

DARING ATTEMPT MADE TO ESCAPE FROM JAIL FRUSTRATED

PARLEY ON PEACE IN IRELAND RESUMED

Lloyd George, Strengthened By Vote of Commons, May Now Make Progress.

NO HITCH PRECIPITATED BY PREMIER'S SPEECH

Belief Increased That In Event of a Break General Election Would Follow.

LONDON, Nov. 1. — (Canadian Press Cable.) — Peace negotiations between representatives of the British Government and delegates of the Dail Eireann were resumed at No. 10 Downing street, the official home of the premier, this morning. Michael Collins and Arthur Griffith, representing the Dail Eireann, arrived in Downing street at 11 o'clock, accompanied by Erskine Childers, secretary of the Sinn Fein delegation. It was said they went there in response to a message from Mr. Lloyd George.

The meeting lasted for 45 minutes, after which, it was stated, another committee meeting was being held. The Government representatives present were Mr. Lloyd George, Austen Chamberlain and Lord Bickerton. Mr. Lloyd George, strengthened by the emphatic vote in the House of Commons last night, giving him a mandate to continue the negotiations with the Sinn Feiners, was believed to stand in a position which might result in considerable progress in the negotiations during the next few days.

NO HITCH PRECIPITATED

Inquiries in Sinn Fein quarters to-day showed that Mr. Lloyd George's address before the House of Commons last night had done nothing in the direction of precipitating a hitch. Sinn Feiners could find nothing in his words with which they were not familiar from the outset. In addition, Mr. Lloyd George did not force the allegiance issue more strongly than he has done in the past. Mr. de Valera's message to Pope Benedict, the vital issues of allegiance, naval security, payment of debts and avoidance of war in Ireland, were all points which had been debated by the four negotiators without a break in the conference. Ulster remained to-day the chief difficulty to be overcome, but the premier's weighty reference in his address to the cost of failure was taken as the exertion of pressure on Ulster to reach an accord with the southern and liberal terms, from the southern point of view, were said to have been offered, but the suggestion was made that before Ulster's refusal to negotiate was permitted to break off the negotiations with all the costly consequences of such an event, the six northeastern counties of Ireland should, as a whole or in detail, be given a chance to hold a plebiscite on peace or war.

OUTLOOK HOPELESS?

Although the prime minister's speech revealed nothing of the progress of the negotiations, it produced the impression on many hearers, and a considerable section of the press, that the outlook was almost hopeless, while optimists were unable to gather any strength from his confidence. One effect of the speech on the lobbies of the House of Commons was to increase the belief that in the event of a break in the conference, the Government would appeal to the country through an election.

REAL ESTATE VALUED AT \$423,000 CHANGES HANDS DURING THE PAST MONTH

Transfers Since First of Year Total 1,664 and Represent Over \$5,000,000—141 Deals In October.

October's real estate transfers totaled 141 in number, representing property valued at \$423,000, which are assessed for about \$306,000. So far this year there have been 1,664 real estate transfers, the value of which lies between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000 at a conservative estimate.

Women's Missionary Society Officers



Elected at the annual meeting of Methodist associations being held in Ridout Street Church. Front row, left to right: Mrs. Young, district superintendent; Mrs. Gordon Wright, Mrs. Weeks. Back row: Mrs. Cottam, Mrs. Clement, recording secretary of last year, and Miss Hawkins, the new recording secretary.

C. B. EDWARDS IS CALLED BY DEATH

Inspector of Public Schools Succumbed This Morning.

CAME TO LONDON IN 1891

Gave His Best Efforts To Cause of Education.

Clarence B. Edwards, B.A., B.Ed., senior inspector of London's public school system, died at his home, 59 Windsor avenue, this morning, at 59 o'clock. In his death the province loses one of its foremost educators and London a citizen whose versatility left a lasting impression on many public institutions, the chief of which is the city public school system that ranks amongst the highest on the continent.

DIED TO-DAY.



C. B. EDWARDS, inspector of public schools for City of London, who succumbed this morning after lengthy illness.

Scores Vicar For Letting Doyle Speak

LONDON, Oct. 31.—Because he allowed Sir A. Conan Doyle to occupy the pulpit of Oxford Church, the Rev. G. Vale Owen, vicar of the church, has been sharply rebuked by the Bishop of Liverpool. Although Conan Doyle did not actually speak on Spiritualism, the bishop thinks he used words directly bearing on it when he said that he and those of the same faith who desired to restore the spirit life in England regarded Oxford Church as the light-house to higher and purer planes.

TEN YEARS FOR ESSEX ROBBERY

Russell Robinson Sentenced For Part In Petite Cote Affair.

WINDSOR, Nov. 1. — Ten years in Kingston penitentiary is the penalty Russell Robinson, aged 39, must pay for his part in the robbery of the Merchants Bank at Petite Cote on July 20, last, when a band of five secured \$18,000. He was sentenced by Magistrate Gundy in Windsor police court to-day. On an old-standing sentence which had been suspended last March, Robinson was given an additional three years, to run concurrently with the 10-year term. This conviction was for the robbery of the home of Felix Laford, early in March, when a quantity of liquor was stolen.

Police Guard New York Milk Supply When Wagon Drivers Strike For a New Agreement

The remainder of the population, with the exception of a relatively small number of families served by independent dairies, was notified that it would have to go around the corner to the nearest grocery or distribution center for a supply. Police-guarded trucks were moving milk and cream to these points. Plans were being worked out to open distribution centers in public schools and other public buildings in the event the strike continued for a long time. The normal consumption of the affected area exceeds 3,000,000 quarts a day.

Police Believe They Have Members of Bank Gang.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 1.—Two men believed by the police to be members of the gang which robbed the Niagara Trust Company at Niagara Falls yesterday, were arrested here to-day. One of the prisoners, the police said, recently was released from prison in Mansfield, Ohio. He gave his name as Russell Battaglia, 24 years old, of 20th street, Niagara Falls. His companion said he was Peter Orticoles, of Buffalo. The number plates on the automobile abandoned a short distance from Niagara Falls after the robbery belonged to a Buffalo man, who told the police he believed they were stolen by one of the men under arrest.

WOMEN URGED TO USE FRANCHISE

At Seventh Annual Convention of Women's Institutes.

SESSIONS OPENED TO-DAY

Hon. Manning Doherty and Geo. Putnam To Speak To-Night.

Nearly 350 delegates registered at the Chamber Commodore-to-day for the seventh annual convention of the Western Ontario Women's Institutes, which opened this afternoon in the Masonic Temple.

ARMISTICE DAY TO BE OBSERVED BY ALL C. P. R. AND C. N. R. EMPLOYEES.

Armistice Day will be observed by all employees of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Superintendent Robert McKillop, of the London division of the Canadian Pacific Railway, to-day issued instructions to the employees of the transportation, freight, bridge and building locomotive shops, and the superintendent's staff, requesting them to suspend work for two minutes, from 11 o'clock to 11:02 on the morning of Armistice Day.

JOBLESS EX-SOLDIER INHERITS BIG SUM

Working in Ottawa Parks When He Hears of His Good Fortune.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Nov. 1.—While working in parks here as one of the city's unemployed, C. P. Vietus, 28, a former Canadian soldier, received a letter yesterday from a man in Edmonton, Alberta, informing him that he had become heir to his father's estate, valued at between \$40,000 and \$50,000. The letter said the man was living the property at Piskvay, Nashville, Tenn., had been found, but as the will had not been witnessed, it is not regarded as valid under Canadian law.

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LADY LAURIER DIES IN OTTAWA

Widow of Sir Wilfrid Passes Away In Her 80th Year.

WAS "A GOOD SOLDIER"

Often Complimented By Sir Wilfrid For Her Valued Help.

OTTAWA, Ont., Nov. 1.—(Canadian Press Dispatch).—Lady Laurier, widow of the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier, died at her home here to-day at 11:45. All through last night physicians attending Lady Laurier had expressed the fear that the end was at hand. Lady Laurier was in her eightieth year and caught a chill while out walking recently.

MRS. YOUNG AGAIN HEAD OF M.W.M.S.

Re-Elected District Superintendent of Methodist Missionary Society.

PAY FEES IN ADVANCE

Members Urge Fees Be Collected At Beginning of Each Year.

At the opening session of the annual convention of the Methodist Women's Missionary Society of London District, held this morning in Ridout Street Methodist Church, Mrs. Young was re-elected district superintendent and Miss Hawkins recording secretary. Both ladies are residents of London.

TRAINS TO STOP TWO MINUTES ON NOV. 11

All trains in transit will stop for two minutes, including the passenger and freight.

D. B. Hanna, president of the Canadian National Railway, has issued a similar order to the C. N. R. employees, and it is expected that the Grand Trunk employees will also be ordered to do likewise.

ICE CLOSES THE VOLGA.

RIGA, Nov. 1.—Navigation of the Volga River has been closed for the winter, owing to ice and low water. This will block steps taken to being relief to starving villages far from railway or wagon roads that are passable.

CHARGE NINE PER CENT.—Trolley agents of the various railways were to-day notified that the rate of exchange on tickets purchased for points in the United States will be nine per cent. for the first 15 days of November. The same rate was in effect for the last 15 days of October.

WILLIAMS WRITES LETTER ASKING THAT HE BE SENT TO KINGSTON



HENRY J. WILLIAMS, alias Vaughan, held on a charge of murder at Melbourne, who was one of prisoners in cell where partially sawed bars were found.

Vigilance of Officials Prevented Get-Away—Prisoners Quickly Moved To Other Cells By Guards—Soap Used To Cover Up Saw Holes—Where Tools Came From a Mystery.

Another daring attempt at escape on the part of prisoners at the Middlesex County jail was discovered by jail officials yesterday when they found window bars of a cell, occupied by several prisoners, including Henry John Williams, alias William H. Vaughan, alleged murderer, partly sawed through.

Only increased vigilance and more thorough inspection by jail officials since the escape of William and Sidney Murrell, charged with Williams with the murder of Russell Campbell, of Melbourne, prevented another escape almost as serious as the get-away of the two brothers on the evening of September 2nd.

Few details of the latest attempt at escape were available. It is said, however, that several bars on a window in one of the cells had been sawed and stopped up with a dark substance, probably dirty soap. During a thorough examination of the bars of the cell window which are now made regularly by the officials, the saw cuts were disclosed.

When the attempt to break out was discovered the prisoners occupying the cell were immediately distributed among the other cells. It is said that there were other prisoners in the cell in which the sawed bars were discovered.

The Free Press was unable to discover whether or not the instrument with which the cuts were made were discovered in the cell of which a thorough search was made. The names of other prisoners in the cell were likewise unavailable, although it is known that at one time Williams occupied a cell along with Sylvia Sansone, who is serving a five-year term for attempted burglary and hold-up.

The Murrells escaped from the jail on the evening of September 2, making their get-away through a window in a lavatory adjacent to the cell, of which the bars had been sawed with hacksaws. They were enabled to get over the prison wall without difficulty on account of the presence of ladders in the jail yard, in which some construction work was going on.

No trace of these two brothers has been discovered, although the escape was effected two months ago to-morrow. There is still a belief in some quarters that they are still at no great distance from the city and are staying in hiding in order to let the \$5,000 reward, which has temporarily sharpened the eyes of the citizens, be forgotten.

The two Murrells and Williams were brought to book by Melbourne citizens when they shot and killed Russell Campbell in attempting to hold up the branch of the Home Bank at that place. The fourth member of the gang, known only as "Pat," made a clean get-away. Three men were to have been placed on trial charged with the murder of the young Melbourne man at the fall assizes in September, but the Murrells made their escape about two weeks prior to the opening of the assizes and the crown asked that the case of Williams be laid over to the next court having jurisdiction.

WILLIAMS SAYS CONFINEMENT IN JAIL IS DRIVING HIM CRAZY

Sends Letter To The Free Press Asking That He Be Sent To Kingston To Wait Trial—Joined Army When Fifteen Years of Age.

Evidently Henry J. Williams, charged with being implicated in the murder of Russell Campbell, of Melbourne, is growing weary of his confinement in the Middlesex County jail. In a letter received by The Free Press this morning, Williams expresses a desire that he should be taken to Kingston penitentiary.

There is some mystery as to how Williams' letter, addressed to The Free Press, was sent out of the jail. It was enclosed in a police court envelope and in one corner of the envelope the finder was requested to give the letter to the address below, which was that of The Free Press, London, Ont.

The letter follows:

London, County Jail
1 Nov., 1921

Dear Editor

Just a few lines to let you know how I am getting along in the London Jail. I am nearly drove crazy through being in solitary confinement. They will not let any one come to see me. I would rather be in France with all that hell that I went through over there, for I serve four years over there. I join the army when I was 15 years old. I had the misfortune to come back and get into trouble this is my first offence and first time ever in any jail. Since the Murrells made there get-away the turnkeys have been using me very rotten. I would prefer waiting by trial in Kingston to being down here for I think they would use me more like a man. Hoping you will publish this letter in your paper and let the people of London know how they are using me.

I Remain,
your Truly
(signed) H. Jack Williams

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