

LEADING MEN ANXIOUS TO SETTLE IRISH ISSUE

THE IRISH SITUATION BRIGHTER

Home Rule on Canadian Lines Finds Many Advocates in Dublin.

ULSTER AND SOUTH UNIONISTS ANXIOUS

Letter Prepared to Make Concessions—Sir Thomas Esmonde Present.

Dublin, July 27.—(Montreal Gazetteable)—Conversation with delegates to the convention representing three phases of Irish life convinces me that the present moment offers the best and most hopeful opportunity Ireland has yet had of reaching a possible solution of its problems. The Nationalists are intensely anxious to get autonomy, which will suit every part of the land. Southern Unionists are so anxious to end the deadlock that they are prepared to make some concessions, with reasonable safeguards, while Ulster-



JOHN REDMOND. men also manifest some willingness to negotiate.

Favor Canada's Way. One of the latter assured me positively that he came to the convention honestly prepared to negotiate, and he believed this spirit prevailed to a greater extent than in any previous gathering of the Irish parties. The growing strength and unabashed declarations of the Sinn Fein are undoubtedly an important factor in the rapprochement of delegates. Home rule on Canadian lines finds many advocates, among whom are Lord Dunraven and Sir Thomas Esmonde, both of whom know the Dominion well. The adjournment of the convention this afternoon is regarded as a healthy sign, indicating that delegates expect to settle down to serious deliberations after settling the form of procedure.

JEWS FORM REGIMENT.

London, July 27.—The war office has announced the formation of a famous Jewish regiment of infantry with experienced officers in the higher commands. Jewish soldiers, with knowledge of the Yiddish or Russian languages already serving with British regiments, will be transferred to this unit. The regimental badge will be a copy of King David's shield.

BRITAIN HAS MADE MANY SACRIFICES

Lord Robert Cecil Tells of Injury to Industry by War's Requirements.

London, July 27.—Lord Robert Cecil, the minister of blockade, discussed the shipping situation at length with the Associated Press today, touching particularly on the sacrifices suffered by Great Britain owing to the obligations imposed upon shipping as a result of the war. "Ocean-going vessels of British registry before the war were between 17,000,000 and 18,000,000 tons," he said, by way of introduction. "At present the total, inclusive of prizes and new ships is slightly over 15,000,000 tons.

"The country generally has had to suffer great and increasing sacrifices through the shortage of tonnage caused by war requirements and submarine losses," continued Lord Cecil. "I wish particularly to point out how we have sacrificed ruthlessly the needs of industry and commerce to war requirements."

WANTS GERMAN EMPIRE TO MAKE NO PEACE OFFER

Dr. Carl Peters Protests Violently Against Further Overtures.

Amsterdam, July 27.—Dr. Carl Peters, the German explorer and publicist, in the "Fagelische Rundschau," protests violently against further German peace overtures, and asks: "Is not England's scornful refusal of Germany's peace offer last December enough for our statesmen?" The writer pleads for horse sense in dealing with the peace question, saying: "A horse dealer never shows anxiety to buy, nor does he at once state the highest price he is prepared to pay. Let the other party make the next bid. Shall we fall in the biggest business deal in history, which involves the future of our race?"

THINKS BRITISH WILL COLLABORATE WITH HUNS

Amsterdam, July 27.—Phillip Heinekel, director of the North German Lloyd Steamship Line, says in the annual report of the company, that the British will be compelled to collaborate with the Germans after the war, whether or not they like it, but that until this stage is reached German industry, trade and shipping will undergo a hard struggle. Herr Heinekel believes that on account of the diminution of tonnage, due to the submarine warfare, high freight rates will prevail for two or three years after the war, with consequent benefit to shipping interests. He predicts that for a time Germany will find it necessary to restrict imports to highly important articles, such as grain and other foodstuffs.

STRIKE ENDS.

Tampico, Mexico, July 27.—The strike of all the workmen in the Tampico oil fields, which began three days ago, ended today when General Alfred Ricaut, the governor of the province, ordered the strikers to return to work at noon. The strikers, who had tied up all business and oil production here, complied with the order.

ALLIED TROOPS LEAVE GREECE

Complete Agreement Reached at Paris—Base at Island of Corfu.

Paris, July 27.—The following announcement respecting the decision of the Allies concerning Greek territory now occupied by their military forces was published today: "France, Great Britain and Italy, simultaneously and as soon as possible, will end the occupations they have been obliged to make in ancient Greece. The British and Italian troops, which have been occupying the island of Corfu since the evacuation of the island by the Germans, will be withdrawn as soon as possible. The British and Italian troops, which have been occupying the island of Corfu since the evacuation of the island by the Germans, will be withdrawn as soon as possible.

TOTAL DEAD AT NEW WATERFORD IS 65

New Waterford, N. S., July 27.—All the bodies of the miners who lost their lives in Wednesday's disaster have been recovered. At noon two more whose bodies have been in the mine since Wednesday morning, were recovered and the coal company officials announced that the final estimate of the loss of life is 65. Both bodies have been identified. They are Richard Butts and James Gillies, of New Waterford. Hiram Donkin, provincial inspector of mines, is here to arrange for the investigation of the disaster.

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SAYS SIR WILFRID REPUDIATED PARTY

Dr. Michael Clark Speaks at Win the War Meeting.

Hamilton, Ont., July 27.—Dr. Michael Clark, M. P. of Red Deer, was the principal speaker tonight at a win-the-war mass meeting held in the Connaught Hotel. Sir John Gibson presided and expressed himself strongly in favor of compulsory service and a coalition government. Dr. Clark expressed admiration for Sir Wilfrid Laurier and much of his record, but Sir Wilfrid, he said, had repudiated his leader, but Sir Wilfrid had repudiated his party. The whole man and money power of Canada must be mobilized, independent of party politics, for the winning of the war.

TWO NEW SENATORS

Ottawa, July 27.—(Leased wire) Mr. Smeaton White of Montreal, president of the Gazette Printing Company and Mr. George O. Foster, K. C., of Montreal, have been nominated members of the senate of Canada.

SUPPRESSES I. W. W.

Melbourne, July 27.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—The Commonwealth health department has passed a bill suppressing the activities of the "International Workers of the World," in Australia.

Electric Storms. A number of heavy thunder storms swept through various parts of the province yesterday afternoon. A slight shower fell in St. John, but nearby places were well wet down. Rain fell at Hampton and other places up the line and the lightning was quite sharp. Moncton had a good downpour between four and five p.m.

MANY GRAIN SHIPS IN BALTIMORE

Nearly 100,000 Tons of Grain in Holds—Await Permission to Sail.

Baltimore, July 27.—Eighteen neutral ships loaded with grain are anchored off this port with 96,000 tons of grain in their holds. Fifteen are Dutch and three Norwegian. Some have had their cargoes under hatches for a month awaiting the license from the United States government and letters of assurance from the British ambassador. The cargo of one neutral steamer consisting of grain was dumped overboard yesterday because it had spoiled. It consisted of about 7,000 tons of corn.

SEIZE PRO-HUN PAPER.

San Jose, Costa Rica, July 27.—The plant and offices of El Imparcial, a pro-German newspaper, were seized yesterday by order of President Tinoco, after an investigation had shown that the newspaper belonged to the government, having been paid for with money out of the treasury during the Gonzalez administration. The seizure of El Imparcial deprives the Germans of their only means of propaganda here. Public opinion sides with President Tinoco in the seizure of the newspaper.

WOMEN SOLDIERS ARE HEROINES

London, July 27.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Petrograd, dated Thursday says: "Ensign Alla Vera Butchareff, commander of the Russian women's battalion and Lieutenant Sarydova, suffering from shock as a result of burning shells and about a dozen other members of the battalion who were wounded in the recent fighting, have been sent to Minsk. When they reached Poltava, they were welcomed by 100,000 citizens and soldiers, with a brass band and carrying banners. "It is said the women attacked the Germans after the Russians had deserted, and firing rifles with deadly effect. The women were greatly chagrined when they learned the sex of their captives."

CASUALTIES

Ottawa, July 27. INFANTRY! Wounded. J. Carrier, Durham, N. B. G. P. McLeod, 27 Middle street St. John, N. B. ARTILLERY! Wounded. Gunner J. Kisman, Charlottetown, P. E. I. Driver A. Gibson, Erin street, St. John, N. B.

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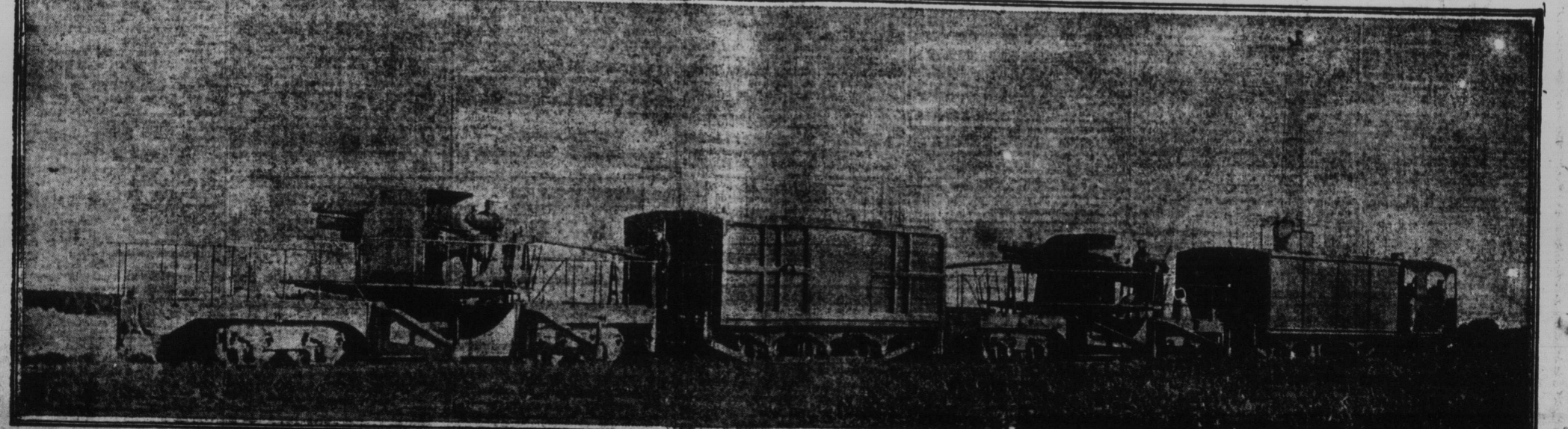
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GERMAN BRITISH CAPTURED BUT A HEAVY COMPENSATION

Germans Suffer Heavy Losses in Attempt to Recapture Dames, in Russia.

HEAVY MASSES OF RUSSIAN ARTILLERYMEN THROWN AGAIN

Russian Artillerymen Nobly in Galicia but Showed the White Flag.

London, July 27.—The British night captured La Basse Village, Belgium, near the French border, subsequently withdrew in the face of German counter-attack in force. The war office announced: "There was local fighting last night in the neighborhood of La Basse Village, southwest of Warneton, in which our troops drove the enemy from the village and captured several prisoners. This morning the enemy countered force and our detachments in the village withdrew to their own line. We captured twenty-nine more prisoners last night as a result of successful raids in the neighborhood of Moncel Le Freux, southwest of La Basse Village, northeast of Ypres. "Yesterday morning a German raid against our positions southeast of Gouzeaucourt led to sharp fighting. The enemy suffered considerable loss. A few of our men are missing."

HEAVY GERMAN LOSSES

Grand Headquarters of the French Army in France, July 27.—(By the Associated Press)—The Germans, in persistent effort to recapture at least some part of the Chemin des Dames transferred their attention yesterday to the region of Hurltebas on which they launched a strong attack supported by heavy artillery concentration. The infantry assaulted again and again, but despite the heavy losses suffered, they were repulsed. The enemy suffered considerable loss. A few of our men are missing."

HANGED TOTAL OF 324 MURDERERS

Arthur Ellis Executes Lawrence Sparks, Halifax Negro.

Halifax, N. S., July 27.—At four minutes before five o'clock this morning Lawrence Sparks paid the penalty for the murder of Charles Dixon at Africville on March 12. Hangman Arthur Ellis left the execution on the first train following the execution.

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