

IRELAND COUNCIL BILL INTRODUCED IN COMMONS

Provision Made for Partly Elective and Partly Nominated Body

SECRETARY BIRRELL'S REMARKS

Matters to be Delegated—Mr. Balfour and Wm. Redmond Speak on Measure

London, May 7.—The Irish council bill, the object of which is to "Provide for establishment and functions of an administrative council at Dublin, to be introduced in the house of commons this afternoon by Chief Secretary for Ireland Birrell before an audience which crowded every corner of the house.

Nobody, said Mr. Birrell, believed that the present system of the administration of Ireland was founded on principle or economy. It had been switched off from the great current of the national life of the people. Under the proposed new scheme the Irish members of parliament would continue to sit at Westminster undisturbed in their numbers, but he hoped hereafter to find a more profitable channel for their inquisitiveness in managing local affairs at home. It was the intention of the bill to establish a representative administrative council, consisting of 23 elected and 24 nominated members, the latter to be nominated the first year by the King and thereafter by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Elective members would be elected on the Local Government Board franchise. The under-secretary to the Lord Lieutenant would be a member of the council, which would have complete control of the power vested in the departments to be handed over to its care. The president of the council would be appointed by the council itself, and the Chief Secretary would have the right of veto in all meetings. If the existing officers of the departments were retained by the council they must be given full powers of appointment and removal. The bill would be controlled by the council and the executive power given to the Lord Lieutenant to reserve his consent to any resolution of the council and to make subject to the new council.

The departments coming under the control of the council would be the department of agriculture, congested districts boards, commissioners of public works, national education and intermediate education, inspectors of the reformatory and industrial schools and the registrar general. The supreme court of judicature, the Royal Irish Constabulary, Dublin Metropolitan Police, the land commission and the prison board would remain under the control of the Imperial authorities. Mr. Birrell went on to explain that the council, being elected on a Local Government Board franchise, independent and uncontrolled by the Government, would be the same as the present council of the county areas. He did not think seventeen members were too many to discharge the important duties assigned to them. The council would be changed to three years and would be authorized to establish as many commissions as it pleased. But must establish one for public works, education and local government committees, the chairman of which would be appointed by the Lord Lieutenant. It was proposed to establish a new education department for primary and secondary education, to be placed under the control of the council.

For the financial purposes of the eight departments a certain annual sum to be fixed by the parliament every five years would be charged to the consolidated fund and paid into a separate Irish fund. The present sum of the present Irish fund is £1,000,000. The Government proposed to add over in addition the sum of £150,000 yearly, of which £150,000 would be devoted to public works and the general development of the country, including other statutory payments an Irish fund, therefore, of the amount of a little over £2,000,000 annually would be created. The Irish fund would be paid into a capital treasury to be created by an order in council and having an Irish treasurer at its head. The council would have the power to appoint or remove the officers of the eight departments mentioned above, but the rights of the existing officers would be preserved. Under the bill any subject who would be able to hold the office of Lord Lieutenant without preference for any religious belief, a clause was included providing that no preference whatever shall be shown to any religious denomination in appointing and that any results from any such preference shall be invalid. In conclusion Mr. Birrell said: "The bill has been laid before the commons and the commons will pass it. If the bill is passed and the new council is a success, then I dare say, it might be a failure. It is on the present considerable obstacles, but surely the Unionists will not refuse Ireland an opportunity of forming her people to acquire any right they ought to possess, because if the measure proves successful doubt in the way of home rule will have been removed from the board of Mr. Balfour's view.

THE FRENCH CABINET

Paris, May 7.—The dissensions in the Clemenceau cabinet evidently have at least been temporarily patched up. When parliament reassembled to-day the attitude of the moderate republicans was friendly and the prevailing impression was that the ministry would successfully defeat the assault planned by the members of the extreme left, supported by a section of the Radical Socialists, under the leadership of M. Pelletan.

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PUBLISHERS' REQUESTS ON NEW POSTAL RATES

Postmaster General Says No Postponement Can Be Arranged

CANNED GOODS ACT PROCLAIMED

Ministerial Movements—Three Members of Cabinet May Visit Coast This Summer

Ottawa, May 8.—A deputation representing the Canadian Press association saw the postmaster general to-day with reference to the new rates on newspapers and magazines from Canada to the States, and although not successful, in securing a later date for bringing the rates into force, they were told that the department would make it as easy as possible in the matter of the payment of the fees to be charged. Hon. Mr. Lemieux stated point blank that no American publications could be shipped into Canada by express and remailed here at a cent a pound.

A proclamation issued today says the canned goods act will go into effect on August 1.

Sir Sandford Fleming was today appointed a member of the Ottawa industrial commission.

Capt. Dunn, of the cruiser "Vigilant," who was suspended for a period of months ago on a charge made by one of his officers, has been reinstated.

Hon. A. R. Aylesworth will be acting minister of public works and Hon. Mr. Lemieux will be acting minister of agriculture after Hon. S. Fisher leaves today.

There will be no appointment of senators until the return of the premier. The names of the senators will take a rest till Sir Wilfrid arrives, who is expected to be in Ottawa in the latter of next week.

Hon. Frank Oliver expects to go to Edmonton to-day. It is his intention to visit the coast this summer, but he has not yet decided when he will be able to go.

Hon. Wm. Templeman will not be able to go to British Columbia as soon as expected, because he is at present in charge of the department of marine and fisheries and has considerable work in connection with that department.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux will go through to the coast to look into the postal system.

Gen. W. Fielding leaves for the Virginian tomorrow for England. Lord Grey and Hon. Sydney Fisher will go on the same steamer.

At the cabinet meeting today J. M. Courtney and Messrs. Payne and Gammage were appointed by an order in council to the civil service commission.

MANY CATTLE LOST

Vancouver, May 7.—James Moore, who came down from the north to Ashcroft by stage last Saturday, arrived in Vancouver on Sunday's train, and reported that from 80 to 75 per cent of the cattle in the Chilcotin Valley were lost last winter on account of the deep snow, which prevented them getting at the grass. He also says that 75 per cent of the stock along the Fraser river, in the district from which he came, died during the cold season, being unable to get enough food to exist on, where previous years there had been an abundance.

Mr. Moore went up to stake out some rich coal land which he located some time ago while out prospecting. He says that they are richer than anything he ever saw before. Great developments are going on all through the country according to Mr. Moore. Hydraulic work is being prosecuted vigorously on the claims he bought last year by the Guggenheims, the results being quite up to the New York capitalists' expectations.

C. P. R. TELEGRAPHS

Winnipeg, May 6.—James Kent, manager of the Canadian Pacific telegraph is here accompanied by W. Campbell, chief electrician of the telegraph department. After spending a day or two in Winnipeg, Mr. Kent and Mr. Campbell will be on the west on a general trip of inspection of the work of the telegraph department.

EXHAUSTED MARGINS

Chicago, May 8.—Judge Dupuy, of the superior court, today upheld the custom of brokers on the board of trade in the stock exchange in closing out trades when additional margins are demanded and refused.

MICHEL MEN INCLINED TO FURTHER TROUBLE

Still Refuse to Resume Work Under Newly Concluded Agreement

ASK MR. SHERMAN TO EXPLAIN

Letter States that Miners Have no Real Grievance and Declines to Visit Michel

New York, May 8.—Notwithstanding the fact that all the other miners have gone to work, the Michel men still steadfastly refuse to return, stating as their reason that Mr. Sherman had it in his power during the Calgary conference to accept an agreement which would have benefited the men to a greater extent than the one he later advised them to accept. Instead of doing this they say, he refused to sign the former agreement, and prevailed upon the men to quit work, promising them that he would get a much better agreement and that he would consent to nothing less than a 10 per cent increase all around. The Michel men now state that they wish Mr. Sherman to come to Michel and explain his action in this matter to them. They claim they have lost a month's work where it was not necessary, and are greatly incensed in consequence.

SEARCH FOR TRAIN ROBBERS

St. Paul, Minn., May 8.—Officials of the Northern Pacific railroad state today they had no information that the train robbers had been captured.

On an interview with the Associated Press, a detective stated that three suspects that witnesses in the custody of the sheriff the posses put on the trail of the masked men who held up the Northern Coast Line train at Welch's Spur early yesterday morning and murdered Engineer Clow and wounded Fireman Sullivan, are still in the hills.

POLITICAL STATE-MAKING

Cincinnati, May 8.—W. H. Taft for president, J. B. Foraker for United States senator, was the program advised today by Geo. E. Cox, formerly Republican leader in Hamilton county, in an interview with the Associated Press. Reporters from Columbus Washington had described Mr. Cox as engaged in negotiations looking to a compromise between the Taft and Foraker factions, but Mr. Cox denied such negotiations.

FLLOUR PRICES RAISED

BY MANITOBA MILLERS

Advance of Twenty and Ten Cents Per Barrel on Different Grades

Winnipeg, May 8.—An advance in flour prices of 20 cents a barrel was made by a number of mills at outside points this week, and the larger concerns decided on a similar move this morning, so that a general advance of 20 cents is announced.

The announcement was made by the Ogilvie Milling Co., this morning that Royal Household flour had gone up 20 cents a barrel, making it \$2.40 per sack. The Gloria Patent has advanced 10 cents, and it is \$2.10 instead of \$2.00 per sack. The other mills in the city have advanced their grades in a like manner. There has been no change in the price of flour since last September. The millers claim that they have been forced to boost the price of flour owing to the fact that the wheat prices. They look for further advances in price within the near future.

The Lake of the Woods Company today closed a contract for 10,000 bags of flour to be shipped to Hong Kong. This is the largest southern order since Orient from which orders have been received by western Canadian mills, says a wheat elevator here from Shanghai and Japanese ports.

An interesting situation has arisen at the Lake of the Woods in connection with the location of the proposed 8,000 barrel mill of the Washburn-Crosby Company, of Minneapolis. The last issue of the Keweenaw Enterprise takes the following view of the situation:

"For some considerable time there has been efforts made in a private way by a small number of interested individuals to ascertain if it was possible to induce the Washburn-Crosby Milling Company to locate their proposed 8,000 barrel flour mill at Kenora. The publication in the Enterprise two weeks ago of such a possibility was a little ahead of their calculations, and gave the citizens of Kenora generally to understand that they might secure a second large flour mill and warned the people of Keweenaw that mill being built elsewhere. It now transpires that the town of Kenora has made a proposition to the Washburn-Crosby Company which they are considering. Backed up by the businessmen of the Kenora town council have offered them a free site.

ENGINEER KILLED.

Portage la Prairie, Man., May 8.—Daniel McDonald, a C. P. R. engineer, died this afternoon from injuries received in a wreck at the depot. The unfortunate engineer was in charge of a wrecking train which was going to the scene of Saturday's wreck. A switch engine was at work in the yards and the men left the engine switches open. Into this the engine and wrecking train plunged. The train hands jumped, but McDonald landed on a handcar, his head being badly crushed.

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SERIOUS STRIKE RIOT AT BROOKLYN DOCKS

Gang of Strike-Breakers Attacked by Longshoremen and Others

MANY MEN SEVERELY WOUNDED

Disturbance Quelled by Police After Stubborn Struggle—Several Officers Injured

New York, May 8.—Not since the Brooklyn car riots has there been such street fighting on the other side of the river as happened tonight, when nearly 600 Italians and Poles joined in battle in the Italian quarter in Williamsburg. Three patrolmen were seriously injured, and when their comrades had broken up the riot, thirty-five doctors had been sent to the Williamsburg hospital and twelve more locked up in a police station.

Under cover of darkness an attempt was made by the steamship lines to run their new men through the strikers' pickets to their homes. A covered street car was crowded with more than three hundred strike-breakers from the Manhattan pier, docked at Metroville street, and was being driven through the lines when it was stopped by the men who were striking longshoremen or sympathizers. The strikers from the Havemeyer sugar refinery, who had been paid off during the day, had returned to the longshoremen until they were close to three hundred lurking about the pier. When the strike-breakers were clear of the pier and it looked as though they were about to enter the enemy's line, men armed with clubs, pistols, paving stones and guns appeared. From the roof of the street car, stones, which poured on the heads of the frightened Italians. The Italians began to drop and the men who were striking longshoremen had a chance to defend themselves against the mob. The strikers had poor weapons against stones and clubs, and while the surgeons spent most of the night sewing up knifed slashes, the strikers paid great damage with their clubs and revolvers. Eight blocks away, at the sugar refinery, whistles for help, they charge into the thick of the riot and used their night sticks on the heads of everybody in sight.

Half a dozen policemen nearby were attracted by the firing and hurried to the scene. One of the officers was knocked down by a cobblestone, and before he could be rescued half a dozen men had been hurled into the air. Ambulances and police reserves were hurried to the scene. They found a hundred men stretched on the ground. The patrolmen in three minutes had the rioters in flight. As they fled the others seized four trolley-cars and carried off perhaps hundreds of their wounded companions. The police had twelve well battered prisoners and thirty-five injured. Two of the three men are in a critical condition. One policeman was dangerously injured and two others seriously injured.

BURNS GETS DECISION

Los Angeles, May 8.—Tommy Burns got the decision on Jack O'Brien at the 20th round. During the first round, Referee Eytan called off all bets without giving a reason. O'Brien is said to have been injured.

MISS ROSS MARRIED

Toronto, May 8.—At the residence of John Ross, the marriage of his daughter Ellen to Austin Hutchinson was quietly celebrated yesterday afternoon by Rev. Dr. Andrew's church. Only immediate family relatives were present.

MAIL STOLEN

Toronto, May 8.—The postal authorities here are looking for the man who stole two mail bags from the trucks at the Union depot on Saturday night. The bags were taken from behind the Williams Machinery building and were empty. The contents of the bags were mostly newspapers and printed matter and contained nothing of any great value.

INSURANCE MAN RESIGNS

Toronto, May 8.—J. F. Junkin is resigning the position of managing director of the Manufacturers Life in view of opening an office to deal in bonds, debentures and other securities. Mr. Junkin has for twelve years been managing director of the Manufacturers' Life. His successor has not been chosen.

STRIKE IN HOSPITAL

Zanesville, Ohio, May 8.—Owing to a clash of authority between the matron Mrs. Mary Jamieson, and Dr. J. G. Holston, at the city hospital, and the consequent resignation of the matron, the entire force of nurses went on strike today. Eight of the twenty women of the city donned the caps of nurses and went to work waiting on the sick.

THE CHESTER CUP

London, May 8.—The Chester Cup, a horse race of 2,000 sovereigns for two years and upwards, two miles and a quarter, was run at Chester to-day and won by Quercus. Bibbani was second, and Torpoint was third. Twelve started. Quercus, a French horse, was ridden by Johnny Reiff, the American jockey. Bibbani was ridden by a half. Betting was 50 to 1 against Quercus, 100 to 1 against Bibbani, and 4 to 1 against Torpoint.

SCARCITY OF LABOR

Ottawa, May 8.—Owing to the scarcity of labor the milling companies of the Ottawa district during the past few weeks.

BALTIC IN A FOG

New York, May 8.—The White Star liner Baltic, which sailed late today for Liverpool, stopped at Sandy Hook and was reported to have signalled that she was aground. The fog was very heavy tonight, and she could not be signalled except by wireless telegraphy. He owners subsequently heard from her that she was aground because of the fog. It was expected that she would proceed as soon as the weather cleared.

MR. KEITH'S INHERITANCE

Vancouver, May 8.—J. C. Keith, of Vancouver, has been left \$100,000 by the will of his late cousin, "Silent" Smith, of New York.

JOHN RIPLINGER WANTED.

Seattle, May 8.—John Ripplinger, ex-city controller and candidate on the Republican ticket a little more than a year ago for mayor, is declared an embezzler. So far as the city authorities have been able to check up his accounts, he was short \$9,450 when he left the controller's office in March, 1906. The shortage will probably reach \$20,000. The storm broke when a telegram came from Los Angeles that John Ripplinger had gone to Honduras, where no extradition can reach him. Last night a warrant was issued and the sheriff is telegraphing to all important American cities and to foreign consuls in Seattle, Portland and Tacoma, asking them to refer to here for years as "Old John Ripplinger, as honest as the day is long."

EFFORTS TO SETTLE BAY CITY STRIKE

Mayor Schmitz Proposes Committee of Citizens—Second Death From Riot

San Francisco, May 8.—A conference was held in the mayor's office today between Mayor Schmitz, Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railways, and Richard Cornelius, president of the Carner's union. The mayor proposed that the case be submitted to a committee of fifty citizens, but said he would see his colleagues in regard to the matter and give an answer later. President Cornelius said that while he had no objection to the appointment of such a committee, he could not agree to his acting as a board of arbitration. The mayor in closing the discussion declared his intention of appointing the committee regardless of the opinion of either Calhoun or Cornelius.

The police for the first time since the commencement of the street strike furnished actual protection today for two cars of the United Railways, manned by strike breakers, and six miles of track without the firing of a shot. Four men were injured, however, by missiles thrown by strike sympathizers. One was a strike breaker and the others members of the Electrical Workers' union. There was an intermittent hurling of missiles by union crowds. For two or three miles a route a yelling mob ran with the cars.

The second death as a result of yes-