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GATHER TO FRAME THE IRISH REPLY

Dail Eireann and Sinn Fein Executive Meet.

Ban on the Latter Has Never Been Withdrawn — Clergy Reported Urging Action to Prevent a Resumption of Warfare.

Dublin, Aug. 23—Irish Republican leaders gathered here to frame a reply to the British government's offer of dominion status for Ireland, divided their activities today between secret sessions of the Dail Eireann and a meeting of the executive of the Sinn Fein. The meetings of the two bodies were held in the Mansion House and it was believed both would concern themselves with the attitude taken by the Irish Republicans toward the terms laid down by Premier Lloyd George as the basis of a settlement of the Irish controversy.

Meetings of the Sinn Fein executive were placed under the ban long ago by the British government, and so far as known the proscription has never been lifted. When it was announced that the committee would meet there was some apprehension lest crown forces would interfere in the gathering but up until this morning no intimation had been given that British anthorities in Ireland frowned on the proposed assembly.

Considerable speculation was caused here last night by the delivery of a message to Mr. De Valera by Monsignor Edward Mulhern, Bishop of Dromore. It was asserted the message had not come from Cardinal Logue, head of the Catholic church in Ireland but there was no further information relative to the origin of the message, except it came from "highest authority." It was the subject of protracted consultations by the Sinn Fein leaders.

Soon after the Dail Eireann convened it was declared in some quarters that the Irish clergy was urging such action as would preclude resumption of warfare between the Republican forces and the British soldiery or constabulary.

Two sessions of the "parliament" were held yesterday and while details were withheld it was understood that the deputies asked Eamonn De Valera and his colleagues for explanations of various phases of the situation. It was indicated that no extended addresses were made, with the exception of speeches by Mr. De Valera or other men high in the councils of the provisional Republican government.

These addresses, it was declared, were made only in response to questions by deputies. Actual framing of the Irish answer that will be sent to London was apparently postponed.

Sir James Craig, premier of Ulster planned to meet his cabinet at Belfast today, and it was believed probable that relations between Belfast and Dublin would be considered.

WILL RUSH RELIEF TO SOVIET RUSSIA

Food Supplies and American Workers Will be Sent at Once to Riga.

Washington, Aug. 23—A satisfactory agreement has been reached with the Soviet authorities at Riga under which the American Relief Administration will begin immediately to fight famine among the children of Russia, so Secretary Hoover has announced. The agreement, he added, accepts the conditions laid down by the American organization for safeguarding the lives of relief workers and insuring American control of food supplies.

While the negotiations have come to a successful conclusion, the secretary explained, it may be a day or two before a formal agreement is signed. Important details such as means of transportation and location of serious famine areas remain to be worked out he said, before the final document is drafted.

The work of the relief in Russia will begin at once, Mr. Hoover declared, adding that the New York office of the administration was already preparing to rush supplies to Danzig for trans-shipment into Russia. The quantity of food, however, which will be needed, it is understood, cannot be determined until a survey of Russian famine conditions is made.

A letter from President Harding endorsing the effort to mitigate famine in Russia and asking unity of the relief work in one American organization was made public by Mr. Hoover.

"My particular purpose in addressing this letter to you," the President said, "is to emphasize my wish that the distribution in Russia of all charity arising in the United States should be carried on through one American organization. It is only through single American representation and administration that we can assure to both American and Russian people the best service in the use of their funds.

"I am asking the department of State to co-operate in directing that passports be given for travel in Russia only to persons who may be in the service of the American Relief Association.

"It is also of importance that the American people sould be protested so far as we can do so from those persons who may wish to thrive on great disaster by creating unnecessary organizations to collect charity."

"It is not the intention of the American Relief Administration," Mr. Hoover said, "to make any public appeals for funds as it feels that the economic situation in America does not warrant such a demand until the whole employment and business situation is greatly improved."

PACKING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

"Now, how shall I get that Ulster in?" —Sunday Chronicle.

AFTER THE TAX ON BOOTLEGGERS

Proceedings Against Some Who Do Not Pay.

Wife of One Declares He Made $50,000 a Week and Said She Should be Proud of Him—Large Shipments from Canada Into States.

New York, Aug. 23—Federal prosecutors and representatives of the Internal Revenue Bureau announced after a conference yesterday that agents were gathering evidence for proceedings against bootleggers for failure to pay income taxes.

Some bootleggers declare their full income and pay the tax, specifying their business as speculation, an official says, but federal agents have discovered many who have not reported profits.

Reports concerning the latest variety of new rich, the bootlegging millionaire, attained concrete form recently when a Brooklyn woman suing for alimony charged in papers filed in court that her husband made $50,000 weekly by bootlegging.

"When I object to his business," her petition recited, "he scorns me and declares, 'you ought to be proud to be the wife of a successful bootlegger!"

Montreal, Aug. 23—Since the embargo on the sending of liquors in bond through the United States has been lifted, it was said yesterday by Montreal agents of the Canadian Distilling and Importing House that very large quantities of Canadian and imported liquors were being sent out of Canada through the U. S.

Prominent agents of the distilling companies here say that the trouble in the U. S. had been caused by a woman official at Washington who was so ardent a prohibitionist that she not only wanted to enforce prohibition in the U. S., but also to make the laws of that country so applicable as to prevent any liquors being sent from one country to another in bond through the United States, even though trade treaties provided for this right.

RECRUITING IN NEW YORK FOR A FIGHT IN MOROCCO

U. S. Veterans and Spaniards Enlist to Do Battle for Spain.

New York, Aug. 23—Recruiting for a Spanish foreign legion for service in Morocco was in progress yesterday at the Spanish consulate here. About 250 men, who have been recruited since last Thursday, were told to be ready to leave today for Spain. More than half of that number are United States veterans of the A. E. F. The rest are Spaniards and South Americans.

The office was crowded with applicants all day. Most of the Americans said frankly that they were broke and were looking more for three meals a day than any military excitement. Some of the more prosperous looking ones said they were looking for adventure and hoped to find it in the Moroccan

Madrid, Aug. 23—Reports that France had sent Spain a note warning her to restrain her offensive operations against the Moroccan tribesmen in the Melille zone, are officially denied here.

Attacking at Melilla.

Melilla, Aug. 23—Morocco tribesmen are increasing their attacks upon the outer zone of the Spanish defences of this city, but have been repulsed with important losses. The enemy is using cannon in his operations against the Spanish trenches. Commanding officers of the Spanish army have begun preparations for the punitive expedition against the tribesmen.

TRIAL TRIP OF BALLOON FOR THE OCEAN VOYAGE

Howden, Eng., Aug. 23—The dirigible Z R 2 purchased from Great Britain by the U. S. commenced a trial trip this morning. It will start on its flight across the Atlantic to the U. S. as soon as practicable.

If the conclusion of today's test should be successful, the next step will be the training of the crew in one or two fifteen or twenty hour flights.

HOOVER OUT OF LABOR DAY RACE

Kelley's Refusal to Row Given as Cause.

Boston Braves Make Uphill Fight but Lose to Pittsburg —Welsh in Draw — Late Sport News.

Duluth, Aug. 23—Walter Hoover, Duluth boat club, national senior sculling champion, today announced withdrawal of his entry for the middle states regatta to be held at Philadelphia Labor Day. Refusal of Jack Kelley, Vesper Boat Club, Philadelphia, world's champion senior sculler to enter the middle states regatta as a sculler, prompted the withdrawal, Duluth boat club rowing officials said.

Philadelphia, Aug. 23—Crews from Canada, New York, Bayonne, Buffalo and Baltimore are expected to be entered in the middle states regatta on the Schuylkill River course here Labor Day.

The Schuylkill is a scene of intense activity for local oarsmen these days. Scullers of the Vesper Boat Club are particularly busy as that club will have no fewer than ten entries in the eighteen events of the regatta. Vesper's senior entries will consist of a single, double, four centipede, eight and four oarded rig.

Baseball.

New York, Aug. 23—The Boston Braves made a great uphill battle in an attempt to overcome a nine to two lead. Pittsburg won by the score of ten to eight. Boston used five pitchers and three pinch hitters.

Home runs by McHenry and Hornsby of St. Louis were responsible for five of the six Cardinal runs. Pertica blanked the Giants with three hits. Cy William's home run in the 12th gave the Philadelphia Nationals a victory over Chicago.

Despite three two base hits by Manager Speaker, Cleveland dropped a close game to Boston.

Thirteen New York American players batted in the sixth inning against St. Louis and the Yanks scored eight runs.

Welsh Lacked Speed.

Winnipeg, Aug. 23—Freddy Welsh, former lightweight champion of the world, and Clonie Tait, Canadian lightweight champion, fought ten rounds to a draw here last night. Welsh did not show anything like his old time form. Both contestants did considerable dancing but few effective blows were landed.

Tait was the aggressor throughout but could not penetrate Welsh's wonderful guard. The former world's champion lacked the speed that characterized his former performances in this city.

GOMPERS SPEAKS ON SITUATION RE LABOR IN STATES

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 23.—The present unemployment situation is an "economic crime" that is resulting in a loss of $27,500,000 a day in wages to the workers of the United States, President Samuel Gompers declared last night, following a session of the executive council of the A. F. of L., at which present unemployment conditions were discussed.

Wage reductions will not relieve the situation, he said, adding that such action will further curtail "our domestic purchasing power," and more factories will close because the people have not the money to buy their products.

"The cost of living has not come down," he said. "Instead, with profiteering unchecked and unrestrained, it is going up, especially rents."

PREDICTS LOWER RENTS IN THE FALL IN NEW YORK

New York, Aug. 23—The present effort of landlords to increase apartment rents is a last desperate attempt to "get all they can" before a genial drop in rents, which is bound to come in the fall in the opinion of J. P. Wilson, chief counsel for the mayor's committee on rent profiteering.

A decided decrease in rents is certain in the near future, Mr. Wilson asserts, because there are more apartments vacant now than there have been in years.

"When one or two landlords realize that they cannot hope for more rent when wages are being reduced steadily," Mr. Wilson said, "and landlords will follow, and there will be a general reduction."

As Hiram Sees It

"Well, sir," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "I seen the boat race between the Paris crew an' the Tyne crew fifty year ago, an' I'm goin' out to Renforth today. You'd be su'prised if you knowed how many o' the old fellers is still toddlin' around an' ready to argy. D'you mind the old Tyne House out on the Old Westmorland Road? It was burnt down years ago. Yes, sir—it was named after the Tyne crew. I mind it fust-rate. I mind, too, hearin' the old folks tell about the hoss-races on the sands in Courtenay Bay, when they used to hev faction fights between the Mash Bridge an' Lower Cove an' York Pint. Yes sir,—they used to go at one another with trunnels from the shipyards—an' fer months after it a feller from one place dassent go through one o' the other places alone at night. They used to hev places to sell liquor right out there where the races was, an' wimmin didn't mind hevin' a share in the shindy. You sometimes hear folks talk about the good old days—but I guess nobody wants to go back to that sort o' thing. You kin hev jist as good a time without spillin' anybody's scenery—yes, sir."

SOME DAYS BEFORE DECISION ABOUT THE ELECTIONS

Latest Word from Ottawa is That Government Supporters Urge Delay Till Spring.

Ottawa, Aug. 2.—(Canadian Press.)—It was understood here last night that further representations made to Right Hon. Arthur Meighen by prominent members and supporters of the government today were strongly against the staging of a general election this fall. Supporters of the government urged, it was said, that the election should not be held until the spring at the very earliest. There was no other indication of just what decision the premier would reach and it was thought probable that the final pronouncement would not be made for some days.

It is expected that the writ for the by-election in West York, Ont., will be issued either today or tomorrow, on account of the expiration of the time limit of six months since the seat was declared vacant.

In the meantime government supporters continue to pour into the capital in increasing numbers.

THINKS IT WILL NOT HAVE EFFECT ON EXCHANGE

Views on Replacement of the Pound by the Dollar as the Standard for Basing Italian Lire.

London, Aug. 23—The replacement of the pound sterling by the gold dollar as a standard upon which the Italian gold lira is based, announced recently from Rome, is not likely to affect international exchanges, according to Italian bankers here, who explained that it simply means a change of the basis for the calculation of duties payable in gold and similar gold transactions.

The dollar standard has been adopted, it is explained, because the United States is the Italian largest creditor.

Rome, Aug. 23—At the National Exchange institute the reason given for the change from the pound sterling to the gold dollar as the basis of the Italian gold lira was that "dollars are real money."

"The pound is no more the standard for gold while the dollar maintains an equal par with gold," said an official of the institute. "Italy has been losing money all the time she used the pound. Italy has collected all obligations owed her on the basis of the pound and all the Italian customs duties have been fixed that way, with the result that the Italian treasury was being deprived of many million annually. The dollar being the best money in the world, we will now have a true value on which to base the lira—that which nearest approaches gold."

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WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, Director of meteorological service.

Morning Report.

Light to moderate winds; fine; not much change in temperature.

BIRKENHEAD WAS SUCCESS

Critics Not So Kindly to Chamberlain.

Sir Gordon Hewart Recognized as Great Aid to Lloyd George — Writers Discuss Men at Adjournment of House.

London, Aug. 23—(Canadian Press)—The adjournment of parliament brings out articles in several prominent newspapers discussing the political advance or retrogression of well known parliamentary figures. Although these critics normally often differ widely, the conclusions arrived at in this instance show a fair degree of unanimity.

Lord Birkenhead, the High Lord Chancellor, is generally hailed as having enchanced his reputation and put the seal of his brilliant intellect and overmastering personality upon his exalted office. One critic suggests that his keenness for refraining the House of Lords is due to a desire eventually to the rough and tumble life of the House of Commons.

Austin Chamberlain is put down as an indifferent successor to Bonar Law in the leadership of the House of Commons. His austere manner contests with Mr. Law's amiable bearing. The assertion is also made that be is too pliable in the premier's hands for the liking of the one time Unionists.

The ready admission is made that a phenomenally rapid rise has been attained by Sir Robert Horne, chancellor of the exchequer, due entirely to his own abilities, although it is recognized that his most difficult period, when wholesale allegations are being made that the treasury, which ought to be the financial watchdog over the departments, has been found woefully wanting, is still to come.

Sir Gordon Hewart, who recently sacrificed a chief justiceship to help the premier on the floor of the House of Commons, is fully recognized as perhaps Lloyd George's strongest pillar and it is anticipated that he will certainly attain his ambition on the first favorable opportunity.

Denounce Irish Policy.

The critics, who are unsparing in denouncing the government's policy regarding Ireland, gave generous tribute to Sir Hamar Greenwood for the dogged manner in which he has stuck to a thankless task.

Despite the popularity of the anti-waste cry in the constituencies, few, the observers assert, of its representatives in the House of Commons have done anything remarkable.

Little fresh talent has been thrown up from the back benches during the session.

The Morning Post, which has long been restless under the coalition, announces that Conservative suspicion has been deepened into distrust, adding that there is not one man in a dozen who believes that at the next general election Conservatives generally will stand except as Conservatives and Unionists.

The Post asserts that Premier Lloyd George saw this turn of opinion a long while back, which accounts for the recent efforts to build up a Liberal fighting fund and electoral organization.

The Observer, which generally supports the premier, says the coalition could not have survived if the premier's antagonists at home and abroad had not overreached themselves. This year's executive programme, says the newspaper, has been such a tale of failure and recantation as might have broken any cabinet. Like the other papers, however, the Observer refuses to predict an election yet.

FIRST STATION IN WIRELESS CHAIN

British Make a Start in Line of Communications With Cairo.

London, Aug. 23—Right Hon. F. G. Kellaway, postmaster-general, has inaugurated the completion, at Leafield, Oxfordshire, of the first station in the imperial chain of wireless telegraphy communicating with Cairo, which in turn communicates with the stations in East South Africa. The combined distance of this wireless communication between British stations is approximately 6,000 miles as the crow flies. The postmaster-general remarked that all the principal work in the undertaking was British, and the result of British inventions. He said that a controversy had arisen concerning high power stations, but "grandiose people with grandiose schemes broke down when there came the question of expense."

SAYS EUROPE KEPT BACK BY LIQUOR DRINKING

Sausanne, Aug. 23—President Schulthess of Switzerland, opening the anti-alcoholic congress here yesterday, declared alcohol was in the first rank of "obstacles hindering world pacification." He painted a despondent picture of Europe's economic situation, saying it was due greatly to alcoholism.

CLASSIFICATION OF THE MERCHANTS

Winnipeg, Aug. 23—Establishment, in all Canadian provinces, of district branches of the Retail Merchants Association and the classification of all retail merchants into individual trade sections were discussed at a gathering of provincial association secretaries yesterday.

The meeting was preliminary to the annual convention of the Retail Merchants' Association, which will open today.

BURGLARS TAKE SAFE BODILY FROM STORE

It Weighed 700 Pounds and Contained Books and $100 in Cash.

Medford, Aug. 23—A safe weighing nearly 700 pounds, containing books and about $100 in money, was carried away by burglars who entered the store of the Ginter Grocery Company at Main and Harvard streets.

The break was discovered by the police soon after midnight, but a survey of the store failed to reveal that anything had been disturbed. In the morning the manager stooped down to open the safe, which was kept beneath a counter, and discovered that it had been carried away bodily.

DEATH FOLLOWS WOMAN'S CHOICE

Question of Her Husband or the Other Man.

Elects to Remain in Wife's Place and is Shot Dead—Murderer Flees But Soon Commits Suicide.

Porterville Calif., Aug. 23—Mrs. J. B. Bachman, forced to choose between her husband and another man in the presence of both, elected to remain true to her marriage, and thus sealed her death, which came an instant later when the other man, Walter H. Alexander, it is charged, shot and killed her, on Sunday.

"Well, what are you going to do?" Alexander was quoted as demanding of Mrs. Bachman.

"I guess I'll stay here," Bachman said his wife replied from her seat beside him in an auto.

Thereupon, Bachman said, Alexander fired a shotgun point blank at the woman.

The shooting occurred at the ranch home of F. B. Collings, Step-father of Alexander, in the popular district, near here.

Alexander's mother and step-father also witnessed the shooting.

After the shooting Alexander left, carrying the shotgun, it was said, and a sheriff's posse is searching for him.

According to the story Bachman told officers he had gone to Lindsay, twenty miles from the Collings ranch to bring home Mrs. Bachman. He found Alexander also at Lindsay, he said, and was forced by him to drive Mrs. Bachman and Alexander to the ranch. He told officers Alexander held a knife at his back all the way.

At the ranch Alexander disabled the automobile, obtained a shotgun and approached Mrs. Bachman.

Alexander then demanded what the woman was going to do, and receiving her answer shot her, Bachman said.

After holding Bachman at bay with the shotgun half an hour, while Collings procured liquor from a neighbor's house, Alexander fled across the fields, the two men told officers.

H. Alexander was later found dying on a ranch ten miles from here by a posse. He died before any aid could be administered. Sheriff Smith, leader of the posse, believed Alexander poisoned himself.

STILL AWAITING NEWS OF HAIG

G. W. V. A. Cannot Yet Announce the Date of Its Convention.

Ottawa, Aug. 23. — The dominion command of the G. W. V. A. has been active during the last two weeks in the matter of arranging the September-October dominion G. W. V. A. convention at Port Arthur-Fort William, but on account of the still indefinite news as to Earl Haig's coming is unable yet to make any announcements as to dates.

It is understood that Earl Haig is willing to come to Canada. However, he is still an officer under the command of the British war office, and his leave of absence would have to be arranged. It is understood that high Canadian statesmen are at present corresponding with the British government with a view of impressing them with the fact that Earl Haig's presence in Canada would be most desirable at the coming convention.

While the situation in Ireland is as unsettled as it is, there seems to be a desire to keep Earl Haig in Britain. Of course this is not given as the reason for the war office's reluctance to give him leave, but it is pretty well understood that were the Irish situation easier, Earl Haig could at once announce his presence in Canada at the G. W. V. A. convention for a definite date.

N. S. UNION OF MUNICIPALITIES

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 23—Hon. Clinton Rogers Woodruff of Philadelphia, founder of the National Municipal League of the United States; Oscar Morin, deputy minister of municipal affairs of Quebec; J. B. Lamb, deputy minister of municipal affairs of Alberta, and General C. H. Mitchell, dean of the faculty of applied science, University of Toronto, are among the distinguished speakers who will address the convention of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, which will open here today. It least 100 delegates from various parts of the province are expected.

PARALYZING THE STRONG AND WEAK

Famine's Grip Now on Workers in Russia.

Necessary Work Carried on Only With Difficulty—People Eat Grass and Acorns are a Luxury.

London, Aug. 23—Efforts of employed workers in Russia to help the famine sufferers are hindered by the fact that they themselves are weakened through lack of propoer food, says a Moscow despatch to the Daily Herald.

Famine now is paralyzing the strong and weak alike, it adds, and many men for whom employment is available are too enfeebled to do anything requiring physical exertion. It is estimated by the Herald's Moscow correspondent that the workers in the suburbs of the larger towns are receiving only thirty per cent of the allotted rations.

Operation on the Volga River fleet, the chief means of carrying food to the famine areas, is continued with the greatest difficulty because the crews are half starved. In the Kazan area many have been without bread since June, and, the correspondent says, dock workers often are without food for three or four consecutive days.

In Samara the people are eating all the grass that escaped the scorching drought and acorns are regarded as a luxury.

PRESS VIEWS ON IRISH SITUATION

New York Times Gathers Opinions of Some Papers in British Dominions.

New York, Aug. 23—(Canadian Press) As an indication of the views held by British dominions toward the Irish peace negotiations, the New York Times this morning publishes the following:

Australian cable despatches received here show that the Melbourne Argus and The Morning Herald of Sydney, refuse to believe that De Valera proposes to plunge Ireland back into strife. The Morning Herald says the right of secession can no more be granted to Ireland than to the southern states of America.

The Melbourne Age calls the claim for an independent republic utterly impossible.

The Sydney Herald refuses to believe that De Valera is serious.

The Telegraph thinks he must merely be manoeuvring.

The Sydney News praises England for the generosity of the offer.

The Central News reports that at Sydney there is wide regret among Irishmen over De Valera's refusal of the proposal.

South African comment takes the same lines as the Australian. Disappointment at De Valera's action is emphasized.

The Cape Times warns him that in case of failure the empire will know where to place the responsibility.

SERIOUS TIME IN INDIA; RIOT OF MUSSULMANS

London, Aug. 23—(Canadian Press)—A Reuter cable from Calcutta says that a serious situation has arisen in Madras in consequence of rioting by the Moplah sect of Mussulmans.

The railway telegraph lines of the South Indian railway were pulled down and a repairing party was despatched, escorted by police, but they were unable to cope with the rioters and were compelled to return. The rioters looted two post offices and a colllision is reported to have occurred at Tirurangadi. Two officers and two constables are missing. A special train is conveying troops and police to the scene of the disturbance, the cause of which is at present unknown.

RAILWY CARMEN FOR PLUMB PLAN

Toronto, Aug. 23—What was practically an endorsation of the much discussed "Plumb plan" for the nationalization of the railways of the U. S. was given by the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America in adoption of the minority report on industrial democracy of the American Federation of Labor.

In dealing with the situation brought about by the action of the U. S. labor board in doing away with the present system of overtime pay for Sundays and holidays, the convention heeded the request of the railway employes department of the A. F. of L., that no precipitate action be taken.

Accordingly, they passed a resolution voicing their readiness to stand by whatever action the Railway Employes Department might feel to be necessary, that body having sent assurance that it had the matter well in hand.

SIR GEO. E. FOSTER ON A HOLIDAY

Ottawa, Aug. 23—(Canadian Press)—Sir George E. Foster, minister of trade and commerce, left last night for a holiday and will be absent from the capital for two weeks.