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LESS TENSION IN IRELAND TODAY

Evacuation of British Troops is Resumed.

More Quiet Along the Ulster Border, but There has Been Resumption of Shooting in West Belfast, Where the Deaths Number 25.

(Canadian Press Cable.)

London, Feb. 15.—Twenty-four hours of calm on the Ulster frontier, where forces of the north and south are facing each other, has brought some relief from the tension in the Irish situation. A statement by Lord High Chancellor Birkenhead yesterday, however, that "in the next few weeks we are going through the most grave and critical period probably in living memory," is generally regarded as in no particular overdrawing.

Michael Collins' assertion that he was in a position to obtain the release of some of the kidnapped Ulsterians is viewed here with relief, but it is evident that the feeling in Ulster will not moderate until all the captives are freed.

The current in Belfast yesterday that forty-two of the captive Ulsterians have applied to the Ulster government for release of the football players held in the Derry jail is unconfirmed and has been positively denied by Lieut. Col. W. D. Spender, secretary of the Ulster cabinet.

There is no indication from Ulster of an intention to liberate the football players, but it has been officially intimated that an application would not be refused. The chief concern in a speech in the House of Lords yesterday said he believed the northern government, taking a lenient view of the circumstances, would not be unwilling to assent to a truce in the cases against the men returned to the British. Consequently hope is entertained that the feeling on both sides of the border may be modified before long on the question of prisoners.

Further hope for a lessening of the border tension is based on the fact that the British government has suggested to both Premier Craig and Mr. Collins the appointment of a liaison officer on each side of the line to keep in constant touch and calm local crises. The outcome of this suggestion is as yet unknown.

The British soldiers. The difficulty regarding the suspension of the British evacuation has been removed. Mr. Collins came to London last night and will see Secretary for Colonies Churchill, and perhaps also the premier, today. It cannot be doubted that suspension of the departure of the British troops has aroused in Drogheda deep suspicion as to the government's position, and it remains to be seen whether official assurances can be given which will allay this feeling.

It was rumored in Dublin yesterday that the evacuation would be resumed today, but confirmation was not obtainable this morning. Such a step is possible if the border situation is deemed "satisfactorily" eased.

Eamon De Valera has maintained complete silence concerning Mr. Collins' charges of a republican plot against the provincial government and Collins has added nothing to his original statement.

London, Feb. 15.—Michael Collins, who arrived in London this morning, had a long conference with Winston Churchill, secretary of the colonies, at the colonial office during the forenoon.

More Shooting in West Belfast. Belfast, Feb. 15.—Constable O'Donnell, who was kidnapped in Roslea, County Fermanagh, in last week's raids, has returned to his barracks. He was released by his captors at Drogheda, County Louth. There has been much controversy over O'Donnell's seizure.

Belfast, Feb. 15.—Shooting was resumed in the early hours of the morning in West Belfast after a temporary lull around midnight. Frank McCoy was found dead on a sidewalk with bullet wounds in the back. The official report on the death of James Rice, whose body was found late last night, shows that he was done to death in a brutal manner. An armed gang tied his hands behind his back, pulled his coat over his head and tied a scarf over his eyes, kicked and beat him and then ended his sufferings with bullets.

Shooting also occurred this morning on the east side of the town, which hitherto has enjoyed comparative immunity. Shots were fired into several private houses, and Maggie Ferguson was wounded in the lung. Patrick Bradley, an income tax collector, was wounded in the stomach by shots fired through a door of his home.

The door of Father O'Brien's house was smashed by bullets and Peter Keenan and Frank McHugh were severely wounded while in their homes.

The deaths of a girl and a youth who were shot Monday brought the total deaths in the present series of outbreaks to twenty-five. John O'Neill, a postman, was shot from a side street this morning while in Falls Road. His arm was broken.

LATER. Belfast, Feb. 15.—Arrangements for the evacuation of the British troops from southern Ireland were resumed today after a suspension lasting two days. At Dublin preparations were making for the embarkation of 400 men.

At noon today Belfast was reported absolutely quiet, the presence of troops in the streets having had the desired effect of checking the operations of the gunmen.

Conditions on the border, where forces of north and south Ireland are facing each other as the result of the tension created by the recent kidnapping of Ulster Unionists, also were reported quiet.

Belfast, Feb. 15.—After a period of quiet lasting several hours, disorders again broke out in this city at three o'clock this afternoon when shooting began in the Vanhoose street area, near

As Hiram Sees It

"I see they got a hanted house over in Nova Scotia," said Mr. Hiram Hornbaker, the Times reporter. "They're makin' a great huller about it. I guess we'll see 'em do it. It does 'em good, an' doesn't do nobody else no harm. It's like a feller tellin' about the big trout he didn't get. I guess we'll see 'em do it a little now an' then."

"You seem to be a bit skeptical," said the reporter.

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MURDERER A RAVING MANIAC

Scully Slays Aged Father and Almost Kills Sister With Razor and Hammer.

Samia, Ont., Feb. 15.—Raving in his cell in the Port Huron jail, awaiting his appearance in police court before Canadian and American immigration authorities, Anthony Scully, murderer of his aged father and who almost killed his sister, says that his relatives are the cause of all his misfortune and that, with the law falling to take its course, he took the law into his own hands. Last night, in his padded cell, he was a raving maniac. The hospital authorities announce that his sister in the asylum is in a critical condition. The sister is suffering from fifty razor slashes and twenty-one blows from a hammer.

THREE BRITISH AIRMEN KILLED

Plane Crashes From Ninety Feet in Madrid—Was Intended for Morocco Service.

Madrid, Feb. 15.—Three British airmen, Richardson, Milne and Ortweiler, were killed yesterday at the Cuatro Vientos Airfield, just outside Madrid, when an airplane in which they were flying crashed from a height of ninety feet. Two of the men died instantly, and the third a short time afterward in a hospital. The airplane, which was intended for service in Morocco, was to have been brought today in the presence of Queen Victoria.

BASEBALL CLUBS ASKING FOR EARLY COVEY DECISION

Yarmouth, N. S., Feb. 15.—A resolution declaring that the uncertainty regarding the amateur status of athletes in the maritime provinces makes it impossible for baseball clubs to make their plans for the coming season, and urging that the maritime provinces branch of the A. A. U. of C. take any action projected without delay, has been sent to President Covey of the maritime branch by the Yarmouth A. A. U.

A copy of the resolution has been sent to all other clubs in the district, with the request that they take similar action.

OTTAWA LIBERAL WOMEN ORGANIZE

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—(Canadian Press)—The Ottawa Women's Liberal Club was formed here last night, under the presidency of Mrs. Norman F. Wilson.

Mrs. Hewitt Bostock, wife of the government leader in the senate, and Madame Rodolphe Lemieux, wife of the speaker designate of the commons, were elected honorary vice-presidents.

THE PRETORIAN

The Canadian Pacific Steamships liner Pretorian was expected to reach port at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon from Glasgow. She has approximately twenty-one cabin and fifty-three third class passengers in addition to 387 tons of general cargo and a small quantity of royal mail. The passengers will be sent on to their destinations on the regular trains.

The Victoria Barracks. The military promptly opened fire.

London, Feb. 15.—Michael Collins has obtained the release of fifteen of the Ulster Unionists recently kidnapped, it was announced in the House of Commons today by Winston Churchill, secretary for the colonies. Mr. Collins hoped that more of the prisoners would be liberated during the day.

Sherbrooke Electric Lighting Prices Further Reduced

(Canadian Press.) Sherbrooke, Que., Feb. 15.—The last discount reduction decided on by the city council in the price of electric light here brings the price per k.w. hour down to 5.1 cents net. The actual price is still six cents per k.w. hour, but a discount of fifteen per cent is allowed for prompt payment.

There has been no reduction in the price of power, which is still at one cent per k.w. hour, with a minimum charge of \$1.75 per horsepower per month.

Montreal, Feb. 15.—The Montreal Light Heat and Power Company dispenses electricity for all purposes to dwellers and manufacturers in this city at the rate of six cents per k.w. hour.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—Electricity rates in Toronto are now as follows: Based on floor area, approximately a six room house charge would be service charge 30 cents a month, first 30 kilowatts at two cents and remainder at one cent per k.w. hour.

NINE HELD IN THEATRE CASE

Architect, Roof Engineer, Building Inspector and the Builder of Knickerbocker, Washington, Included.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Nine men were ordered held for the grand jury in bond of \$5,000 by the coroner's jury yesterday which brought in a verdict in connection with the collapse of the roof of the Knickerbocker Theatre, January 28, resulting in the death of ninety-eight persons. They included the architect of the building, the engineer who designed the roof structure, the building inspector, the architect who designed the theatre and others having to do with the building and inspecting of the theatre.

The coroner's jury in its verdict declared that the collapse of the roof was due to the failure of the roof structure and inadequate supervision and inspection.

As a result of the work Larry entered the second day of the meet with forty points. Arthur Staff, Chicago, American League, and Everett McCowan of St. Paul were tied with thirty each. Bobby McLean of Chicago had twenty.

The event today will be the 440 yard dash, one mile and three-mile races.

GORMAN HOME, IS CHEERED AT TRAIN

Speedy St. John Skater Given a Welcome With Band at Depot.

Charles Gorman arrived home on the Montreal train after competing in the United States National championships at Saranac Lake and the diamond trophy meet at Lake Placid. He was met at the station by a large number of friends who loudly cheered the popular local speed skater. As the train drew into the station St. Mary's Band struck up the popular march "Colonel Bogey" and the crowd made a rush for the station to see the champion.

C. Rice-Jones, general manager of the company, says that the prices of farm machinery to a year ago were 25 per cent higher than they are today. He expected within a year to have a reasonable relation between the price of farm products and what the farmer has to buy.

MURDERS HAVE NOT BEEN SHELVED

Premier Taschereau Replies to Criticism of Revue Moderne—Blames Newspapers.

Quebec, Feb. 15.—Referring to a statement in the Revue Moderne that the Chicoms, the Blanche Garneau, the Aveline Matherbe and the Gobin murders committed in Montreal and Quebec appeared to have been shelved, Premier Taschereau, in his capacity as attorney general of the province, blamed the apparent immunity of assassins in these cases on the newspapers, which, he said, kept the murders posted as to the movements of detectives. He said that the murders had not been shelved.

DEMAND A CONVENTION OF CONSERVATIVES

Hint at Pressure to Settle the Question of Leadership in Ontario.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—According to a Globe news story, the Toronto Conservative Club is taking steps to have the question of the leadership of the Conservative party in Ontario settled. A meeting, said the newspaper, has been called for March 1, when, by resolution, the Toronto club will challenge the Conservative Association of Ontario to hold a convention to settle the question of leadership and draw up a new platform for the party.

25 OF WEDDING PARTY DROWNED

Budapest, Feb. 15.—Twenty-five persons of a wedding party were drowned yesterday when the ice on the Theis River, which they were crossing, broke.

ROSS REPORT ON HYDRO HERE

Works Out Cost to Consumers at 7.99 Cents.

Says a Distribution System Would Cost \$1,594,482—Total Yearly Cost to City \$251,027, and Charges for First Four Years Likely to be Increased.

The report on R. A. Ross, consulting engineer engaged by the city to investigate the cost of municipal distribution of the energy from the Musquash development, was this morning made to the Mayor and council. The following is a summary of the report:

The outstanding features of Mr. Ross' report are as follows: On the basis of gauging records the power available at St. John, during the minimum precipitation will be 17,000,000 k. w. h. But as the gaugings show extraordinary results when compared with the precipitation (rain and snow fall) they cannot be accepted with safety. On the basis of precipitation records the power available during a minimum year will not be in excess of 9,000,000 k. w. h.

The requirements of the present customers of the N. B. Power for light, power and street lights total 6,250,000 k. w. h. The total requirements of the company for 1920 total 12,113,490 k. w. h.

The capital cost of a new distribution system and steam standby station to cover light, power and street lighting is \$2,484,482.

The cost a k. w. h. to the customer from a new civic distributing plant covering all places in Ontario is estimated to be 7.99 cents.

The high cost of light at St. John as compared with places in Ontario is accounted for by the high cost of construction at present, the necessity for a steam standby and the restricted use per customer in St. John. On the same basis the cost of light at St. John would be: basis of Bradford, 2.8 cents a k. w. h.; basis of Hamilton, 2.9 cents; basis of London, 2.7 cents; basis of Windsor, 2.8 cents; report basis of St. John, 7.99 cents; actual for 1920 basis of St. John, 8.58 cents.

The cost of power compared with Niagara is too high and the amount too restricted to permit obtaining motor loads common in Ontario, thus making the distributing system for many hours a day instead of a few hours at night.

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Water Supply Required. The commission has in contemplation the supply of 21,000,000 k. w. h. at St. John, assuming ten per cent loss, the generated output at Musquash would be 23,585,888 k. w. h., or 197,000 k. w. h. a square mile would be required a depth of 39.12 inches a square mile of run-off gathered in the watershed. Measurements taken in 1921 on the west branch showed 33.5 inches, but no measurements were taken on the east branch. The average depth run-off for 1919, 1920 and 1921, on the Lepreau, was 43.1 inches and on the Magalloway was 39.3. It is difficult to account for the difference. The records of the Lepreau for 1919 were used to design the Musquash plant, which no record then existed and the latter is now showing a considerable reduction on the gaugings taken.

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BETTER TIMES ARE IN SIGHT

Optimistic Note at Meeting of Canadian Sheep Breeders.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—While agriculture generally was recently in normal times and the sheep industry seemed to have gone back farther than most branches, better times were in sight, so said Wm. A. Dryden, president of the Canadian Sheep Breeders Association at the annual meeting here last night.

BIG DROP IN MEMBERSHIP

Saskatchewan Grain Growers Lose 8,000 in Year—Lieutenant-Governor Refers to Need of Reciprocity With the U. S.

Regina, Sask., Feb. 15.—(Canadian Press)—The twenty-first convention of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association was opened here yesterday afternoon. Delegates were impressed with the statement that the membership of the association dropped from 29,294 at the close of 1920 to 21,294 as at February 9, 1922.

A warm reception was tendered by the convention to Hon. George Langley, president of the Co-operative Elevator Company, and former minister of municipal affairs in the provincial cabinet. Lieutenant-Governor Newlands welcomed the delegates in a brief address in which he declared the convention to be "the most important parliament we have in Saskatchewan today." The lieutenant-governor said that what we need is "the most important parliament we have in Saskatchewan today."

The officers followed a trail of blood to the house where the arrests were made.

The agents and deputies surrounded the house and rushed it. A volley from the windows and doors greeted them but they forced an entrance and seized the eight men. The packages were found in the house, the agents said, but the man who got them was not believed to be among those arrested.

One federal agent said it was possible the arrests might lead to a search for the murder of Wm. Desmond Taylor, film director.

According to the Los Angeles Times letters demanding money under threat of death have been received by several Los Angeles men, and in one case \$2,000 was extorted. The officers declared they believed the threats were idle ones. It was said that typewritten letters, made, with which, it was charged, the threatening letters were written, was found in the house.

With an anticipated output of 21,000,000 k. w. h., which must be reckoned on maintenance per customer, \$6.33, k. w. h. provided, the cost can be met at the rate of 1.2 cents a k. w. h. By whatever amount the sales fall below that output, the cost a k. w. h. will increase in inverse proportion and must be paid by someone.

Cost to Customers. According to figures taken from the Kenist report, the total required in the city for domestic light, power and street lighting is 6,250,000 k. w. h. Together with street car requirements, line losses and incidentals, brought the 1920 output of the power company to 12,113,490 k. w. h. It is assumed that the company will retain the street railway and gas plant, and their elimination from consideration will in no way affect the cost of light and power.

The average number of customers for 1921 was—domestic and commercial light, 8,440; power, 442. In December 1921 there was a total of 9,107 of both classes. On the basis of a population of 60,000 and 9,107 customers, capital cost of distribution system are figured as follows—Light and power, \$857,922; street lights, \$247,500; total \$1,105,422; capital per customer, \$87.50; operating cost per customer, \$6.33; k. w. h. per light customer, 345. The cost figures are based on the figures for 1921. On the basis of a population of 60,000 and 9,107 customers, capital cost of distribution system are figured as follows—Light and power, \$857,922; street lights, \$247,500; total \$1,105,422; capital per customer, \$87.50; operating cost per customer, \$6.33; k. w. h. per light customer, 345. The cost figures are based on the figures for 1921.

Mr. Ross points out that these figures are computed on the supposition that the distribution plant when completed will be immediately loaded unopposed with the present customers of the company and provides nothing for the year which will actually exist when business will be unremunerative nor does it consider the increased price payable to the commission for power thereafter. The original offer of the commission for power at 1.2 cents was reduced to 3 cents for the first three years by suspending payment of some of the capital charges for that period. On the fourth year the city will pay 1.27 cents a k. w. h. an extra payment of \$47,000 over the \$80,000 paid in the cost of the first three years. Thus the rate of 7.99 cents a k. w. h. for the first four years will be increased during the fifth and subsequent years to 7.99 cents.

Comparison With Niagara. Regarding a comparison of the cost here with that at Niagara, and the statement that if the power were given for nothing, the reduction in the cost of light and power would be small, Mr. Ross said this statement would be true only on the assumption that the commission remains as at present. The cost at Niagara is 1.37 and at St. John 1.2 cents—nine times as much. The situation in St. John is governed by the small use at St. John, a large motor load could be obtained and the equipment would be used to its utmost capacity. The plant must have a capacity for a peak load if it exists for only one hour at night; the same equipment would account of the illness of his wife. A meeting of the government will probably be held in Fredericton tomorrow.

Convention in Fredericton Today—More Trees Needed, Says A. G. Turney.

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 15.—The seventeenth annual meeting of the New Brunswick Fruit Growers' Association is being held this afternoon at the parliament buildings with a representative gathering of orchardists of the province in attendance.

The annual report of the president, W. B. Gilman of Springhill, and the secretary-treasurer, A. G. Turney, provincial horticulturist, were given, and a general discussion of matters affecting the fruit growing industry followed.

Mr. Turney said that the membership remained about the same as in the last two years. The financial report showed net assets increased roughly thirty-five per cent, these being \$4,250 on February 9. Receipts during the year were \$18,850, as compared with \$15,756 the previous year. He reported that the executive had decided at a recent meeting to continue the fullest possible service in supplies.

Mr. Turney said that almost the entire crop for export in the last season had been sold outright, f.o.b. the orchards in New Brunswick and said that what eastern Canada needed was more trees, declaring there was no danger of over production. He referred to the success which New Brunswick apples met with at the recent imperial apple show in London and said that the four varieties of apples most largely grown in New Brunswick were the most popular. The association will elect a representative to attend the Dominion Fruit Growers' Association convention in Ottawa next week.

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DOLLAR AT FOUR

New York, Feb. 15.—Sterling exchange steady. Demand 433 1-2. Canadian dollars 4 per cent discount.

GOVERNMENT CAUCUS

The members of the provincial legislature who support the government met this morning in the government rooms. The meeting will be continued this afternoon. All the supporters of the administration were in attendance with the exception of R. T. Hayes, M. P. F., of St. John, who was absent from the city, and J. W. Vanderbeck of Northumberland, an independent supporter of the government, who telegraphed that he was prevented from coming to the meeting on account of the illness of his wife. A meeting of the government will probably be held in Fredericton tomorrow.

LAMY CUTS HIS RECORD IN 880

Veteran Leads in First Day Points at Saranac.

Saranac Lake, N. Y., Feb. 15.—Edmund Lamy, veteran skater of this village, demonstrated yesterday that he still is to be reckoned with by the younger aspirants for skating honors.

Fifteen years ago the Saranac Lake man, then an amateur, established a record of one minute and twenty seconds for the half mile over the local course. That record stood until yesterday, when Lamy himself, in winning the half-mile event in a thirty-day meet here, broke the U. S. professional skating championship, sliced off a fifth of a second.

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

Synopsis.—A depression is developing over the south Atlantic states and pressure is very high over the western half of the continent. The weather has been fair over the dominion and continues very cold in the western provinces.

Forecasts: Snow; then sleet or rain. Maritime—East and northeast winds, increasing to gales, snow tonight and on Thursday, turning locally to sleet or rain. Gulf and North Shore—Fair and cold today; strong southwesterly winds, with snow on Thursday. New England—Snow in the interior, snow and sleet on coast this afternoon and tonight; clearing and colder, easterly shifting to northwest gales.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—Temperatures: Highest during 24 hours. Yesterday night: Prince Rupert . . . 34 40 28 Victoria . . . 30 34 28 Kamloops . . . 6 8 4 Calgary . . . 18 10 10 Edmonton . . . 8 2 14 Winnipeg . . . 16 4 16 White River . . . 14 16 Sault Ste. Marie . . . 4 16 4 Toronto . . . 18 28 12 Kings on . . . 16 22 12 Ottawa . . . 6 16 2 Montreal . . . 16 22 2 Quebec . . . 12 10 6 St. John, N. B. . . 6 20 0 Halifax . . . 6 24 4 St. John's, Nfld . . . 4 10 2 Detroit . . . 22 28 22 New York . . . 28 34 2