

SIGNS OF A SETTLEMENT OF IRISH PROBLEM ARE GROWING MORE NUMEROUS

Lloyd George Has Four-Hour Conference With De Valera and Three-Hour Discussion With Sir James Craig— "Man to Man" Meeting Reported Satisfactory.

MONDAY AFTERNOON WILL SEE LEADERS MEETING TO RENEW TALKS

Ulster Seems to be the Critical Point With Concessions to be Made That May be Refused by Craig—Premier to Rest for Week-End at His Country Home.

Signs of Settlement—Lloyd George, London, July 15.—Two more important conferences were held today in the effort by Premier Lloyd George and the leaders of southern and northern Ireland to lay the foundation of a meeting of the leaders of the two countries to endeavor to reach a solution of the Irish problem.

The first conference was between Mr. Lloyd George and Eamonn De Valera, the Irish Republican leader, and the second between Mr. Lloyd George and Sir James Craig, premier of Ulster. No official information as to the results attained by the conferences was issued, but it may be said that the preliminary negotiations are shaping better than any one could have dared to hope a week ago. No hitch thus far has occurred.

Mr. De Valera will meet Mr. Lloyd George again on Monday, while Sir James has summoned some members of his cabinet to London, which would appear to indicate that some suggestion worthy of consideration by the Ulster government has come to light. Finally, it is said by those in close touch with the negotiations that there is every prospect of the proposed conference of Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. De Valera and Sir James will materialize early next week.

The two days' interim in the Irish peace preliminaries, which will terminate Monday when the prime minister and Mr. De Valera meet for the third time, promises to be a critical period in the negotiations, but in the councils of neither of the three parties concerned is their manifestation of fear that the difficulties of the situation will not be bridged.

Lloyd George Tireless. When the Ulster premier left Downing street at 5.30 o'clock this afternoon, Mr. Lloyd George had had four hours of "man to man" discussion with Mr. De Valera and two hours and a half with Sir James.

There is reason to believe that at the termination of these intimate talks, there was little in viewpoints of the three leaders, the backlogs which which they are fettered and the lines over which they would not dare not step, which had not been made perfectly clear to the others. Each side was cognizant of what features of the matter to compose those divergent views would mean, and was fully alive to the responsibilities with which it was burdened.

Confers With Craig. Mr. Lloyd George this afternoon was able to amplify the knowledge which Sir James already had concerning Mr. De Valera's attitude. The next move was the urgent summoning to London by the Ulster premier of several members of the Ulster cabinet.

From this sequence of developments, those who have followed the meetings closely inferred that the storm centre has shifted to the Ulster men's camp. It is intimated in a well-informed quarter that Sir James now is face to face with the definite alter-

natives arrived at in the Lloyd George-De Valera interchanges of yesterday and today. The same informant expressed belief that these are not regarded as utterly impossible by Sir James, but that they involve concessions which the Ulster leader is unwilling to pledge on his own responsibility.

While the interval in the negotiations is to be a busy time for the Ulsterites, the prime minister will seek the quietude of Chequer's Court after a week crowded with the most intricate and momentous problems he has ever encountered. While in the country, however, he will not entirely escape these pre-occupations, for it is learned one or two of the ministers possibly the whole cabinet, and the Irish affairs committee will assist him in reviewing the situation. But it is considered extremely unlikely that Mr. De Valera or any member of the Nationalist delegation will see him before Monday.

More From Ulster. Belfast, July 15.—In response to a summons by Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, who is in London in connection with the efforts to settle the Irish problem, three members of the Ulster cabinet, H. Pollock, minister of finance, E. A. Archdale, minister of agriculture, and U. M. Andrews, minister of labor, will leave for England tonight. They will be accompanied by Colonel Pender, secretary of the Ulster cabinet.

Two-Man Conference. London, July 15.—Eamonn De Valera, leader of the Irish Republicans, and Mr. Lloyd George had another conference in the cabinet room at Downing street this forenoon. The conference, which continued about an hour and a half, was again a two-man talk in an adjoining room, however, Sir Hamar Greenwood, the chief secretary for Ireland; Lord Curzon, the foreign secretary; Art O'Brien, president of the Gaelic League in London; and Robert C. Barton, of the Irish delegation, were on hand should their presence be desired.

On leaving Downing street, Mr. De Valera said there would be no further meeting today, and that he did not think there would be a meeting Saturday.

No Dead Lock. A member of De Valera's party gave definite assurance that nothing in the nature of a deadlock or a breakdown of the conferences threatened at any time.

Meanwhile Sir James Craig, Ulster premier, arrived in London today from Belfast, announcing on his arrival that he would see the premier this afternoon.

Asked for an expression of opinion on the Irish situation, Sir James said: "The less said now the better." He added, however, that he was hopeful.

The official communication on today's conference, issued shortly before two o'clock this afternoon, reads: "A further conversation between Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. De Valera took place this morning in Downing street and will be resumed at a later date, probably Monday."

FOUR DROWN AS SCHOONER SINKS

Vessel Went Down off Fire Island Three Minutes After Being in Collision.

New York, July 15.—The schooner E. Marie Brown, of Thomaston, Maine, was sunk in a collision today with the steamship Harriodius, when thirty miles east of Fire Island. Four members of her crew, including Captain B. W. Belyea, were drowned. The schooner left here yesterday with a cargo of coal for Eastport, Maine. According to officers of the Harriodius, the schooner crossed the steamer's bow, striking the port side and going to the bottom in three minutes. The men saved included Harold Belyea, son of the captain; Robert Ortega, a sailor, and an unconscious seaman whose name could not be learned.

The E. Marie Brown was a vessel of 455 gross tons and was built at Thomaston, Me. in 1903. The steamer, which was in bound from Montreal to load for South America was damaged.

FLEET IN JAMAICA. Kingston, Ja., July 15.—A Canadian squadron consisting of the light cruiser Aurora and the destroyers Patricia and Patriot, arrived here today from Cribbe's, Panama. The visitors were given an enthusiastic welcome by the citizens.

Canadians Doing Well At Bisley

Made Very Good Shooting in the Prince of Wales' Competition.

Bisley Camp, July 15.—The Prince of Wales prize competition was shot yesterday with most of the Canadians taking part, but the prize list was not available last night. The shooting was on the 300 and 600 yard ranges, ten shots each. One competitor scored 97 out of a possible 100 and there was one 95 score and four with 94. Lieut. S. A. Annanda, Calgary, scored 45 on the 600 range, his aggregate being 87; Pte. F. N. Allen, London, 43, with aggregate 83; Pte. A. H. Caplin, Vancouver, 43, with aggregate 91; Major C. R. Crowe, Guelph, 47, aggregate 93; Sgt. W. A. Hawkins, 46, with aggregate 94; Sgt. L. B. McCallum, Toronto, N. S., 37, aggregate 76; Captain W. E. Swain, Kingston, 44, aggregate 85; Major George Mortimer, Ottawa, 43, aggregate 85; Lieut. J. O. Nix, Winnipeg, 46, aggregate 90; Lieut. H. W. Patterson, Ottawa, 46, aggregate 89; Major P. Richardson, Victoria, 42, aggregate 82; J. T. Steele, Guelph, 82, aggregate 75; Sgt. A. F. B. Wilson, 42, aggregate 73; Major Northover, Winnipeg, 46, aggregate 89.

Sgt. W. A. Hawkins had four inners pretty equally dispersed in his score. Major Crowe made seven bullseyes and three inners on the 600 yard range.

ULSTER CABINET IS WORRIED OVER BELFAST

Rioting There Leads to Appeal to Military Authorities—Protestant Ministers Ask Moderation

Belfast, July 15.—At a meeting called to consider the situation brought about by the intermittent rioting of the last few days, it was decided to make representations to General Sir Nevill Maccrenagh, military commander in Ireland. The heads of the Protestant churches in Belfast have issued an appeal to all those capable of exercising influence to exert their utmost endeavors to secure resumption of order. Tonight the new lodge road district was the scene of a riot by a group alleged to be made up of Sinn Feiners, but when an armored car appeared the men retreated hastily. One man was shot in the thigh. Later there was some sniping during which a young man and a girl were wounded.

CANADA TO GET \$300,000,000 FROM INDEMNITY FUND

No Indication However as to When the First Payment May be Received.

EIGHTH OF NATIONAL DEBT OF DOMINION

Sir Robert Horne Not Hopeful of Money Being Received for Long Time Yet.

(By GRATTAN O'LEARY, Staff Correspondent Canadian Press.) London, July 15.—Canada's share of the reparations which Germany is to pay the British Empire has been fixed by the prime ministers' conference at \$300,000,000. On the decision of the Supreme Allied Council the total German reparations bill is placed at 6,500,000,000 pounds, or roughly speaking, thirty billion dollars. Of this gigantic sum, the British Empire is allotted 22 per cent, and under the decision reached today Canada is to receive 4.8 per cent. of the British total.

Eight of National Debt. This works out at about \$300,000,000, or in other words it represents about one-eighth of the Canadian national debt.

Whether Germany will be able to pay the whole or any substantial part of this, and if so, when, is a different matter. Sir Robert Horne, the British chancellor of the exchequer, who took part in the negotiations which resulted in the decision today, announced, is understood to be hopeful that the Germans are and will be in a position to pay a considerable amount, but on the other hand a great many financial authorities hold the view that the collection of any substantial sum will be difficult, if not impossible.

Duty On Canadian Lumber Unchanged

Washington, July 15.—With the House starting to consider details of tariff rates today, ways and means committee members predicted the bill would remain unchanged as to rates on lumber from Canada.

While the bill gives the president power to impose duties equal to the Canadian duties if he sees fit, indications are he would never exercise the authority because of the widespread hostility to lumber duties, especially among farmers.

MANY WANT RIDEOUT

Sydney, N. S., July 15.—Over fifteen thousand voters have already attached their signatures to a monster petition praying for the appointment of Geo. R. Rideout, as chief inspector for the Island of Cape Breton, under the Nova Scotia Temperance Act. On Monday evening a delegation of prominent citizens leaves for Halifax to present the document.

MUSICIANS' WAGE CUT.

Toronto, July 15.—Union musicians and moving picture operators will receive notice tomorrow from employers that they will have to accept a cut in wages of twenty-five per cent. for the season beginning September 1st. If the cut is not accepted no union help will be employed, it is announced.

REFERENDUM IN QUEBEC.

Ottawa, July 15.—A referendum will be taken in the city of Quebec on September 18, between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. to decide whether part two of the Canada Temperance Act (formerly known as the Scott Act) shall cease to be in force in that city.

AIRSHIP UP 34,768 FEET.

Paris, July 15.—Lieutenant Kirsch, the French aviator, who last year set a world's record in the James Gordon Bennett cup race at Stampes, is declared to have reached an altitude of 34,768 feet (about 112,400 feet) today in an attempt to break the world's altitude record.

News of the World

CANADA

Canada is to get about \$300,000,000 from the indemnity paid by the Germans.

Sir Sam Hughes is reported in a very critical condition at his home in Lindsay, Ont.

Verdict in the Steeves' murder case at Hopewell Cape, N. B., is expected today.

Ottawa builders who have been on strike since May 1st, accept a ten cent per hour cut.

In the great gale that swept Northern New Brunswick Thursday night a schooner was capsized at Chatham, but crew was rescued after two hours.

Parrotero man is burned to death while starting fire with coal.

Grand Manan egg hunters are fined for taking gull eggs and disturbing ducks out of season.

UNITED STATES

Johnny Wilson wins on points in fight against Robinson for middleweight championship.

Four drowned when schooner was sunk off Fire Island in collision with steamer.

THE BRITISH ISLES

Premier Meighen of Canada is made a Freeman of the City of London.

Sinn Feiners, who started fires near Manchester are sent to prison.

De Valera, Sir James Craig and Lloyd George will continue talks on Monday afternoon.

FREEDOM OF OLD LONDON FOR MEIGHEN

Canada's Premier Signally Honored at the Guildhall by Empire's Leaders.

LUNCHEON FOLLOWS AT MANSION HOUSE

Dominion Head Explains Course Canada Must Follow to Reach Her Greatest.

(By GRATTAN O'LEARY, Staff Correspondent of the Canadian Press.) London, July 15.—With all the pomp and circumstance with which tradition surrounds the ceremony, the freedom of London was presented to Premier Arthur Meighen today.

The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, resident in quaint, almost medieval uniforms, received the guests, after which a special meeting of the corporation was constituted. Chamberlain, Sir Adrian Pollock delivered an address and pronounced the Canadian premier a freeman.

Premier Meighen was the chief speaker at the function and dealt with the problems of the British Commonwealth. Among other things he said: "I have a word to say now as to how you should regard the dominions. In our political institutions we are indeed a replica of this country. The corporation in institutions is the sovereign common to us all and revered by us all. In that fact, in what I may call that momentous similarity, is wrapped up the sense of our common mission on earth and the secret of our unity. But I doubt if there is any other respect in which the dominions are replicas of the motherland. Our geography is different, our neighborhood is different, our racial composition is different. The assets stored by nature in our soil—they are also different. No two nations of this empire have the same path to travel. Each encounters difficulties and enjoys advantages all its own.

MUST SHAPE OWN COURSE.

These are powerful, memorable facts, and because they are facts we have to shape our plans to meet them. True it is that we share each other's security and the peril of one is the peril of all, but subject to that consideration each dominion must determine its policy in the light of the conditions that surround it. What may be right for one may be entirely wrong for another. What may be for you a mere passing care may be to us the most persistent and baffling problem of our politics.

"Canada, for example, is a nation of about 3,000,000 people spread over half a continent. You are 43,000,000 people gathered on two small islands. You have a homogeneous population. Only about one-half of ours have origin in these islands, and one-third are of French descent. Your transportation is almost wholly by sea; ours is mainly by land. But the contrast that is emphasized most is this:—You are a mighty nation, for five centuries in the forefront of the world; you lie on the edge of Europe, and around you are great competitive powers. Your foreign policy has, of necessity, been the chief pre-occupation of your government.

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BUILDERS GO BACK AT LOWER WAGES

Ten Cents Per Hour Cut Accepted at Ottawa After Strike is Called There

Ottawa, July 15.—The strike of the crafts embraced in the building trades council which commenced on May 1st, came practically officially to an end last night when three crafts, bricklayers, masons and marble tile setters, signed up a new agreement with the members of the Ottawa branch of the Canadian Building and Construction Industries' Association.

The men are to receive ninety cents per hour, ten cents per hour less than they received last year, and a ten per cent. reduction of the rate they first asked for in this year's agreement. No provision for a closed shop is understood to be contained in the new agreement which is to expire on April 30, 1922.

GRAND MANAN SEA GULL EGG TAKERS FINED

Nine Offenders Given Minimum Fine for Molesting Ducks and Taking Eggs.

HEAVIER PENALTY FOR FALSE REPORT

Hunters Agree to Co-operate With Officials in Preserving Bird Sanctuary.

Special to The Standard. North Head, Grand Manan, July 15.—The appearance before Magistrate R. Sherman Lawson yesterday nine young men from various parts of Grand Manan, who had been overtaken while shooting and molesting ducks in violation of the Migratory Birds' Conservation Act, by R. W. Tufts of Wolfville, N. S., chief officer for the Maritime Provinces. The court against these men were secured in June and Mr. Tufts has just returned from North Head, where he has been attending the prosecutions.

The Punishment. Following is a list of those implicated and the respective infringements with which they were charged: Coleman Green, molesting ducks in close season and attempting to shoot ducks by use of power boat.

Coleman Green, molesting ducks in close season and willfully furnishing false information to game officer.

John Harvey, Hatesel Crook, Peter Stanley, Bruce Staking and John Johnson, all for taking gull's eggs, and Robert Franklin, killing a black duck in June.

On hearing the charges, the defendants in turn admitted their guilt and the cases were thus quickly disposed of. The minimum penalty of \$10 and costs was imposed for each charge, but the magistrate warned them that in the event of their being brought before him again for similar misdeeds, he would take the alternative course of imprisonment.

The efforts of Mr. Tufts to enforce the regulations of the Game Act on Grand Manan appear to be appreciated by the sporting fraternity here.

Plan Better Law. As evidence of this appreciation the following met—eight gentlemen—have agreed to co-operate in offering their services as honorary wardens under the new Federal Act: Allen L. Moses, North Head; Leonard E. Foster, Grand Harbor; Geo. E. Dargatz, Seal Cove; Thos. P. Foster, Southern Head; Edgar Cheney, White Head; Hector Franklin, White Head.

When it is pointed out that these men are receiving no salaries for their services, their real interest in the cause of better protection for our diminishing game birds will be more readily understood.

Other gunners who have heretofore voluntarily agreed and promised to "hang up" their guns at the end of the season which in New Brunswick closes Dec. 31st.

This beautiful group of islands is a most favored haunt of wild bird life and is one of the few places where the Elder Duck, (commonly called "Sea Duck") still attempts to breed. This splendid bird, we are told, is in danger of extermination and every effort is being made to give the species the protection it needs to save it from ultimate extinction. At present it is illegal to shoot these birds at any season of the year.

Mr. Tufts appears well pleased with the result of his recent visit to Grand Manan and spoke most highly of the hospitality which was extended to him while there.

PARIS HIT BY STORM

Paris, July 15.—Much damage was done to property when a terrific wind storm struck Paris at noon today. Many persons were injured by falling debris and the limbs of trees.

SCHOONER CAPSIZED AND BUILDINGS WRECKED BY GREAT CHATHAM STORMS

Crew of "Warren P." a W. S. Loggie Co. Vessel, Two Hours on Top of Uprturned Vessel Before They Are Rescued by the "Sea Crest" and Landed.

BURNT CHURCH, OAK POINT AND DOUGLASTOWN IN PATH OF GALE

Damage Reports Indicate Much Loss Throughout Northern Part of New Brunswick—Several Houses Were Hit But Did Not Take Fire and One Turned Completely Around.

Special to The Standard. Chatham, N. B., July 15.—The heavy thunder and lightning storm accompanied by a downpour of rain and high wind which visited the Miramichi district last night caused considerable damage at different points along the river. At Burnt Church, about twenty miles below Chatham, on the north side, a house was struck by lightning and destroyed, and another was torn from its foundation and swung around.

A barn belonging to Finlay Morrison at Oak Point, fifteen miles below Chatham, was hit and buildings and contents hurled to the ground. At Douglastown, two miles above Chatham, two houses were struck but fortunately did not take fire.

Lights Go Out. Trees were blown down and considerable damage done to telegraph, telephone and light wires. In town the street lighting service was put out of commission for several hours and in some sections the houses were

was also cut off. The schooner Warren P., belonging to the W. S. Loggie Co. capsized while outword bound off Oak Point during the gale and her crew had a narrow escape from drowning. The vessel turned over and Captain Breen clung up on the bottom with his ten year old son, who was accompanying him on the trip.

Rescued After Two Hours. The others also succeeded in reaching this place in safety where they remained for two hours until rescued by the Fraser Company's tug Sea Crest, that was in the vicinity at the time and brought to Chatham late last night. The Warren P. grounded in Napan Bay, but her masts broke and she drifted in again. She was picked up this afternoon and brought to Chatham by the Snowhall Company's tug St. Andrew. From all sections of the Miramichi districts reports are coming in of the damage done by the storm which was the severest experienced for many years.

BRIDE'S ORDERS LEAD TO DEATH OF HER HUSBAND

Told Caretaker Not to Let Him in House and He Shot Intruder Dead.

THEN JANITOR TOOK HIS OWN LIFE

Sensational Development in New York Town After Family Quarrel Takes Place.

Northport, N. Y., July 15.—Zealousness of the caretaker of a country estate in carrying out a bride's orders to prevent a visit from her husband, resulted in a double tragedy on Duck Island in Long Island Sound.

Word came from the island today that Harry B. Hemming, a New York stockbroker, had been shot and killed there last night by Frank Eberhart, the caretaker, and that the latter had then shot and killed himself.

Mr. and Mrs. Hemming separated after being married two months ago and met accidentally yesterday in New York.

Quarrels With Husband. Mrs. Hemming refused his plea for a reconciliation, but under his importuning took a ride in his automobile. When she found they were driving toward Northport she went into a store on a pretext and telephoned Eberhart not to let Hemming enter the house. She did not contemplate such serious consequences as shooting, and the authorities absolved her from blame.

Eberhart's suicide was due to fear of punishment for killing Hemming, the authorities believe. The caretaker lived on the estate with his wife. Mrs. Hemming had been married three times and her husband twice.

Sir Sam Hughes Failing Rapidly

Lindsay, Ont., July 15.—Slide Wednesday in the condition of Sir Sam Hughes has been causing anxiety. The fight which he had been putting up for his life was realized when he remarked to his family that he fought hard, but could not fight much longer.

The general has failed greatly in the past week or so and his condition is much weaker today.

OIL SET AFIRE.

Bayonne, N. J., July 15.—Lightning struck a tank of crude petroleum at the refinery of the Tidewater Oil Company today causing a fire loss estimated at \$200,000.

TODAY

IMPERIAL—Eugene O'Brien in "Guided Lies."
OPERA HOUSE—Jack Roof Musical Comedy Co.
QUEEN SQUARE—"The Undercurrent."
STAR—Fox News, Two Reel Western, "Son of Tarzan" serial and Other Subjects.