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Commons Pass Irish Free State Bill.

Millions of Chinese Facing Starvation--Statesmen Considering Egyptian Question--Body of Antarctic Explorer to Rest Within Circle.

PASSES SECOND READING.

LONDON, Feb. 17. The bill establishing the Irish Free State passed its second reading in the House of Commons to-day after a long and heated discussion. The bill, introduced by Mr. Lloyd George, leader of the Opposition, is for the purpose of altering the boundary between the United Kingdom and the Irish Free State. It had been defeated by a vote of 202 to 60. Lord Hugh Cecil, leader of the Government, urged the Government to withdraw the bill as it was a constitutional government. He added: "We have found that it is a government and that crimes of a terrible character are breaking out in the most astounding position that we have ever known. We want a chief boundary commissioner to decide whether the Government should break faith with the people. The Government are looking with curiosity to see whether they

are cheats or liars." Former Premier Asquith vigorously supported the bill.

CHINESE MILLIONS STARVING.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 17. More than six million people are facing starvation in the Province of Kiangsu, in which Shanghai is located, and Chekiang and Anhwei, according to estimates compiled here. Unprecedented floods which wiped out twenty per cent of the rice crop in these districts are blamed for food shortages.

GERMANY'S ATLANTIC CABLES.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17. An international conference to consider the allocation of the former German cables in the Atlantic will be called in Washington next week. Representatives of France, England, Italy, Japan and the United States will be asked to meet and determine

the disposition of the three cable lines taken over under the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles. The cables are now being operated by England and France under an agreement with other interested powers. Under the present arrangements Great Britain operates the cable from Halifax to Penzance, while France is in control of two running from Brest to Pernambuco and Brazil. The three cables operate by way of the Azores.

THE EGYPTIAN QUESTION.

LONDON, Feb. 17. It is authoritatively announced that conversations held in London between Premier Lloyd George, Foreign Secretary Curzon and Field Marshal Viscount Allenby, British High Commissioner in Egypt and Sudan, have resulted in complete agreement on the policy to be pursued in Egypt and the proposals to be presented to the Egyptian Government. According to reports Field Marshal Allenby favoured following the line of policy of Lord Milner's report and threatened to resign the High Commissionership unless the British Government decided either to adopt a purely military policy, or to make the concessions urged by Lord Milner. The London Times says that it is generally assumed that Field Marshal Allenby will return to Egypt shortly with proposals which will enable him to continue his mission in a manner satisfactory to himself and the Egyptian Government.

WILL REST IN THE SOUTH.

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 17. The British steamer Woodville sailed to-day for the Island of South Georgia, bearing the body of Sir Ernest Shackleton which will be buried in the little English churchyard at Grytviken.

RECEDES FROM O.R.U.

CALGARY, ALTA, Feb. 17. The monarch mine, Drumheller, belonging to the North American Collieries, Ltd., a stronghold of the One Big Union, passed under the jurisdiction of the United Mine Workers of America District last night when officers for a newly formed local were elected. This mine employs about 250 men and until recently strongly supported the one big union.

TWO KILLED IN DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

LAKE HOPATCOG, N.J., Feb. 17. Two men were killed to-day when a dynamite packing house of the Atlas Power Works at Landing, N.J., was destroyed by an explosion.

CANADIAN PRICES.

PARIS, Feb. 17. The German Government to-day advised the Allied Reparations Commission that the fourth ten day payment of 31,000,000 gold marks was made to-day to the banks designated by the Guarantors Committee. The payment is in accordance with the temporary schedule adopted at Cannes.

PROPRIETOR MONCTON TRANSCRIPT DEAD.

MONCTON, N.B., Feb. 17. John T. Hawke, proprietor of the Transcript, died here this afternoon.

Fashions and Fads.

The short coat is gaining in favor. The evening cape-wrap is still in vogue. The bateau neck line is still in vogue. Sleeves are slightly less wide and flowing. Many of the new skirts are wrapped. Skirts with draped lines are new for spring. The low waist line is a feature of spring suits. The spring mode sponsors the slim silhouette. Early spring will see many draped felt hats. Innumerable pin tucks trim a sleeveless box coat. Street costumes for spring will be subdued in color. The skirts of evening gowns continue to end in points.

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(B) THE WORLD IS WAITING FOR THE SUNRISE.



THE GOLFER'S HOPE.

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I've thought it with each coming year. I know all my faults to a T. I know why my driving is queer. And just what's the matter with me. I know how to put but I don't. But I've all the instructions down pat. On the use of the iron and the wood. I've been always a dub—but, at that. Next summer I ought to be good.



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