

SINN FEINERS WANT TO KNOW PEACE TERMS

Acting Head of Organization Asks Premier What is to be First Step in Case.

DEVLIN WANTS ALL TROOPS TAKEN AWAY

No Chance for Success, He Says, Against the Might of Great Britain.

Dublin, Dec. 5.—The Rev. Michael O'Mahoney, acting president of the Sinn Fein has sent the following telegram to Mr. Lloyd George:

"You state that you are willing to make peace at once, without waiting for Christmas. Ireland also is willing. What first step do you propose?" A Christmas truce in Ireland was suggested by Roger N. Sweetman, a Sinn Fein member of parliament, who recently urged that advantage be taken of the labor commission's visit to Ireland to bring about a conference between the commission and the Irish Labor Party, the Irish Peace Conference and the Catholic hierarchy to establish all moderate opinion in Ireland in support of Cardinal Lagan's appeal for "a truce of God."

Wants Troops Withdrawn

London, Dec. 5.—Pleading for the withdrawal of the armed forces from Ireland as the only chance of arriving at a peaceful solution of the Irish question, Joseph Devlin, Nationalist member of parliament for the Falls Division of Belfast, speaking here tonight, said the reason he was not a Sinn Feiner was that he felt it to be impossible for a little nation of 4,500,000, lacking military equipment and great wealth and with nothing but justice of her cause, to stand up against the might of power. If there were the slightest chance of success, he declared, he would shoulder a gun at once and be willing to die for his country. He wanted the question settled on constitutional lines. Britain and Ireland should stand shoulder to shoulder.

RUSS. SOVIETS HANGING FORTY EVERY DAY NOW

Record in Moscow for Month of September Was 1,206 Executions.

TEAR DOWN HOUSES TO SECURE FUEL

Over 5,000 Wooden Buildings Destroyed Recently to Get Fire Wood.

Paris, Dec. 5.—No less than 1,206 persons, an average of 40 a day, were executed in Moscow revolutionary tribunals and executed in Moscow during September, according to the official Soviet organ, "Izvestia." The same paper throws light on the desperate fuel situation in Moscow by stating that 4,000 wooden houses have been torn down in Moscow to provide fuel for the people.

D. S. LEBLANC IS DEAD AT MONCTON

Employed by the C. N. R. for Over Thirty Five Years.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Dec. 5.—The death of Daniel S. LeBlanc, 76, the age of 76 years, occurred yesterday at the home of his daughter in this city. He had been a resident of Moncton forty-two years, and had been in the C. N. R. service thirty-five years. He received the pension in 1909 and also the long service medal. He is survived by one son, George D. LeBlanc, assistant general baggage agent, C. N. R. here, and one daughter, Mrs. Anthony P. Legere, Moncton.

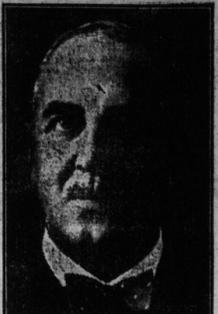
MONCTON WILLING TO GIVE CRAWFORD PATIENT HEARING

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 5.—The city council at a meeting Saturday afternoon decided not to interfere with Lindsay Crawford speaking in Moncton Monday. It was further decided to allow him the use of the City Hall upon condition that the meeting be open to all citizens, free of charge and without admission by ticket.

OLD MAN BURNED

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 5.—At Carleton Place, Nfld., a fire which broke out early this morning destroyed a dwelling house and resulted in the death of an aged inmate, Tobias Hooper.

Atlantic Sugar Will Inaugurate New Plan To Finance Company



D. LORNE MCGIBBON

At a meeting of the shareholders of the Atlantic Refiners of St. John, held in Montreal on Saturday, Mr. D. Lorne McGibbon, the president in the chair, the directors were given power to use their own discretion in the question of new financing. In a few remarks he did not deem it advisable in the interests of the shareholders, to set forth in detail the condition of the company, other than to say the financial proposals which were placed before them were absolutely necessary for the continuation of the company.

DOHERTY TELLS WHY HE WANTS ARTICLE 10 OUT

Ratified Covenant Only Because Rejection Would Endanger Treaty of Versailles.

RESERVED RIGHT TO DISCUSS ISSUE LATER

Declares it is "a Canadian Initiative from Purely Canadian Standpoint."

Geneva, Dec. 5.—In presenting his motion to the assembly of the League of Nations yesterday for the striking out of Article X from the league covenant, Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice of Canada, was acting "on Canadian initiative from a purely Canadian standpoint." Mr. Doherty made this plain after the session at which his resolution was produced in an interview with a correspondent of the Associated Press who asked the minister whether his aim was to remove objections to the League raised by the United States.

Never Ratified Clause

Mr. Doherty said: "In introducing the resolution for elimination of Article X from the covenant of the League, I am only following the policy adopted from the beginning of the discussion of that article during the peace conference. We never approved it; we ratified the covenant containing it because, to reject it, was to reject the treaty of Versailles, but we reserved the right to take up the question again at the proper time."

Wants United States

Added regarding the report that one of the principal objections was to pave the way for the entry of the United States into the League, Mr. Doherty said: "Of course, if, incidentally, elimination of Article X facilitates the entry of our neighbor, we shall be delighted, but it is Canadian initiative from a purely Canadian standpoint."

TWO ARE DEAD IN SMALL FIRE

Bodies Were Found in Room After Small Fire in Apartment.

Montreal, Dec. 5.—LeRoy Weller, 277, Waverley street, and Andrew Harkiss Milne, 40, of 538 Notre Dame de Grace avenue, are dead as the result of a fire at the former's home early Saturday morning. Both men had been suffocated and the body of Milne was slightly burned.

Milne had gone to visit Weller to talk over a real estate deal, and as Mr. Weller was out of town, he was invited to stay the night. The bodies were found in the bedroom of the Weller apartment after the firemen had been called by someone who said he could smell smoke coming from the apartment. No cause for the fire could be discovered by the police or fire authorities on Saturday.

ADMITS KILLING CLUBSMAN

New York, Dec. 5.—John Rolfe, alleged gangster from the United States, has admitted that he was arrested Saturday was reported by the police to have confessed to the killing of Leeds Vaughan Waters, wealthy clubman, and great globe trotter, whose body was found in a hotel here December 3.

FIRE STARTS EXPLOSION IN SHELL BARGE

Hundreds Flee in Terror at New York as Shipload Goes up.

BIG SHELLS IN PRIVATE HOME

Nine Hundred Shells in Loads That Exploded at New York.

New York, Dec. 5.—Hundreds of homes in the Fort Hamilton section of Brooklyn, virtually were under heavy artillery bombardment this afternoon, resulting from intermittent explosion of six inch and ten inch shells on a steam lighter which caught fire while moored to the army reservation wharf.

Gathering together their belongings in belief that the naval arsenal at Fort Lafayette, a small island near Fort Hamilton, was ablaze, terrified scores fled from their homes for safer shores, driven to frenzied haste by the series of detonations which were heard for miles around.

Four Are Injured.

An official statement from Fort Hamilton tonight said no lives had been lost and that only four persons had been injured slightly. One of the terrifying incidents of the barrage was the 400 yard flight of a ten inch shell clear over the reservation and into a house in Fort Hamilton Parkway. The heavy projectile tore a huge hole in the roof of the dwelling, passed through two floors and burst itself in the cellar. The house was occupied by August Galtern and several members of his family, all of whom escaped injury, was shaken with the violence of an earthquake. The lighter which was laden with 900 shells for shipment to Boston was torn from its moorings by the violence of the first explosion and tore apart in a second explosion. Two men were on board but they escaped.

WIRE FLASHES

Telegraphic News Condensed from Last Minute Messages for Quick Reading.

Wants Christmas Truce

Dublin, Dec. 5.—There is a general sentiment strongly backed by ecclesiastical influence in favor of a truce but there is no expectation that any Sinn Feiner of an authoritative position will be able to meet the government on essential conditions.

Six Day Race Starts

New York, Dec. 5.—Under the sanction of the National Cycling Association the regular annual six-day bicycle race started tonight in the Madison Square Garden with a field of fifteen teams competing. Willie Spencer is the only Canadian in the list.

To Stop Grain Gambling

Washington, Dec. 5.—Senator Capper of Kansas today made public his proposed bill to stop gambling in foodstuffs and cotton in the United States. A tax of one per cent, designed to be prohibitive, on "future" trading in grain and cotton, except by actual owners or a limited class of traders under Federal license is the basic feature of the Capper bill which is to be introduced next week.

"CANADA" DELAYED BY BAD WEATHER

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 5.—The Dominion liner, Canada, from Portland, Maine, which was expected to arrive here this morning has been delayed by bad weather, and will not make port until tomorrow morning, according to a wireless from Captain Davies to the agents here tonight. She will take 152 first cabin and 450 third cabin passengers, and about 3,000 packages of mail. Twelve persons ordered deported by the immigration authorities will also go on the steamer.

HALIFAX SHIPS TO DATE 500,000 BARRELS OF CANADIAN APPLES

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 5.—Over half a million barrels of apples have been shipped from Halifax so far this season. During November 125,000 barrels were shipped to the United Kingdom. Three steamers which sailed this month took away 54,000 barrels.

FIREMAN IS KILLED

Calgary, Alta., Dec. 5.—John Noun of Calgary, fireman, was killed and F. A. Giff, Calgary, engineer, and Albert Webb, Drumheller, engineer were injured in a wreck which occurred at Drumheller Friday night, when the C. N. R. Calgary to Saskatoon train collided with a switch engine just as the passenger train was pulling out of the station.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA

Premier Drury of Ontario declares he has broken with the labor party.

Newman Clark, announced at Andover to be hanged on March 1 next, for the murder of Mrs. Phoebe Bell.

UNITED STATES

Barge loaded with 900 shells explodes near New York, but no one is killed.

THE BRITISH ISLES

Acting head of the Sinn Fein movement in Ireland, George regarding his statements that he is willing to have peace.

Ex-Premier Asquith attacks the policy of the government, declaring policy of murder and reprisals will never solve the issue.

EUROPE

The vote in Greece on the question of the ex-king's return shows a big majority in favor of Constantine.

INDIA

A rumor is current that Hon. Winston Churchill is to be the next vice-roy of India.

TWO THOUSAND WOMEN SEARCHED BY THE CUSTOMS

Dominion Officials Made a Rich Haul by Descent on Windsor, Ont., Shopper.

"BABY" WAS FINE LOT OF SHOPPING

Everything from Pound of Sugar to Lady's Fur Coat Was Caught in the Raid.

Special to The Standard.

Windsor, Dec. 5.—Hundreds of women on this side of the river paid involuntary tribute to the government Saturday afternoon when they were unceremoniously ordered to walk into the Customs office at the ferry dock and submit to being searched for smuggling goods.

Mrs. Ogilvie, wife of a former collector of Customs at Arlino, who has been appointed a special officer with arbitrary powers, dropped in at a ferry dock early in the afternoon and notified the Customs officers on duty there that she intended to "look over" the women as they came off the Detroit ferry boats.

Two Thousand Searched.

The search began about 2:30 o'clock and up to 8 o'clock it was estimated that close to two thousand women and girls had passed under the scrutiny of the inspectors and her assistant, Mrs. Northwood.

There were many protests, much indignation and some tears, but these demonstrations, and the willing and unwilling alike were subject to a "frisking" by the nimble fingers of the two women searchers.

That the searching process was productive of results was shown by the activity of a large staff of Customs officers who were kept busy for hours collecting duty upon articles which had been taken from the fair smugglers. These articles ranged all the way from a pound of sugar to a new fur coat.

TWENTY-FIVE IN MONTREAL SMASH

Montreal, Dec. 6.—Twenty-five persons were injured, some fatally, when a tram car traveling down Maplewood Avenue, early this morning, jumped the rails, struck a telephone pole and split in two.

ORANGE LODGE OPPOSES SELF-DETERMINATION LEAGUE

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 5.—A strong resolution passed by the Grand Orange Lodge in an extraordinary session, was published in the city newspapers yesterday. It condemned the propaganda of the local Self-Determination League, and demanded that the government prohibit public officials from taking any active and prominent part in the work of the Irish organizations.

GREEKS VOTE FAVORS 'TINO AS NEW KING

Reports from Athens Indicate Big Majority for His Return.

RIOT ON QUESTION IN CONSTANTINOPLE

Friends of the Ex-King Roughly Handled—Allies Note Creates Alarm.

Athens, Dec. 5.—The plebiscite held today has shown an overwhelming majority in favor of the return of former King Constantine to the Greek throne.

Riot in Constantinople.

Constantinople, Dec. 5.—On a referendum held in the Greek churches here today there was an overwhelming majority of votes against the plebiscite in Greece. The result of the referendum, which was held for the purpose of learning the opinion of Greeks here on the advisability of the plebiscite was made known to the Greek and Allied commissions.

When the result became known there were demonstrations in which persons known to favor the return of former King Constantine were roughly handled.

PLUCKY RESCUE IN MID-OCEAN BY BOY SCOUT

Young Britisher Saved Child Who Topped Overboard from "Minnesoda."

Toronto, Dec. 5.—A special despatch from Quebec says: When the liner Minnesoda was in mid-Atlantic between Quebec and Liverpool, a nine-year-old girl who with other children, was climbing on the railing on the port side, fell overboard.

A youth named Ronald Webb, formerly of Castleton Road, Walthamstow, Eng., immediately jumped, fully clothed, from the deck in the cold sea, and rough water between forty and fifty feet below. He went for the drowning child and held her up until, as they were almost sinking, they were rescued by one of the ship's boats.

They were brought aboard terribly exhausted, but both recovered and the effects of the immersion and the following day Webb was presented by the captain on behalf of the passengers with \$100. Webb was patrol leader of the 4th Walthamstow scouts and a second lieutenant in the 7th Battalion county of London cadets. He recently won the cadet officers' open boxing competition at the National Sporting Club, London.

C. N. R. CONDUCTOR ALBERT LOCKHART HAS PASSED AWAY

Well Known Moncton Railwayman Dies Following Operation at Montreal.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Dec. 5.—Albert Lockhart, a well known and popular conductor of the C. N. R. of this city is dead.

His death took place in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, where he had been in the government railway service over thirty years. He was a son of the late Hiram Lockhart, Lakeville. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, two brothers, George Lockhart, Lakeville, and Andrew, in the Canadian West, and two sisters, Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. Aussen, of Waterville, Maine. He was a prominent member of the L. O. O. F. and the Order of Railway Conductors. The remains arrived here this afternoon from Montreal for interment.

ADVOCATES A STATE BANK FOR NEWFOUNDLAND

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 5.—President Cookes, of the Fishermen's Protective Union, who is also minister of fisheries in the Squires government, advocated in his address to the annual convention of the union, which has just closed, the establishment of a state bank for Newfoundland.

SIX INCHES OF SNOW FALL AT NEWCASTLE

Newcastle, Dec. 5.—A heavy fall of snow visited this section last night. Six inches of the beautiful piled up, and it looked for a time as though there would be plenty of snow for all purposes. Late this afternoon rain began falling copiously and should it continue throughout the night, as is now indicated, hauling conditions on the country roads will be worse than before the snow storm.

Sir William Mackenzie Sells Interests in T. S. R. To City for \$32,734,000



SIR WILLIAM MACKENZIE

A deal has been completed by which the City of Toronto and the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission are to buy out the Mackenzie interests in the Toronto Street Railway for \$32,734,000.

TRAITORS MUST DIE IS THREAT OF IRISH CHIEFS

Proclamation Issued Declares War Has Been Declared by Irish Republican Powers.

SHOT WITHOUT WARNING PENALTY

Threats Made Too Against Those Who Join Special Police Britain is Organizing

Belfast, Ireland, Dec. 5.—The Sinn Fein has circulated a proclamation throughout the West and South of Ireland declaring that those guilty of "treasonable conspiracy" will be executed as "traitors to the Irish Republic."

Whereas, the Irish Republic has declared war on England, we hereby give notice that any one guilty of treasonable conspiracy will be shot without warning as a traitor to the Republic.

Another warning has been issued from the "Irish Republican Army headquarters in Belfast," it says: "Notice is hereby given that any persons who enlist in, or give any assistance whatever to the special constabulary force at present being organized by the enemy will be regarded as traitors to the Republic and will be treated accordingly."

JAPANESE TAKE "RED" SEA COAST

Action is Taken in Revenge for the Attack on General Semenov.

London, Dec. 5.—A Moscow wireless message yesterday says that in revenge for the grabbing by the Bolsheviks of the anti-Bolshevik bands of General Semenov, the Cossack leader, the Japanese have seized the sea coast and closed the Manchurian frontier to the Russian Far Eastern Republic.

Peace Delegates Resign

Warsaw, Dec. 5.—John Dombek, head of the Polish peace mission in Riga, and several other members of the Polish delegation have resigned, because of the Diet's decision to send a diet delegation to participate in the peace negotiations with the Russian Soviets, according to Riga advices. It is said their resignation may result in prolonging the peace conference which may continue several months.

KICK BY HORSE PROVES FATAL

Shediac Bridge Man Dies of Injury When Rushed to Moncton Hospital.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Dec. 5.—Charles Richard, Shediac Bridge, who was kicked by a horse while in the lumber woods near his home on Thursday last, was brought to the city tonight after noon in an effort to save his life by an operation. Upon arrival here, however, he was too weak to withstand an operation and died shortly after. He was 51 years of age and was married a second time five weeks ago. Besides his widow he is survived by three sons at home.

IRISH CRIMES BY ALL SIDES ARE ATTACKED

Ex-Premier Asquith Continues His Assaults on Lloyd George Policy.

SAYS SOLDIERS ARE NOT HELD FIRMLY

Sir Horace Plunkett Says Only Fifth of Irish People Are Being Consulted.

London, Dec. 5.—A resolution regarding cessation for the murders of police and soldiers in Ireland and deploring the failure of the government to secure conviction of the murderers and provide for protection of its servants and condemning as "immoral and ineffective the policy of reprisals which has involved revenge upon the innocent for the sins of the guilty," was passed in the course of a session at Albert Hall yesterday.

Crime for Crime

The resolution also calls upon the government "to abandon all attempts to repress crime by crime," and demands immediate action to restore the supremacy of law and order and to secure the pacification of Ireland and its reconciliation with England.

Mr. Asquith spoke strongly against the murdering of policemen and soldiers and the lawless excesses which were allowed to be perpetrated by officers. He declared that the police and soldiers had reason to believe a method of indiscriminate retaliation was regarded in highest quarters as a thing to be looked upon without undue distaste, pointing out that "not a single case had there been any exemplary punishment. Sir Horace Plunkett, another speaker said the whole trouble was that the only people listened to happened to be the section which did not represent more than one-fifth of the Irish people while the other four-fifths were absolutely disregarded."

U. F. O. IS MAKING BOARDING HOUSE OF QUEEN'S PARK

Premier Drury is Having Rooms Prepared in Parliament Buildings.

OTHER MINISTERS LIKE THE PLACE

Toronto Complains That Parliament Buildings Will Soon be an Apartment.

Special to The Standard. Toronto, Dec. 5.—Twelve months ago Premier Drury sought to make a bit with the people of Ontario by announcing a cut of \$3,000 in the salary he would accept as President of the Executive Council. Now he has hit upon a new idea, long economic lines, but this time Hon. E. C. Drury personally and not the dear old public.

The leader of the Farmer Government is having quarters prepared for himself at the Parliament Buildings. J. T. White, solicitor to the treasury, has had to vacate his offices on the third floor at the buildings in order that the economical Premier, who receives \$10,400 per annum from the province, may sleep next door to Hon. Beniah Bowman.

Like An Apartment House

Maybe houses and apartments are scarce in Toronto, and then, again, it may be that U. F. O. ministers are more true to their economy principle. The fact is that the present office holders are turning the Parliament Buildings into an apartment house of a scale which no other set of ministers attempted. When the latest changes have been made, and Premier Drury's bed and bath-rooms have been completed, the sleepers at Queen's Park will include Hon. E. C. Drury, Hon. Peter Smith, Hon. Manning Doherty, Hon. H. C. Nixon, Hon. K. H. Grant and the Hon. Beniah Bowman.

The furnishings for Hon. Manning Doherty's room were brought from Government House. Premier Drury's office is tastefully arranged, brass coal scuttles and a new grate being the latest additions.

Employees Not Well Off

Superficially it may appear alright for farmers to make themselves as cozy as possible when so far away from home and in a big city. There is, however, another side to the story. While they believe in solid comfort and are desiring office space for sleep and accommodation, there are employees at the Parliament Buildings, who, because of shortage of office room, are forced to work in dark and strait corridors.

STEERING GEAR BROKEN

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 5.—The steamer Castle Point is in port for repairs to her steering gear.