

BRITAIN HAS AGREED UPON IRISH OFFER

Lloyd George Lays Full Plan of Gov't Before His Majesty at the Palace.

FINANCIAL ISSUE BIGGEST PROBLEM

Gen. Smuts Ready to Go to Belfast to See Craig After Today's Meeting.

London, July 20.—The British Cabinet met for two hours and a half this evening considering the Irish plans, after which Premier Lloyd George went to Buckingham Palace and laid before the King, whose interest in Irish settlement is the keener, the proposals for submission to Eamonn De Valera, the Irish Republican leader at tomorrow's conference.

Outlines Programme.

The Prime Minister presided at the cabinet council which was held in the House of Commons and outlined for the benefit of those ministers who had not been closely concerned in the Irish negotiations, the history of recent events and the reasons for the proposals for Ireland, which is described as being drawn on generous lines.

It is understood that the financial arrangements in the new offer have given considerable trouble to the ministers, but eventually after consultation with Sir Robert Stevenson Horne, Chancellor of the Exchequer and the treasury officials, the various provisions were agreed to.

Approved by Leaders.

It is also understood that the general lines of the Premier's offer have the approval of Austen Chamberlain, the government leader in the House of Commons, Sir Robert Horne, Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, secretary for war and other ministers, and the entire cabinet with assent to the proposals, which will be reduced to writing for presentation to Mr. De Valera.

Whether Mr. Lloyd George has succeeded in overcoming the reluctance of Sir James Craig, the Ulster Premier to join in a tripartite conference is not known, but an announcement that Sir James is coming to London again, next week, is considered a favorable omen, and in any case no hint of a breakdown in negotiations is apparent. These, however, may be protracted than has been generally expected. Gen. Smuts is holding himself in readiness to go to Ireland, again, if needed. Mr. De Valera gave a reception tonight, which was attended by members and executives of the various Irish organizations in Great Britain.

TERRIFIC FIRE IN OIL FIELDS

Wells Are Exploding and Flames Shoot High Into the Air.

Mexico City, July 20.—A terrific fire has broken out in the Amatlan oil area. The financial loss cannot be estimated, the advices which add that the conflagration dwarfs into insignificance the Forde Del Llano disaster. Columns of fire hundreds of feet high are covering the entire field, it is declared, and efforts to suppress the blaze are said to be considered hopeless. It is also feared that there will be some loss of life, as the fire spread so quickly from lot number 122, where it started, other wells in the vicinity exploding. The Amatlan field is one of the richest in the State of Vera Cruz.

Going To Korea On Medical Mission

Dr. Florence Murray, Formerly of Halifax, Dedicated by Presbyterian Church.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., July 20.—An impressive service was held in Zion Presbyterian church here tonight when Dr. Florence Murray, formerly professor of anatomy in Dalhousie University, Halifax, was solemnly dedicated to the work of medical missionary to Korea. Dr. Murray was presented with a purse from the Presbyterians of Prince Edward Island.

The programme included addresses by Rev. E. G. Forbes, of Scotsburn, N. S.; Rev. Dr. MacKinnon, a missionary from India, and Dr. Murray's father, Rev. Robert Murray, of Halifax. Dr. Murray leaves on August 1 for Korea.

GROOMSMAN DROWNS

Sudbury, July 20.—After a Polish wedding here yesterday the bride and groom and all the guests went swimming in the Washington River. Ed. Sluperski, 35, who had acted as groomsman, got beyond his depth and was drowned.

Sinn Feiners May Escape Execution If Peace Comes

Eleven Men in Belfast Jail Under Sentence for High Treason Are the Prisoners.

Belfast, July 20.—The Sinn Fein chief liaison officer today intervened on behalf of eleven men who are under sentence of death in Belfast jail for high treason in connection with an encounter with the police in County Cavan. The death sentences are subject to ratification by General Sir Nevill Macready, the military commander in Ireland, which has not yet been received. Four more men were sentenced to death yesterday for the murder of a policeman at Ballybay, Monaghan. Confirmation of their sentence also is being awaited. A total of fifteen men under sentence of death has never been equalled in Belfast.

OTTAWA READY FOR ELECTION IF ONE COMES

Instructions and Other Printed Material Prepared Now for the Contest.

CAPITAL IS ANXIOUS FOR PREMIER'S RETURN

New Franchise Act Involved Unusual Amount of Work for Approaching Vote.

Ottawa, July 20.—If the political election this year is desirable and proceed to throw their hats in the ring the electoral machinery will be found completely adjusted and in readiness. Ordinarily, general elections are the signal for feverish activity in preparing papers, with the printing bureau working day and night. Now it is different. As soon as the Franchise Act was consolidated last year, the chief electoral officer began the preparation and printing of election papers, and they are all ready.

Ready for Battle.

The new act is a voluminous and rather abstruse affair, but it is made clear in the code of instructions and interpretations in the preparation of which organizers for all the political parties were consulted for suggestions of points to be elucidated. The demand for this publication is so heavy as to indicate a lot of preparation for the elections whether they are held this year or next.

Anxious for Meighen.

The intimation that the Prime Minister's home-coming may be delayed is not wholly welcomed news to Ottawa, as so many matters are held up pending his arrival, but the necessity of his remaining in London, if a preliminary conference on the Pacific problem is held is fully recognized. It is known that Mr. Meighen is very anxious to get back and he will delay his departure only for urgent reasons.

Rebel Asks For A Court-Martial

Mexico City, July 20.—Court-martial proceedings awaited General Martines Herrera, head of a recent revolution in the Tampico oil region, according to advices received here from San Luis Potosi, where President Obregon and the Secretary of War are visiting. The announcement followed General Herrera's request that he be permitted to surrender when it became apparent that he could not obtain sufficient forces to carry out his plans.

Air Bombs Fail To Sink Warship

Little Damage Done Ex-German Battleship in Attack by U. S. Airmen.

On Board the Destroyer Leary, en route to Norfolk, Va., July 20.—Aircraft failed today to sink or materially damage the former German battleship Osternriedland in the opening of the final phase of the joint United States army and navy bombing tests off the Virginia Capes to determine the effect of airplane attacks on capital and other types of warships.

Dropping a Total of 52 Bombs

Three of 230 pounds and 19 of 500 and 600 pounds, navy marine corps and army aviators pitted thirteen of them on board and practically all of the effect of airplane attacks on capital. About all the apparent damage resulting, however, was to the upper decks and superstructure. Immediately around the spots where the projectiles struck.

BANK ROBBERS GOT BIG HAUL NEAR WINDSOR

Between \$5,000 and \$10,000 Taken from Merchants' Bank at Petite Cole.

GUN BATTLE IN CHASE OF GANG

Customer in Bank at Time of Raid is Wounded in the Shooting.

Windsor, Ont., July 20.—Six armed bandits held up employees of the branch of the Merchants' Bank at Petite Cole, about twelve miles from Windsor at noon today and secured between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in cash. Vital Benoit, a customer in the bank, received a flesh wound in the body. Several shots were fired. The bandits forced the teller, accountant and another employe to lie on their faces while they rifled the tills. The robbers were given chase by two automobiles and when last seen were heading towards Essex. Border police were notified and several parties are scouring the country for the bandits.

Attacked the Bandits?

Five residents of Petite Cole in a car came so close to the escaping robbers that shots were exchanged between the two parties. Bullets fired by the bandits grazed the pursuing car, but no one was injured. They had to abandon the chase because of a blow out.

Police of four of the border cities are now engaged in the chase and are hot pursuit. Bank officials are withholding information as to the exact amount of money taken. Semi-official police reports say that it was at least \$15,000. The bandits' car is said to be a Cadillac, Ontario license number 168-731.

PRESS DIVIDED ON "SNAP" VOTE

Some Papers Declare Lloyd George Should Resign as a Result of House Decision.

London, July 20.—Press comment on the defeat of the coalition government by a vote of 137 to 135 on the government's finance bill, is mostly left to political correspondents. The Times, however, says editorially that the adverse vote however, unimportant the issue was in fact a revolt and the ministers should know that it is to say the least unwise to treat such a manifestation with contempt. Their action, it says, is not merely high handed but a direct slight upon the House.

The Manchester Guardian says the Government observed the ritual of the game in these defeats for it is said to have been in London, if a preliminary conference on the Pacific problem is held is fully recognized. It is known that Mr. Meighen is very anxious to get back and he will delay his departure only for urgent reasons.

Lord Birkenhead Against Prohibition

Declares State Control of Traffic as Impossible as That of Running Railways.

London, July 20.—While the attorney-general was introducing the new Licensing Bill into the House of Commons today, the House of Lords was debating the second reading of the Bishop of Oxford's Bill for the Popular Control of the Liquor Trade. This measure, which was negatived without a division, gave the Lord Chancellor, Lord Birkenhead an opportunity for a fervent outburst against the principle of the bill.

Could Not Succeed.

State control of liquor, said His Lordship, could be no more successful than state management of railways and coal. The bill was proposed on a question which affected individual consent. The majority should impose its will on the minority as the result of the ballot.

His Lordship said he would put it out of the power of an intolerant majority to impose prohibition on a resisting minority.

The House cheered the Lord Chancellor and laughed with him later when he admitted he would be engaged in debating the second reading of the bill with the proposals of the government.

JAP LABORERS QUIT

Turlock, Calif., July 20.—A general exodus of Japanese belt laborers and their families from this district is taking place today following the deportation to Korea, five miles north of Turlock, of 87y-eight Japanese male workers by members of a union of fruit and melon pickers, the authorities announced. The union is composed principally of white itinerants.

News of The World

CANADA

Premier Murray of Nova Scotia, honored on occasion of completing quarter century in office. Canadian maintenance of way and railway shop trades accept wage reduction of 7 to 10 cents per hour.

Reports from Ottawa indicate government is ready for a general election if one is called. Binghampton loses Gannet dry ledge was loaded with relief foods for Russia.

Six armed bank robbers get from \$5,000 to \$10,000 in attack on Merchants' Bank branch near Windsor, Ont.

House decides against duty on shoes and boots, but favors one on hides.

T. D. Randolph, Sharon, Penn., merchant, who disappeared, and for whom \$50,000 ransom was demanded, returns and may be arrested.

Millions of dollars lost in terrific fire in oil district near Vera Cruz.

Lloyd George sees His Majesty once more on the Irish situation. Cabinet has agreed upon terms to be offered De Valera at meeting today.

Irish under sentence of death for treason may escape execution as a result of the peace parley.

LARGE INCREASE IN DOM. STEEL'S COAL OPERATION

Daily Production in Year Grows from 10,500 to 15,000 Tons Daily.

COKE PRODUCTION IS VASTLY HIGHER

Dividends on Preferred Shares in All Companies Concerned Earned Several Times.

Montreal, July 20.—In addressing the annual meeting of shareholders of the Dominion Steel Corporation, this afternoon, President Wolvin said that the result of improvements was shown by the fact that the Dominion Coal Company now has a daily production capacity of 15,000 tons of coal against 10,500 a year ago and the Dominion Iron and Steel Company has a coke-producing capacity of 2,600 tons a day against 200 a year ago.

The company has also 68,000 tons deadweight of vessels for its various trades.

British Empire Steel. The President made the following statement in regard to British Empire Steel Corporation:

"Reference is made in our report to our association with the British Empire Steel Corporation, Limited, and you will realize that the acquisition by that company of all the common shares of the Dominion Steel Corporation has virtually eliminated from our company all holders of common shares, excepting the British Empire Steel Corporation."

Where Public Figures.

"The public, therefore, is interested in our meeting today solely as holders of the preference and preferred shares of the Dominion Steel Corporation. The Dominion Coal Company and Dominion Iron and Steel Company, or incidentally as shareholders of the British Empire Steel Corporation, Limited."

In this connection I wish to call attention of the holders of preferred shares the fact that the statement for the past fiscal year shows that the dividends on your shares for the three companies named, were earned five times over."

HOUSE OPPOSES TAX ON BOOTS

Agrees on Import Duty on Leather But Leaves Boots and Shoes Without Change

Washington, July 20.—The House refused today to put an import tax on boots and shoes and other leather products, although it had previously fixed a tariff on hides.

The House voted down, 99 to 82, a ways and means committee amendment proposing a duty of ten per cent on leather products, which was regarded as an indication that the House may reverse itself on the duty of fifteen per cent on hides when the question comes up for separate vote tomorrow.

Stormy Day. Action in the House on the leather schedule came at the close of a stormy session, the last full day to be given over to actual consideration of the Fordney bill. Tomorrow at three o'clock voting on amendments and on the bill itself will start with the understanding that final action on the measure will be taken before adjournment. The bill will then be sent to the Senate.

LOST VESSEL LOADED WITH RELIEF FOOD

Wreck Surveyors Condemn "Binghampton" Now Lying on Gannet Dry Ledge.

SOME FREIGHT IS LIKELY TO BE SAVED

Motor Boats Near Scene of Disaster to Salvage as Much as Possible.

Yarmouth, N. S., July 20.—Wreck surveyors, who visited the wreck of the steamer Binghampton, which went ashore yesterday on Gannet dry ledge, fifteen miles from Yarmouth, have deemed the vessel. It is thought probable the some of her large general cargo, mostly contributed by individuals and organizations for relief work in Russia, whether the Binghampton was bound, may be saved by motor boats, which were working all day near the wreck.

The crew of the Binghampton with the exception of Captain M. L. Gilbert and the officers, left for Boston tonight.

RANSOM DEMAND MAY RESULT IN SHARON ARREST

Big Business Man Who Disappeared Mysteriously Likely Held for Blackmail.

LETTERS DEMANDED \$50,000 AS RANSOM

After Absence of Three Days Thos. D. Randolph Comes Home to Face Actions.

Sharon, Pa., July 20.—Thomas D. Randolph, prominent business man here, said to have been kidnapped last Monday night and held for \$50,000 ransom, returned to the home of his father-in-law, Joseph P. Smith, tonight, after a three day search and a reward of \$5,000 had been offered by his father, E. V. Randolph, for his return and the apprehension of his alleged abductors.

His father-in-law told police that he would go his surety for his appearance before local authorities tomorrow.

May be Arrested. The missing man had not been placed under arrest, but District Attorney A. Rickard said that if the police failed to place charges against him, he would have Randolph arrested on a charge of blackmail.

After inspecting the letters sent through Randolph to his wife, one purporting to have been written by his abductors demanding \$50,000 are reported to have denied the removal of his name from the Dominion Steel Corporation list of charging the man with using the mails to defraud.

According to Lieutenant Speaker of the Sharon police, who went to Stoneboro, near Sharon, this afternoon, Randolph has been living at a hotel there since Monday night, registered under the name of R. F. Hutchinson. He was accompanied by a woman, Speaker said.

New Officer At Camp Borden

Camp Borden, Ont., July 20.—Squadron leader, J. L. Gordon, D.F.C., of St. Lambert, Que., has assumed command of the Canadian Air Force at this station. Training is progressing very favorably and the flying records for the past year disclose some figures which speak well for the efficiency of the unit. The C. A. F. took over the aerodrome in July, 1920. Nearly 400 officers have benefited from "refresher" courses, and over 950 airmen have learned the mechanical and other duties incidental to aviation to date.

Two Sailors Drown In The St. Lawrence

Rowboat Collapsed as They Returned to Collier Anchored in Mid-Stream.

Quebec, July 20.—Two sailors of the crew of the steam barge "T. J. Drummond" in the coal carrying trade between Quebec and Sydney, were drowned in the St. Lawrence opposite this city at midnight on Tuesday, it became known here tonight. The men were Newfoundlanders and had left the vessel about 8 o'clock to row to Lewis in a small boat.

The steamer was anchored in the middle of the river and when they returned about midnight, the boat collapsed as they came alongside of the steamer. One man grasped a post-hole and the other clung to him. The watchman was in the act of lowering a ladder when the men lost their grip and fell into the river and were drowned.

Montreal Tramways Workers Failed To Reach Agreement

Meeting to be Held on Friday to Decide on Application for Conciliation Board.

Montreal, July 20.—A further conference between the Montreal Tramways Company and the employees in reference to the proposed reduction of wages by twenty per cent. took place today at the offices of the company, but with no definite result. A further meeting will be held early next week.

For the men it was stated that a mass meeting will be held Friday night when a vote will be taken on the question as to whether application shall be made for a board of conciliation.

CANADIAN HERO DEAD NOT FOUND IN WAR GRAVES

Empty Graves With Crosses at the Head Found in Many Places.

RELATIVES STEAL BODIES OF SONS

Claim is Made That Canada Disbanded War Commission at Too Early a Date.

London, July 20.—The Daily Express makes a sensational statement respecting Canadian bodies on the battlefield. According to this paper, one of the startling allegations made by responsible Canadian Government officials working on the War Graves Commission in reintering the dead is that "many graves in the great war cemeteries of Flanders and France marked with the names of fallen soldiers are in fact empty of remains."

Line of Empty Graves. The Canadian officer declared to the Daily Express representative: "There is a cemetery at Hooge which has a whole line of empty graves although each is marked with a cross, and relatives and friends of the fallen have actually been in the cemeteries when graves have been opened and found nothing. Their distress has been beyond imagination."

This officer says there appears to be a lack of supervision of the general work, and in proof he relates how a wealthy Canadian from the West on being denied the removal of his son from the Tyne Cot cemetery in Flanders managed to get two men to dig up the body at midnight and the remains were shipped across the Atlantic from Antwerp. One of the men engaged is understood to have been concerned in other cases of removal.

One serious complaint made by Canadians about the war graves is that sufficient care and trouble is not taken in identifying the Canadian dead. Captain Chantler, a Canadian officer living at Ypres, attributed some of the trouble to Canada having disbanded her own War Graves Commission. In March, he says, the identification of Canadian soldiers might easily be thirty to fifty per cent higher.

"An unauthorized statement has also appeared in the press alleging neglect of Canadian interests in the 'press' subject. The commission points out that its chief responsible officer in this area in charge of all the British and Dominion graves is Colonel Roy, a distinguished Canadian officer who was selected and appointed by the Canadian Government."

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Still Expect To Get Chief Rideout

Delegation That Visited Premier Murray Thinks Cape Breton Will Get Inspector.

Sydney, N. S., July 20.—Confidence that George R. Rideout will be appointed a special liquor inspector for Cape Breton Island, is expressed by a delegation of leading Cape Breton citizens, which returned today from Halifax after interviewing the Provincial Government.

They state they found the cabinet not fully informed on the local situation, and believe that now the real facts have been laid before them, they will decide to give effect to the will of the people as expressed in the huge petitions carried to Halifax.

BIRDS KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Quakertown, Pa., July 20.—During a storm the third ward school building was struck by lightning. It was damaged only slightly, but seventy birds roosting in nearby trees were killed.

SLAUGHTER 1,000 BUFFALO

Ottawa, July 20.—The increase in the number of buffaloes in Buffalo Park, Wainwright, Alberta, has reached such proportions that it is proposed to slaughter 1,000 of the animals this year. It is expected that a considerable sum will be realized from the sale of the meat, hides and heads.

RAILWAY SHOP WORKERS TAKE WAGE CUTTING

Forty Thousand Canadians to Get from 7 to 10 Cents Per Hour Less Pay.

MAINTENANCE MEN ACCEPT REDUCTION

Likely to be Followed by Similar Agreements in Other Branches.

Montreal, July 20.—A tentative agreement as to a reduction in wages of maintenance of way employes and railway shop laborers was reached today as the result of negotiations which have been proceeding in a friendly way for the past ten days between officials of the leading railways and officials of the unions concerned.

It is understood that 40,000 employes on the Canadian Pacific Railway, Grand Trunk Railway and Canadian National Railway and smaller railroads will be affected by this cut in wages which will run from 7 1/2 cents per hour for helpers to signal and interlocking maintainers, to ten cents per hour for carpenters, painters, plumbers, masons and similar workers.

Now in Effect. The new scale will be effective as from July 16. This decision affecting one section of railway workers only is likely to be followed up by similar agreements in regard to other employes. The agreement was signed today on behalf of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes. The agreement was issued by its president, Wm. Dorsey, and by Grant Hall, vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and chairman of the operating committee of the Railway Association of Canada.

DID NOT FIRE FATAL BULLET

Condemned Murderer Ready to Die But Still Insists He is Not Guilty.

Special to The Standard. Toronto, July 20.—On behalf of William McFadden, sentenced to hang, along with Roy Holtrum, on August 3, for the murder of Leonard Sabine, Fletcher Kerr, his counsel, and T. W. Camliff, former secretary of the G. W. V. A., at London, are going to Ottawa on Friday to plead for commutation of the death sentence. W. K. Murphy, counsel for Holtrum, is leaving for Ottawa to make similar appeal for his client. Both counsels are armed with petitions largely signed. Many prominent Toronto business men, including railway presidents, merchant kings, brokers and financiers, and ten of the assize jury which rendered the fatal verdict, have signed the petition for Holtrum's reprieve.

Maintains Innocence. In the same connection a court official who was at first firmly convinced that Holtrum fired the fatal shot, has since declared his belief in the prisoner's innocence on that point. To his counsel, Holtrum said: "I did not shoot Leonard Sabine. My last words on the gallows, if I have to die that way, will be that I did not fire the fatal shot. However, unless McFadden confesses, I may have to swing. In that case I am prepared to go. I have made my peace with God."

Both prisoners, in their death cells, are clinging to the new hope that seems to offer. In addition to their regular jail menu, each man receives half a pound of meat, one bottle of milk and other extras daily. On the occasion of the last visit of his counsel, cigars were also left for McFadden to smoke.

U. S. TARIFF BILL

Washington, July 20.—Compulsory duties of ten per cent. ad valorem on all leather goods, including shoes, and 7 1/2 per cent. ad valorem on all textiles composed wholly or in part of long staple cotton, is understood to have been agreed upon today by the House Ways and Means Committee. They result from House action reversing the committee and voting tariff on hides and long staple cotton.

AUSTRALIA TO BE THERE.

Melbourne, July 20.—Speaking in the House of Representatives today Sir Joseph Cook, the acting Premier, said it was vital and imperative that Australia should be represented at the forthcoming Pacific conference, wherever it is held. He strongly advocated London as the place for holding this conference.

TODAY

IMPERIAL—Bert Lytell in "The Price of Redemption."

OPERA HOUSE—Jack Roof and Serial; E. G. O'Brien in A Wonderful Chance.

QUEEN SQUARE—Jimmy Evans Musical Co.

STAR—Ethel Clayton in "The Sins of Rosanne."