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## REPORT OF LABOR COMMISSION, INVESTIGATING IRISH AFFAIRS, UNFAVORABLE TO BRITISH

Report Declares That the Rule Would Drive Any Spirited Nation Into Deep-Seated and Dangerous Discontent.

### POLITICAL ISSUES SHADOW ALL OTHERS

Economic Regeneration of Ireland Cannot be Successfully Achieved Until Political Problem is Solved.

London, Feb. 25.—The report of the Commission of Labor Men, which recently investigated conditions in Ireland, is a strong denunciation of what is characterized as the British misrule in Ireland. This, the report declares, "would drive any spirited nation into deep-seated and dangerous discontent," adding that "where the administration is not merely unskillful it appears to be deliberately provocative."

The report sets forth that Ireland has become utterly estranged, and the Irish problem, as the Labor delegation sees it, is "a problem of political pathology."

### Political Issue Uppermost.

Abundant evidence exists, the report finds, of the need of action with regard to social matters and education, but the political issue, it holds, obscures these questions.

"The economic regeneration of Ireland, which would help materially to destroy existing animosities and speedily efface the memory of historic wrongs," the report adds, "cannot be successfully achieved unless and until the political problem is solved, the fundamental necessity, therefore, is a change in the political system."

The report consists largely of detailed examples of the "senseless attitude" of the administration's repressive measures, with the result that "every institution, of which the British citizen is so proud—a free press, freedom of speech, liberty of a subject and trial by jury—is a thing of the past in a large part of Ireland."

The report continues: "While unreservedly condemning political outrages, such as the shooting of policemen, we are bound to say that no evidence is forthcoming that such shootings preceded the application of the policy of rigorous repression."

### NOT SATISFIED WITH METHODIST CHURCH DOCTRINE

Clergyman Withdraws from the Conference, Believing the Spiritual Development of Church is Being Hindered.

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 25.—Rev. F. W. Hollinrake, who is withdrawing at the end of the present year as pastor of the Barton Street Methodist Church here, and also from the Methodist denomination, today issued a statement giving his reasons. He believes in pre-millennialism, which, he says, the Methodist Church seeks to wipe out as a noxious weed. The Church, he thinks, is too much encumbered with machinery which hampers spiritual development. He does not approve of the Methodist Church's social service work. The Forward Movement he calls the last straw.

### PORTER CAUGHT WITH THE GOODS

Pullman Car "Hop" Caught Smuggling Whiskey Into Massachusetts.

Springfield, Mass., Feb. 25.—Austin E. Watkins, of Montreal, a Pullman porter on the Boston and Maine Railroad, and Frank P. Floyd, an employment agent here, were arrested this afternoon, charged with smuggling in whiskey from Canada. Railroad detectives allege they found the pair with thirteen bottles of rye whiskey.

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### Warning Given Working Classes By Union Sec'y

London, Feb. 25.—(Canadian Press)—T. Richards, M. P., general secretary of "South Wales Miners' Union, addressing a meeting of workmen and discharged soldiers at Ebbwvale, said that the working classes were, by reason of their strength, beginning to boss everyone. They must cease to worship the German ideal, that might was right. Pacifists, who could not shed German blood because they held fighting to be wrong, said Mr. Richards, were today heading a movement calculated to end in revolution and blood shed.

### Brewers To Fight U.S. Prohib. Law

Their Association Claim to Have Enough Non-Ratifying States to Defeat the Measure.

Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 25.—That the brewers of the United States will fight the prohibition law, "by every legal and constitutional means," is indicated by a statement made by Christian W. Feigenspan, President of the United States Brewers' Association, which is meeting here today. "Counting the non-ratifying states, these which have not voted for state prohibition, and those which have voted against Federal or State Constitutional Prohibition in recent years," he said, "we have 25, or more than a majority of the whole number. There are 21 referendum states, 15 of which are not included in the foregoing. In these states the people have reserved to themselves the power to approve or reject at the polls any act of the legislature. They must, therefore, be considered states which have not ratified. Adding these 40 states to the 25 mentioned, we have a total of 65 in which the people are either opposed to Federal prohibition or have been denied their undoubted right to pass upon it."

### ONT. CLOTHIERS TO FIGHT THE RISING COST OF CLOTHING

Decide to Expel from Their Association Any Member Found Guilty of Taking Excess Profits.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—The Ontario Clothiers' Association, at its annual meeting here today, decided to expel from the association any member found guilty of taking excess profits, or indulging in fraudulent advertising. The delegates pledged themselves to fight the rising cost of clothing and agreed that they would sell at the lowest possible margin of profits. They also agreed to discontinue purchasing United States goods because of the exchange situation, and to cancel orders already given to the United States, unless the United States manufacturers would agree to pay all exchange in excess of six per cent.

### ROYAL JEWELS TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION IN N. Y.

New York, Feb. 25.—Jewels, furs and paintings, believed to have belonged to the late Czar of Russia, which the Customs authorities seized, will be sold at auction tomorrow. The man who attempted to smuggle them into the United States said he bought them from Russian revolutionists soon after the raid on the Winter Palace at Petrograd.

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### PARIS IN GRASP OF PARALYZING RIVY STRIKE

Seriousness of the Situation Will Not be Fully Known Until Today When Locomotive Men Act on Order to Quit.

### ATTEMPTING TO RECRUIT NEW CREWS

Conference Held Yesterday at Department of Public Works in Which French Military Representatives Took Part.

Paris, Feb. 25.—Notwithstanding the strike, the Paris, Lyon and Mediterranean Railroad today ran a limited suburban service and a few through trains. Tonight some trains are feeling their way over the rails in places where the signal men have gone out on strike. The company today refused to accept freight from other lines this afternoon. The railway officials are attempting to recruit new crews. A conference was held this afternoon at the Ministry of Public Works in which the French military representatives took part.

The seriousness of the situation created by the strike of railway employees will not be known until after one o'clock tomorrow morning, when the engineers and firemen are called out by a union order issued today. The other employees quit work on all lines this afternoon. The railway officials are attempting to recruit new crews. On the Paris, Lyons and Mediterranean system half the workers are out in the Paris district; two-thirds at Dijon, a few at Marseilles, and a third at Avignon. At Nimes, eighty miles northwest of Marseilles, the engineers and firemen have already quit. Delegates of the Trainmen's Union of the Seine Department this afternoon voted for an immediate strike of all the operating employees on all lines with the exception of the engineers and firemen, who were called out to quit at one o'clock Thursday morning. This action was taken after the Trainmen's Federation had refused to be represented at the meeting.

### AUTO THIEVES ON TRIAL IN W'LAND COUNTY COURT

Three Defendants Take Stand in Own Defence — Were Arrested in United States.

Special to The Standard  
Moncton, N. B., Feb. 25.—When the Westmorland Circuit Court resumed at Moncton this morning the case of Karl Tower, of Sackville, charged with assault with intent to do grievously bodily harm, was taken up. The Crown reduced the charge to common assault and the accused pleaded guilty being sentenced by Judge Crockett to one month in the county jail.

The case of William VanBuskirk, Alonzo Pointier, and Bayard Wilson, charged with stealing an automobile in November last from Albert Arsenault, of Sunny Brae, was next proceeded with. At the conclusion of the evidence for the prosecution the accused took the stand in their own defence. They admitted taking the auto but alleged that they took it for fun but when they heard the police were after them they kept on going, making it for the United States. The case will likely be concluded tomorrow.

### NOVEMBER 11TH TO BE URGED AS THANKSGIVING DAY

Manitoba Trustees' Association Adopts Resolution to That Effect.

Winnipeg, Feb. 25.—The Dominion Government will be asked to set aside November 11 of each year as a holiday to be known and observed as a national Thanksgiving Day in accordance with a resolution passed by the Manitoba Trustees' Association at today's session of their annual convention. A resolution was passed asking the Provincial Government to increase the grants to school boards in proportion to the advance in the salaries of teachers.

### GLUE SUNDAY IS LATEST PERIL TO PUBLIC HEALTH

New York, Feb. 25.—The glue sundae is the latest peril to public health in New York, the Board of Health announced today. "Ice cream" sold in sodas and sundae is full of glue, and will not melt in the sun, experts declared.

### GOVERNMENT'S IRISH HOME RULE BILL PRESENTED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS WED.

Government's Project Centres on the Setting up of Two Parliaments in Ireland, One for the South and One for the North.

### BRITAIN CANNOT ACCEPT SEPARATION

Largest Opportunity Will be Given to Irish People to Unite on Constitution of a Parliament Which Will Embrace All Ireland.

London, Feb. 25.—The bill for Irish Home Rule, long promised by the Government, was presented in the House of Commons today. The first reading was of the title alone, and was a mere formality, preliminary to taking up the measure at the session tomorrow.

The present bill, it is understood, adheres fairly closely to the measure as outlined by Premier Lloyd George in the House on December 22 last. The Government's project centres on the setting up of two parliaments in Ireland, one for the south and one for the north.

### Cannot Accept Separation

Home Rule, as the Government hopes to give it to Ireland, is based primarily upon the declaration of the Premier in his December speech that "Great Britain cannot accept separation." But the largest opportunity will be given to the Irish people to unite on the Constitution of a Parliament in the course of time, which will embrace Ireland as a whole.

For the North of Ireland, the area embraced will probably include the six counties mentioned by the Premier in his original outline, with possibly some slight modifications, as a consequence of which the Northern Parliament will be a very much smaller body than the southern organization.

### Representative Council

One of the fundamental features of the bill has always been a Council representing the two Parliaments, and it is understood that this Council will derive its powers from the two bodies which will be responsible for its election. The proposed legislature will have extensive powers, and also representation in the Imperial Parliament. Such matters as education, local government, agriculture, transportation, navigation and the like will be under the control of these two legislatures, while matters of more serious import to the empire, such as foreign relations, land annuities and the higher judiciary are reserved for the decision of the Imperial Government.

Mr. Lloyd George announced that the proceeds of land annuities in Ireland would be given as a free gift to the two Parliaments, and estimated that this would amount to £3,000,000 for the year. The amount will be made for the maintenance of the Parliaments, if the Government's bill is accepted.

### R. R. EMPLOYEES PUT PROPOSITION UP TO PRESIDENT

Urges Him to Withhold Sanction of R. R. Bill Until They Can be Heard — Farmers Divided.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The Railroad Bill was sent to the White House today and the President is expected to act on it one way or another before the Roads are returned to private control at 12.01 a.m. next Monday. The measure is vigorously opposed by the executive officials and their representatives now in Washington considering the President's proposal for settlement of their wage demands, were drafted today, a memorial to this executive asking him to veto the bill. A similar request was made yesterday by George P. Hampton, managing director of the Farmers' National Council, who asked that the President hear a delegation from his organization tomorrow. Other big farmer organizations in a letter sent to the White House today urged approval of the legislation.

### YARMOUTH SWEEP BY FIERCE GALE

Yarmouth, Feb. 25.—Another terrific gale, accompanied by thick snow, is sweeping over Yarmouth tonight. All the night until about four thirty this afternoon, a easterly wind with rain prevailed, and within a very few minutes the wind hauled suddenly to the west and north-west and has since blown with almost hurricane force. Barometers are again very low 28.4, which is one-tenth lower than the reading previous to the big blow a week ago. All along the waterfront shipping is tied up tight, and the steamer Northland, ready to sail for Boston, is held at her dock.

### Canadian Imports From England Reached Record Mark in January

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—(Canadian Press)—Canadian imports from the United Kingdom in January were greater in money value than in any single month of our history. They totalled \$18,414,503, as compared with \$9,882,984 in December last, and \$6,709,200 in January, 1919. The increase would appear to indicate that Canadian buyers are taking advantage of the exchange situation to make profitable purchases in Great Britain. In January our exports to the British Isles were \$38,288,040, imports from the United States in January, however, despite the unfavourable exchange rate, showed no decline. The total value of imports was \$74,530,425 as against \$71,069,509 in December, and \$59,379,127 in January, 1919. Our exports to the United States in January were \$43,577,946, as compared with \$41,227,589 in the corresponding month of 1919.

### Embargo On Trading Again Thur. In Stocks

Drastic Action Taken by Finance Minister in Order to Protect the Home Security Market.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—An embargo on trading in stocks, bonds or other securities from countries outside of Canada will go into effect tomorrow.

This drastic action has been taken by the financial interests of the Dominion at the request of Sir Henry Drexton, Minister of Finance, in order to protect the home security market.

Trading with American exchanges for cash will thus come to an end for the time being, though there is no restriction against buying on margins except that imposed by adverse exchange. Action was forced by the flooding of the Canadian security market in Toronto which lowered the price of securities to a point where they were being sold at a loss.

In a statement issued tonight, by the Bond Dealers' Association intimating was given that action would be taken to prevent the importation of non-essentials and especially from the United States. The issuance of new securities for non-essential purposes in Canada will be discouraged.

Agents of American manufacturers in Toronto who learned tonight of the proposed new restrictions were greatly agitated and anxious for information as to the probable course of Parliament.

### N. E. Struggling To Emerge From Snow Blanket

Fierce Snow Storm of Yesterday Again Ties up Transportation and Causes Much Damage.

Boston, Feb. 25.—Northern New England tonight was struggling to emerge from the snow blanket spread by today's blizzard. From Maine to New Hampshire came reports of another day of transportation lines and some towns were said to be completely snowed under.

Boston and Maine railroad officials said the conditions were the worst within their memory, the blockade extending from Revere to the Canadian border. Service over the Portland division of the railroad was practically at a standstill. Street railway companies in Northern Massachusetts were also tied up and the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad was forced to suspend service early this afternoon, drifting snow and frozen switches were responsible for the conditions.

A pavilion at the Revere Beach summer resort crumpled under the weight of snow and ice on its roof. No one was injured.

### FIERCE BATTLE FOLLOWS ATTACK OF A ROBBER

Montreal, Feb. 25.—As a result of one of the fiercest battles that ever raged between inmates of a house in this city, Joseph Levan, 30 years of age, living at 65 Richmond street, is dying at the General Hospital from wounds in the head, while Mrs. George Gignon, 30 Clarke street, is under treatment with eleven razor wounds in her body, several slashes across her breast being very serious.

Mrs. Gignon, when questioned by the police, stated that Levan, an Italian, broke into her house and attacked her violently with a razor. Two rooms came to the rescue and were struggling with the intruder when Constable Bourque arrived. Meanwhile Levan was removed to the hospital where he

### POLAND READY TO MAKE PEACE WITH SOUVETS

The Conditions of Peace, Which Are Being Drafted, Will be Submitted to Allies Before Poland's Final Decision.

### INJUSTICES MUST BE RECTIFIED

Will Insist That the Historical Barriers Which Have Hindered Neighborly Feeling be Removed.

Warsaw, Feb. 25.—Poland is inclined to enter into peace negotiations with the Russian Soviet Government immediately. An official statement to this effect was made Tuesday night by the Foreign Affairs Committee on the Diet.

The Diet's statement says Poland is inclined to enter into negotiations with the Soviet, the conditions of which are being drafted, and which will be submitted to the Allies and interested States before Poland's final decision is made. It is expected that the answer will be forwarded to the Soviet Government within two weeks, as the terms have been approved by the Diet.

The statement adds: "Poland must demand definitely that the efforts for Poland's partition cease and insist that the historical injustice which hinders the establishment of good neighborly relations between Poland and Russia should be rectified. Delimitation between the two States would be based pre-eminently upon the will and interests of the populations concerned. This was the attitude of the Polish Diet previously."

"The Republic has decided absolutely to stand for the determination of the eastern frontier with the consent of the local population and Poland has every right, and it is Poland's duty, to demand that the inhabitants beyond the present battle line be allowed plebiscites. This concerns the territory wrested from Poland. The Polish Government has decided to consult the Allied powers and interested States and base its answer to the Soviet's peace propaganda thereupon."

In order to bring about a lasting peace with Russia, Poland must demand that the present condition, if agreed upon, must be ratified by the representatives of the Russian nation."

### Federal Agents of U. S. Called Off From Iron County

Clash Between "Feds" and State Officials of Michigan Causes Peculiar Situation.

Iron River, Mich., Feb. 25.—The army of Federal agents and State Constabulary, which marched into Iron County last night to "clean it up" from the liquor standpoint, marched right back again tonight. Major A. S. Dalrymple who led the expedition has been summoned to Washington to confer with John Kramer, prohibition commissioner. His thirty-five followers left for their homes. Major Dalrymple came last night with the avowed intention of arresting county and village officers on charges of conspiracy to obstruct enforcement of the prohibition law, but Washington called him off. Before leaving tonight, he said the first defeat of Federal agents with State officers in enforcement of the 18th amendment was a serious blow to the law.

Merry McDonough, county prosecuting attorney, and leader of the forces against Dalrymple, was also called off today.

Major Dalrymple found nine barrels of wine in the cellar of the parish priest's home today and destroyed it, after taking samples for evidence. The incident was widely heralded, and moving picture cameras registered it. "It gave the major a fine chance to pose before the movie cameras while he knocked in the barrel heads," said McDonough.

### British Gov't Defeated In Commons On Pension Increase Bill

London, Feb. 25.—The Government was defeated in the House of Commons tonight on a private member's bill calling for a large increase in the pensions to all policemen retired prior to April, 1919, in order to meet the increased cost of living. The motion, which was strongly supported, was carried by a vote of 123 to 57, although it was opposed by the Government. The Home Secretary, Edward Short, on behalf of the Government, said he recognized that the House was in favor of the motion, but it would cost £50,000,000 and would be followed by similar demands from all other government pensioners, and was, therefore, inconsistent with the demands made upon the Government. He promised, however, to see if anything was possible to relieve really hard cases.

The defeat of the Government has no political significance, but it is considered that it would be rather useful to the Government as an illustration of the difficulties of effecting economy.