosen leader of the great majority in Southern Ireland, and you accepted that invitation. From the very outset of our conversations I told you that we looked to Ireland to own allegiance to the Throne, and to make her future, as a member of the British Commonwealth. That was the basis of our proposals and we cannot alter it. The status you now claim in advance for your delegates is in effect a repudiation of that basis. I am prepared to meet your delegates as I met you in July in the capacity of chosen spokesmen for your people to discuss the association of Ireland with the British Commonwealth. My colleagues and I cannot meet them as representatives of a sovereign and independent state without disloyalty on our part to the Throne and Empire. I must therefore repeat that until the second paragraph of your letter is withdrawn, conference between us is impossible."

DE VALERA'S REPLY.

DUBLIN, Sept. 18. Eamon De Valera, replying yesterday to Lloyd George said:—"In reply to your latest telegram just received, I have only to say that we have already accepted your invitation in the exact words which you quote from your letter of the seventh instant. We have asked you to abandon any principle, even inflexible, but surely you must understand that we can only recognize ourselves for what we are. If this self-recognition be made the reason for cancellation of the conferences with you and in these conferences, and as my written communications, I have never ceased to recognize myself for what I was and am. If this involves recognition on your part, then you have already recognized us. Had it been our desire to add to the solid substance of Ireland's right, the veneer of technicalities of international usage which you now introduce, we might have claimed already the advantage of all these consequences which you fear would flow from the recognition of our delegates. Now believe me we have but one object at heart, the settling up of a conference on such a basis of truth and reality, as would make it possible to secure through it the result which the people of these two islands ardently desire. I am, sir, faithfully yours, Eamon De Valera."

VALERA'S DEMAND IMPOSSIBLE.

LONDON, Sept. 17. Prime Minister Lloyd George's reply today to the communication of Eamon De Valera of Friday, says that to receive the Sinn Fein delegates to the proposed Conference as representatives of an Independent and Sovereign State would constitute a formal and final recognition of Ireland's severance from the King's domains. Mr. Lloyd George says that as long as Mr. De Valera insists that Irish delegates should confer as representatives of an Independent and Sovereign State conference is impossible. In his reply Mr.

later hours and tended to drive rioters indoors.

SHACKLETON SAILS.

LONDON, Sept. 17. The Quest, the small ship on which Sir Ernest Shackleton will explore uncharted sections of the South Atlantic, Pacific and Antarctic left the Thames today on the start of his two year voyage. Large crowds gathered on the docks to wish Sir Ernest and his party a successful voyage.

A WARNING TO WINSTON.

LONDON, Sept. 17. (By Canadian Press)—The Yorkshire Post, Chief Organ of the Lloyd George Government in the North of England, utters a warning against the scheme of Winston Churchill, Secretary of State for the Colonies, for grouping of Crown Colonies and Crown States for administrative purposes under a High Commissioner for each group. The Post says it by no means follows that the scheme will meet the approval of the Colonies concerned, each of which Colonies has a very distinct character. It concludes, "There is indeed a danger in the effort, now evident in more than one field of Imperial administration, to create a sealed pattern of organization on one universal model."

LLOYD GEORGE MAY NOT ATTEND.

LONDON, Sept. 18. Mr. Lloyd George is practically certain to be unable to attend the Washington Conference on the limitation of armaments, according to the "News of the World," whose proprietor Lord Sidel, is a close friend of the Prime Minister. It is declared doubtful whether Earl Curzon, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, will be a delegate. The paper says the British delegation probably will include Arthur J. Balfour, Sir Gordon Hewart, Attorney General, Lord Lee of Fareham, First Lord of the Admiralty, and possibly Andrew Bonar Law.

RUSSIA'S MISERY.

TSARITYN, Russia, Sept. 17. (By Courier to Moscow)—Hunger is tightening its grip on the lower valley of the Volga. Officials of the near East relief, who reached this city today after making a survey of the ten Provinces in sun scorched Southeast Russia, said conditions indicated wholesale starvation by January if outside help on a large scale did not arrive immediately.

A RECTOR'S PLEA AND PROTEST.

HALIFAX, Sept. 17. Rev. A. F. Demitth, Anglican Rector of Spryfield, and Terrence Bay, the latter a small fishing post near Halifax, protesting against the action of the Government in declining to extend the lobster fishing season as a measure of relief along what is known as Prospect Coast, says in a letter to the press:—"I speak from the experience of twelve years and I can truthfully say the poverty is heart-breaking along the shore, sickness is very prevalent and children die like flies through want of nourishing food. The past summer's fishing has not been good. Fuel is expensive and the outlook hopeless, unless these toilers of the deep are given a fair chance to exist. Let the Government stretch a point and restore them their fishing rights, say until the end of February next."

GOVERNMENT IN LIQUOR BUSINESS.

DAWSON, Yukon, Sept. 17. The Legislature has concluded a special session at which it enacted laws in accordance with the Plebiscite last July whereby Government liquor stores will be opened throughout the territory immediately. Stores for the sale of liquor under Government supervision have been open in this city, Mayo and Whitehorse.

QUEEN ANNE IN DEAD.

OTTAWA, Sept. 17. (By Canadian Press)—According to advices received here the recent tariff enactment of the United States, under which fishermen and manufacturers of fish products receive greater protection is reacting seriously upon Newfoundland. In round figures Newfoundland

land purchases one third of her imports from the United States and looks to that market for the disposition of about fifteen per cent of her exports. This market would appear to be destroyed under the new tariff and Newfoundland's ability to pay for American commodities will be materially handicapped.

DARTMOUTH RUM RUNNING.

HALIFAX, Sept. 17. Customs officials today are looking for the schooner Mary Smith, which is believed to have landed one hundred kegs of overproof rum, valued at twenty-five thousand dollars, at Dartmouth wharf, last night, and then to have attempted to lose herself. The rum was seized when the Dartmouth police officials noting the movements of a strange craft at the waterfront, inspected the fish shed operated by Albert Myers. Myers was taken into custody and the rum, which is believed to have come from St. Pierre, was removed for safe keeping.

UNEMPLOYMENT RETURNS.

OTTAWA, Sept. 17. Unemployment among Labor Unions at the beginning of August was 9.10 per cent of the total membership, according to the forthcoming issue of the Labour Gazette, published by the Department of Labor. The figures given indicate a gain in employment at the first of August over the beginning of July, when 13.15 per cent of the total Labor Union membership was out of employment.

THE ARBUCKLE TRIAL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17. Comedian Roscoe Arbuckle was cast today for a new court scene in the tragedy of Virginia Rappe, motion picture actress, who died, according to accusers of Arbuckle, following a drinking orgy in the actor's department in a San Francisco Hotel, and as a result of mistreatment by her host. Today Arbuckle was to be arraigned in the Superior Court upon an indictment, charging manslaughter, returned by the County Grand Jury. But this arraignment is a mere formality, it was said, and District Attorney Brady was scheduled to ask for a continuance of the manslaughter case until action has been taken on the charges of first degree murder pending against Arbuckle in connection with Miss Rappe's death.

CANADIAN BANKRUPTCIES.

OTTAWA, Sept. 17. Notification of forty-two assignments under the Bankruptcy Act is contained in this week's issue of the Canada Gazette.

LLOYD GEORGE FOR WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17. Unofficial reports received in Washington are to the effect that Premier Lloyd George will arrive in the United States during the first week in November to attend the conference on limitations of armaments, which assembles here on November eleventh.

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Landlords and Tenants.

Editor Evening Telegram. Dear Sir—Now that the winter is approaching with its bleak winds, snow and rain, let us give a thought to those, the poor and even the better off, who are living in rented houses. It is generally known that landlords, particularly those who are fond of "filthy lucre," have little thought of the comforts of their tenants. Their actions which are said to speak louder than words seem to say, "oh, there is no need to spend money on that house, they must re-main in it, as they can't get another house; there is no law to make me put the house in good condition, then why should I spend money on it. They must pay the rent or I will put them out—lots of people are looking for houses, and if they want more comforts than they have let them do the repairing, at their own expense."

Now, Mr. Editor, this seems all right from the landlords point of view, but there is another side, and if we give that side a little thought, I think we will agree that an improvement is necessary in the tenants' interest. There are no doubt landlords who are ever ready to make the tenements comfortable for the tenants, and only need to be informed of requirements, to have them attended to at once, and who are just as thoughtful of the comforts of their tenants as if the latter were hard to secure. But there are also landlords, and we all know some of them, who charge anywhere from \$15.00 to \$30.00 a month for houses that are not worth \$5.00 a month—houses in fact that are not fit for human habitation. We know houses whose roofs are leaky, and where rain comes flooding down in all rooms the first shower; houses where owing to dampness, etc., various diseases creep in and find easy victims—houses where basements are heaped with rubbish, left there by one tenant after another, until there is scarcely any basement there at all. These are surely houses where disease lurks, and every ready to take advantage of the weaknesses of the family.

I would ask the authorities, is there any remedy for this state of things? Last year when a number of gentlemen intimated their intention of building houses to better the condition of the working man's homes, when they actually built a number of tenements, we all thought that the end of this state of affairs that I refer to above was in sight. But, alas, there is no need to mention the result, the venture appears to have had its origin in a desire for gain rather than the philanthropic desire of doing good for the working man and giving him and his family better housing conditions. Is it possible that a landlord can offer any sort of a house at the most exorbitant rental, simply because houses are in demand? Is it lawful? Is it honest? Is it Christian like?

The time must come before this condition of affairs is remedied, when a landlord with a house to rent will have to get a license from a committee appointed for the purpose, a license to rent his house. Before this license is given the said committee will send an inspector to decide if the house in question is clean and comfortable for occupancy, and only on his report will a license be given. Making "mootshine" is a crime justly punishable by law, but is it worse than having a tenement, where the moon shines through the roof, or the rain pours through, which is about the same thing? Persons who from their scanty earnings are compelled to pay each month \$15 to \$30, even \$50 should get value for their money. Why should a person with a few houses be permitted to profit more than any other person? Truly

"Man's inhumanity to man Makes countless thousands mourn." Yours sincerely,

TENANT. St. John's, Sept. 17, 1921.

P.S.—I hope soon to see the gentlemen who began the good work known as the Housing Problem, again get together and think out some plan that will work out better than their first venture, better I mean for the poorer class of tenants.—TENANT.

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Obituary.
MRS. ELLEN TAAFFE.
On last Friday evening, after an illness of some five months, there passed to the Great Beyond an esteemed and widely known lady of the West End in the person of Mrs. Ellen Taaffe, wife of Mr. Joseph Taaffe of Messrs. Jas. Baird, Ltd., and youngest daughter of the late Captain William and Margaret Jackman. Deceased lady had been suffering from internal trouble for some years past and entered the General Hospital last spring for treatment. The late Mrs. Taaffe was a woman of true Christian qualities, and her life was made up of many sacrifices. Charitable in the extreme she will be missed by many who had reason to know of her generosity and other kind deeds. Left to mourn are a husband, one daughter, Marie, Nurse at the General Hospital, and three brothers, Commissioner William Jackman, David Merchant, Bell Island; and Frank, at Montreal, and a sister, Mrs. James Ryan, of this city. Her only son, Edward, predeceased her last year. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon and was attended by a large concourse of citizens, testifying to the esteem in which the deceased lady was held by those who knew her. Interment was at Belvidere. The prayers at the Cathedral were recited by Rev. Dr. Greene. To Mr. Taaffe and daughter the sympathy of the community will be extended in their hour of sorrow.

MUTT AND JEFF—THE LITTLE FELLOW TALKS HIMSELF INTO FREE BOARD AND LODGING.—By Bud Fisher

