

Perilous Situation in Limerick.

Free State Forces May Fight Republicans—Sir Arthur Balfour Favors Coalition—Italy Blockades Fiume—King George Approves Issue of Medal for Foreign Troops.

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LONDON, March 7. The situation in Limerick is perilous according to a News correspondent here. Although a fortnight ago the Limerick Brigade repudiated the Free State authority, seven weeks are still held by Free State troops under Brigadier Brennan, who is much fighting in the European front. The revolting troops attempt to break the barracks heavy fighting is being done.

WENT TO LIMERICK.

DUBLIN, March 7. Brigadier Mulcahy, Minister of Defence in the Eireann Cabinet, left for Limerick this afternoon.

FAVOURS COALITION.

LONDON, March 7. Sir Arthur Balfour declared himself a believer in the benefits of a coalition Government. "I am emphatically of the opinion that the party's interests are best served by coalition," he said, in addressing the Carlton Club at luncheon in his honor. He would remain a member of the Conservative and Unionist party, he added. Sir Arthur paid a tribute to Mr. Lloyd George, and said in his opinion no other man could so well have brought the nation through its recent difficulties. He pointed out the advantages of continuing in intimate and friendly co-operation which had worked successfully in the past.

BACK TO CONSERVATIVES.

OTTAWA, March 7. Members of National Liberal and Conservative parties in caucus this morning decided to return to the fold of Conservatives.

ITALY TAKES A HAND.

FUME, March 7. The Italian Government threw a blockade around Fiume to-day, none but bona fide citizens are allowed to enter. Arrangements are made to deport in mass all sailors and those who participated in the recent conflict which led to the seizure of the Zanella Government.

GENERAL STRIKE IN JOHANNESBURG.

LONDON, March 7. The general strike proclaimed in Johannesburg has met with little response so far. According to Reuters' African correspondent the strike is fairly unanimous for a general strike, but the response from small unions has been half-hearted. The crux of the position lies in working almost normally.

SCENES IN JOHANNESBURG.

LONDON, March 7. The centre of Johannesburg presents an amazing spectacle, according to Reuters. Streets and market squares are constantly filled by moving squadrons of mounted police carrying rifles, and commandoes of strikers carrying red flags and banners and armed with formidable looking bludgeons like pick handles. The whole aspect of the city suggests preparations for a battle. The commandoes started a campaign of intimidation by ordering large stores to close, but the police are alert and hope to stop it.

RECOGNIZING ALLIED FRIENDS.

LONDON, March 7. His Majesty the King has approved of the issue of a medal to those of Allied nationality who at imminent risk of lives rendered assistance to British soldiers behind enemy lines.

THE COAL SITUATION.

WASHINGTON, March 7. The belief of President Harding that American Coal Companies and miners should keep faith and get together before the expiration of the present agreement on March 31, was reiterated at the White House to-day. The President has informed the Secretary of Labor that the Labor Department should insist on both parties observing the provision for meeting to renew the agreement or arriving at a new one.

WILL RECOMMEND EXTRADITION.

KEY WEST, March 7. After preliminary hearing of the case of W. Brocklehurst, charged with the murder of Capt. Chafe of the British ship, Lewis Brothers, United States Commissioner Knowles will recommend compliance with the request of the British authorities for the extradition of Brocklehurst in Nassau for trial in a British court.

LUMBER BACK TO 1914 PRICES.

LONDON, March 7. Lumber prices F.O.B. mill, with the exception of some high grade stock, are back to 1914 basis, according to the statement of Manager Sergeant of the Canadian Lumbermen's Association, before the Canadian Railway Commissioners.

WANT STEFANSSON EXPEDITION INVESTIGATED.

OTTAWA, March 7. The appointment of a Commission to investigate the organization and conduct of the Stefansson Arctic expedition is asked by a petition of four

scientists presented to the Minister of the Interior to-day. They want the truth or falsity of the Stefansson charges established. All were members of the expedition.

TRADE BETWEEN CANADA AND UNITED STATES.

WASHINGTON, March 7. American exports to Canada in January were \$3,505,000, against \$54,372,000 in January, 1921. Imports from Canada were \$25,213,000, compared with \$34,231,000.

VISCOUNT GREY SERIOUSLY ILL.

LONDON, March 7. Viscount Grey of Fallodon, former Secretary of State, underwent an operation for ulcer to-night. His condition is considered serious.

Directorate Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Newfoundland Wholesale Dry Goods Ltd. took place yesterday afternoon. The reports of the year's work proved very satisfactory. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President—W. S. Mouror. Vice-Pres.—J. M. Spears. President—W. S. Mouror.

Mounted Men Out.

District Inspector Noseworthy, commander of the lately revived mounted police, was out for a canter yesterday afternoon with two mounted constables. The small patrol presented a fine appearance and won appreciative glances from all who saw them. Before very long, the full troop will be mounted and ready for service, and few can doubt their success in the carrying out of the special duties which will fall to their lot.

A HEALTH SAVING REMINDER.

Don't Wait until you get the **Spanish Influenza** USE **Minard's Liniment** At the first sign of it. Its Healing Qualities are Amazing. **THE OLD RELIABLE.**

Mid-Week Bill

at the Crescent.

Amusement seekers certainly cannot do better than take in the popular Crescent Theatre this afternoon and night. The programme is one that will interest the most blasé movie fan. Apart from the usual big holiday picture, Eddie McInley the vaudeville comedian, will appear in an entire change of act. Eddie has recently made some poetry concerning "The coming sealishery which he intends using at this performance. He has also got some new comic and novelty songs and funny parodies together with a good selection of jokes and funny stories. Have a good laugh at the Crescent to-day.

Letter From Prospero.

CHIEF ENGINEER THANKS THE TELEGRAM.

A letter has just been received by the Telegram from Mr. Jas. McKinley, chief engineer of s.s. Prospero which has been ice-bound at Green Cove, Exploits, for many weeks. Chief McKinley thanks us for papers sent, which, he said, were perused word for word, by every man on board. With reference to the ship's position, he says: "Our position and chances of getting clear are much about the same, if anything worse, as the longer we are here the heavier the ice is getting. The only chance there is that perhaps this month sometime, there may be a heavy sea or swell pitch in, that will break up this body of ice that is all around us, and give us a free leg to get away with. Otherwise we are here until we melt out of it. The weather has also been on just about its worst behaviour lately, snowing, blowing, freezing and everything that is rotten." Our correspondent says that all on board are well.

Personal.

Capt. Josiah Gosse, of Spaniard's Bay, is in town on a business visit. Capt. Gosse states that times and conditions are very bad in his vicinity. Government relief work has been abandoned and the usual dose of provisions is being handed out by the Relieving Officer.

CABOT RETURNING.

S.S. Cabot left Bay Bulls this morning at 7.30 on the return from Southern Shore ports. Owing to ice in Petty Harbour Bay the ship was obliged to put back but will probably make port this evening when the ice moves off.

A NEW OFFICE.

A paymaster's office is being opened in the Board of Trade Rooms by the office of H.M.S. Briton in connection with the winding up of the affairs of that ship.

To-Day's Big Holiday Attractions.

An Enticing Story of New York Studio Life.

HEAR MR. RUGGLES SING THURSDAY NIGHT.

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AND GIVE PRACTICAL HELP TO THE POOR.

"The Walk-Offs"

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"FELLOW CITIZENS,"

It's a Ball of Fun.

ORCHESTRATIONS.

"Thoughts at Twilight," "Fairy Fights,"

"Love Letters," "Sleeping Rose,"

"Impish Elves."

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