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Fearful Revenge In Belfast Home Stirs Whole City

Owen McMahon and Four Sons Killed; Two Others Dying.

Seventh Escapes by Hiding Under Sofa—Uniformed Raiders Smash in Door in the Night, Take Males of the House from Bed, Line Them Up in Dining Room and Pour in a Fusillade of Shots.

(Canadian Press Cable)

Belfast, March 24—A band of men forced their way into the home of Owen McMahon, a salaried lawyer, early this morning and shot seven members of the family. News of the raid has profoundly stirred the city. McMahon and three of his sons were killed outright, another son died of his wounds and two others are near death. The crime is thought to be in reprisal for the shooting of special constables in May street yesterday. At about 1.30 a.m. the raiders, who are reported to have worn uniforms, smashed the door of the McMahon home in the north end of the city and rushed upstairs where the occupants of the house were sleeping. The male members of the family were taken down to the living room, lined up against the wall and riddled with bullets.

The shootings were heard by occupants of a nearby house who notified the Glen-ravel street barracks. Mrs. McMahon and her daughter rushed down to the living room when the attackers departed and found the seven bodies on the floor. Pools of blood, three of the bodies in a heap.

When the police arrived they found the women in a state of collapse. Ambulance crews took the victims to the hospital, where it was found that four already were dead. The matron of the hospital reports that the two wounded sons are very weak.

Another son who was ordered into the room escaped by throwing himself under a lounge and was unharmed, although his shoes were fired at him.

An ambulance attendant, although harried with scenes of bloodshed, collapsed after helping carry the bodies into the hospital.

Belfast, March 24—A bomb was thrown in front of a residence in Synge street last night. Hubert Johnston and his sister Susan, were wounded and had to be taken to a hospital.

SIX HOUR FIGHT IN COUNTY TYRONE

Belfast, March 24—A six hour running fight occurred between Ulster special constables and the Stan Raiders in the vicinity of Carrickmore, County Tyrone, yesterday. The fighting started when fifty of the police, in two motor lorries, were ambushed outside the town. The ambushing party was concealed behind a gorse bank on the roadside and opened fire at a distance of 1,000 yards.

The police immediately jumped out of their cars and engaged the attacking band, which retreated across the hills, leaving a small party to hold the pursuit, which continued for several hours nevertheless, with frequent exchanges of shots.

At least five Sinn Feiners are believed to have been hit. One with a bullet in the leg was found under a bed in a house which was raided during the chase. Bullets pierced the caps of several of the specials, but none of them were wounded. A quantity of equipment dropped by the ambushing party was captured.

Belfast, March 24—Joseph Campbell, a Belfast city official, was shot and killed by a sniper in New Lodge road this afternoon.

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPCHASE WON BY MUSIC HALL

Liverpool, March 24—The Grand National Steeplechase run here today was won by Hugh Kershaw's Music Hall.

Joseph Widger's Drifter was second and J. C. Buller's Telford was third. Three other horses started.

The betting on Music Hall was 100 to 9 against, on Drifter 19 to 1 and on Telford 66 to 1 against. The only other horses to complete the course were Sergeant Murphy, the American entry and Double Escape. The three favorites in the betting, Shaun Spadah, Southampton and Clashing Arms, fell early in the race.

HOW SUBMARINE WAS SUNK IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

London, March 24—In the House of Commons, last night, a despatch from Gibraltar was read, announcing that a court of inquiry had been ordered to meet today to examine into the sinking of the submarine H-42.

ESTIMATES IN COMMONS TODAY

Motion for Address Carried Without a Division—Dr. Murray MacLaren on I. C. R. Question.

Ottawa, March 24—(Canadian Press)

In the House of Commons the estimates will be brought down and bills on the order paper will be taken up. The senate will sit at 8 p.m.

Yesterday in the Commons the motion for an address in reply to the speech from the throne was carried without division at 9.25 p.m. It will be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by members of the commons who are also members of the privy council.

J. L. Stansell, (Conservative, East Elgin) was the last speaker of the debate. Other speakers during the afternoon and evening were L. J. Ladner, (Conservative Vancouver South), Alfred Stork, (Liberal), Skeena, J. L. Brown, (Progressive), A. E. MacLaren, (Liberal, Prince), G. H. Dickie, (Conservative, Nanaimo), J. A. Denis, (Liberal, St. Denis), Montreal, D. W. Warren, (Progressive, Strathcona), Dr. Murray MacLaren, (Conservative, St. John-Albert), M. N. Campbell, (Progressive, MacKenzie).

Dr. MacLaren urged the re-establishment of I. C. R. control at Moncton. Toronto was too far away, he said, and the management was not in touch with conditions and people using the railway. He referred to the return of the natural resources to the western provinces, saying that the other provinces should be given a chance to state their case before a decision was made. He said the inherent weakness of the government's railway policy was that they were not united on it. The government must decide whether it wanted to build up trade between the Maritimes and the rest of Canada, or to continue to run the railway lines from the maritimes into Portland, Me.

Rodolphe Outin, recently elected by acclamation in Vancouver, was introduced and took his seat in the house. Selected and standing committees were announced.

The Senate

In the senate, Senator MacDonald gave notice of a resolution calling for the appointment of a committee on the employment situation, similar to that which dealt with the same question last year.

Senator Dandurand said that Canada had received \$6,314,000 in payment of the cost of the Canadian army of occupation in Germany. The amount to be received from the German reparations committee had not yet been fixed.

Dr. MacLaren was yesterday chosen Conservative whip for New Brunswick.

WATER TROUBLES ON WEST SIDE

West St. John is having water troubles of its own today. Yesterday a break occurred in the German reparations pipe in the A. A. U. corner, which serves the lower part of Carleton. The pipe at this point is fifteen feet below the surface and is in sand and gravel soil, so that digging is slow and treacherous. It is expected that the crew at work on repairs will reach the pipe tonight, but on account of the depth of the trench and the soil formation night work is too dangerous.

Complaints were registered today from people living in Dufferin avenue and the vicinity that the water supply to the top floors had stopped. The West Side water department said that this was not due to the leak which was in the Spruce Lake line, but they attributed the dropping of the pressure to a heavy draught by steamers at Sand Point. Pressure is regularly forty-five pounds but this morning only thirty-nine was registered.

HOLD BACK THE NAMES FROM THE AFFIDAVIT

Dartmouth, N. S., March 24—Because they have no knowledge that the executive of the maritime province branch of the A. A. U. of C. approved the affidavit which President A. W. Covey, of the maritime branch, had said must be signed by athletes who would retain their amateur status, the Dartmouth Amateur Athletic Club decided at a meeting last night that its members would not sign the document, pending further developments.

GERMANS KILL A BELGIAN OFFICER AS REPRISAL

Brussels, March 24—A Belgian lieutenant in uniform was shot several times and killed yesterday by four young civilians while riding in a tramway car between Ruburort and Walsuina, in the occupied area near Dusseldorf.

A German police officer was killed in the same vicinity Wednesday by a Belgian gendarme and the Belgian authorities believe the murder of the lieutenant was an act of reprisal.

FATHER, MOTHER, CHILDREN AND MAID BURNED TO DEATH

Portage La Prairie, Man., March 24—Six persons were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home at Amaranth, Man., north of this city early today. The dead are: Mr. and Mrs. Max Warhaft, their three children and a maid.

FOUR RED SOX ARE LET OUT

Duffy Lops Off First Base—Managers and Three Pitchers. Some Swift Baseball—No Grace for Ruth or Meusel—Abbies and Windsor Tonight—Dempsey is Sued for \$100,000.

(Canadian Press)

Boston, March 24—The axe was swung today at the Red Sox training camp in Arkansas. Rubeck, first baseman, and Derocher, Cassel and Fine, all pitchers, were lopped off the list of recruits by Manager Duffy. With Catcher Ruel a hold-out, the Red Sox now number thirty-four. The regulars staged a comeback yesterday and defeated the Yankees 8 to 3.

Tony Boeckel and Frank Miller were the big factors in the Braves' 8 to 2 victory over the Senators at St. Petersburg, Fla. A terrific two base drive scoring the winning run in the eighth inning and what was described as a wonderful running one-hand stop, were Boeckel's contributions. Miller pitched well on his second start after a two year layoff.

New York, March 24—Members of the New York Giants ran themselves almost to death at San Antonio yesterday in their game against the Indianapolis American Association team, the score being 10 to 7. Every man on the team, with the exception of Jontard, made at least one hit. Young leading with four.

The New York Yankees again demonstrated their ability to defeat the Brooklyn team, which they adopted a more aggressive attack, which resulted in a 10 to 3 victory over the Dodgers.

The Brooklyn Nationals got an article beating at the hands of the New York Yankees yesterday. The Yankees could not get the range on Shocker's curves, and Bayne, who succeeded the St. Louis stars, was equally effective. The Brooklyn boys got four hits and two runs, while the Browns did just twice as well at the bat and on the bags.

Hockey

Charlottetown, P. E. I., March 24—The maritime hockey championship for 1922 will be decided here tonight when the Abbeigets, one hundred per cent winners of the N. B. and P. E. I. Hockey League, will meet Windsor, the Nova Scotia champions. The ice is in fair condition. Moore, the Abbeigets' captain, and star defence man, is out of the game with an injured shoulder. McCaskey, who has been the star of the game, will be back in his position tonight.

Toronto, Mar. 24—Commenting on last night's Stables by the Globe says: "The visitors from the other side of the rocky mountains outplayed and outgeneraled the weakened local team and the game was a more aggressive attack, which had added several more scores to their total."

Los Angeles, Mar. 24—Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion, is being sued for \$100,000 by Alexander Pantagos, proprietor of a chain of vaudeville theatres, who alleges breach of contract for stage appearances.

He alleges that Dempsey, after filling an engagement in Los Angeles, refused to continue his tour, which was to have been for twenty weeks more, but left for the east and in Boston appeared at a rival theatre. He says he would have received had Dempsey fulfilled his alleged contract, and \$40,000 as publicity which he declares the champion's appearance at his theatres would have produced.

PASSENGERS ON METAGAMA

The Canadian Pacific Steamships Ltd. liner Metagama is sailing this afternoon for Liverpool with approximately 107 cabin and 176 third class passengers. A transfer train was made up in the Union station this morning and conveyed about seventy-five passengers to the liner. No. 16 from Montreal also arrived in the city in two sections, the second bringing passengers for the Metagama.

Among the cabin passengers leaving are: The Rt. Rev. Mgr. A. E. Burke, of Ottawa; Col. Stanley Owen, of Montreal; Dr. C. A. Rae, of Toronto; Col. E. W. Steadman, of Ottawa; Wm. Knight and Miss Beatrice Knight, of Amherst, N. S., and the London string quartet, composed of: C. W. Evans, Levey and wife, Thomas Petre, and H. W. Warner, who is also accompanied by his wife.

The last word from the Minnesotas was that she would arrive sometime tonight and that the passengers would be handled tomorrow morning.

SOLDIER BONUS BILL TO SENATE

Washington, March 24—Passed by the house late yesterday by a vote of 538 to 70, the soldier's bonus bill was made ready today for the senate.

What would happen to it was regarded as problematical, but house proponents proposed to use every effort to prevent it from being shelved, as was the original bonus measure.

THE BANK CASE GETS TO COURT

Sir M. Allan and D. C. MacArow Summoned.

Charges Have to Do With October Financial Statement of Merchants' Bank to Department of Finance.

Montreal, March 24—Judge Cusson announced today that he had "allowed" summonses to be issued for Sir Montagu Allan and D. C. Macarow. The former was president of the defunct Merchants' Bank, and the latter general manager.

Mr. Macarow appeared before Judge Cusson this morning, and the case was adjourned till March 31. Sir Montagu Allan will appear before Judge Cusson this afternoon.

The information upon which the summonses were issued was sworn to before Judge Cusson by Robert B. Veils, an employee of the department of finance, Ottawa. C. A. Wilson acted as legal adviser for Mr. Veils, and also for the department of justice.

The charge against Sir Montagu Allan is for having "falsely and negligently" concurred in the preparation of the October financial statement made by the Merchants' Bank to the department of finance, and which did not show that the exception of Jontard, made at least one hit. Young leading with four.

The charge against Mr. Macarow is for having "falsely and wilfully made a deceptive return to the federal government on the bank's earnings."

The Merchants' Bank was compelled to accept an offer from the Bank of Montreal to sell out when it was found that, owing to erroneous bad debts incurred in loans made to the brokerage houses of Thomson Davidson & Co. and Fairbanks, Gouldin & Co., and several commercial concerns, its rest of eight million dollars has been seriously impaired.

PROBATE COURT.

In the probate court in the matter of the estate of Donald McIntosh, realty \$2,000, personally \$900, Andrew L. McIntosh was sworn as executor. J. H. A. L. Fairweather was proctor.

The last will of Elizabeth McCordick was proved, and Alex. Law sworn as executor, personally \$2,780, S. W. Palmer was proctor.

Jeremiah Donovan was appointed administrator of the estate of Lawrence J. Donovan, personally \$25,000, J. K. Kelly was proctor.

F. J. Fitzpatrick was sworn as executor of the will of Patrick Fitzpatrick, realty \$200, personally \$75, J. A. Barry was proctor.

Letters de bonis non were issued to Samuel D. Dunham, father, Samuel D. Dunham, undistributed portion being \$800. M. B. Innes was proctor.

L. A. McGowan was appointed administrator of the estate of May A. McGowan, realty \$1,000 and personally \$2,800. W. G. Smith was proctor.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Pressure is high over the western provinces and over northwestern Ontario and is low over southern British Columbia and the southwestern states. Weather has been fair in the west but is becoming unsettled. Fair weather is general over eastern Canada.

Maritime forecasts—Fresh west and northwinds, fine today and Saturday, rather cold tonight. Sunday, unsettled and somewhat colder. Probably rain, moderate northwest, shifting to northeast and east winds and increasing Saturday.

New England—Cloudy tonight, Saturday, unsettled and somewhat colder. Shifting to northeast and east winds and increasing Saturday.

Toronto, March 24—Temperatures—Highest during the day, lowest yesterday night.

Table with 2 columns: Station, Temperature. Rows include Prince Rupert, Victoria, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Prince Albert, Winnipeg, Sault Ste. Marie, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, N. B., Halifax, St. John's, Nfld., Detroit, New York.

As Hiram Sees It

"I see," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "when they there coal miners in Nova Scotia are going to loaf on the job the miners in the States is going to loaf off the job. I guess Mayor Schofield has to get out of his crack here in Nova Scotia."

"Yes," said the reporter, "it's like a farmer who produces diseased milk and makes a whole street in the city sick."

Hiram eyed the reporter dubiously. "I've to get out of his crack here in Nova Scotia," he said, "I guess you got one on the farmer that time—but 's'posin' an Irishman saved the life of Germany."

"They would lose money," said the reporter, "that's what'll happen to them coal miners," said Hiram. "An' they'll make hard times harder for everybody—By Hen!"

SAVES GERMAN ATTACKED BY BOWERY THUGS

New York, March 24—Racial hatred and bitterness between Briton and Texon, bred of four years of warfare were forgotten by two men of those races here today when a British soldier—an Irishman—saved the life of a German, dangerously wounded by two Bowery thugs.

E. Sandberg, a German, was murdered last night by two men, one of whom stabbed him. As he fell, groaning to the sidewalk, John Joseph O'Brien, 66th Street Artillery, 2nd Division, British army, here awaiting discharge papers, stepped on the scene and went into action. The man nearest him he knocked, stunned and helpless, into the middle of the street, then he turned on the man who had stabbed Sandberg. That worthy decided to leave, but O'Brien applied his boot to the fleeing thug for half a block before he was finally overpowered and captured. When O'Brien returned to the scene of the fight, the first thug had vanished. O'Brien administered first aid to Sandberg, called a taxi and ordered a fast trip to Bellevue Hospital.

LOCAL NEWS

GIVEN IN CHARGE

A man was given in charge this morning at Lancaster by Dr. McCarthy, of the D. S. C. E. hospital, charged with driving a motor car 183 for a fire on Police Power and Stinson. He will appear before Magistrate Allingham at Fairville tomorrow morning.

FIRE ON ROOF

The north and fire department was called out this afternoon about 2 o'clock by an alarm from box 183 for a fire on the roof of a house at 166 Paradise row, owned by Miss Anna Jordan and occupied by herself and H. Fawcett. A few shingles were destroyed.

NICELY ENTERTAINED

Mrs. James M. Brown, 111 Metalf street, entertained, last night, the Tens of the North End Circle of the Ladies' Aid of the Portland Methodist church at her home last evening. A musical programme and refreshments were greatly enjoyed by all those present and the party broke up voting the evening a great success.

RUNAWAY

A large double team belonging to the Collins Transfer Company was the cause of some excitement this morning in a runaway along Union street from Charlotte towards Courtney Bay. The driver had left the team to go into a store and the horses, apparently frightened, had left the place without his guidance. They were stopped at the corner of Prince Edward street by Policeman Chisholm, who was on duty near that point.

A LITTLE TRAVELER

All by herself and with keen anticipation of her trip across the broad Atlantic, little Mary Barnes, eight years of age, daughter of Mrs. H. M. Britcher, 67 Broad street, today went aboard the P. S. Co. steamer Metagama which is due to sail this afternoon. This will be the little girl's second trip across the ocean, she having come here from England with her mother about two years ago. She is now on her way to visit her grandfather, F. Cook, who is town clerk and superintendent of cemeteries at Ashe-Under-Lyne, England.

NOW WATCH THE WOOLLY FLY

There was considerable excitement about the C. P. R. general offices this morning when arrangements were completed for a bowling tournament between the mechanical department. The former quintette is composed of some candle pin artists and there is considerable speculation as to the outcome. Lawrence MacLaren is captain of the "beaters" and has associated with him R. A. Sewell, D. H. Ryan, J. J. O'Neill and Herbert McIsaac. The mechanical staff will be composed of Robert Bartlett, J. Hayes, Fred Wilson, J. Vaughan and R. L. Brittain. The game will be played on the G. W. V. A. alleys.

The White Star Dominion liner Regina landed 324 passengers at Halifax today. Wm. Strapp, sixty-seven, of Vancouver, died on board while the vessel was at quarantine.

Greatest Strike In History, Says Head Of Miners' Union

PROPOSED DEAL IN MANITOBA

Would Agree to Norris as Premier if Three Ministers Were Drooped.

Winnipeg, March 24—A report is published here that sixteen opposition members of the Manitoba legislature including ten from independent farmer groups have agreed to the premiership of Hon. T. C. Norris, if the premier will drop from his cabinet Hon. T. H. Johnston, Hon. Edward Brown and Hon. J. W. Armstrong, replacing two of them by members of the new group. The suggestion is made that under this arrangement the legislature might complete its fall elected term and an election this year be deemed unnecessary.

Premier Norris is said to have told a deputation from the group that he would not abandon his cabinet ministers and that in any event the action came too late to prevent a dissolution.

WATER TWELVE FEET DEEP IN STREETS OF CITY

Burlington, Kas., March 24—Four persons were killed and property damage estimated at \$70,000 done at Burlington last night by a mudburst which flooded Rock Creek and sent it swooping down on the city without warning. Ten inches of water fell last night between 5 p.m. and midnight, sending through the streets in the business section streams which at the crest ran to twelve feet deep. For several blocks store fronts caved in and about twenty-five homes were swept away.

THE COAL TROUBLE IN NOVA SCOTIA

Halifax, N. S., March 24—Cancellation of the Nova Scotia coal leases of the British Empire Steel Corporation and government operation of the mines, unless the corporation agrees to pay its employees "wages which will ensure a decent standard of living" is sought by Forman Way, labor member for Cape Breton, in a resolution which he has given notice he will introduce in the provincial house of assembly.

D. W. Morrison, another Cape Breton labor member, introduced a bill yesterday, amending the coal mines regulation act, and which would give an eight hour day in the Nova Scotia mines, similar to that in force in British Columbia.

Truro, N. S., March 24—En route to Ottawa to ask federal intervention in the present coal mining situation in Nova Scotia, the mayors of several provincial mining towns met here last night before proceeding to the federal capital.

By a vote of four to three, the executive board of District 26, United Mine Workers of America, yesterday adopted the resolution of J. B. McLaughlin calling upon the 12,000 miners of Nova Scotia to cut coal production to the point where there will be no profit as the surest way of ending the strike against the British Empire Steel Corporation.

WORKMAN NOT TO TAKE CONTROL

New Glasgow, N. S., March 24—Complete denial of a rumor that Mark Workman, former president of the Dominion Steel Corporation would soon take control of the coal interests in Nova Scotia of the British Empire Steel Corporation, was authorized here today by D. H. McDonald, vice-president of the corporation.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of William Hodd took place this morning from 411 Douglas avenue to St. Peter's for high mass of requiem by Rev. G. Coffin, C. S. S. R. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery. Relatives acted as pall-bearers. A large number of spiritual offerings were received.

The funeral of Miss Anne Maguire took place this morning from 487 Main street to St. Peter's for high mass of requiem by Rev. D. Coll, C. S. S. R. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery. Her nephews acted as pall-bearers. There were a number of spiritual offerings.

The funeral of Miss Ada B. Hamilton was held this afternoon from 7th Street to Fernhill, Rev. R. A. Armstrong conducted service.

The funeral of Frank E. Saunders was held this afternoon from his parents' residence, Model Farm, to the Kirk at Hammond River. Interment was at Hammond River cemetery. Rev. Mr. Bevis conducted service.

THE DOLLAR TODAY.

New York, March 24—Sterling exchange irregular. Demand 4.88 3/8. Canadian dollars 25-8 per cent discount. 88 1/2.

General Policy Committee is Completing Arrangements in Cleveland.

Important Question is Whether District Unions will be Allowed to Make Separate Agreements with the Mine Owners—Strike Dues to Swell the \$2,000,000 War Chest.

(Canadian Press)

Cleveland, March 24—The general policy committee of the United Mine Workers of America met here today to complete arrangements for putting into effect what international President Lewis declared will be "the greatest strike in history." The meeting was held behind closed doors but it was understood steps would be taken to finance and conduct the strike from the time it starts on April 1.

Full power to conduct the affairs of the union during the suspension of work was vested in the policy committee by the miners in convention in Indianapolis last month. The committee also has the authority to negotiate for a new wage agreement between the miners and operators.

One of the most important questions expected to be decided by the committee is whether district unions shall be allowed to enter into separate agreements with their mine owners. At their Indianapolis meeting the miners voted against regional conferences. The subject was referred to the long standing factious fight between President Lewis and Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois miners. Farrington was said to be prepared to demand that regional conferences be permitted. He is said to have many supporters.

Mine owners who live here express hopes that Lewis and Farrington will reach an agreement. They say that the future of the coal trade of the Great Lakes is affected by the agreement.

For years Ohio and Pennsylvania operators have shipped to the northwest annually on an average \$20,000,000 worth of coal. The agreement would mean a loss of one hundred million dollars. They say that should the Illinois miners and operators reach a separate agreement, the Illinois mine owners would have the advantage over those of this section in furnishing fuel to the northwest. The Illinois operators have expressed their willingness to negotiate an agreement.

The policy committee was expected to arrange affairs in such a shape that the strike, once it started, would run automatically. Steps also were to be taken, it was understood, which will make it unnecessary for the international officers to send out orders from Indianapolis for the committee to remain in session. Another proposal calls for the assessment of \$100,000 for the purchase of two million dollars "war chest" which it is estimated is already available.

ARMY CONVENTION PROJECT MAKES A BAD SITUATION

Comment on "Open Threat of Revolution" in Ireland—Dail Ministers Look for Victory in Elections.

Dublin, March 24—The "open threat of revolution" signified by the decision of the anti-Free Staters to hold the forbidden Irish Republican army convention on Sunday has "created a precarious position," so the London Times correspondent here declares in a despatch to his paper.

A statement by Commandant Rodrick O'Connor on Wednesday that eighty per cent of the army's members are against the treaty, however, the correspondent believes to be exaggerated. He remarks that the call for the army convention was signed by only seven of the nineteen commanders, and that the army is mainly separate divisions in Cork, Kerry and South Tipperary, which disaffection was already known to exist.

He believes that the members of the army in Dublin, the Midlands and a large part of the west are loyal to the Dail Eireann and can be trusted in any emergency, and, further, that the country is not likely to regard any vote taken at Sunday's meeting as a criterion of the general temper of the army.

No attempt to prevent holding of the meeting is looked for on the part of the army general headquarters, which is extremely anxious to avert a conflict at this critical moment, but the provisional government is confident it has the support of the country as a whole and the greater part of the army.

The Dail ministers believe the coming elections will result in a sweeping victory for the treaty and that hereafter they will be able to deal firmly with any anti-Free State convention conspiracy. The meeting place of the army convention has not been divulged.

Dublin, March 24—A statement made yesterday by Hugh McDowell Pollock, Ulster finance minister, that the cost of special police would be borne by the British government up to a certain amount, challenged by the provisional government yesterday, to ascertain if the Ulster finance minister had a guarantee or undertaking from the imperial government on the subject.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, March 24—Opening: Wheat—May, 1.22; July, 1.17 1/2. Corn—May, 69 1/2; July, 62 1/2. Oats—May 95 1/2; July, 88 1/2.