

IRISH REPUBLICAN FORCES AND ULSTER SPECIALS COME TOGETHER IN CONFLICT

Armored Cars and Machine Guns Brought Into Action, While Snipers Kept Constantly Busy on House Roofs — Ulstermen Were Forced Back from Tyrone-Donagel Border, When Clash Began, and Were Forced to Send for Reinforcements.

Belfast, May 30.—The Tyrone-Donagel border in the vicinity of Lifford and Strabane was the scene of sharp clashes between Ulster and Southern Irish forces today. The engagement began shortly after midnight and continued until some time after daylight, with armored cars and machine guns in the action and snipers on house roofs constantly active.

The fighting opened at a place called Camel's Hump, when strong forces of Republicans fired on Ulster specials at a bridge. The latter replied and sent out a call for assistance, but the Ulstermen were forced back to their own territory without casualties. It is not known whether the attacking party suffered.

The Republican forces retreated in turn, taking up positions in houses in Lifford, from which they fired continuously, the specials replying from cover. Meanwhile, a section of the rifle brigade, quartered along the London-ferry road, was called upon and took over the garrison posts. Last evening portions of a large bridge at Clady were blown up. The explosion was heard for miles.

The specials were active in the Strabane district today. Strong guards were posted at the railway stations and pedestrians were rigorously searched. The military forces were under fire for the first time since the border trouble started this afternoon when fire was begun from across the border at Pettigo, County Donegal. The firing was returned. Two soldiers were wounded, but the number of Republican casualties is not known.

Incidendiaries Continue

About seventy-five serious fires have taken place during the present outbreak of incendiarism. The damage is estimated at £500,000. This includes mansions burned in the rural districts. The O'Neill family is claiming £61,000 for Shanes Castle alone.

Martin, Wills, son of a leading Newmarket man, has been captured at Dundalk and is being held by Republicans. Three Kilkeel, County Down, men, were seized at Rathfriland, County Louth, also are being held by Republicans.

The Ulster Association, a news organization connected with the Northern Government says about 1,000 Sinn Féiners have congregated in the vicinity of the six counties border from Castle Finn, Donegal, to Clady, Tyrone.

Sunday and Monday night farm-houses of Loyalists, in this district, were commandeered. The News Association asserts that the objective of the Republicans apparently are from Strabane and Londonderry, and that attacks may occur in the Castle Berg area in North Tyrone. Thus far no attempt to invade the border has been made, but the loyalists left on their farms are receiving short notice to clear out. It is asserted that the Republicans apparently are from the south, namely Cork, Longford and Kerry.

A thousand Republicans are reported concentrated on the northwest Tyrone front, but this is not as serious as the Fermanagh situation, for the invasion of Derry is not anticipated. The Northern Government's difficulties have been aggravated by today's demobilization of the Irish Constabulary on a large scale, this will practically be completed tomorrow.

In Dergin, Lisburn and other country towns the specials are doing duty in relays day and night; it is impossible to go fifty yards without a challenge. Ulster bears painful resemblance to a war zone and it is considered likely to do so increasingly in the near future. Despite the widespread trouble and unrest, however, Belfast had a day of unusual quietude, there being only a solitary case of wounding and no fires.

ANGLICANS APPEAL FOR CHURCH UNITY

Archbishops of Canterbury and York Issue Statement on Lambeth Conference.

London, May 30.—(Canadian Press Cable)—The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued a statement with regard to the appeal for church unity, made by the Lambeth Conference of Bishops in 1920. The statement says the committee of Anglicans and non-Conformists, which was appointed in November 1921, held prolonged meetings and unanimously agreed on certain propositions which were approved by the Conference at Lambeth on May 24, last.

FREDERICTON TO EXTEND WATER SYSTEM

Fredericton, N. B., May 30.—The Water Committee met this afternoon and opened tenders for the extension of the water system. Ten tenders were received from firms in Halifax, St. John, Fredericton and Devon. There was a marked variation in price. The committee adjourned until five o'clock Wednesday afternoon when the contract will be awarded. In the meantime the city engineer will examine the tenders.

The editorial staff of the University Monthly, the undergraduate publication of the University of New Brunswick now in its forty first number, is asking for suggestions for a new name for the magazine from graduates and undergraduates.

RECEIVE LESS THAN \$800 PER ANNUM

Ottawa, May 30.—Canada has over 7,700 civil servants who are receiving smaller salaries than \$800 per annum, according to a return tabled in the House of Commons today. The total of employees given as receiving \$800 per annum and less was 12,500.

LIVE STOCK MEN MEET AT MONCTON

To Confer on Question Affecting the Industry in the Province.

Moncton, N. B., May 30.—A conference which will have far-reaching results touching the live stock situation in the Maritime Provinces will be held this city tomorrow and the deliberations and discussions will probably run on into Thursday. The conference will be between the live stock commissioners of the Federal Department and the Provincial Department of Agriculture, live stock branch. The discussions will also be participated in by representatives of the live stock industry in New Brunswick.

There will also be present the superintendents of the experimental farms at Charlotte-town, Nappan and Fredericton.

DOCUMENTS MISSING IN MACAROW CASE

Certain Exhibits Placed on File in Police Court Cannot Be Found.

Montréal, May 30.—In connection with rumors here today that documents, vital to the case in the hearing of the charges against D. C. Macarow and Sir Montagu Allen were missing, C. A. Wilson, K. C., who acted for the crown in the action against Macarow, declared that he knows nothing about the missing documents. He says that when the case concluded in the police court, all the documents used were filed and he had not had occasion since to refer to them.

At the Montreal court house today, it was explained that certain exhibits, in the case were missing. They had been taken by somebody just prior to the decision issued by Judge Cussen with a view of being copied and had not, apparently, been returned. Of details, however, added that the missing documents were merely copies and that original documents could be obtained at any time required.

FIREMEN PREPARE TO STRIKE ON JOB

Houston, Tex., May 30.—A motion to have the president and secretary of the organization prepare complete instructions for firemen to leave the service if the United States Rail Labor Board cuts their wages, was made today from the floor of the convention of the International Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen. The motion was referred to a special committee.

Halifax Chosen As Site Of A Nat'l Monument

Will Be Erected to Memory of Men Lost at Sea Through Hazards of War.

Halifax, May 30.—Halifax has been chosen as the site of a national monument to Canadians lost at sea through hazard of the war by the War Graves Commission, according to word received here today. The monument will be of the type of the Bloomfield cross of Sacrifice, and will be erected in Point Pleasant Park, on an elevation facing the sea.

U. S. PROPOSALS TO CANADA NOW BEFORE HOUSE

All Correspondence Relating to St. Lawrence Waterway Development Tabled in Commons.

Ottawa, May 30.—(By Canadian Press)—Correspondence between the American and Canadian Governments relative to the St. Lawrence waterway development proposals, tabled in the House today by Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister, included a letter from Charles E. Hughes, United States Secretary of State, to Sir Auckland Geddes stating that President Harding "favors the negotiation of a treaty to be framed on the basis of report of the Joint Commission, or such modifications as might be agreed upon."

The reply of the Canadian Government was, as stated in the House yesterday by the Prime Minister, "that the government had not yet had opportunity to give to the report of the International Joint Commission and the accompanying report of the board of engineers appointed to examine the subject, the careful consideration which their importance merits and that, moreover, having regard to the magnitude of the project and the very large outlay of public money involved, the government is of the opinion that it would not appear to be expedient to deal with this matter at the present time."

The Canadian answer was in the form of an order-in-council under yesterday's date, setting forth that a letter had been received from President Harding, and that the Government of Canada had no objection to the publication of a statement at Washington pointing out what steps the United States had taken in the matter.

The letter from Secretary Hughes sets forth a summary of the findings of the International Joint Commission, which recommended that the new Welland Ship Canal be embodied and enlarged, and that a treaty be considered. President Harding asked to be informed whether the appropriate British or Canadian authorities were disposed to undertake the negotiation of such a treaty as he outlined.

It was suggested, in his letter, that appropriate preliminary study and investigation could probably be carried out by a Joint Commission of experts, designated by two Governments, and charged with the framing of a project of a treaty.

"I venture to suggest further," said the letter, received by the Canadian Government "that it should not be deemed desirable to formulate, in the first instance, a treaty embracing a complete plan for the execution and financing of the project, if it might be practicable to conclude a treaty, pledging the two Governments to undertake the execution of the project on the basis of the recommendations submitted by the International Joint Waterway Commission, or such modifications as might be agreed upon, and making provision for a joint commission charged with the duty of formulating such a complete plan which should be subject to the approval of the two governments prior to the beginning of the work of construction."

NARROWLY ESCAPED HORRIBLE DEATH

Family Trying to Save Valuables from Burning Home When Roof Collapsed.

Sydney, N. S., May 30.—William Almond, his wife and two sons, had a narrow escape from death when their home at George's River burned to the ground on Monday afternoon. The members of the family were in the lower story trying to save some valuables when the roof crumbled down. The Almonds lost everything, including a sum of money, the total loss being about \$4,000.

BUDGET DEBATE DRIFTED INTO THE DOLDRUMS

Expected Pep Will Be Injected Into Proceedings Today When Leaders Speak.

INTEREST CENTRES IN R. Y. COMMITTEE

Where Great Battle Is Now Being Fought Over Railway Rates.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, May 30.—The budget debate drags wearily along. A slight speech of note today was delivered by Dr. Manion, who was Minister of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment in the Meighen government, and who charged budgetary extravagance against the present government. He also made a consequential increased preference for Great Britain. Dr. Manion also made strong play with the Government's alleged treason to its pre-election promises, citing speech after speech made by Mr. King, in which he specifically pledged himself to substantial tariff reductions upon coming into power. The violation of such solemn promises, Dr. Manion declared, undermined public confidence in the present government, and thus struck a blow at the very foundations of Democratic institutions.

Progressive Attitude. The Progressives who spoke today indicated that they will vote against the Conservative amendment. It is understood that Mr. Hoey, of St. Boniface, Mr. Creer's chief lieutenant, will tomorrow move another amendment, demanding tariff reductions. As the rules of the House call for but one amendment to a resolution, this move will likely be declared out of order, but it will have served its purpose, nevertheless. It will enable the Progressives to go back to their constituents and tell them that they did their best. Even in the event of its being declared in order, it will be a safe play. It will be a safe play because the Conservatives, consistent protectionists, will be compelled to vote against it, thus making the minority safe on both sides.

Meanwhile interest has shifted from the Commons Chamber to the Railway Committee room, where a great battle is being fought over railway rates. Last week the heads of the various railways had the floor and told why the Crows Nest Pass agreement should be permanently suspended. This week the West is having its innings, and all kinds and manner of Prairie leaders are telling why the agreement must be resumed. The West, however, is fighting a losing battle, the majority of the committee being of the view that an agreement entered into twenty-five years ago, and based upon conditions existing at that time, should not be adhered to under the vastly changed circumstances which operate just now.

REPRESENTATIVES OF BRITISH AT HAGUE

Hilton Young and Sir Philip Lloyd-Greame Named by Government.

London, May 30.—The names of the two experts who will represent Great Britain at the Hague conference on Russian affairs were announced by Austen Chamberlain, the government leader, in the House of Commons today. They will be Hilton Young and Sir Philip Lloyd-Greame, he said. Mr. Young is the recently appointed Financial Secretary to the Treasury. Sir Philip Lloyd-Greame, formerly parliamentary secretary to the Board of Trade, and more recently Director of Overseas Trade, was one of the British experts at the Genoa conference.

Mr. Chamberlain said it was not contemplated that any other British representatives would attend the Hague meeting.

BALFOUR SEATED IN HOUSE OF LORDS

Brilliant Scene as the Earl Took the Oath of Office.

London, May 30.—There was a brilliant scene in the House of Lords this afternoon when the Earl of Balfour, recently created a Peer by King George, was formally seated amid all the ancient ceremonial incident to such an occasion. The chamber and peerages' gallery were crowded and the House of Commons adjourned temporarily while the friends and political associates rushed in for a view of the oath taking. A bright sunshine fell on the gorgeous scarlet robes of the new peer and his sponsors, the Earl of Derby and the Earl of Selborne, as the procession passed through the House in accordance with ritual. After the reading of lengthy documents and the writ of summons, the Earl of Balfour took his seat.

MORE OPTIMISTIC FEELING PREVAILING OVER IRISH AND BRITISH NEGOTIATIONS

Hazelton, B. C., Surrounded By Forest Fires

Dry Weather Aggravated the Danger and Situation Becomes Very Serious.

Prince Rupert, B. C., May 30.—Fires are raging along a three mile strip on the north shore of the Skeena River, and in various districts all the way from Hazelton to Quesnel. Dry weather aggravated the danger and the situation is becoming serious. The town of Hazelton is cut off from telegraphic communication and details of the situation there are lacking. The fire is raging on two sides of the town.

UNITED ACTION FOR BENEFIT OF SEA PROVINCES

Representatives of St. John and Halifax Boards of Trade in Joint Conference.

Halifax, N. S., May 30.—A Maritime co-operative movement to promote the economic interests of the "Provinces by the Sea," and protect their political and other rights under confederation, was launched here today at a joint conference of representatives of boards of trade of St. John, N. B., and Halifax. Various matters of general interest to the two cities, and two Provinces, were discussed, and both Provinces made it a programme of united action for the common benefit.

The conference was in the nature of stocktaking of the economic position of the Maritimes, a review of the conditions essential for their future progress. The provision of cold storage facilities and frost proof warehouses to enable the assembling of perishable products for export, establishment of a research institute to assure the better utilization of natural products, the restoration of the railway rates prevailing on the Intercolonial; the limitation of the preferential tariff to goods exported by Canadian ports, and a federal investigation of the general marketing facilities for live stock in the Maritimes were among the matters discussed.

Following the business sessions, the St. John delegates were entertained at a dinner at the Halifax hotel.

MAY LAY CHARGE AGAINST MACAROW

Justice Department of Quebec Will Be Asked to Place Case Before Grand Jury.

Ottawa, May 30.—The Attorney-General of Quebec, it is understood, is to be asked to lay an indictment against D. C. Macarow, formerly general manager of the Merchants Bank, before the grand jury at the Montreal assizes which opens shortly. A charge against Mr. Macarow of making incorrect returns to the Finance Department was recently dismissed by a Montreal police magistrate.

The charge against Sir Montagu Allan, it is stated, will be continued before the police magistrate.

RAID ON CARLETON COUNTY STILLS

Officers Secure One at Carleton, Also a Quantity of Alcohol.

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, May 30.—One of the many liquor stills doing business in this county was seized today by Sheriff Foster, Deputy Sheriff Moores, Inland Revenue Officer Hanson and Inspectors Nevers and McClement left Woodstock by auto at an early hour this morning for Carleton County, where they seized a still, owned and operated by Merlin Clark. They also found a quantity of alcohol. When they arrived the still had been dismantled and hidden in the woods on Clark's property. Officer Hanson placed Clark under arrest and also arrested his hired man, Wilfred Arsenau, as a witness. The party arrived here this afternoon and Clark was placed in jail. His examination will take place tomorrow before Magistrate Comben. This is the first of a number of proposed raids by the inland revenue and prohibition officers in an endeavor to clean up the stills in Carleton county.

SLIGHT FIRE AT CAPITAL CITY

Fredericton, N. B., May 30.—The fire department was called out this evening by an alarm for a fire at the Plant of the Maritime Electric Co. Shore street. The damage was confined to a shed on the ground, used for storage and other purposes.

MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 18

Montréal, May 30.—Sunday, June 18, is recommended as the date for a special memorial service by the army and navy veterans of Canada to all commands of the Dominion Command which met here to decide the matter today.

From Ulster Borderland Reports That Situation Is Rapidly Passing From An Approaching Crisis to One of Actual Conflict With Northern and Southern Military, Does Not Shatter Hope That All Troubles Will Be Smoothly Ironed Out.

London, May 30.—Another day has passed without announcement of progress towards avoiding what the Colonial Secretary, Winston Spencer Churchill, speaking in the House of Commons, termed "one of the recurrent crisis in the Irish situation," while from the Ulster borderland reports indicate that the situation is rapidly passing from one of an approaching crisis to an actual conflict with the Northern and Southern military engaged across the border.

A more optimistic feeling prevailed in official circles late in the afternoon, however, and serious though the situation is, the difficulties of the negotiations are expected to be surmounted.

The morning Cabinet meeting was preceded by a long conversation between Premier Lloyd George, Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins, which, it was said, ended satisfactorily. But it was not followed by the Government's expected statement in the House this afternoon.

After a shower of questions and vigorous hecklings, Mr. Churchill said he would deal with the situation tomorrow morning, when the House sits at 11 o'clock, previous to adjournment for the Whitsuntide recess.

CONFERENCE PROLONGED

It is expected that the Irish conference will continue during the next few days, but Mr. Griffith and Mr. Collins will return to Dublin in time for the adjourned session of the Dail Eireann on June 2, while Mr. Lloyd George plans to take a holiday at Criccieth, his departure being arranged for Thursday morning.

From Dublin it is reported that the prolongation of the London conference has given rise to the general hope of the success of the negotiations, and Mr. Churchill's statement is eagerly awaited. In the meantime, increased political activity for the forthcoming elections is evident. Business and professional men, having formed an election committee, plan to enter candidates in professional and commercial interests, but the organization is described as non-partisan.

HOUSE OF LORDS ANXIOUS

In the House of Lords, Lord Birkbeck quieted discussion on Lord Salisbury's Irish motion by explaining that a full and candid explanation of the Government view of the situation would be presented.

Lord Salisbury expressed willingness to postpone his motion on this basis, but declared that the situation was so critical it seemed important that the position of many members should be set forth without delay as it followed that attacks by the Republican organization upon Ulster could not be tolerated and that the treaty ought to be maintained in letter and spirit on both sides. It was not necessary to say that the status of a Republic, either actual or virtual in any part of Ireland, must be absolutely resisted, if the Government felt that it was its duty to advise His Majesty to take measures necessary to vindicate those principles, the House of Lords, for whom he spoke.

DEVELOP ANOTHER OUTLET TO SEAS

United States May Not Wait for Canada to Act on Waterways Project.

Washington, May 30.—(By Canadian Press)—Backers of the St. Lawrence waterway, though disappointed because the Canadian Government will not open negotiations for its improvement, profess to believe such negotiations will be possible later on. They believe Prime Minister King will consent to negotiations when Canadian political conditions are more opportune.

If it should develop, however, that Canada will not negotiate within a reasonable time, members of Congress from the Great Lakes and Mississippi Valley regions declare steps will be taken to develop another outlet to the seas either via the Mississippi, or by expansion of the New York barge canal.

OFFICERS BOSTON CANADIAN CLUB

Former New Brunswick Men Are Named Among This Year's Officials.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Boston, May 30.—Frederick J. Macleod, lawyer, of Boston, was re-elected president of the Canadian Club of Boston at the recent annual meeting of that body. Other officers elected were: First vice-president, Arthur E. Childs; second vice-president, Fred R. Basley; third vice-president, Anselm M. Johnson; treasurer, Roy E. Burnham; secretary, Roy E. Burnham; assistant secretary, J. Ernest Kerr; historian, John F. Masters; auditor, Oswald Lyon; chaplain, Dr. Austin K. DeBella. To the executive committee and other positions were named: Donald J. Ferguson, David J. MacNicol, Roy Davis, D. Currie Dolan, Albert T. Cann, Delbert R. Smith, Frank R. Siroam, Clarence M. Warner and Milton E. Murray.

RATIFY GERMAN-POLISH AGREEMENT

Berlin, May 31.—The Reichstag today adopted the German-Polish agreement on Upper Silesia which was recently concluded by a joint commission meeting at Geneva. The people's party and communist deputies voted against ratification.