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NO AMNESTY GRANTED TO IRISH PARTY

Lloyd George Issues Stern Reply to Those Who Seek a Truce.

NO REPUBLIC WILL BE TOLERATED NOW

Campaign of Outrage and Murder Must Stop is the Ultimatum.

London, Dec. 8—The message of Father O'Flanagan, of Roscommon, to Premier Lloyd George, concerning a truce in the Irish situation is understood to have been under consideration by the cabinet this morning.

The knotty problem, said to be confronting the government, is whether Father O'Flanagan represents the full force of Sinn Fein moderate opinion.

It is stated on high authority that if it is decided that Father O'Flanagan does represent such opinion, the Government will reply to his message with a statement embodying the following terms:

"No amnesty, no republic and a cessation from the present campaign of outrage and murder."

The opinion was expressed today by some students of the Irish problem here that the repudiation of Father O'Flanagan's message by a section of the Sinn Fein had its origin in a desire for amnesty for certain Sinn Feiners, who are fugitives from justice.

Warned of Mines

Cork, Dec. 8—Warning of possible danger along the road to Tralee was given the party of British Labor representatives investigating Irish conditions today, when the labor men announced their expectation of leaving for Tralee by motor this afternoon, accompanied by a party of journalists.

The authorities told the delegation and the newspapermen they had best proceed slowly, owing to the possibility of encountering trenches cut in the road. They also stated information had been received in Cork indicating the road had been mined at several places in County Kerry.

Aside from raids on private houses and intermittent rifle and revolver fire in various parts of the city last night passed quietly here. The usual military curfew patrol was reinforced and numerous raids and searches were carried out in the western part of Cork.

FAKE THE AUTO THEFTS TO GET THE INSURANCE

Confession of Plot by Gang Leads to Many Arrests in New York.

OWNERS PLOTTED WITH THE THIEVES

Cars Were Stolen, Insurance Collected and Then Motors Were Returned.

New York, Dec. 8.—Operations of a band of swindlers, composed of automobile owners and garage men, by which insurance was collected on prearranged "thefts" of motor cars, and commissions paid to the "robbers" was bared today, the police announced, in confessions of two men arrested after three others had been held in five thousand dollars bail, each charged with knowingly purchased stolen cars. Harry Randolph, automobile mechanic, and Harry Raphael, sales manager, confessed, the police say, they had "stolen" 12 autos in Brooklyn with the consent of the owners and sold them to garage owners after all identification marks had been removed. Fees were paid for "stealing" the cars and a agreement was made with the owners that in event of arrest, the owner would testify he had given permission to the "thief" to drive the car.

Randolph and Raphael confessed, according to the police, that they agreed to steal the cars, remove the marks and sell them, thus enabling the owner to report their cars stolen, collect the insurance and buy new cars.

TORONTO WILLING TO PURCHASE THE STREET RAILWAY

City is Satisfied to Pay $10,186,295 as Its Share of Price.

Toronto, Dec. 8—Unanimously the City Council this afternoon endorsed the big electric "clean-up" made by Sir Adam Beck, of the Ontario Hydro-Electric lower Commission on behalf of the hydro-commission and the city of Toronto with the Mackenzie interests at a total purchase price of $32,734,000. Toronto's share is placed at $10,186,295.

Lindsay Crawford Says He Did Not Kiss Flag At The Moncton Station

Quebec, Dec. 8—Lindsay Crawford, president of the Irish Self-determination League for Canada and Newfoundland, arrived in the city today from Moncton.

Regarding the "flag incident" at the railway city on Monday night, Mr. Crawford said: "The flag was thrust into my hands by an excited mob. I did not use the words attributed to me concerning this incident, neither did I kiss the flag, as was erroneously reported.

FIGHT BEFORE BURNT CHURCH INDIAN'S DEATH

One Witness Swears John Dedam Struck the First Blow in Melee.

DID NOT SEE ANY KNIFE OR REVOLVER

Claim Made Too That Peter Dedam Kicked Man on the Ground.

Special to The Standard

Newcastle, N. B., Dec. 8—Very little new evidence was brought out at the preliminary hearing of Peter and Frank Mitchell here today in connection with the Burnt Church tragedy. Stanley Swansen, under cross-examination by Mr. McDade, said he did not know the nature of an oath and had never sworn on the Bible before. He had come to court because he had been told to do so by a policeman. He had had about an hour's conversation with William Dedam, but did not know whether he had told him to tell the story about the knife in court.

Peter, Frank and Charles Mitchell, Charle's wife, the witness, his sister and his step-mother were present when Peter told of fight. He never saw Peter Mitchell with a knife or Frank with a revolver.

Peter had told him about a fight with the Dedams, but never mentioned anything about a knife.

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LABOR LEADER NOT RETURNING

Arthur Henderson Will Not Go Back to Ireland to Study Conditions.

London, Dec. 8—Arthur Henderson, the Labor leader, did not see Premier Lloyd George today and neither Mr. Henderson nor William Adamson will return to Ireland. It is expected that the Labor Commission, of which they were members and which has been investigating conditions in that country will return to London next Tuesday. Its intervention in favor of a truce, it is understood has been unsuccessful.

Mr. Henderson, questioned in this subject by the parliamentary correspondent of the London Times tonight replied: "I am not returning to Ireland; you can draw your own conclusions."

Huge War Costs

It was announced in the House of Commons today that the supplementary estimates for the navy will be over six million pounds sterling and for the air force nearly two million pounds sterling.

HALIFAX COMPLAINS EMPRESS DID NOT LAND THE MAILS

Vessel in Port Sixteen Hours But Not a Bag of Letters Landed.

Halifax, N. S. Dec. 8—Halifax business men are up in arms over the failure of the C. P. O. S. Liner Empress of Britain, which was in port sixteen hours today taking on 750,000 gallons of oil, to land the Canadian mails here. Their mail has been carried on to St. John and will not reach here before Saturday. They also claim that the mail for Montreal and other points east, would have reached its destination before the steamer docks at St. John tomorrow.

Complain to Ottawa

The following is a copy of a telegram sent today to Hon. F. B. McCurdy, Ottawa, by the Board of Trade: "Halifax, N. S., Dec. 8, 1920. Halifax business community indignant over Empress of Britain now here for fuel not landing Canadian mails which, if landed would arrive at Montreal before they will now reach St. John. Empress takes mails to St. John probably arrive back by rail Saturday. Cannot something be done to prevent such absurd proceedings. A. H. Whitman, President Board of Trade."

TWO TRAWLERS SAIL

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 8—Two more trawlers, Nos. 8 and 40, sailed today for Inverness, Scotland.

MUCH FIRING WHEN POLICE SEARCH CROWD

Auxiliary Forces Led General Hold-up of Pedestrians in Cork Streets.

SHOT ONE MAN LEAVING CHURCH

Crowds Vanished Quickly When Police Appeared and Began Work.

London, Dec. 8—A brief despatch received from Cork late tonight says there was a general hold-up of the public in the streets of Cork by the auxiliary police this evening. Firing was heard in various parts of the city.

A man leaving a church was shot dead. There was much alarm in the streets which were quickly deserted.

CLOTHING FIRMS LOCK OUT 16,000 FROM N. Y. SHOPS

Employers Declare Union No Longer is Representative of the Workers.

WAR DECLARED IS VIEW OF UNIONS

Pickets Will be Placed at Once Around All the Factories.

New York, Dec. 8—Headquarters of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America announced here today that the New York clothing manufacturers had declared war on the union and that this morning six large firms had locked out 16,000 workers.

This reported action followed announcement last night by the clothing manufacturers' association of New York that it was no longer possible to recognize the union as representing the interests of workers in the New York clothing market.

Agreement is Rejected

The manufacturers explained their announcement was made "in view of existing conditions" and the union's rejection Monday night of a working agreement submitted to it by the manufacturers' association.

Asserting war had been declared, union officials announced pickets would be placed around shops where a lockout of union workers had been ordered and around any others where similar action was taken in the future.

HOPE TO RESCUE FRENCH TRAWLER AT HIGH TIDES

Three Vessels Were Unable to Get Near Enough to Wreck to Give Help.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 8—The cargo is being taken from the French trawler Gabrielle, which went ashore at Petries' Ledge, near North Sydney, on Thursday evening. Tomorrow, when the small steamer is lightened, an attempt will be made to pull her off. At the present time she is lying about 150 yards off shore, and is not pounding heavily. At high tide tomorrow her captain is sure that his vessel will be refloated. The Gabrielle went ashore while entering the port of North Sydney on Thursday evening, when steaming too near to the land.

Drove Hard Aground

She was making a fair rate of speed and the impact when she struck the rocky ledge carried her a considerable distance aground. This morning three steamers, the Maggie M., the Bras D'Or and the C. D. 83, went out to try to pull her off, but they were unable to get near enough to her to make any progress towards this end. The Gabrielle a few days ago rescued the trawler Emmanuel, which was drifting off St. Pierre with engine trouble. She was in port when the latter vessel sent a wireless telling of her condition and asking for aid.

The Gabrielle sailed outside and towed the helpless vessel to port.

OTTAWA IGNORANT OF NEW EXTRADITION TREATY WITH STATES

Ottawa, Dec. 8—So far as can be ascertained there have been no negotiations between Ottawa and Washington with a view to the conclusion of a treaty which would make wife and child desertion an extraditable offence. It is assumed here that the action of the foreign relations committee of the United States senate refers to a proposal submitted at Washington, but on which no formal international action has yet been taken.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA

Indians held for the death of policeman at the Burnt Church reserve, New Brunswick, are committed for trial.

Arrest made at Newcastle, N. B., in connection with the burning of the Nova Scotia Shipbuilding plant at Liverpool, N. S.

Lindsay Crawford denies he kissed the British flag at Moncton, N. B.

Sugar refiners of Canada ask the Minister of Finance for assistance in their present situation.

Quebec will continue its wine and beer legislation, but adopt much more stringent laws regarding "hard" stuff.

UNITED STATES

Miss MacSwiney tells American Committee, investigating Ireland, of alleged conditions there.

Clothing manufacturers of New York have locked out 16,000 employes, because union rejects new offer.

THE BRITISH ISLES

Andrew Bonar Law says Britain is considering asking the United States to stop the activities of "President" De Valera.

Auxiliary police stop all traffic in Cork for search; much shooting is reported from the city.

WIRE FLASHES

Telegraphic News Condensed from Last Minute Messages for Quick Reading.

Coming to St. John

Edmonton, Dec. 8—W. R. Pearce, general superintendent of Alberta Government telephones, has resigned. He will vacate the post next March to become chief engineer for the New Brunswick Telephone Company, at St. Johnu.

War Cost to America

Washington, Dec. 8—The net cost of the war to the United States Government was fixed by Secretary of the Treasury Houston today at $24,010,000,000.

Cambridge Against Women

London, Dec. 8—Cambridge University today by a vote of 344 to 112 refused women full membership in the university on equal terms with men. Most of the other universities, including Oxford, have already granted full membership to women.

Refuse to Re-Open Scale

Philadelphia, Dec. 8—While willing to adjust any individual case of injustice or inequality within the present agreement, representatives of the anthracite mine operators today notified the mine workers that they were against granting any general additional wage increase or take any action that would tend to re-open the award ofthe Unitde States anthracite coal commission.

Ex-Empresses' Death Unlikely

Doorn, Holland, Dec. 8—The danger of the death of the former German Empress is considered temporarily averted, acording to information given out at Doorn House today.

Call Constantine Back

Athens, Dec. 8—The cabinet this afternoon sent a note to former King Constantine announving that the plebiscite was favorable to him and that the people demand his return to the throne of Greece.

TWO CHARGED WITH MAIL THEFT

Alleged They Cut Open Sack and Took Letter Containing $350.

James A. Coveley, 40 Brooks street and Richard Kane, 99 Winter street, were arrested between 1.30 and 2 o'clock this morning by Detectives Powers and Saunders on suspicion of acting together, cutting open a mail bag and stealing therefrom the sum of $350, the contents of a registered letter addressed to the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Kane was the driver of a mail wagon on collecting mail from boxes, while Coveley had no particular business on the vehicle and simply accompanied Kane. When the mail was delivered at the post office, the authorities discovered the opened mail bag and immediately reported the matter to police headquarters.

QUEBEC WILL TAKE STERN MEASURES TO BAN "HARD STUFF"

Quebec, Dec. 8—Forecasts published today of the nature of amendments to the Quebec Temperance Act to be introduced at the next session of the legislature, claims that under them beer and wine of full strength will be retailed through government vendors, but that hard stuff will only be procurable on a doctor's certificate.

THIRD ARREST FOR BURNING OF SHIPYARD

Holmes A. Frank Taken Into Custody at Newcastle, N. B. for Halifax Police.

ARREST DUE TO ALLEGED CONFESSION

Detective Will Bring Prisoner Back to Halifax at Once for Investigation.

Halifax, Dec. 8.—The investigation by the police into the destruction by fire of the Nova Scotia Shipbuilding Company's plant at Liverpool, N. S., on November 22, took on a sensational aspect today. Yesterday Detective Kennedy arrested Roble Lohnes, the watchman and Wynfred Clattenburg. The detective, who returned to the city tonight, states that Lohnes today made a confession to him of the whole affair.

Owner is Arrested.

As a result of Lohen's statements, a warrant was at once issued for the arrest of Holmes A. Frank, a prominent lumberman, who is at Newcastle N. B. The detective wired the authorities at Newcastle to arrest Frank and a wire to Chief of Police Hanrahan tonight stated that Frank was in custody. He was the owner of the machinery in the building which was insured for $7,500. Detective Kennedy leaves for Newcastle tomorrow to take Frank to Liverpool.

BRITAIN MUST KEEP SURPLUS SUBJECTS TRUE

Prince of Wales Declares Capital and Friendship Go Hand in Hand.

PREDICTS DAY OF UNBREAKABLE TIES

Best Advertisement for Empire is a Contented, Prosperous Settler.

London, Dec. 8—In his speech at the Mansion House reception yesterday H. R. H. the Prince of Wales said:

"The Dominions want population. We have population to spare, but a purely business method of emigration is no good nowadays. Flaming prospectuses will not draw emigration steadily from this country. What is wanted is to plan human co-operation. We should not feel that we are populating places that will be lost to us and they on their side should welcome our immigrants as friends and comrades and make them feel above all that they are at home and really wanted there. There is no worse type of immigrant than the immigrant who fails; there is no better advertisement than immigrants who succeed.

Success Depends on Spirit.

"Success depends upon the way and spirit in which both sides tackle the subject. British population is a very valuable thing and we must see to it that it remains all British. The closer and more human the understanding, the easier becomes the movement of men and, I may add, of capital which the Empire requires. We want to make that understanding wider and deeper, so that it is never swamped with jealousy, either local or other. I hope the longer I live, the more I may see the ties that unite them and us, steadily strengthened and multiplied until the bond of fellowship which unites us is unbreakable."

CANNOT DECIDE ON EX-GERMAN CABLES

Allied Nations at Conference in Washington Fail to Solve Question.

Washington, Dec.8—Technical recommendations of the delegates of the five allied and associated powers who have been in session here at the preliminary international communications conference to be submitted to the general conference of all nations for approval, show that disposition of the former German cables seized by France, Great Britain and Japan in 1914 still remains unsolved.

TOSS BABES INTO RIVER LAST FOOD HAS BEEN EATEN

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 8—In the five provinces of China where famine conditions prevail, natives are starving to death in thousands, according to W. H. Bird, Toronto, who arrived here on the Empress of Asia. He believes millions will die from lack of food. Mr. Bird told of trees being stripped of bark and leaves for food, of parents throwing their children into the river rather than see them starve, and of families mixing poison with the last of their food and dying together.

Sugar Refiners Plead With Finance Minister For Relief Legislation

Ottawa, Dec. 8—Sugar refiners interviewed the Minister of Finance this afternoon in regard to the situation created by the recent heavy declines in refined sugar.

As on previous occasions they urged that they were entitled to government assistance in that, they, claimed, their difficulties were largely due to interference with normal methods of trading.

The refiners were promised full consideration of their representations.

SIR C. STUART GUEST OF THE CANADIAN CLUB

Ambassador Davis of London Extends Greetings to Canadian-Born Editor.

TWO NATIONS WITH A SINGLE THOUGHT

Anglo-Saxon Union to Work Together to Develop American Continent.

London, Dec. 8.—The Canadian Club here tonight entertained Sir Campbell Stuart, managing editor of the Times. Sir George Parkin presided and proposed Sir Campbell's health and the toast was supported by Sir George Perley, Canadian High Commissioner.

John W. Davis, United States Ambassador, wrote: "His past career gives sufficient earnest of further triumphs. I should have also welcomed the opportunity to salute in a fraternal spirit the Canadians assembled together, for Canada is truly the 'interpreter's house, where Great Britain and the United States meet on common ground. With Great Britain you share the traditions of the immemorial past and the problems of the imperial present, while you join America in the adventure of subduing a virgin continent working out the duties of self-government in a federalized democracy.

"We are thus comrades in peace as we have been brothers in arms. May we never be strangers at each other's hearts."

Sir Campbell Stuart.

Sir Campbell Stuart, responding to the toast in his honor, said he could imagine no greater honor for a Canadian than to be a guest at such a gathering, nor was the honor lessened by the presence of the chairman whose high privilege it was to be the guardian of that treasury of Imperial sentiment and faith which Cecil Rhodes, the boldest and biggest figure of our time, bequeathed to the Empire of his vision and of our vision.

Sir Campbell was also grateful to Premier Meighen and ex-Premier Sir Robert Borden for the messages they had sent. "Anglo-American friendship is built on deep and firm foundations; on a community of race and a community of ideals. If there have been, if there are any differences between the two countries, they are essentially family differences, the outcome of a close similarity, rather than of any natural divergence.

Possess Our Characters.

We of the British race are also of the western continent. We possess an individuality of our own. In this matter we agree with Ambassador Davis that we are conscious that we have our own part to play in cementing a true union of ideals between the Anglo-Saxon race of the old world and the Anglo-Saxon race of the new world. No United States ambassador has ever estimated the Canadian factor in world peace more accurately than Mr. Davis, but when I speak of him in this regard I must also mention another Ambassador, Sir Auckland Geddes, who has already proved himself one of the most successful, and one of the greatest of our representatives in the United States. He had the great advantage that he knew Canada well.

PIPE CRUDE OIL TO BEHRING SEA IS NOVEL PLAN

Parliament Will be Asked to Consider Ambitious Proposal at Next Session.

Ottawa, Dec. 8—Conveyance of the oil products of the Mackenzie River basin to Behring Sea by pipe line from whence it would be carried by tankers to the markets of the world is an ambitious project for which sanction will be sought by a bill to be considered by parliament at the approaching session. The proposed pipe line would be laid from the Mackenzie River to the Yukon River systems by way of Rat River and Bell River, thence by the Porcupine and Yukon Rivers to Saltwater.

Joins D'Annunzio's Fleet

Triest, Dec. 8—Another Italian naval last evening—the submarine chaser craft passed to the D'Annunzia forces No. 68 P. N., stated at Abbazia.

TRUSTS STOP BIDDING FOR SKYSCRAPERS

Construction Companies Say Impossible to Get Any Competitive Offers.

OPEN SHOP FIRM CANNOT GET STEEL

Firms Doing $100,000,000 Annually Are Blocked by Alleged "Ring" Tactics.

New York, Dec. 8—Officials of two of the largest construction corporations in the United States with a combined business approaching $100,000,000 a year, testified in the Building Trust investigation today that before the Lockwood legislative inquiry began it was impossible to obtain competitivebids in nearly a dozen lines of materials.

Contractors invariably turned in identical estimates, while the lumber trade was pretty well lined up with prices uniform, they said. Prices of brick have toppled "from the fictitious level of $32 50" down to $15 since the investigation began bombarding the alleged combines.

Could Get No Bids

The Thompson-Starrett Company which built the Woolworth, the Equitable Life skyscrapers the tallest and largest office buildings in the world, and which does an annual business of $60,000,000 found it futile to seek competitive bids in New York, Louis Horzwit, its president testified.

His revelations of identical estimates were supported by James A. Moore, vice president of the Fred T. Ley Company, which has offices in Springfield, Mass., and Boston as well as in New York. They have $16,000,000 worth of construction under way here at the present time, while the Thompson-Starrett Company is constructing buildings valued at $25,000,000.

Cannot Get Steel

Structural steel, one of the few important building materials which they did not mention as cancelled totally, cannot be had by the Thompson-Starrett Company because it does not operate under an "open shop." Mr. Horwitz said. The manufacturers of structural steel forbid it to be sold to construction companies handling their labor on a closed shop basis, he said.

The legislative committee seized the minute books and general correspondence of the Sand and Gravel Dealers' Board of Trade when they were produced by an employe of the board, Mrs. Helen McDonald. She promised to bring the "several drawers' full of contract cards" to the committee's office tomorrow.

IRISH CAMPAIGN IN AMERICA MAY BE ENDED SOON

Britain Considering Asking United States' Government to Stop Activities.

PRO-IRISH, NOT ANTI-BRITISH PLEA

Two Editors of Freeman's Journal Are Jailed and Fined Too.

New York, Dec. 8 — Eamonn De Valera, "president of the Irish Republic," today issued a statement dealing with the announcement by Andrew Bonar Law in the House of Commons that the British Government was considering asking the United States to take official notice of the Sinn Feiners' "anti-British" activities on this side of the Atlantic.

"I do not think that the British Government will, in fact, make any official representations to the United States Government, because, even the British Government well knows that my activities have been not anti-British, but pro-Irish," said Mr. De Valera.

The British Proposal

London, Dec. 8—The British Government is considering whether it will request the United States Government in the interest of Anglo-American friendship to take notice of the anti-British activities in the United States of Prof. De Valera, president of the Irish Republic," according to a statement made today by Andrew Bonar Law in the House of Commons.

Responding to another question, Mr. Bonar Law said:

"Undoubtedly, a very severe campaign is being concentrated in America against this country; but so far we have found the Americans can be trusted to look at the matter from a reasonable point of view."

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Lucerne, Dec. 8—Ex-King Constantine will not relinquish his claim to the Greek throne in favor of his son, George, it was declared today by Prof. Streit, close adviser of Constantine here.

"The Greek people want Constantine so badly that his abdication probably would cause a revolution in Greece," Prof. Streit added.