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## IRISH TREATY MAY BRING VOTE IN BRITAIN

### Franks Murder Planned As "Intellectual Feat," Says Alienist

#### ELECTION ON IRISH ISSUE IS POSSIBLE

Long Controversy Over Treaty Cannot Be Settled Without a Struggle.

DEFEAT OF IRISH BILL IN COMMONS POSSIBLE

Lords Expected, However, To Throw Out Any Measure For Bringing On Election.

BY H. N. MOORE.  
Special Cable to London Free Press.  
LONDON, August 1.—Hon. J. H. Thomas, colonial secretary, is expected to make a statement to the House of Commons to-day which is believed will lead inevitably to a general election.

The Government fully realizes the essential necessity for immediate legislation to settle the Irish boundary question, fearing the establishment of a republic and possibly civil war in Ireland, unless Great Britain makes possibly a sacrificial effort to satisfy the Anglo-Irish Treaty. It is expected that legislation will be immediately introduced in the House of Commons.

The die-hards in the House of Commons and Lords are pledged to use every effort to defeat the bill. The Lords will undoubtedly throw out any measure for bringing on a general election. Ulster's uncompromising attitude has aroused the hostility of the Liberals, who undoubtedly will support the Government, thus allowing the bill to pass in the Commons. The younger Conservatives believe an election on the Irish issue would wreck the party.

#### CONFERENCE ARRANGED.

LONDON, August 1.—The House of Commons upon reassembling this morning at once took up the Irish question. Colonial Secretary Thomas said the Government proposed immediately to introduce legislation giving effect to the Anglo-Irish Treaty and to press for passage of that legislation through Parliament regardless of the consequences to the Government.

He announced that he had invited William T. Cosgrave, head of the Southern Irish Government, and Sir James Craig, Ulster premier, to come to London to confer with him. The proposed legislation would not be introduced until he had met Mr. Cosgrave and Sir James, but a bill dealing with the treaty would be introduced if they failed to agree before the adjournment of Parliament.

Mr. Thomas said that it was no doubt the intention of Parliament when it approved and ratified the treaty, that in the event of the Government of Northern Ireland exercising their option under article 12, the commission to be appointed should in fact be appointed. That article should in fact be appointed. That to secure, so far as it was in their power, that this intention be carried into effect.

#### PLEADS FOR UNITY.

He expressed hope that the Government of Northern Ireland might yet see its way clear to appoint representatives on the boundary commission, but, if it did not, the legislation would be proceeded with.

He hoped there would be no passion or feeling in the discussion. He was sure, however, that the suggested legislation would be hotly contested and that the long controversy could not be settled smoothly.

#### FORMER PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD MR. THOMAS' STATEMENT.

He meant that they would have the support of his colleagues and himself.

#### CONSERVATIVE WINS IN LABOURIST DISTRICT

Special Cable to London Free Press.  
LONDON, August 1.—The Conservative candidate, A. W. Dean, won the by-election in the Holland division of Lincolnshire by a majority of 806. The constituency was formerly held by a Labourite.



And Only Three Were There!

There were 34 chairs around when the Last Man's Club, composed of survivors of old Company B, First Minnesota Volunteers, gathered for its annual reunion in Stillwater, Minn. But 31 were vacant and 30 of the myriads draped in black. Only four of the original members of 1888 still live. And one, Emil Graff, St. Cloud, Fla., was confined to a wheel chair and couldn't come. The three who made the trip were Peter Lockwood, Chamberlain, S. D. The old bottle of wine, saved through the years, will be finished when only two remain and the club disbands. Next September the American Legion, at its national convention in St. Paul, will entertain the surviving members.

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#### Most Motor Accidents Occur Through Breach Of the Traffic Laws

Vital Clause of Safe Drivers' Club Pledge Commits Signer To Observance of City and Provincial Enactments.

"I will obey the traffic laws of the cities and province."

So reads the second clause of the pledge of the Free Press Safe Drivers' Club. It is the second of nine clauses which have been formulated with exacting care and discretion by the club's organizers. One of these purposes is to have our highways free from carelessness, and the second is to have city carelessness abandoned in a way which will not interfere with the enjoyment of motoring. The nine clauses of the pledge accomplish this fact—a fact which should meet the instantaneous and undivided approval of every motorist in Western Ontario.

The general attitude toward traffic laws is to observe them when it is dangerous to be caught by the minutiae of the law and to ignore them when there are no officers in the immediate vicinity. This has been the same in the past and will be the same in the future unless some medium is offered to remind the motorists of their responsibility in this regard. The Safe Drivers' Club pledge now offers this medium.

KEEP LAW; AVOID ACCIDENTS. Investigation into the cause of sadness over the entire district bring to light the startling fact that over 90 per cent. can be classed as accidents which are apparently unavoidable.—APPARENTLY unavoidable. Close investigation of this 10 per cent. will undoubtedly reveal the cause to be neglect—neglect in having the brakes in good condition, lights, horn, and the other appliances which are necessary for safe driving.

Let us at the present time confine ourselves to the elimination of the 90 per cent.—the remaining 10 per cent. will be eliminated in the natural course of events of this first glorious reduction. (Continued on Page Sixteen.)

#### CIRCUS CHARGES THEFT OF ADVERTISING POSTERS

Charles Sparks Asks Injunction Against Toronto Harbor Commission.

TORONTO, August 1.—Stealing circus advertising is a charge brought against Charles Sparks, in an action entered at Osgoode Hall this morning in which he claims \$100,000 damages and an injunction restraining the further distribution of certain Sunnyside advertising

#### FRATERNITY OF RURAL AND URBAN PEOPLES NEEDED

Better Understanding Essential To Development of National Spirit.

J. L. STANSELL, M. P. AT KIWANIS CLUB LUNCHEON

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#### CHICAGO DEFENSE WINS BIG POINT

Judge Caverly Overrules Objection To Alienist Evidence

NOT TO PROVE INSANITY

Submitted To Show Minds of Leopold and Loeb Diseased.

CHICAGO, August 1.—Judge John R. Caverly overruled objections by the state to alienist testimony offered in mitigation as to punishment by the defense for Nathan Leopold, Junior, and Richard Loeb.

The result which came after more than two court days of argument was a decided victory for the defense as it established the right to give testimony on mental disqualification of legal insanity "not as a defense, but in mitigation of punishment."

The kidnapping and murder of Robert Franks was planned as "an intellectual feat" on the part of Richard Loeb, according to testimony given to-day. This revelation of Loeb's motive came right at the end of the morning session from Dr. William A. White, a witness for the defense, whose (Continued on Page Sixteen.)

#### BREAD UP AT GUELPH; TEN CENTS A LOAF NOW

GUELPH, August 1.—The bakers of this city yesterday decided to advance the price of bread one cent per small loaf and amount of the recent rise in the price of flour.

They now have to pay \$8.39 and \$7.80 for first and second patent flour, respectively. Beginning to-day bread in Guelph sells at 10 cents a loaf of 1½ pounds and 20¢ per three-pound loaf.

#### THE WEATHER

A LITTLE WARMER		
Forecast:	Lower	
Lakes and Georgian Bay	Mod-	
erate north-		
east winds;		
fair and cool.		
Saturday—	Mod-	
erate winds;		
fair and little warmer.		
NOTES		
The area of high pressure now covers the Great Lakes and the weather is fair and cool from Manitoba to the Maritime.		
Provinces. Showers have been general in Alberta.		
TEMPERATURES		
	Highest	Lowest
Stations	8 a.m.	Yesterday
Kamloops	55	50
Calgary	58	54
Edmonton	48	74
Prince Albert	50	74
Winnipeg	52	72
Sault Ste. Marie	56	62
LONDON	62	72
Toronto	58	68
Ottawa	56	70
Montreal	58	70
Quebec	54	66
St. John, N. B.	62	74
Halifax	68	86
St. John's, Nfld.	61	80
Detroit	60	72
New York	66	84

#### GUEST OF KIWANIS.

J. L. STANSELL, M. P. East Elgin, who addressed the Kiwanis Club to-day.

#### SOME TIME BEFORE MATTHEWS IS BACK

Formalities of the Law May Take Some Weeks.

#### CHARGES NOT STATED

#### Warrant Is For Violation of the Secret Commissions Act.

TORONTO, August 1.—When deputy treasurer of Ontario, will return to Toronto is now the most question at the Parliament buildings.

The provincial authorities do not expect him to put up a fight against deportation. But even that is being in a hurry. The formalities of the law will take some days, perhaps weeks.

It is the usual thing for men being deported to be put back over the border at the point where they crossed. It is likely that Matthews crossed the time either at Niagara Falls or Windsor. The charges against him is for a violation of the Secret Commissions Act, in connection with the split of Elliott Brothers, the sale of succession duty-free bonds.

Local authorities profess to know nothing of either Jack Martin or Edward Bennett, two men who are mentioned as being responsible for the arrest of Matthews. Jack Martin is now at a tip from Ontario, and Bennett is said to have been the partner of Matthews in the lunch wagon enterprise. Bennett, it was said, posed as a private detective from Canada.

Local detective agencies know nothing of him.

#### GOOD HAMBURGER COOK.

TORONTO, August 1.—Charles Matthews, Jr., former deputy provincial treasurer of Ontario, now under detention by immigration authorities in San Francisco, is said to be a "good hamburger cook."

#### SOLTON'S SLAYER IS MURDERED

Nick Rutka Meets Death In Roumania, Officer Says.

KILLED IN REVENGE

Evaded Extradition, But Was Murdered By Compatriots.

ST. CATHARINES, Ont., August 1.—Police Constable Goss, Port Colborne, is authority here to-day for the information that Nick Rutka, alleged slayer of Alton Solton, at Welland, in August, 1922, has been murdered by compatriots in Roumania. Two others are serving life sentences in connection with the murder, while efforts had been made to extradite Rutka.

Rutka fought extradition in the first instance when a member of the provincial police force went all the way to Roumania to bring him back and secured his freedom through a technicality. His reported murder in his home country is believed to have been the result of the slaying of Solton at Welland and for the severe stabbing of Solton's son a year ago.

#### TRAINMAN'S DEATH AN ACCIDENT, SAYS JURY

No Way Fatality at McNaught Could Have Been Prevented.

GUELPH, August 1.—Accidental death by being struck by the truck of a wrecked freight car on the line of the C. P. R., was the verdict of a coroner's jury at the inquest into the cause of death of Thomas J. Ashdown, of West Toronto, foreman of a C. P. R. wrecking crew, whose death occurred on July 18 at the Guelph Hospital. Operators of the wrecker testified regarding the details of the accident and in reply to questions by the coroner, said the equipment was in perfect condition and that they knew of no way in which the accident could have been prevented.

#### DISCHARGE DAY ON ANNIVERSARY OF WAR OPENING

Veterans of R. C. R. Don Civilian Garb As Result of Pay Reductions.

LOSS OF TRAINED MEN SEVERE BLOW TO UNIT

Experience Gained Overseas At Great Cost Is Lost To the Permanent Force.

Ten years ago the barracks square of the Royal Canadian Regiment here was alive with men preparing to join the colors in view of looming war clouds, which indicated an unavoidable conflict. Militiamen, a few days later, were rallying from all centers, though many thought the approaching war would be a fight involving only the permanent forces of the empire.

To-day, 10 years after those stirring times, the square at Wolsey Barracks, as well as at the stations of "A," "B," and "C" companies, at Halifax, Toronto and Montreal, are again alive with hurrying men in civilian clothes. But this time the men who wear the "civies" do so with an air of unaccustomedness, for these men are leaving the service through reductions in military pay.

Locally, the noncommissioned regiment of the Royal Canadian Regiment are taking their discharges, either from headquarters or "C" Company. The three other companies it is believed that another 40 men have abandoned khaki for office coat or overalls.

Comradeship, sealed in the white heat of battle, are asunder and there is an air of sadness of the sergeants' and men's muses at Wolsey Barracks. Practically every man who is leaving has had years of military service. The total service of those leaving the R. C. R. alone is computed at 573 years.

That the loss of so many veterans at one time will be a severe blow to the regular forces is admitted. Such men it is pointed out, cannot be replaced. One retired officer points out that it took billions of dollars and a million lives to shape men into such models of veteran efficiency.

"It seems a poor economy to me," he stated. "These men, the like of whom will not be seen for another half century, or perhaps never again, are being forced into an already overcrowded industrial world, where they are not needed, and where they will even be fitted of them be at a disadvantage as regards opportunities for success in civilian occupations."

"The Federal Government's idea of economy is admirable, but in this case, it is being approached from the wrong angle."

"We may never have another war, but if we did—and there are distinct possibilities of another, as well as other wars—we would suffer through the wholesale infiltration of untrained men into our regular forces."

#### TRAINED IN PROFESSION.

"A trained soldier, such as the veterans of the R. C. R., is equal in his particular line to a trained professional in his. It would be no more ridiculous an idea to turn out trained faculty members of the University of Western Ontario and fill their places with public school principals than to have let so-called economy, directed at a service which cannot talk back, force half a company of trained soldiers to take their discharges."

What Canada loses to-day in the Royal Canadian Regiment, the cavalry corps and the permanent artillery cannot be estimated in dollars and cents, but if one must have figures, I would dobt national preparedness with \$100,000 for each veteran who to-day resumes status as a civilian."

To determine the extent of the injuries received when the automobile in which he and his 14-year-old son were riding when it was struck by a C. N. R. passenger train on Tuesday afternoon Robert Strathdee, of Rebecca, West Nisour, was brought to Victoria Hospital just before noon to-day.

An X-ray examination was made soon after, but the result is not yet known. Robert Strathdee's injuries include a compound fracture of the leg, the bone protruding a number of inches through the flesh. A large piece of steel is said to have been embedded in the bone, but was removed after being taken home.

Doctors in attendance are guarding, as much as possible, against infection. It may be found necessary to amputate either the foot or leg.

Clive Strathdee, who was riding with his father at the time of the mishap, was instantly killed. An inquest is to be held into the circumstances surrounding the fatality.

The accident occurred on a railroad crossing a mile west of Wabouano.

#### LEG BROKEN IN FALL, LOCKJAW THREATENED

Efforts are being made to ward off lockjaw as result of symptoms which have set in since Frank Vann, 122 Richmond street, was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital about two weeks ago after falling from a ladder while painting his home. The fall resulted in a compound fracture of the right leg and the lockjaw symptoms followed.

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