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NO "DOMINION HOME RULE" IS POSSIBLE FOR IRELAND; WOULD MEAN A REPUBLIC

Bonar Law, in Commons, Says Dominions Have Right to Separate at Any Time, But Ireland is Essential to Britain—Asquith Declares Bill is Absolutely Unacceptable.

London, March 30.—Herbert H. Asquith, former premier and advocate of a one-parliament Ireland, took issue in the house of commons today on the home rule question with Premier Lloyd George, whose plan for two parliaments for Ireland Mr. Asquith characterized as absolutely unacceptable.

Particular interest is centered in the contest between the premier and former premier, both of whom aspire to the leadership of the Liberal party, but as yet they have not come to grips. The fact that agitation is so widespread in Ireland at the present time lends added interest to the ultimate outcome of the bill now before the house, but the real fight will not be on until the committee stage is reached.

Mr. Asquith spoke today against the bill, but contrary to expectations, Mr. Lloyd George deferred his remarks until tomorrow. For the moment unreality seems to surround the debate, and today's proceedings failed to arouse much excitement. The arguments take two principal directions: From the opponents of the bill that it is useless to press the measure, as it is certain to be contemptuously rejected by the Irish people and the supporters of the bill, that to grant self-determination under existing conditions would be equivalent to consenting to the proclamation of an Irish republic which no sane government could permit.

After the principal speakers, Mr. Asquith and Andrew Bonar Law, the debate was confined to minor members. The hope that Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster Unionist leader, would speak, was not fulfilled. The holiday spirit seemed to pervade the house, which gradually emptied, and the debate was adjourned at eleven o'clock tonight.

Sir Donald MacLean will resume the debate tomorrow with Premier Lloyd George and William Adamson, Labor leader, as the chief speakers. There may be a division to enable adjournment for Easter.

Mr. Asquith opposed the bill as a "cumbersome duplication and multiplication of institutions and offices" adding that "from the viewpoint of efficiency there is nothing to be said for it." He recalled that in 1914 he gave a pledge that Ireland should have one parliament and declared he adhered to that view now. He disagreed, he said, with those who believed there could be no constitutional changes until order had been restored in the north and with the holders of the view that the root of the trouble could not be gotten at until there was a wide reform in the government system.

The substitution of this bill for the measure on the statute books, Mr. Asquith continued, took from the Irish (Continued on Page 7, Column 3).



SIR NEVIL MACREADY, Who Has Been Appointed to the Chief Command in Ireland.

POLICE COMMANDS ARE REORGANIZED THROUGHOUT IRELAND

Prominent Sinn Feiners, Including Two M.P.'s, Arrested in Raids.

TROUBLE IN PRISON

London, March 30.—General Sir Nevil Macready, the new military commander in Ireland, had a long conference with Premier Lloyd George today preparatory to going to Ireland for his new duties.

A circular has already been issued from Dublin Castle announcing the constitution, with officers, of the new divisional police command. General Hackett-Pain, formerly chief of staff of the Ulster volunteer force, and late army chief in Ulster, has been appointed to command the northern district, which includes the whole of Ulster and the county of Louth. Numerous other appointments have been made to the commands in the provinces and counties.

There was a great military activity in northwest Ireland today. Soldiers and police raided many different centres and arrested a number of prominent Sinn Feiners, including the two Donegal members of parliament, Joseph Sweeney, at Burtonport, and Peter J. Ward, at his home in Donegal.

There are now about eight Sinn Feiners in Derry prison. They pulled out their cell windows today and shouted to passers-by, and are reported to be giving trouble inside. The soldiers quartered in the prison, have machine guns mounted, and an armored car is held in readiness in the prison yard.

CARPENTERS ACCEPT NEW WAGE SCHEDULE

Scale is 85 Cents to June 1, and 90 Cents After That Date.

By a vote of 218 to 70 the Brotherhood of Carpenters Local 27 decided to accept the offer of the committee of employers for a wage of 85 cents an hour up to June 1, and a wage of 90 cents after that date. The meeting, which was held at the Labor Temple was one of the largest ever held in the assembly hall, and was contentious to a degree, but as shown by the final vote the question was amicably decided.

CALL FOR A PROBE OF O.T.A. EXPENSES

Chief of Government Dispensaries Summoned to Give Evidence.

The license board, the cost of enforcing the O.T.A. and dispensing liquor from the government stores will furnish the first work for the public accounts committee, according to a resolution moved yesterday following the organization of the committee by H. H. Dewar, seconded by Mr. Sinclair. The resolution reads: That J. D. Flavelle, J. E. Mowat and W. Cleland, chief of the government dispensaries, be summoned to appear before the committee on public accounts on Thursday, April 1, to give evidence regarding the following items: Enforcement O.T.A. \$335,454. License commissioners' special fund \$150,000. Board of license commissioners' refund \$5,077.

Also to produce accounts of the salaries of employees in the government dispensaries, expenditure upon taking over vendor's business and also all orders-in-council re remission of fines.

WILSON PROTESTS AGAINST RETAINING TURKS IN EUROPE

In Note to Allies Says Arguments for Expulsion Cannot Be Ignored.

ARMENIA'S BOUNDARIES

Washington, March 30.—Vigorous expression of President Wilson's opinion, that "the often-expressed intention of the allies, that the anomaly of the Turks in Europe should cease," should be carried out in framing the Turkish treaty, was made public by the American rejoinder to the recent allied note transmitting information as to the status of treaty negotiations.

The American rejoinder was handed to the French ambassador here on March 24 for transmission to Premier Millerand, and made public by the state department on advice that it had been delivered.

In his note the president expresses the belief that the Moslems who assisted in the detour of the Turks will not so resent their expulsion as to make a reversal of policy on the part of the allies desirable or necessary. The government of the United States notes with pleasure that Russia is to have a voice in the matter as soon as a stable government in that country has been established.

He adds that that part of Thrace outside the zone reserved for Constantinople be given to Greece, and that the cities of Adrianople and Kirk Kilissen should become part of Bulgaria.

CANADIAN MILLERS SEE WHEAT BOARD

Strongly Object to Scheme of Retaining Grain Price Control.

Washington, March 30.—Princess Nadia Vasilevna, Toubetzkoy, styled the most beautiful nurse in the world, objected to the admiration of movie men, reporters and a curious public who were performing her duties at Garfield Memorial Hospital. Consequently she left Saturday after informing the superintendent that the ordeal was "too nerve racking" and has not returned.

AIM AT RELEASE OF STRIKE LEADERS

Winnipeg Labor Men Call a Special Convention for April 11.

Winnipeg, March 30.—More than 700 delegates representing Winnipeg labor organizations, will meet April 11 to discuss ways and means to effect the release of convicted strike leaders. James Law, secretary of the defence committee, announced today. Protest meetings will be held Good Friday in various parts of the city.

STRIKE AGAINST DANISH MINISTRY

Walk-Out Will Begin Today and is Expected to Be General Tomorrow.

Copenhagen, March 30.—It has been learned on the best authority that a general strike in protest against the new ministry will begin at noon Wednesday. It is not expected, however, to become general before Thursday morning.

HERBERT HOOVER

San Francisco, March 30.—Herbert Hoover today telegraphed the Hoover Republican Club of California that he would accept the Republican nomination for president.

NEW LAW IMPOSES SUCCESSION DUTIES UP TO 60 PER CENT.

Provides for Commissioners to Investigate Value of Estates.

BIG FUND FOR ROADS

What Ontario proposes to do in the way of realizing increased revenues under the succession duty act, and how the great expenditures upon the highways and road improvements announced by Hon. F. C. Biggs, minister of public works, are to be provided were laid before the legislature yesterday in the form of resolutions introduced by the provincial treasurer and the minister of public works.

The proposed amendments provide that all property and income subject to succession duty shall come under tables of statutory rates on the death of any person, whether the deceased was domiciled in Ontario or elsewhere. The rates are set by degree of blood relationship, and when extended cover pages of the house proceedings.

FOUR MEN ARE HELD AS MOTOR THIEVES

Police Believe They Have Perpetrators of Recent Daring Robberies.

Four alleged motor thieves were arrested yesterday by Detectives Waterhouse, Crowson and Black. Henry Crewell, 587 East Dundas street; John Brown, 33 Order avenue, and Fred Monckton, 2151 Dufferin street, are the men under arrest charged with theft. Kew, was arrested on Jarvis street, and when searched by Waterhouse was found to be carrying a loaded revolver. A second charge of carrying concealed weapons was then laid. Crewell and Brown will face two charges of stealing automobiles.

GERMANY PERMITTED TO EMPLOY TROOPS IN DISTURBED AREA

Chancellor Mueller Announces That France Has Given Consent.

ULTIMATUM MODIFIED

Berlin, March 30.—France has abandoned her demand to occupy the neutral zone, and has consented to grant Germany from two to three weeks to employ a strong force in the disturbed Ruhr area, according to an announcement made to the national assembly today by Chancellor Mueller. The chancellor referred to the situation in the Ruhr territory and the threats of a general strike as an answer to the alleged military action. He declared that the ministry of defence had given orders for the avoidance of all unnecessary harshness, and that the executive authorities were thirsting for the blood of the workers.

PREPARED TO STAKE LIVES

Red Leaders Determined for Success of Social Revolution.

Essen, March 30.—The general strike called at midnight Monday in the Ruhr district was virtually complete in Essen today. It is not known how far outside this city it extends, however.

Blow Up Railway Bridge

London, March 30.—A despatch to The London Times from Rotterdam, dated Tuesday, says The Maabode's frontier correspondent in a telephonic message announces the Reds have evacuated Dorsten. In Westphalia, after having blown up the railway bridge.

NATIONAL RAILWAY BUDGET LAID BEFORE PARLIAMENT IN STATEMENT BY DR. REID

Is First Annual Report on Big Government-Owned System—Outlines Needs of the Road in Future, States Program for Coming Year and Takes Up Vital Question of the Management's Suggested Increase in Freight Rates.

VOTE TWENTY MILLIONS FOR SHIPBUILDING

Ottawa, March 30.—(By Canadian Press.)—In a comprehensive speech, Dr. Reid, minister of railways, laid before the house today the first annual budget of the Canadian National Railway System since its inauguration.

His statement had been keenly awaited, and was followed with interest from all sides of the house. It traced in detail the financial results of the year's operations; it outlined the needs of the roads in the future; it stated their program for the coming year; it discussed the vital question of the suggested increase in freight rates.

The year's work showed an operating deficit on government roads of \$14,000,000, namely: Canadian Northern, \$6,400,000; I.C.R. and Transcontinental, \$7,500,000. To this there has to be added \$19,000,000 for fixed charges, or a total deficit for the year (including fixed charges) of \$33,000,000.

Wages Took the Earnings. In comparison, the operating deficit of the roads in 1918 (the Canadian Northern was then in private hands) was \$2,240,000. Revenue, too, has advanced by nearly twelve millions. But, so Dr. Reid explained to the house, operating expenses had increased from \$84,000,000 to practically \$108,000,000. The advances in operating expenses were largely due to increases in wages granted under the McAdoo award. Of every dollar earned by the roads, 76c went in wages to the employees. In fact, given the same operating costs as in 1918, Dr. Reid claimed, the earnings in 1919 would have taken care of operating costs, and, in addition, provided the "tidy sum" of \$9,000,000 towards fixed charges.

G.T.R. Statement Later. In all this, however, Dr. Reid did not take the Grand Trunk Pacific (of which the government is in possession as receiver) into account. The Grand Trunk Pacific, Dr. Reid intimated, would be the subject of another statement later. But he indicated a total loss of \$14,000,000 for last year, or \$14,000,000, as follows: operating loss, \$5,500,000; fixed charges, \$8,500,000.

Thus, deficits on all lines for the year, including the G.T.P., including both capital charges and operating loss, totaled \$47,000,000. From deficits, Dr. Reid pressed to suggested increases in freight rates. It is in this regard, probably, that his whole statement will awaken the widest public interest.

Matter of Rate Increases. There was the point to be considered, he said, that any increase of rates on government lines would apply equally well to the C.P.R. Should therefore, Dr. Reid asked, freight rates be generally increased for the particular purpose of enabling the Canadian National Railway system to meet operating expenses and fixed charges? An increase of say, 25 per cent. in rates would mean an additional charge on the public of \$88,000,000 approximately.

Reid pursued, "we shall take \$8 million in increased freight rates out of the people of Canada to show a surplus for the national treasury. A question to which I, myself, am not prepared to take the responsibility of deciding either one way or the other." He would leave it to the consideration of the house and of the people of Canada.

Program for 1920. The program for 1920, as outlined by Dr. Reid, may be summed up as follows: New construction: In the west, completion of branch lines on which work is well under way; in the east, postponement of important work until the coming of better financial conditions. No more work to be done on the Hudson Bay Railway during the coming year.

New equipment: Seventy-five locomotives; 4750 freight cars; 50 passenger cars.

Welcome C.P.R. Competition. The keen competition, prompt, persistent and fair, promised by the president of the C.P.R. would be welcomed. The National lines had been removed from political interference. Experienced railwaymen, men of charge—men who had been given money to improve the roadbed, to buy the best equipment to enable the greatest tonnage to be hauled in a single train. If Canada had reached the maximum of development, Dr. Reid said, "then we shall have planned foolishly."

But I, for one," he closed, "have the faith to feel and the vision to prophesy that this great transportation system is not being prepared to perform this splendid transportation service in vain."

Considerable discussion followed Dr. Reid's statement. Two Alberta members—Mr. Mackenzie, of the government side, and Mr. White, of the opposition—both complained of delay in completing lines out of Edmonton. And Mr. McKenzie, former house leader of the opposition, also stated his well-known objections to public ownership. If, he said, the people were not any further evidence that government ownership was a huge failure, it would be found in Dr. Reid's statement. It was a jumble of figures, a jumble of lines and a jumble of management. It was a Mother Hubbard's cupboard which was always bare.

The railway estimates were discussed in detail subsequently, in supply, and progress was reported without passing any of the items.

Dr. Reid's Statement. In opening, Hon. Dr. Reid stated it was unfortunate that abnormal economic conditions, the disturbing effects of which were world-wide and beyond the control of any railroad management, whether public or private, should have prevented a better showing for the first year of large scale national operation, but the result, when closely analyzed, was not without hope for the future of government ownership and operation.

Briefly stated, the national system had earned \$94,000,000 during the year, or almost \$12,000,000 more than during 1918. But even with the \$12,000,000 in increased earnings, the operating loss was \$14,000,000, made up as follows: Canadian Northern, \$6,500,000; International and Transcontinental, \$7,500,000.

Cost More to Operate. The explanation of this is that during the year the operating expenses advanced from \$84,000,000 to practically \$108,000,000.

The increased operating expense was due in large part to the advance in wages under the McAdoo award and supplements thereto, which were not offset by corresponding increases in rates. Given the same operating costs in 1918, said the minister, the earnings for 1919 would have taken care of them and provided in addition the tidy sum of nine millions towards meeting fixed charges. These interest obligations themselves amount to (Continued on Page 11, Column 1).

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ONE-WAY TRAFFIC ON SEVEN STREETS

During Rush Hours Cars May Stand Only Five Minutes Downtown.

40 PARKING LOCATIONS

Two Hours is Limit for Leaving Motor Cars in One Position.

The new regulations governing traffic on the streets of Toronto were approved by the board of police commissioners yesterday afternoon. Following several conferences with the various local business men's associations and with the heads of the police department, regulations satisfactory to both parties were arranged. In an effort to solve the traffic congestion in downtown streets, seven one-way streets have been defined for traffic, as follows:

Victoria street, between Colborne and Adelaide streets, to be a one-way street for northbound traffic only. Leader Lane to be made a one-way street for southbound traffic only.

Colborne street, between Yonge and Church streets, to be made a one-way street for eastbound traffic only. Jordan street to be made a one-way street for southbound traffic only. Bert street to be made a one-way street for northbound traffic only.

The driveway on the east side of Queen's Park to be a one-way street for northbound traffic only. The driveway on the west side of Queen's Park to be a one-way street for southbound traffic only.

Knox College crescent, to be a one-way street for northbound traffic only. Spadina avenue, on the east side of Knox College crescent, to be a one-way street for northbound traffic only. College crescent, to be a one-way street for southbound traffic only. Thirty-Minute Streets. No vehicle shall stand on any of the following streets between the hours of 4.45 p.m. and 6 p.m., except for a five-minute period, and between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4.45 p.m. for (Continued on Page 4, Column 3).

BANQUET DR. CHOWN.

Vancouver, March 30.—Rev. Dr. S. Chown, veteran of Methodism, was banqueted here on his arrival from the east on Monday afternoon. Brigadier Chown presided.