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Special to The Standard. Ottawa, June 28.—The session is coming to a close with the political situation in a state of uncertainty and muddle. If the government has any definite ideas about its future it is amazingly successful in concealing them.

In the dying days of the session more legislation has been brought in to the house than was considered in the first three months of the session. Supplementary estimates to the enormous amount of \$62,000,000 were tabled in a half-awake house at three o'clock in the morning.

PARLIAMNT TIRED

The truth is that this Parliament is tired and out of touch with public thought. Its action in digging down into the public treasury for a half a million of dollars was not, as many believe, a matter of cynicism; it was simply one of many outward manifestations of ignorance of what the public is saying and thinking.

MR. CERER A FAILURE

Nor can a great deal more be said for Mr. Crerar. Boomed as one who would build a new Jerusalem upon the ruins of the old politics, Mr. Crerar is making a surprising progress in the old game of "pussyfooting" and evading disagreeable or hazardous facts.

What is to emerge from all this chaos and indifference and incapacity no one can tell. The best minds in the House are already secretly admitting that Fall election would, perhaps, be the best way out.

RIOTERS CAUSE MUCH DAMAGE

Fermeo, County Cork, June 28.—Damage amounting to hundreds of pounds was caused by rioters and window smashers here last night. The inhabitants attribute the demonstration to soldiers who left their barracks on hearing of the kidnapping of Brigadier-General Lucas on Saturday night.

INCREASES ITS COAL PROFITS 500 PER CENT.

Charges of Profiteering and Monopolistic Control in Anthracite Coal Made by Economist.

Spratton, Pa., June 28.—Charges of profiteering and monopolistic control in the anthracite coal industry were made before the Anthracite Coal Commission, today, by W. Jett Lauck, former Secretary of the United States War Labor Board, and now consulting economist of the United Mine Workers of America.

OPPOSITION ENDEAVORS TO FORCE GOV'T'S HAND

Would Have Great Britain Reveal Its Complete Financial Proposals for Ireland.

London, June 28.—With a view to forcing the government to disclose its complete financial proposals for Ireland, the opposition leaders in the House of Commons today moved amendments seeking postponement of the clause in the Home Rule Bill repealing the 1914 Act.

HEAVILY FINED FOR EVADING INCOME TAX

Hamilton, Ont., June 28.—For attempting to evade the federal income tax Coroner W. B. Hodgkins, well known Hamilton physician, was heavily punished today. The department doubted the doctor's returns and put an inspector on the books. The evidence showed a return in 1917 of \$1,500, while receipts were \$5,905; \$4,000 in 1918, with actual receipts of \$13,600, and \$3,000 last year with receipts of \$12,900.

PRAIRIES WANT 50,000 HELPERS

Winnipeg, June 28.—Fifty thousand farm laborers will be required to harvest the 1920 crop of the Prairie Provinces, it was estimated today by J. A. Bowman, provincial commissioner of colonization.

Bumper crops in all three provinces warrant the increases, which is one third greater than the number of men engaged in farm work last year, Mr. Bowman said.

carry greater moral authority, and would bring more vitality and realism to bar upon public affairs. The decision, however, rests with the Prime Minister. Until he lifts the curtains, the present uncertainty will prevail.

STUDENTS IN GERMANY ARE STARVING

Conditions Are Just as Bad in Austria According to Report of Commissioner of Friends.

RELIEF WORK BEING RUSHED

Noted Professors Are Destitute and Salaried Class is Showing Every Sign of Hunger.

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London, June 28.—Hundreds of German and Austrian students are starving to death in their desperate struggle for education, according to Dr. Jesse Holmes of Swarthmore College, who was in London for a short stay recently after touring the continent in the interests of the Friends' war-victim relief work of which he is American commissioner.

The condition of the university students in these countries, said Doctor Holmes, is as critical as that of the most wretchedly poor families. Few of the students have one good meal a day. Books are out of the question and most of the men wear their old uniforms buttoned up to the neck to conceal the absence of a shirt.

UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS GIVEN FOOD.

Professors at Vienna University, many of whom had a world-wide reputation before the war, are living on the aid provided them by English and American. An aged professor, world famous lived for three months on tea and soup.

PROVINCIAL GOV'TS TO SETTLE QUESTION

Pertaining to Main International Labor Convention to Which Dom. Gov't Assented.

Ottawa, Ont., June 28.—The main International Labor Convention, to which Dominion Government representatives assented at Washington, November last, are to be referred for action to nine Provincial Governments.

SEVEN DEATHS IN RELIEF ASSN.

Moncton, N. B. June 28.—Only seven deaths are reported in the C. G. R. Employees Relief and Insurance Association during the month ended June 25. This is an unusually small number. Three of the deaths were retired employees.

QUICK RESTORED IN CENTER ANCONA

Rome, June 28.—Quiet was restored, today, in the centre of Ancona, according to despatches from that city, the anarchists, who have been creating serious disturbances there, retiring to the suburbs.

CHICAGO RECEIVES SUGAR FROM CANADA

Chicago, June 28.—Four million pounds of sugar arrived here from Canada this month, customs reports show. It was purchased in Cuba by English merchants, sold to Canadian consignees and re-sold in this country.

NEW MOVE PLANNED BY SINN FEINERS

Preparing for Possible Stoppage of All Railway Traffic and to Commander Motor Cars.

Dublin, June 28.—The Sinn Feiners are preparing for a possible stoppage of all railway traffic and arranging to commandeere motor cars and organize food transport systems. Up to the present the trains are running regularly, except when police, soldiers or munitions are known to be aboard.

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Dublin, June 28.—The Corporation of Dublin, today, passed a resolution creating committees in certain areas to meet the famine threatened by the stoppage of the railways. Alderman Macdonagh said Dublin was rapidly approaching a state of siege and that machinery must be created to meet the crisis.

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(Special Correspondence. Copyright, 1919, by Public Ledger Co.) Paris, June 28.—The comparative decrease in civil populations of France and Prussia has just been indicated in an official tabulation given to the press. From July 1, 1914, to June 30, 1918, the population of the invaded part of France (33,900,000 inhabitants) diminished by 993,440 and that of Prussia (42,900,000) diminished by 312,827.

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QUAKERS ACT AS MEDIARIES IN IRISH TROUBLE

Attached to Neither Protestant or Irish Church They Retain Goodwill of All.

"FRIENDS" FRIENDLY TO BOTH FACTIONS

W. C. Allen of Quaker Town Urges London "Friends" to Draw British and American Nations Together.

Copyright, 1920, by Public Ledger Co. London, June 28.—Two thousand Quakers stand as the only tolerated mediary between the antagonistic elements in Ireland. To the Irishman the Quaker is neither fish nor fowl of the matter of religion.

In Dublin a young Friend, who is at the same time an open pacifist and a supporter of the Nationalist cause, holds "open house" for Sinn Fein leaders where they may confer with each other and meet Englishmen and foreigners trying to get at the bottom of the Irish trouble. Although he is not a Sinn Feiner and is opposed to violent methods, he holds a position of influence with the national party and its chiefs.

Recently the Quakers in Ireland issued a message to their countrymen protesting the violence on one side and injustice on the other. English Quakers generally support the nationalistic claims of Ireland and condemn the militaristic measures used against the Sinn Fein by the government. They are strongly opposed, however, to the Sinn Fein "reign of terror."

"We've talked of self-determination for Ireland for years," said a prominent English Quaker. "It's just a question of keep your promise." Danger to the friendly relations between America and England was emphasized at the London yearly meeting recently held by William C. Allen of Philadelphia. Friends were urged to do all in their power to counteract unfavorable influence and to draw the two nations closed together. The speaker said he had met much American propaganda in the British colonies.

UNLIMITED POWER GIVEN BY COMMISSION

In Dealing With Real or Apprehended Scarcity of Coal or Fuel Supplies in Canada

Ottawa, Ont., June 28.—The House this afternoon went into committee on a resolution which provides for amendments to the Railway Act granting the Railway Commission power to take any action it sees fit to deal with a real or apprehended scarcity of coal or other fuel supplies in Canada.

In moving the resolution, the Prime Minister stated that Hon. J. D. Reid, Minister of Railways and Hon. Gideon Robertson, Minister of Labor, had been looking into the coal situation which had become serious, especially during the past few days. These two Ministers had made a report which showed that, since the month of April, receipts of coal in Canada had been becoming very irregular. The provinces of Ontario and Quebec were practically dependent on outside sources for their supplies of coal, which were short by over a hundred cars every day. The shortage and irregular delivery of coal, said the report, was due to a number of causes, one of which was the inadequate car supply, and another, the serious strike of railway employees in the United States. Industries in the United States were closing down owing to the coal shortage, and the control and direction of fuel supplies had been placed in the hands of the Inter-State Commerce Commission. This commission has placed an embargo on shipment of coal from Atlantic ports outside of the United States.

Maudie Gaskill, struck on the West side of Handerchief Shoal early today. The sea was smooth and the vessel was in no immediate danger, but an increasing South West wind and the change of tide threatened to make her position uncomfortable later. She is from New York, bound East with coal.