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War News.

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THE IRISH QUESTION—A SETTLEMENT HOPED FOR.

LONDON, May 25. A large expectant crowd of members and of the general public had assembled in the House of Commons this afternoon when Premier Asquith rose to make his statement on Irish affairs. Although it was generally understood that the Prime Minister would not go into conversation which were taking place between members of the government and the Irish enough to be made public, he started by expressing the hope that the disappearing of martial law would be speedy and complete. Referring to the sacrifices Irishmen had made on behalf of the British Empire during the present war, Asquith said "could we who represent Britain or could those who represent Ireland tolerate the prospect when this war was over, when we had by our joint efforts and sacrifices, as we had hoped and believed we should, achieved our end, that here at home Irishmen should be arrayed against one another in the most tragic and most debasing of all conflicts, internecine, domestic strife. The Premier said the primary duty of the government was to restore order and prevent a recurrence of the disturbances, at the same time there was cause for rejoicing in the overwhelming evidence that the great bulk of the Irish nation had no sympathy with the rebellion. Martial law was being continued as a precautionary measure. Asquith hoped this appearance would shortly be complete. For the time being the composition of the Irish executive must be provisional, Asquith said. I went to Ireland to get a first hand view of the situation, the Premier went on, I visited and talked freely with a large number of those who have been arrested. There were two main predominant impressions left on my mind, first, the breakdown of the Executive machinery of the Irish government, second the strength and depth of the universal feeling in Ireland that we have now an unique opportunity for a new departure for a settlement of the problem. I saw with my own eyes the heart rendering desolation which unhappy misguided men had wrought over a large area near Dublin. I had a full discussion with representatives and exponents of all schools of Irish opinion. Referring to the Home Rule Bill, Premier Asquith said, no one so far as known has ever desired or contemplated its application by one set of Irishmen against another. What is now in this great domestic emergency of paramount importance is that if it be possible, and I hope it is possible, an agreement such as

thought in vain before the war, should be arrived at between those representing different interests and parties in Ireland. I believe, as I have already said, that in Ireland, itself there is a deep and genuine desire to obtain such agreement. The government, I speak for all my colleagues, and some of us be it remembered in the past have taken the most diverse possible views in regard to the question of Irish government, are anxious more than anxious to do everything in their power to facilitate such results. At the unanimous request of his colleagues, Mr. Lloyd George has undertaken to devote his time, energy and power with the authorized representatives and exponents of views of the different Irish parties. If there be, as I believe there is, among the Irish, no less than among the people of Britain, as honest and as resolute a desire to take advantage of this opportunity for the attainment of that which to us as a nation and an empire, I do not hesitate to say, is the greatest boon that we could possibly achieve. We cannot but hope that Lloyd George's mission of peace and reconciliation and if possible unity, will not only carry with it the good wishes and ardent hopes of all members in every quarter of the House, but something more. Asquith appealed to all sections of the House to abstain from any immediate discussion on Irish affairs, which would be likely to prevent a great and lasting settlement. The Premier took the Commons by surprise this afternoon in making his expected statement on Irish affairs. He devoted his speech not so much to the rebellion and the manner in which the Government dealt with it as it was thought he would do, as in making an appeal for a settlement of the Irish problem by agreement among Irish leaders. In this connection the Premier announced that Lloyd George had undertaken at the request of the Cabinet to negotiate between the contending Irish parties. He asked in the meantime that the matter should not be debated in the House. John Redmond, Sir Edward Carson and William O'Brien agreed to this, notwithstanding the attempt made by Laurence Ginnell, Nationalist member, to make a speech, but the subject was dropped for the day at least, and the House emptied quickly. Baron Stamfordham, Private Secretary to King George, listened closely to Asquith's speech, and departed immediately afterwards and returned to the Palace to report to the King. Baron Wimborne, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, also was present.

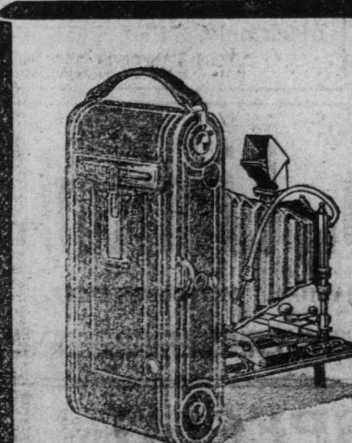
ITALIANS PREPARING FOR COUNTER OFFENSIVE.
 ROME, May 25. The situation on the front along the high plateau of Arserio is still grave but it is not alarming, says a semi-official announcement issued here today. Concerning the Austro-Hungarian attempt to widen their line occupied in Italian territory, the Italian military authorities it is added, have taken all necessary measures to prevent further Austrian advance and

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Air Members of British House Had No Audience.
 London, May 18.—The adjournment of the House of Commons yesterday occurred during a speech by Noel Pemberton-Billing, who was recently elected a member of the House on an improved air service reform.

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are organizing a counter-offensive. The civil population which evacuated the districts of Arserio and Asiago and the smaller neighboring villages is being taken care of by the government.

MANY BLACKLISTERS.
 LONDON, May 25. The latest announcement of black-listed neutral shipping posted in the Baltic Shipping Exchange, by the Trade division of the Admiralty contains the names of two hundred vessels, representing in round figures 123,000 net tonnage.

GREEK SHIPS TORPEDOED.
 ATHENS, May 25. Public opinion in Greece has been greatly excited by the news that Teuton submarines torpedoed the Greek steamships Adamantios, Korais and Anastasios Coroneos, and the Greek ship Istros.

NO PEACE YET.
 LONDON, May 25.

Responding instantly to Sir Edward Grey's declaration that peace talk is idle until Germany changes her attitude, Lloyds today made a radical shift in rates of insurance against the war ending before December 31st. A few days ago Lloyds offered even money that the war would not end this year. To-day insurance brokers are willing to wager 3 to 1 that the war would end in 1916; other odds posted by Lloyds to-day were 7 to 3 that the war will not end before April 1, 1917; twenty to one that the war will end before 1919. The newspapers to-day generally applauded Sir Edward Grey's answer in the Commons yesterday to the German Chancellor's latest peace talk. The opinion among Londoners is that the Foreign Secretary killed all hope of peace on Germany's terms, and at the same time served notice on Bethmann Hollweg that he must make radical changes with his peace programme if he hopes for an early ending of the war. No other period of Sir Edward's speech won such applause as his statement that the Allies are not beaten and are not going to be beaten. There is no phrase or word in Sir Edward Grey's speech which encourages the hope of an early peace, said the Daily Chronicle to-day. He dismissed at the outset any idea that this country is acting separately from her Allies. He repudiated with scorn the German Chancellor's attempt to place the blame for the continuance of the war on the Allies, because they cannot accept German terms of peace which would place other nations of Europe at her mercy.

The Municipal Bill

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEET.
 The Citizens' Committee on the new Municipal Bill met last night in the Board of Trade Rooms. The meeting opened at 8.20. Vice-Chairman, Mr. W. A. O'D. Kelly, presided in the absence of Chairman Soper, who was unavoidably absent, owing to one of his children being ill at home. The Secretary read minutes of the last meeting, which were adopted after some discussion. Correspondence written by the Secretary to the Colonial Secretary and Chairman of the Municipal Board was approved. Mr. Barter proposed and Mr. Mr. Pud-dister seconded a motion that the Colonial Secretary be written to for a correct definition of the qualification of voters in all future elections. Discussion of the Bill was then taken up. Sections 8 to 24 were gone through. It was proposed by Mr. Bradley and seconded by Mr. Curnew that a sub-committee to report on sections 10 and 11 be appointed. This section deals with the right of the partnership vote. Messrs. Barter, Curnew and Bradley were chosen as the sub-committee.

Section 22, dealing with the election of Councillors, was deferred for future reference as was also section 23. Some of the committee objected to councillors serving "free gratis" as in their opinion the city would be losing the benefit of men whose services were worth having. From five to seven hundred dollars should be paid as a yearly salary. Mr. Peel wanted the section to be passed as it stood in the new Bill.

Welcome Home News.

The Taylor University Male Quartette of Upland, Indiana, has started for the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which is now in session at Saratoga Springs, N.Y. The Quartette will give concerts at important centres during the trip and will be gone two weeks. John H. Leamon, son of Rev. Harris Leamon of Cassapolis, Mich., and a nephew of our esteemed townsman, John Leamon, of Dicks & Co. Ltd., is a student at Taylor and a member of this popular Quartette. Taylor University is named after Bishop Taylor the beloved missionary Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It has graduates in nearly every mission field. It has students from twenty-three states and fourteen countries. Rev. Harris Leamon has also a daughter, Myrtle, who is a student at the same school. In this Michigan home where this preacher lives the Evening Telegram is a welcome guest, and the news from his native land is read with interest.

Milestones.

IN AID OF RED CROSS FUND.
 Another big crowd turned out last night and were present at the Casino when "Milestones" was repeated. The performance being even better than the previous evening, proved an unqualified success. The music by the orchestra was very fine and won appreciation as was evidenced by the keen attention to the music of the large audience. To the promoters, performers and all who helped to make the affair a success much credit is due.

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