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King Proclaims Irish Amnesty

A COLD SPELL TO FOLLOW BIG BLOW

Storm of Short Duration, but Lively.

Reports from Various Parts of Canada and the United States Tell of Damage—U. S. Transport Comes Through All Right.

(Canadian Press.)

Washington, Jan. 12.—The winter storm which yesterday wrapped the northeastern section of the U. S. in an icy blanket and buffeted the Atlantic coast with gales ranging in velocity up to 76 miles an hour, today was central over Southeastern Maine, according to weather bureau reports.

There was but little trace of yesterday's severe storm apparent in New York this morning. The weather was clear and crisp with moderate winds.

Asbury Park, N. J., Jan. 12.—The Angel of Peace statue, which had stood on the Ocean Grove beach for forty years, was in ruins today as a result of a five-minute raking this city received from yesterday's gale.

New York, Jan. 12.—This section was lashed yesterday by the worst gale of the winter—a gale that at 2 p. m. reached a velocity of ninety miles an hour off Sandy Hook.

Ushered in with snow that later turned to sleet and rain the storm buffeted New Yorkers without respite.

Harbor traffic was hard hit and small boats were blown from their moorings. In-coming liners were held at quarantine by high winds which made it impossible for health officers to board them.

In the city the storm department was early astray. The tractors were rolled out and a call issued for 2,000 extra sweepers.

Boston, Jan. 12.—The storm which rushed up the Atlantic coast yesterday brought the heaviest gale of the winter to New England, accompanied by rain, sleet and snow.

North and west Boston, a heavy snow fall was reported and in Maine and New Hampshire trolley service was interrupted at several points and trains were delayed.

Washington, Jan. 12.—A radiogram from the U. S. transport Crook received at half-past six this morning said the crippled ship was making favorable headway.

The gale reached the transport last night, the message said, "but did not cause it to slow perceptibly."

The transport's position was given as 365 miles east of New York. She is carrying 942 officers, men and civilian passengers. Formerly, the Roumanian, of the Allan Line, she was built thirty years ago, of 5,000 tons burden.

Montreal, Jan. 12.—What was probably the most severe storm Montreal has experienced in years swept over the city last night when a blizzard, which at times attained a velocity of sixty miles an hour, whirled the snow about and piled it in drifts eight and ten feet deep in many of the principal thoroughfares.

So far as can be ascertained at present the storm did not result in any material damage, nor were any accidents or fatalities reported at the hospitals. Early morning sweepers cleared the main streets to some extent, so that the car service was not vitally impaired.

Political Prisoners to be Freed at Once.

Applies to Time Prior to Operation of Truce on July 11—Matters in General Seem in Favor of Treaty Supporters in Dail.

London, Jan. 12.—King George has granted general amnesty "in respect to political offenses committed in Ireland prior to the operation of the truce last July," so it was officially announced today.

The text of the proclamation, which was issued by Winston Churchill, secretary for the colonies, reads:—"The king has been pleased, at the moment when the provisional Irish government is due to take office, to grant general amnesty with respect to all offenses committed in Ireland from political motives prior to operation of the truce, July 11 last."

Figures given out in Dublin on Wednesday night showed that 1,010 persons who probably would come under the classification of political prisoners were still in confinement.

Mr. De Valera, deposed president of the Dail Eireann to consider the general situation growing out of ratification of the treaty. Meanwhile, Arthur Griffith, the new president, has started the machinery of his provisional government.

Mr. De Valera has said that he would ignore the meeting on Saturday and believed that his followers would do likewise.

The supporters of Mr. Griffith believe that this insures unanimous approval of the treaty by the remaining members, with the added votes of the four Unionist members of the Dail Eireann.

It is expected that the proceedings will be brief and formal and that the acts taken by the cabinet in the interim will be approved, thus confirming the constitution of that body as announced by President Griffith.

The British authorities have begun their evacuation from Dublin Castle, and announcement of the release of the Irish political prisoners is expected at any time.

While Griffith and his colleagues are going ahead with their plans there is no lack of prophets of evil, ready to emphasize the pitfalls surrounding their alliance, such as the republican opposition, the technical illegality of any act of the provisional government until the treaty is formally ratified both in Ireland and in England.

The executive of the Cumann Na Mban, the Sinn Fein women's organization, at a meeting here last night adopted a resolution by a vote of twenty-four to two re-affirming its allegiance to the republic and refusing to support the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Countess Markievicz, the president, was in the chair and delegates from the country districts attended. The league has 5,000 members in Dublin city alone.

It was announced by the Dail Eireann's foreign department last night that no official delegation from Ireland would attend the Irish race convention in Paris.

Some Women Against Treaty.

Indications of Early Resignation of Hon. J. H. King from B. C. Legislature.

Ottawa, Jan. 12.—(Canadian Press)—Indications are that the portfolio of public works will, in all probability, remain his membership in the cabinet without portfolio. He will also be government leader in the senate.



REGULATE LIQUOR FLOW TO AFRICA

League of Nations Council Asks Belgium to Establish International Office in Brussels.

Geneva, Jan. 12.—Belgium has been requested by the League of Nations council to establish in Brussels an international office to regulate the liquor traffic with Africa.

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Study methods of conciliation between nations of the world as proposed by Norway and Sweden.

Features of the Unemployment Situation in Cape Breton Coal Fields.

Sydney, N. S. W., Jan. 12.—That the Dominion Coal Company is sending \$20,000 weekly to relieve distress among its employees, and that no deserving case brought to the company's notice will be allowed to go unanswered, was a statement made yesterday by H. J. McCann, assistant general manager, addressing a delegation of the county council.

The United Mine Workers, he said, had unemployment was less acute in Cape Breton than in any other coal field on the continent.

There is movement for demand for representation of the United Mine Workers on the British Empire Steel Corporation executive.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 12.—The board of conciliation which will hear the wage differences between the operators and coal miners of the British Empire Steel Corporation will meet here Monday and Tuesday, January 16 and 17, so it was announced today.

Dempsie and Jack Johnson Reported That Mexicans Seek to Match Them—Late Sport News.

Nogales, Ariz., Jan. 12.—Mexican boxing promoters hope to arrange a match between Jack Dempsie, heavyweight champion, and Jack Johnson, former champion, in the near future at the Plaza De Toros, in Mexico City, according to reports here today from the Mexican capital.

Those backing the enterprise are said to have declared that Dempsie has agreed to fight Johnson.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to "Mr. Hiram Hornbeam," "I had a very bad night last night. I went to bed at half-past ten and was unable to sleep. The pillow didn't feel right under my head. The nerves in my feet turned and twisted, and my pulse beat faster and faster. I thought I would really have to get up. When I finally fell asleep through exhaustion I had horrible dreams. At breakfast this morning there was ice in the milk and I had to wait for my toast. The first thing I saw when I came out was a creature I despise, who grinned and insisted on walking along with me. Twice I slipped and nearly fell on the icy sidewalks, and the people in the air nearly choked me. I can't see."

"That's the minute," said Hiram. "Do you know what the matter is with you? You're a crab. You're just lookin' for something to complain about. You can't think of nothing that ain't gloomy—ain't about yourself. You'll live longer—yes, sir."

A CALL MONEY MARKET NOW FOR MONTREAL

Montreal, Jan. 12.—The Montreal Stock Exchange has established a call money market. It will be between board members on the floor of the exchange and interests that may want to take advantage of it must list their requirements and offer the Atlantic secretary as early as possible in the morning.

This market is a strict twenty-four hour market. It is arranged between the contracting parties. The minimum interest charge will be six per cent. until further notice.

Weather Report

Synopsis—The disturbance which was on the Virginia coast yesterday morning has moved up the Atlantic coast to New Brunswick, causing gales with snow and rain in the maritime provinces and a heavy snowfall in Quebec. In the western provinces the weather continues rather mild.

Forecast: Fair and Cold.

Maritime—Strong winds and gales from westward; clearing; colder tonight. Friday, strong west to northwest winds; fair and cold.

Gulf and North Shore—Strong winds and gales; clearing tonight. Friday, westerly winds; fair and colder.

New England—Fair tonight and Friday; colder tonight; fresh west and northwest winds.

Toronto, Jan. 12.—Temperatures: Highest during yesterday night. Lowest during yesterday night.

LEAGUE GOES INTO CASE OF VILNA

Dispute Between Poland and Lithuania is Taken Up—Hard Nut to Crack.

Geneva, Jan. 12.—The dispute between Poland and Lithuania over Vilna came before the council of the League of Nations today. The situation in Albania and Lantz also was on the programme, but the Vilna problem held chief place.

It is one of the most difficult problems confronting the council.

The League of Nations had already evolved a solution, but this was rejected by both countries, and the council is now considering the question in the light of the election held in Vilna last Saturday, the results of which are not yet known.

Meanwhile the council plans to decide upon measures to prevent renewal of hostilities and the most effective method of dealing with the minorities there.

REPORT OF FORD BID FOR LINCOLN

Receiver's Sale on Feb. 4—Announcement Leads to Sale of 80,000 Shares.

Detroit, Jan. 12.—More than 80,000 shares of the Lincoln Motor Co. changed hands on the Detroit Stock Exchange yesterday, following announcement that the Ford interests planned to submit a bid of \$80,000 for the Lincoln plant when it is put up at a receiver's sale here on February 4.

The stock opened at less than \$8 a share, and the top price recorded was \$9 a block of fifty shares being sold at that price. The close was 5 5/8. Lincoln class stock was brought out at \$80 and sold as high as \$86, but has dropped, as low as \$2 since the receivership.

LABOR CALL FOR BEER IN ALBERTA

Say it Would Reduce the Sale of Bootleggers' Whiskey.

Lethbridge, Alta., Jan. 12.—The annual convention of the Alberta Federation of Labor closed yesterday afternoon with the adoption of a resolution asking that the federation press for the passage of legislation legalizing the unrestricted sale of beer in the province.

It was contended that the sale of beer containing 9 1/2 per cent alcoholic content would reduce the sale of bootlegger whiskey. It was also recommended that a system of unemployment insurance be introduced by the federal government.

Briand Quits As French Premier

Springs Great Surprise on the Deputies—Cabinet Goes with Him—He Reported Action Taken at Cannes and Bluntly Said to Take it or Leave it.

(Canadian Press Cable.)

Paris, Jan. 12.—Premier Briand submitted his resignation to President Millerand today after making a lengthy statement before the Chamber of Deputies justifying his attitude at the Cannes conference.

M. Briand's intention to resign was announced to the Chamber of Deputies at the close of his hour's speech. The announcement came as an entire surprise, as he had apparently won the sympathy of the chamber. His colleagues of the cabinet were filled with amazement at his sudden determination.

CABINET GOES, TOO.

The entire French cabinet went out of office with Premier Briand. President Millerand accepted Briand's resignation.

On the subject of the Genoa conference Mr. Briand said: "It is inadmissible that France should be absent from this conference, which is purely financial and economic, especially when such a powerful financial economic state as the United States, without whose co-operation work is impossible, has agreed to participate."

Addressed Parliament This Afternoon—Germans Offer Nothing New in Plea for Delay of Payment—Open Business With Russia.

Paris, Jan. 12.—Premier Briand, who arrived here this morning to consult the cabinet and appear before parliament with regard to the Chamber negotiations, will speak in the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon with the full support of his cabinet members, so it was said after his meeting with the cabinet this forenoon.

The cabinet meeting was concluded at one o'clock after a two hour session. The premier, it was indicated, had explained the situation with regard to the Chamber negotiations to his colleagues.

Dr. Rathenau was before the reparations commission for three hours last night to explain the German government's request for postponement of reparations payments. He made no new offer, merely outlining the general conditions and protecting the good faith of his government. He said that the balance was against Germany, therefore could not come from Germany.

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INFLUENZA NOW IS EPIDEMIC

Reaches That Stage in England, but Mild.

Not Many Deaths So Far, but Number Now Increasing and Things May Be More Serious Unless Weather Changes.

(Canadian Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 12.—A widespread influenza epidemic now prevalent in several parts of the United Kingdom has become a normal annual event in the last few years.



M. BRIAND.

Premier Briand put the Anglo-French pact, the question of postponement of German reparations payments and French participation in the Genoa conference squarely up to the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon, telling the deputies in the bluntest terms, to take them or leave them.

The premier first presented the question of the British pact. "You have been complaining for three years," he said, "of not being called upon to share in shaping French policies. I am bringing you what you have been denouncing for three years, and it is up to you to say whether you want it or not."

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Naval rivalry must be avoided by the two countries, sets forth the memorandum, which declares that submarines have proved in four years experience to be inept either in naval attack or defense and can be used only to prey upon the merchant marine. Naval competition it is added, would corrode any accord.

Resumption of trade relations with Russia was declared by the memorandum to be indispensable to the recovery of Europe, and the consent of France to Russian participation in the economic negotiations was made one of the conditions of the accord.

London, Jan. 12.—A despatch to the London Times from Rome says the correspondent has been informed by Dr. Litvinoff, chief of Soviet legations abroad, that he is under the impression that the Russian delegation to the Genoa conference probably will consist of M. Chicherin, the Soviet foreign minister, M. Litvinoff, chief of Soviet legations abroad and Leonid Krassin, minister of trade and commerce.

Berlin, Jan. 12.—Dr. Walter Simons, former minister of foreign affairs, has been engaged by the government as its local adviser on the Upper Silesian-