

EXPECT MIGHTY CONFLAGRATION TO BURST FORTH

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FIGHTS INCREASE BETWEEN FACTIONS

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MILITARY PATROL AMBUSHED

Dublin, Aug. 1.—An official and civilian were killed and a soldier and a small boy were severely wounded Friday night when a military and police party was ambushed by fifty armed men near Brurea, County Limerick.

Dublin, Aug. 1.—Fears that the Irish situation which is daily growing more tense, may burst into a general conflagration at any moment, are expressed in responsible quarters here. At present there is virtually no civil law south of the Boyne river, except that administered by the Republican courts, but it is pointed out that each day finds the balance between military and revolutionary rule growing more equal.

It is estimated there are between sixty thousand and eighty thousand fully equipped British soldiers in Ireland, and they are being reinforced daily by men arriving from across the channel.

As a result there are more frequent and more stubborn battles between the troops and the republic volunteers, who, for a time, had things their own way. There have also been more arrests for carrying arms and seditions literature, as reports to courts martial show. It is expected the number of these arrests will increase if the government succeeds in carrying out its "draconic measures" in the House of Commons next week.

Reprisals Expected.

Reprisals by the policemen and soldiers on villagers suspected of harboring men responsible for attacks against the armed forces of the crown are also expected here, the police being particularly aroused over the attacks made on their fellow members. In the meantime, the Sinn Feiners, in carrying on their campaign, have virtually cleared the county of barracks. They are now turning their attention to country houses where military forces might be housed, and a number of these have been burned during the last ten days. Attacks on coast guard stations, for the purpose of capturing explosives, have been stopped, it having been established that this practice was imperiling the lives of seamen, who could not be warned of marine dangers except by these stations. Homes of coast guards are not immune, however, and a number of these have lately received attention. In fact, it is said, nothing in Ireland is safe at present that might either be used against the Republican movement or that might assist it.

Banks Request Guards.

Irish banks which do business with the Bank of England and necessarily make periodical shipments of bullion to the latter institutions, have called on the military authorities for armed guards for the lorries that move the bullion at night. This had led to reports that bank reserves are being moved to England.

In Dublin crowds gather on the streets at night, impeding traffic and frightening nervous persons on the slightest provocation, and the police stand idly by, seemingly realising that interference might lead to something more serious. Just before midnight the curfew hour, the orderly elements stream away to their homes, but long after this there are many stragglers about the streets. As a result a score or more are gathered each night for being out of their homes without permits. At street corners, night or day, can be seen numerous "gunmen" representing both sides of the conflict. They are ready for action at a moment's notice. Some of these have come from Canada and the United States.

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ONTARIO ANXIOUS FOR REFERENDUM

Representations Have Been Received by Gov't Against Deferring Bone Dry Prohibition Referendum.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Aug. 1.—Representations from Toronto and vicinity have been received by the Government against deferring the bone dry prohibition referendum in Ontario. Without the Ontario Legislature acts there will be another wet year in Ontario. The Dominion Government claims that in deferring the referendum until new lists are prepared they are acting in accordance with the written demands of the Dominion Alliance, the Liberty League and the Great War Veterans, and also saving \$225,000. All parties favored a new list, which would cost \$400,000. The Government takes a middle course and will use the present lists as a basis and revise them. To do this will require the authority of an amending Act which cannot be secured until next session. In thus avoiding the preparation of an entirely new list a quarter of a million dollars is saved. If Ontario, in the meantime, wants greater restriction, the power lies in the Legislature to give it. Attorney-General Roney has appealed for co-operation of mounted police in checking rum-running on the border. As the present Temperance Act is a provincial measure and the duty of enforcement lies with the provincial authorities, it is doubtful if Hon. Mr. Roney's request will be granted.

GENERAL LUCAS REACHES DUBLIN

Sinn Feiners Assert the General Was Released Voluntarily, Their Purpose Having Been Achieved.

Dublin, Aug. 1.—Brigadier-General C. H. T. Lucas, who escaped from a Sinn Fein prison Thursday night after being kidnapped and held captive for a month, arrived here on Tipperary Saturday. After remaining until midnight, as the guest of Admiral Sir Reginald Tupper, he embarked on a destroyer for England. The assertion is made in Sinn Fein circles that General Lucas was released voluntarily, the purpose for which he was captured having been achieved. Official reports of the attack Saturday on a military lorry carrying mail from Cork to Fermoy, say there were sixty armed raiders in the attacking party. One rider is said to have been killed and two riders wounded. Reports from other sources say the raider killed was John A. Heane, and that he was wearing the uniform of an officer of the Republican army.

CANADIANS OPPOSE FOOD MINISTRY BILL

Regard It as Working Against the Best Interests of the Dominion.

London, Aug. 1.—(By Canadian Associated Press)—The food ministry bill, continuing the ministry another two years, was read a third time Friday. The measure has aroused considerable dissatisfaction among Canadian interests. A member Friday protested to the House against Canada being prevented from sending commodities here, although they might exceed what the food controller considered desirable. The Dominions, he added, were protesting against such power being given to single ministers. Another member hoped Great Britain would follow the example of Canada, removing trading restrictions, and realizing the necessity of bringing the Russian and Siberian markets in play for the benefit of all countries. Food Controller McCurdy, replying to the general discussion, declared the ministry confined its trading functions practically to wheat, meat and sugar, in regard to which the difficulties were well known.

IRISH RAILWAY TO BE TIED UP

Most Serious Situation Facing the Country Should Lloyd George Carry Out Threat.

Dublin, Aug. 1.—(By The Associated Press)—If Premier Lloyd George's threat to "dismiss every man in the Irish railways unless they carry arms, munitions, soldiers, police or anything that the government ask them to carry" is enforced there will be no railways operating next week, according to predictions from those best informed here.

A still worse calamity from the Irish point of view, is that the Dublin horse show, an annual event in which every Irishman, whether Unionist or Sinn Feiner is deeply interested, will either have to be cancelled or become a mere parody of the usual exhibition. It has already been learned that Viscount French, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, will not attend the event.

IMPERIAL PRESS HAS EXCITING TIME AT FTON

Nature's Elements Provide Thrillers Not Announced On the Official Program of Entertainment.

LIGHTNING STORM DOES DAMAGE

Cuts Short Part of the Round of Pleasure Planned for Visiting Delegates.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, July 31.—The Imperial Press Conference party had what was declared to be one of the most enjoyable "stays" of their tour here today, until a terrific electrical storm broke at the conclusion of a civic luncheon, just at the time they were to have enjoyed a continuation of their motor drive about the capital city of New Brunswick prior to their transfer from the C. N. R. to the C. P. R. system en route to Quebec.

There was a lack of formality and an evident desire to get a close-up feeling, and in their efforts the Fredericton committee met with much success. In the automobile drives about the city, one of the most interesting features was the visit to the St. John River Log Driving Company's boom at Douglas, about four miles away, where the sorting booms were in operation and rafting work going on. The University, New Brunswick, Christ Church Cathedral, the public park and other places were visited, and a luncheon in the assembly chamber of the provincial legislature was then given, having been prepared by the Daughters of the Empire of Fredericton, while several scores of young ladies of the social set acted as waitresses. Mayor John A. Reid, a native of the Eastern Townships, gave an address of welcome in which he headed Lord Burnham's advice to the Maritime Province, and extolled Fredericton's beauty and various advantages. Sir Campbell Stuart and George A. Lesage, of the National Printing Trades Federation, who arrived after Dr. W. C. Crockett, M. L. A. for York, had spoken, R. A. Anderson of Dublin, a director of the Irish Homestead, who spent his boyhood days in Fredericton and who, for the last thirty years or more has been associated with Sir Horace Plunkett, proposed a toast to the Mayor of Fredericton who was cheered, as were also the ladies.

Storm Breaks.

When the National Anthem had been sung the party started to leave the legislative buildings, only to find a terrific downpour of rain in progress with sharp bolts of lightning and heavy thunder. Just as No. 1 train C. P. R. was about to pull out, there was a particularly severe crash, and a moment later flames were seen to break out from a large barn in Devon across the St. John River from the C. N. R. station. The building was destroyed as well as its contents of hay and machinery, together with a colt and three head of pure bred cattle, the loss being \$6,000. The lightning also struck Christ Church Cathedral which a few years ago was fired and almost entirely destroyed in an electrical storm, but the only damage so far reported is the breaking off of a portion of the cross on the spire.

C. P. R. TELEGRAPHERS AGAINST THE AWARD

Vote Taken So Far Reveals the Conciliation Board's Award as Most Un satisfactory.

Toronto, Aug. 1.—The award of the board of conciliation on the demands of Canadian Pacific Railway telegraph employees was announced officially Saturday. It gives increases as follows: Morse operators, \$20, and \$17 a month; clerks \$12.50 to \$25 a month; printing telegraphers \$10 a month. A ballot is being taken among the telegraphers, of whom 250 are affected, as to whether the terms will be accepted. The men's original demands were for more than double the increases offered by the award. The present rate of pay ranges from \$100 to \$135 a month for Morse telegraphers; \$90 to \$100 for printing telegraphers and \$45 to \$125 a month for clerks.

PRESS DELEGATES REACH QUEBEC

Spent Sunday in Rest and Recreation Preparatory to Today's Programme of Entertainment.

Quebec, Aug. 1.—The Imperial Press conference spent the day in Quebec today in rest and recreation preparatory to the official programme of civic entertainment which begins Monday morning.

A dinner in the Chateau Frontenac tonight was in honor of Captain Waite and the officers of the steamship Victorian on which the press party crossed the Atlantic. The overseas delegates were the hosts at the function.

TURN STEAMERS FROM QUEENSTOWN

Queenstown, Ireland, Aug. 1.—The White Star liner Celtic due here tonight with 800 passengers for this night, has been ordered to proceed direct to Liverpool. It is surmised the Baltic, upon which Archbishop Mannix of Australia sailed from New York Saturday will be directed to take a similar course. The press association says neither White Star nor Cunard liners will call at Queenstown to disembark passengers until further notice.

COMMISSION NAMED TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT ON TARIFF

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Aug. 1.—Sir Henry Drayton, Hon. J. A. Calder and Hon. Gideon Robertson will comprise the Commission to investigate the tariff, receive verbal and written evidence, and on such revise the present scale of customs taxation. Hon. J. A. Calder will be absent for a few weeks at the beginning of the inquiry, and Hon. R. F. Tolmie will probably take his place until the former returns from Europe. The Commission will begin work about the end of August and probably in British Columbia, holding sessions at all the principal western points before the eastern provinces are visited.

HYDRO-ELEC. COMM. TO MEET THIS WEEK

Plan to Proceed With the Development of the Three Water Powers Authorized by Legislation.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 1.—The New Brunswick Hydro-Electric Commission has organized under the chairmanship of Hon. C. W. Robinson, member of the Government without portfolio, and will meet here next week, when it is hoped that Henry Holgate, of Montreal, the consulting engineer, will be present for a conference.

C. O. Foss, of St. John, has been elected chief engineer of the commission, and Reid McManus, of Moncton, the third member of the Board, has been chosen as secretary. Hon. Mr. Robinson was named as chairman by the Order-in-Council under which the commission were appointed, the Legislature by the Act passed last session giving that authority to the Government.

The commission have adopted the policy of proceeding with the development of three water powers: the Shogmoor for St. John Valley, the Lepaux for St. John, and the Tetaquash for the North Shore, and, it was said today, were preparing to award contracts so that construction work on the three developments can be undertaken this season without further delay. One of the most critical questions is as to the supply of cement, which is to be held up construction of any concrete work.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT AT MONCTON

Bicyclist Run Down by Automobile, Receiving Very Serious Injuries.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., Aug. 1.—Mr. M. B. Jones, a well known insurance broker of this city was very seriously injured Saturday evening about 7.30 o'clock when he was struck by an automobile driven by Mr. George Hooper, a well known building contractor of Moncton. Mr. Jones was riding a bicycle on Church street, just opposite his residence and in turning in to his home was hit by the car. He was thrown heavily to the pavement and sustained a broken nose and fractured hand besides injury to his head and back. Mr. Jones was picked up unconscious in which condition he remains tonight.

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Mr. Francis Walker, a St. John contractor, who has been here for some time in connection with the erection of the Edith Cavell School, was driving in the car with Mr. Hooper at the time of the accident. Eye witnesses of the accident say the car was being driven slowly at the time.

Both Hooper and Walker were questioned by the police and released pending an investigation.

SOCIALISTS TO ECHO SPA FROM CITY OF GENEVA

Second Internationale Faces Russo-Polish and Versailles Pact Problems.

BRITISH SIDE WITH GERMANS

Clash Inevitable Between the Franco-Belgian and Anglo-German Factions on Peace.

Special Cable Dispatch. Copyright, 1920, by Public Ledger Co. Geneva, Aug. 1.—The Congress of the "Second Socialist Internationale" which opens here Saturday, seems likely to be sort of repetition—with some slight changes—of the Spa conference and similar diplomatic meetings. That is to say, its chief concern will be the Versailles treaty and the Russo-Polish problem. Its resolutions regarding these questions may be of importance because of the pressure it can bring to bear on certain governments.

So far as the European labor movement is concerned, the Geneva Congress can, under the present circumstances, exert little if any influence. Since the last Socialist Congress in Lucerne, a year ago, many European Socialist parties have left the "Second Internationale"—among them the French and Italians—and will consequently not be represented at Geneva. Some of them have joined Lenin's "Third Internationale," others have split and are bitterly divided among themselves. This situation renders it impossible for the congress to speak authoritatively in the name of labor.

SOVIET ARMY DRAWS NEARER TO WARSAW

Despite Bolshevick Successes French-British Military Experts Are Optimistic.

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In spite of the Bolshevick successes the military experts of the Anglo-French mission in Poland, are reported to be optimistic, because of the remarkable stiffening in the resistance of the Polish northern army, under General Haller.

SPECIAL MEETING OF BRITISH CABINET

To Consider Bill Designed to Provide New Court Procedure for Ireland.

London, Aug. 1.—Although the Government intends to present next week a bill providing for some sort of new court procedure for Ireland, and possibly other changes of methods, in an attempt to control the situation, the Cabinet has not yet decided definitely upon anything, it was learned Saturday.

Monday is a legal holiday in England, but the Cabinet will meet Monday, nevertheless, in an effort to reach an agreement.

What the bill will contain remains in the realm of conjecture. It is reported that several plans will be submitted, and it appears that the question of what shall be done will not be easy of solution, in view of the differences of opinion in the Cabinet.

HUNGARIAN FORCE CROSSES FRONTIER

Overpowers Guards and Raid Arsenal, Seizing Rifles and Ammunition.

Vienna, Aug. 1.—(By The Associated Press)—A Hungarian force of more than 800 armed and uniformed men crossed the Austrian frontier early Friday morning, overpowered the garrisons and raided the Furstenfeld arsenal, seizing 2,000 rifles, 2,000 uniforms and 21 machine guns. The raiders returned to Hungary with the booty loaded on motor trucks.

The Government has protested to the Hungarian Minister, demanding punishment of the raiders, return of the loot, and an apology and payment of damages. It has also communicated the fact to the foreign missions.

BISLEY TEAM RETURNS

Montreal, Aug. 1.—The Minnedosa, which docked here yesterday, carried 1,322 passengers, of whom 1,323 were third class. The Bisley team, composed of Lieut.-Colonel R. M. Beckett, returned on the ship, disembarking at Quebec.

BY-ELECTION HERE SEPTEMBER 20TH

Election Necessitated by the Appointment to the New Gov't of Hon. Rupert Wigmore.

Ottawa, Aug. 1.—(By Canadian Press).—By-elections will be held in St. John City and County (New Brunswick) and in Colchester County (Nova Scotia) on Monday, September 20. Nominations will be on Monday, September 6. The by-elections are necessitated by the appointment to the new Government of Hon. Rupert W. Wigmore, Minister of Customs and Inland Revenue and member of St. John, and of Hon. F. B. McCurdy, Minister of Public Works, who represents Colchester in the House of Commons.

TURBULENT SCENES FOLLOW ORANGE BOYCOTT

Occur When Belfast City Corporation Was Summoned in Behalf of Men Discharged.

DISTURBANCES AT BELFAST SERIOUS

Soldiers at Tipperary Aroused by Killing of Comrades With General Lucas.

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