

IRISH PEACE HOVERING NEAR?

Most Hopeful Sign for 750
Years Says Greenwood of
Parity

FIRST FRIENDLY TALK

Summary of Events at Week-
end From London is More
Optimistic

DUBLIN, May 9.—Sir Hamar Greenwood, Chief Secretary for Ireland, speaking of the recent conference of Sir James Craig, premier-designate of Ulster, and Eamonn de Valera, the Irish Republican leader, declared the meeting was the most hopeful sign for peace in Ireland in 750 years.

"It is not only the best thing that has happened in modern Irish history," Sir Hamar said, "but the most hopeful thing in 750 years. No Englishman, Welshman or Scotchman wants to run Ireland. Ireland must settle her problem herself, therefore the meeting of Sir James and Mr. de Valera is an extremely significant sign, and in connection with it I must praise the courage of Sir James, who consented to accompany strangers whom he knew to be enemies, in a motor car from my lodge to the meeting place. He went alone and unattended."

Asked whether Sir James had been blindfolded, as was the report when he recently interviewed Mr. de Valera, Sir Hamar said:

"No, not at all. He went with his eyes wide open."

The Chief Secretary pointed out and emphasized that this was the first time on record that the representatives of northern and southern Ireland had consented to meet for a friendly discussion of different points of view. He declared himself especially optimistic over the outlook for a settlement.

Optimism is Keynote

MONTREAL, May 9.—A special cable to The Star says:

LONDON, May 9.—Light is surely breaking through the British storm clouds.

The problems of German reparations, Ireland, industrial paralysis and licensing are all entering upon a new and happier phase.

British common sense looks to be working its way through every obstacle. That Germany must pay to the utmost of her capacity was one of Lloyd George's election cries. On Thursday night the House of Commons was back in the spirit of war-time. All the parties now stand as one man behind the Government in supporting the Allies' new and final ultimatum to Germany.

The belief is widespread that Germany will accept the terms, stiff as they are.

Her last hope was the United States and that has now disappeared, and Germany sees Lloyd George, Mr. Asquith, Lord Robert Cecil and J. R. Clynes declaring with one voice that the Allies' demands are not only just but considerate and insisting that they must be enforced.

Regarding Ireland, the feeling grows that the dramatic and quite unexpected meeting between Craig and de Valera is the prelude to an entire change in the Irish situation. Irishmen themselves are doing for Ireland what Englishmen all through the years have failed to do.

Sir James Craig is more than a mere political leader. He is an exponent of the shrewd Ulster business sense. He sees Ulster's shipbuilding, linen, banking and general trading industries paralyzed largely because Ulster and the rest of the Irish people are fighting each other by boycotts and other economic and political means. He sees also that the new compact between Devlin and de Valera to boycott the Ulster parliament will reduce that parliament to futility. Hence his direct approach to de Valera and his concentration upon the facilities which the Home Rule Act provides for united action through an all-Ireland Council.

If Devlin is now brought into the council the basis of a new all-Ireland compact may be reached and Lloyd George and the British Parliament will gladly enact all the needed amendments to the Act which would satisfy Ulster and safeguard the integrity of the United Kingdom.

A well posted Nationalist Member of Parliament said today:

"Three months hence you may see Ireland at peace and on the way to a united prosperity."

Mr. D. Price is spending a short time in the city renewing acquaintances.

Dr. Hay, of Campbellford, is in the city today.

Mr. George A. Kingston, of Campbellford and party motored to Belleville last evening and witnessed the production of "Nobody's Fool."

When a Feller Needs a Friend!

A BOY of five years of age was tripping gaily along Front St. this morning carrying a bottle of milk.

"There's many a slip," the adage used to say. Well there was in this case and the bottle crashed. The youngster looked in dismay, held up his hands and then started to run home.

"Hey," called a smiling boniface across the road, the boy looked and saw the latter beckoning to him. He crossed the street and received a bit of silver to purchase another bottle. After assisting in removing the broken glass, the little fellow went into the shop and made his purchase, stopping light footedly on his way home.

HOPE MCGINNIS QUITS POST AS CENSUS TAKER

Two of the returned soldiers who were chosen as enumerators, one from Trenton and another from Belleville, have notified Commissioner J. A. Kerr, that they will be unable to act owing to the fact that they have secured employment. Their places will have to be filled by substitutes.

Today Mr. Hope McGinnis instructed Mr. Kerr that he is willing to withdraw and permit any person who is out of work to take the job. Mr. Kerr this morning had a class of instruction at Belleville City Hall for the enumerators of Trenton and Belleville. Among them was a young lady, Miss Foster, of Trenton.

It is just for such emergencies as withdrawals that a reserve list of substitutes has to be kept—men or women who are not particularly anxious for the job but are willing to help out at the last minute. Technically any one who accepts appointment may be compelled to serve to avoid a heavy penalty. But this rule is rarely applied.

PAY TRIBUTE TO LATE MR. BOWELL

All classes joined this afternoon in paying tribute to the memory of the late Charles James Bowell. The obsequies were under direction of the Masonic Order, the late Mr. Bowell having been a member of Moira Lodge No. 11. At the family residence, 161 Albert St., the Ven. Archdeacon Beamish, of St. Thomas' Church conducted the impressive Anglican ritual. The Masonic service was read by the Worshipful Master of Moira Lodge, F. W. Frost, assisted by Rev. Rural Dean Swaney.

The cortege was one of the largest which has passed through Belleville streets. Besides the Freemasons, a great number of citizens followed the hearse. Among the mourners were intimate associates of deceased. The staff of the Intelligencer of which the late Mr. Bowell was publisher and manager, was present in a body to pay their last respects. Many followed in motors the remains to the cemetery. The floral tributes to the memory of the deceased were very numerous. The bearers were all Masons—Rt. Wor. Bro. A. G. Davis, Rt. Wor. Bro. John Newton, Bros. W. Carnew, J. Elliott, George A. Bennett and W. H. Morton.

At the Bowell family plot in Belleville cemetery where the interment took place, the Master of Moira Lodge was assisted in the committal rites by Rt. Wor. Bro. F. D. Diamond, Wor. Bro. H. A. Morgan, W. Bro. Rural Dean Swaney and others of the craft.

CAR STOLEN LAST NIGHT FOUND TODAY AT KINGSTON

Mr. A. C. McFee had his Chevrolet Sedan stolen last night. This morning the Belleville police by calling Napanee and Kingston were able to learn its whereabouts. The car

was seen passing through Napanee this morning and word was received just before noon that the motor was found on the outskirts of Kingston abandoned. Mr. McFee will go to Kingston to bring it back.

USE PEAT TO REPLACE COAL; EXPERTS SHOW IT'S AVAILABLE; AVOID DEPENDENCE ON STATES

OTTAWA, May 9.—A. Anrep, peat specialist of geological survey, informed Special Parliamentary Fuel Committee this morning that there was no reason why Canadian peat should not replace coal for heating purposes through the Dominion.

This would relieve the Canadian public dependence upon the United

States' mines and would release all coal importation for domestic purposes. Peat had proved satisfactory for cooking and for open grates and furnaces during the Fall and Spring months. So far more than thirty-seven thousand square miles of peat bog had been discovered and should be developed. A ton and a half of peat would give as much heat as a ton of anthracite coal, he said.

SOME CONCERNS CUT THE WAGES

Business World Has at Last
Begun to Remove Obstacles
to "Normalcy"

MEN ARE PROTESTING

Reduction of Production Costs
Does Not Arrive Without
Many Issues

TORONTO, May 9.—Developments of the past week but serve to indicate that the business world has at last definitely set about the task of removing some of the obstacles that have been delaying the return of normal activity. For the first time since the present period of depression has been undertaken for the reduction of production costs by instituting new and lower scales of wages in many lines of operation. At the beginning of the present month many wage contracts expired, and this fact presented an opportunity to employers in the trades affected to introduce wage reductions of varying degrees. As was to be expected, however, labor does not regard these cuts with favor and has entered vigorous protest.

High production costs have been one of the most important factors in bolstering material and commodity prices, and as labor contributes a large proportion of these costs a permanent reduction in consumers' prices must be accompanied by a readjustment of this factor. The opposition of lower wages has been particularly conspicuous in the building trades, and numerous cases of strikes are reported. It is scarcely likely that the opposition of the workman will obtain for him any lasting benefit. A lowering of building costs will have the tendency of encouraging building and thus provide work for an additional volume of labor.

The credit situation in this country does not hold out any cause for undue optimism. There is a dearth of funds for industrial as well as investment purposes. Banks during the past year have loaned heavily to industry, to farmers and to merchants. When the slump came these various lines of trade found themselves in difficulty and were forced to seek an extension of credit. These funds, which in the ordinary course of events would return regularly to the banks and could be diverted by them into other and productive channels, now remain "frozen," and unproductive. Of course the bank is receiving interest on these outstanding loans, but they are a burden to the business or individual who is forced to carry the credit, and all the time the money is debased from productive enterprise. Business cannot revive until some stable basis has been established for the price schedule, when the buyer will not be continually haunted with the fear of lower prices in the following day or week or month. Then only will he come into the market freely, and then only will business begin to show some signs of the aggressiveness that is now so conspicuously absent.

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Work on Highway at Shannonville Starts in Few Days

Work on the provincial highway in the vicinity of Shannonville is about to open up in full swing in a few days. The operations there have been extensive. West of the village the road has been straightened out, a right-of-way having been acquired across the farms. Those who are acquainted with the old detour will mark the vast improvement.

Near Napanee a heavy grade has been cut about thirty-five feet. A number of men were taken on today and more will go on to work shortly.

BIRTH

FISHER—To Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Fisher, (nee Adelaide E. Mottel) 351 Charles St., born May 8th, a son, Stanley Gordon.

Thieves broke into five Windsor homes, stealing rings and other jewellery, valued at more than \$2,000.

INHERITS FORTUNE FROM HER FIANCE.
HULL, Eng., April 21. (By Mail)—Sixty thousand pounds and a ranch in Queensland, Australia, have been inherited by Miss Major, a 19-year-old girl of this town, on the death of Captain Donald Bonds, of the Australian Air Force, to whom she became engaged during the war. They had planned to be married last August but the girl's parents objected on account of her youth.

HOLD MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE AT HOLLOWAY STREET CHURCH

Mother's Day was fittingly observed in Holloway St. Church. The church was beautifully decorated. A class of boys from the Sunday school brought wild flowers and potted plants.

At the morning service the pastor spoke on "Home" and a mixed quartette was sung at the close of the sermon by Mrs. Lloyd, Miss Walton, Messrs Schryver and Dulmage.

The young men of the Epworth League had charge of the evening service and acted as ushers, while five of their number gave addresses on "Great Women, Past and Present."

Mr. Russell Woodley was the first speaker and in speaking on the life of the late Queen Victoria, called her one of the wisest and best mothers of all ages.

Mr. Ewart Jones spoke next on Florence Nightingale and gave a vivid picture of her life with his heroic self sacrifice in the service of humanity.

Mr. Moulton spoke about a mother's great influence on her boy and told the beautiful familiar story of the minister's first sermon in Ian MacLaren's "Beside the Bonny Briar Bush."

Mr. Miller spoke also on the love of a mother for her boy and gave a splendid example of a woman's devotion for her sailor lad.

The last to speak was Mr. Mason and he announced his subject as "The Ideal Mother." He quoted the words of men such as Edison, Dwight L. Moody, Abraham Lincoln and others, who said that all they were in life they owed to their mothers. "Everyone," he said, "thinks his own mother is ideal, but the mother who plans and carries out her child's development under high ideals is surely the Ideal Mother."

These splendid eulogies were interspersed with suitable music by the choir.

GERMAN CROWD HISS GRAND DUKE

His Appearance as Actor on the Stage Does Not Meet With Approval

CANT WEAR UNIFORM
Makes About Four Dollars A Month and Loses Dignity to Boot

BERLIN, May 9.—The former Archduke Leopold Ferdinand of Austria, who is now appearing nightly as a performer in a Berlin cabaret, was prevented by the Berlin police from wearing an admiral's uniform and is compelled to wear the clothing of a private soldier.

Like many other members of once powerful royal families, who were unhorsed and bankrupted by the war, he was forced to work for a living, his total income from his Austrian properties now amounting to only 3,000 kronen, or about \$4, monthly.

So when he appeared for a job as cabaret entertainer a sketch was written so that he could play the part of a prince who has fallen from high estate.

The Berlin public, accustomed since the war to former royal personages in abject financial circumstances, still was not habituated to seeing an archduke on the boards. The first night audience heard the Archduke through without applause.

Then, in the painful, embarrassed silence, a man rose by his table and loudly clapped his hands. It was a former German grand duke, who also is working for his daily sustenance. From one table came a low hissing at this profanation of majesty.

The former archduke appears under the name of Leopold Wolfings, a pseudonym which he has also used in a number of articles he has written for newspapers.

MORTGAGE MEN TO MEET DEFAULTING CITIES, TOPIC

WINNIPEG, May 9. (By Canadian Press)—More than ordinary interest will attach this year to the annual meeting of the Dominion Mortgage and Investments Association, which is to be held in the Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg, commencing Thursday, May 12, and continuing on the following day. A large number of the eastern members will journey to that city for the event.

In view of the number of municipal palities west of the Great Lakes which have defaulted the interest on their bonds, owing to inability to raise the necessary funds by taxation the discussion of the means best fitted to meet the emergency and to avoid a repetition of such a condition of affairs should prove engrossing to all who have efficient municipal administration at heart.

MINERS TO ARBITRATE

LONDON, May 6.—The striking coal miners, it is reported, have intimated to the Government their willingness to accept arbitration on the wages question by Sir Arthur Duckham with the view to immediate settlement of the strike.

HAS THIS GERMAN JUDGE ANY SENSE OF HUMOR?

BERLIN, May 9.—Communists convicted of participating in the recent rioting in Central Germany received sentence ranging from one hour in jail for disturbing the peace to death for murder.

One man convicted of murder and sentenced to death, and the trial proceeding on other counts as required by German law, he was further sentenced to 20 years in jail for disturbing the peace, and was deprived of the right of citizenship "for the remainder of his life."

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DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.

Doctors Gave Him a Few Months to Live—Now He is Better Than He Ever Expected to Be Again.

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