

# NEW IRISH CONSTITUTION GIVES FULL FORCE OF LAW TO THE ANGLO-IRISH TREATY

### The New Document Made Public on Eve of Irish Elections Embodies Connection With British Crown As Already Established in the Treaty, Placing Relations Between Ireland and Empire on Same Basis As Canada.

London, June 15.—The draft of the new Irish Constitution, made public tonight on the eve of the Irish elections, gives, as the document itself states, force of law to the Anglo-Irish treaty, and expressly declares that any provision of the Constitution, or any amendment, thereto, or any law enacted upon the Constitution, which is in any respect repugnant to the treaty, shall be void and inoperative.

The Constitution thus embodies connection with the British Crown, as already established in the treaty and generally places the relations between Ireland and the Empire on the same basis as Canada, and the other Dominions.

The Constitution requires every member of the Free State Parliament to subscribe the faith and allegiance to the Constitution and swear to be faithful to the King in virtue of the common citizenship of Ireland and Great Britain and Ireland's membership in the British Commonwealth of Nations.

The document contains 79 articles and is considered an up-to-date instrument, not only granting female suffrage, proportional representation and a referendum to the people, but also empowering the people themselves to initiate legislation. It gives to the Chamber great powers with respect to money bills, without control from the Senate, thus duplicating the position as between the British House of Commons and the House of Lords. It exempts the Free State from active participation in war without the consent of Parliament, except in the case of actual invasion, and gives the Irish Supreme Court the fullest powers, only stipulating that the right of citizens to appeal to the King in council against the Supreme Court's decision, it provides for freedom of religion and conscience, gives Free State citizens full protection against the arbitrary power of court martials, and extends to parliament exclusive control over the armed forces, as stipulated in the treaty.

#### Irish Constitution

Summary of Provisions.  
Article 1. The Irish Free State is a co-equal member of the Community of Nations forming the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Article 2. All the powers of the Government, and all authority, legislative, executive or judicial, are derived from the people and the same shall be exercised in the Irish Free State through organizations established by or under, and in accordance with this constitution.

Article 3. Citizens of the state shall be all persons domiciled in Ireland at the time the constitution comes into operation, who were born in Ireland, or either of whose parents were born in Ireland, or who have been domiciled in the Free State for seven years. Resident citizens of other states may elect not to accept such citizenship.

Article 4. The national language will be the Irish language, but English will be equally recognized as the official language. Parliament may make special provisions for areas in which only one language may be used.

Article 5. The title or honor shall be conferred, except on the member of the executive council of the state.

Article 6. Protects liberty of person by a process similar to a habeas corpus writ.

Article 7. Declares dwellings inviolable. These cannot be forcibly entered except in accordance with the law.

Article 8. Declares freedom of conscience and free practice of religion's inviolable rights. It sets forth that, no law may either directly or indirectly enjoin any religion, or prohibit or restrict the free exercise thereof, or give any preference, or impose any disability on account of religious belief or religious status, or affect prejudicially the right of any child to attend a school receiving public money without attending the religious instruction at the school, or make any discrimination as respects state aid between schools under the management of different religious denominations, or divert from any religious denomination or any educational institution, any of its property, except for the purposes of roads, railways, lighting, water- or drainage works, or other works of public utility, and on the payment of compensation.

Article 9. Guarantees free expression of opinion and assembly without arms, and the formation of associations not opposed to public morality.

Article 10. Provides that all citizens shall have the right to free elementary education.

Article 11. The Legislature hereby created, known as the Parliament of the Irish Free State, is to consist of a King, a Chamber of Deputies and a Senate.

Article 12. Confers the right of suffrage on all citizens of the age of 21 or both sexes. All those of the age of 30 may vote for the Senate; those of the age of 21 for the Deputies.

Article 13. Provides that the Parliament will hold at least one session each year.

Article 14. Provides that the sitting shall be public, but that, in case of special emergency, either House may sit privately, with the assent of two-thirds of the members present.

Article 15. The number of members of the Chamber shall be fixed from time to time by the Parliament, but shall consist of not less than one member for each 50,000 or 25,000, to be elected on the principles of proportional representation.

Article 16. The Senate shall be composed of citizens who have done honor to the nation by reason of useful public service, or who, because of special

### GRIFFITH SEES IRELAND HAPPY AS A NATION

#### Declares Constitution Is That of a Free and Democratic State.

London, June 15.—Arthur Griffith, before leaving London tonight, made a statement in which he said: "The Constitution is that of a free and democratic state and under it, Ireland, for the first time in centuries, secures the power to control and develop her own resources and live her own national life."

### COAL STRIKE ENDORSED BY FEDERATION

#### Convention Also Gives Approval of Threatened Walk-Out of Railway Workers.

Cincinnati, June 15.—By the vote of every delegate the American Federation of Labor convention today endorsed the nationwide coal strike, that since April 1 has kept a half million miners from work, and also approved, by a demonstration, its approval of the threatened walk-out of more than 1,000,000 railroad workers.

The demonstration was loud cheers from all parts of the big convention hall when E. J. Lewis, president of the Railway Employees Department of the Federation, told the convention that the rail union chiefs would not interfere to stop a strike.

"It is believed," declared Mr. Jewell, "that the membership is prepared to meet the test, and if they so decide their decisions will be compiled with."

Mr. Foster, who arrived here next week to hold a mass meeting a week from tonight.

### HOME BREWING IS NOT ILLEGAL YET

#### Beer Making Utensils, However, Cannot Be Regarded As Sound Investment Just Now.

Ottawa, June 15.—(By Canadian Press)—Home brewing is not illegal yet, and will not be until the bill amending the existing regulations is approved by Parliament and receives the Royal assent. This was confirmed today by R. F. Parrow, Commissioner of Customs and Excise.

Under the legislation now in force, home brewing may be carried on. All that is necessary for the prospective home brewer to do is to secure the utensils and materials, notify the nearest collector of customs, or the Department of Customs and Excise, that he has them, and proceed with his industry. As the new provisions will probably become operative without a comparatively short time, however, beer making utensils cannot be looked upon as a first class investment. Their use will be illegal when the amending bill is signed by His Excellency the Governor-General.

### WHOLESALE GROCERS ASS'N OFFICERS

#### New Brunswick Men Among Those Elected to Membership on Executive.

Niagara Falls, Ont., June 15.—The list of officers elected at the annual convention of the Canadian Wholesale Grocers' Association here yesterday afternoon, includes: Honorary President, Hugh Blaine, Toronto; President, Armand Chaput, Montreal; First Vice-President, F. T. Syme, Hamilton; Second Vice-President, H. G. Bauld, Halifax.

On the executive are: J. F. Edgett, Moncton; W. C. Cross, St. John; Robert Murray, New Glasgow; S. W. McCulloch, Truro; and W. H. Alken, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

### COAL SUPPLY GROWING LESS

#### Springfield, Ill., June 15.—The state of the coal supply above ground demands a conference of miners and operators in the very near future.

John L. Lewis, President of the International Mine Workers of America, said here today.

The United States "faces a coal shortage of unparalleled dimensions," Mr. Lewis declared, adding that "only the outpouring of summer weather" keeping the public from realizing the peril of the situation.

### ENDEAVORING TO PROVE DELORME AN INSANE MAN

#### Evidence Produced Showing Alleged Murderer Had Streak of Insanity in Family.

#### LETTER WRITTEN TO SIR LOMER GOUIN

#### By Ex-Priest Plainly Indicated Ravings of An Unsound Mind.

Montreal, June 15.—(By Canadian Press)—Listen, Sir Lomer, and you know it—God could not permit a priest, whose hands are sacred, who has said Mass for the past twelve years, who takes Jesus Christ in his hands and receives Him each day in his heart, to have the strength to take a weapon and use it against his own brother. In one word, Raoul is one-half of myself. I lost everything in losing him.

The above is the central theme of a letter addressed by Adelard Delorme, ex-priest to Sir Lomer Gouin, Minister of Justice of Canada, from the jail at Bordeaux. The letter was not forwarded to Sir Lomer, but was read in evidence at the Delorme trial here this afternoon. Delorme is accused of the murder of his half brother, Raoul Delorme.

Lunacy Strong Mark in Family  
Jan. 6, last the defense sought to show that lunacy was strongly marked in the ex-priest's family history. According to evidence, his mother was discharged from an asylum three days before her death. One of her sisters, an aunt of the accused, was also committed to an asylum, and was also a patient in the Delorme family, both on the father's and mother's side.

Rosa Delorme, full sister, and Florence and Lillie Delorme, half-sisters, all were committed to an asylum this afternoon. Counsel for the defense asked Florence and Lillie some simple questions in arithmetic in which they were unable to answer.

### HEALTH CLINIC IN ANTIGONISH CO.

#### Forty-Eight Cases of Tuberculosis Found Out of 400 Examined.

Antigonish, N. S., June 15.—The mobile health clinic, which made an intensive health survey of Antigonish county in the past month, found forty-eight cases of active pulmonary tuberculosis out of 400 persons examined.

Five inactive cases were discovered, five doubtful and five of other than tubercular origin. Dental treatment was given to 377 patients by the clinic, and a total of 1,179 extractions and 300 fillings made.

The Nova Scotia Red Cross, which carried out the Antigonish survey, will start a similar survey of Guysborough county next month, and hope to extend the work, county by county, to the entire Province.

### WORK STOPPED ON NEW THEATRE

#### City Council of Fredericton Orders Suspension of Work on F. G. Spencer's New Building.

Fredericton, N. B., June 15.—The City Council held a special session tonight, and passed a motion to notify the owners, lessees and contractors, connected with the new theatre, under construction for F. G. Spencer, Ltd., that work on the building must cease at once. This action was taken because of alleged encroachment on city property and a city lease.

The report of A. E. Hanson, surveyor, showed that the building was one foot on Carleton Street, and eight inches on a city lease. F. G. Spencer appeared in person before the Council, and made a statement to the effect that he would take the matter up immediately with A. Noll Brodie, architect.

### GOVT TO SELL SMALL VESSELS

#### Ottawa, June 15.—(By Canadian Press)—Hon. W. C. Kennedy, Minister of Railways and Canals, announced in the House today tonight that twenty-seven of the smaller vessels of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine are to be laid up this year and disposed of when possible.

### ITALIANS REFUSE TO CHANGE HAGUE PROGRAM TO MEET FRENCH VIEWS

#### Paris, June 15.—The Italian reply to the French Government's note of June 1, concerning the Conference on Russian affairs at The Hague, was delivered to the Foreign Office today by Count Sforza, the Italian Ambassador.

The document was a brief one. It stated the Italian Government had taken cognizance of the French viewpoint, but considered there was no occasion to modify the conditions under which the meeting of experts at The Hague was to take place.

### NEW YORK'S FAMOUS ROCKAWAY RESORT WIPED OUT BY FIRE

#### Between 600 and 700 Summer Residences and Hotels, Valued at \$4,000,000 Burned—Twenty Thousand Rendered Temporarily Homeless.

New York, June 15.—Fire swept through the seashore bungalow colony at Arden, between Rockaway and Far Rockaway tonight and between 600 and 700 summer residences and hotels valued at \$4,000,000 were burned to the ground, rendering a population of 30,000 men, women and children temporarily homeless. The fire which started at five o'clock, fanned by a high wind, devastated everything before it within an area of half a square mile.

Every fire company in Queens which already had fought fire at Far Rockaway tonight, was called to the scene. Dynamite was used on buildings to stem the flood of fire, but, in spite of the army of firemen at work, the flames continued to gain.

Seven engine companies were called from Manhattan. Four fireboats opened their valves and added the reservoir of the Atlantic to the resources of the fire fighters. Every train coming from the mainland of Long Island carried one or more fire companies. Police reserves were called from every station within ten miles. Ambulances were brought from hospitals as far away as Jamaica.

Thirty firemen and a patrolman suffered burns or were "knocked out" by smoke and required medical attention before the flames were finally controlled.

### AMENDMENTS TO OPIUM AND NARCOTIC ACT

#### Provides Flogging of Persons Supplying Illicit Drugs to Minors.

#### DEPORTATION OF ALIENS CONVICTED TO KEEP POLITICS OUTSIDE CONFERENCE

#### The Right of Appeal Denied Those Convicted in Magistrate's Court.

Ottawa, Ont., June 15.—(By Canadian Press)—Amendments to the opium and narcotic laws, approved by the Commons tonight, provide for flogging of persons supplying illicit drugs to minors; deportation of aliens convicted of crime, after they have been punished; and the denial of the right of appeal to those convicted in a Magistrate's Court. The only appeal allowed was that of a stated case at point of law. This, incorporating the amendments, was given third reading.

When the amending bill was first introduced by Hon. H. S. Beland, Minister of Health, L. J. Laidner, (Conservative, Vancouver South), declared that the law should be applied to men who, by supplying habit-forming drugs had brought about the ruin of boys and girls. He moved to provide whipping for those who supplied the drugs to minors. This amendment was almost unanimously supported by members from all parties. Hon. D. D. McKenzie objected that the law might cripple a man for life, after the fact. Dr. Beland, in moving to deny the right of appeal to convicted drug peddlars, produced a letter from a Montreal judge in which it was stated that he would take the matter up with the police, who will accompany the deported aliens.

### POINCARÉ LEAVES FOR LONDON TODAY

#### Will Meet Lloyd George Monday to Discuss Political Situation.

Paris, June 15.—Premier Poincaré will leave for London tomorrow afternoon. He will lunch with Prime Minister Lloyd George on Monday, which time the Premier will discuss the general political situation.

### PRECIPITATED 25 FEET TO GROUND

#### Sydney, N. E., June 15.—John Morley, Parker Rutherford and Trueman Rutherford were dangerously injured this afternoon when a staging on which they were working outside St. James' school, broke, letting them fall 25 feet to the stone-littered ground.

### WOLFFVILLE MEN HELD FOR TRIAL

Wolffville, N. S., June 15.—Fred Engles and Fred Russell were today sent up for trial at the October sittings of the Supreme Court, by Magistrate Withrow, on a charge of taking money and valuables from Acadia Ladies' Seminary last month. One thousand dollars bail was accepted in each case.

### PARLIAMENT TO PROROGUE END OF NEXT WEEK

#### Progressives Co-operating With Premier King to Bring Session to a Close.

#### CROW'S NEST PASS AGREEMENT DEAD

#### Western Farmers Give Up All Effort to Bring It Into Effect.

Ottawa, June 15.—The Government is endeavoring to secure prorogation by the end of next week, it was officially announced today. To do this it will be necessary that Mr. King should have the co-operation of the Progressives, and this, it is understood, has been promised. There has been some talk of the farmers holding the House in session until after July 1 so that the Crow's Nest Pass agreement would automatically go into effect again, but it is certain that nothing will come of it. The truth appears to be that the Progressive leader is unprepared to fight the Government about anything, and that his party will tamely submit to a compromise over rates, just as it has tamely submitted to a protectionist budget.

As for the Conservatives, their position in respect of railway rates is a purely national one. They are not in favor of sectional rates, that is to say, of rates that shall benefit one section of the country at the expense of all of the rest of it, but they believe that rates as a whole, and particularly those rates which bear upon the necessities of life, should be revised downwards. As a consequence, they are not likely to fight for a renewal of the Crow's Nest Pass agreement, but will demand general reductions on basic commodities.

With the session over, Mr. Meakins is going for a well earned rest at Tadoussac, Quebec. Later on he will go to the Pacific coast, where he will be in the company of the Conservative party in British Columbia.

### BILL REGULATING SALE OF ROOT VEGETABLES

#### Provides for Standardization in Grades of Potatoes and Onions.

Ottawa, June 15.—For some time this morning, the Agriculture Committee of the House discussed a bill to regulate the sale of root vegetables. The bill provides for standardization in grades of potatoes and onions, and also regulates marking and packing of potatoes.

Dr. J. H. Gradale, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, told the committee that a satisfactory system of grading was needed to protect both producer and consumer. When potatoes are sold in market quantities, the weight in pounds will govern, except when sold by the closed barrel. There will then be no such thing as "bag o' potatoes" in market quantities.

T. W. Caldwell (Carleton-Victoria) opposed the bill on the ground that its provisions were unfair to growers, and would put shippers out of business. Stressing the need of allowing smaller potatoes to be marketed, Mr. Caldwell declared that in the West Indies there was a demand for small potatoes because the people were so poor they often bought from one to three cents worth of potatoes at a time, and potatoes there retailed at six cents per pound.

### CHAMPIONS CAUSE OF CHURCH UNION

#### Sydney Clergyman Hopes to See All Protestant Churches As One.

Sydney, N. S., June 15.—Rev. A. H. Campbell, Presbyterian minister of Sydney, received warm applause from the Nova Scotia Methodist Conference here today when he declared himself wholeheartedly in favor of church union as proposed for the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregationalist churches of Canada.

Mr. Campbell was one of a committee from the Sydney Ministerial Conference which welcomed the delegates of the conference to this city. Mr. Campbell said he prayed that he would be spared to see the day when the proposed union would include every Protestant body in the Dominion.

Officers elected today included: President, Rev. J. W. McCoswell, Halifax; Secretary, Rev. F. E. Barrett, Liverpool, N. S.

### FIFTY YEARS A POLICE OFFICER

Charlottetown, P. E. I., June 15.—Chief of Police Charles Cameron was this afternoon presented with a cheque by Mayor Harold Jenkins on behalf of the civic Government, in recognition of fifty years of continuous service in the police department. Chief Cameron joined the force on June 15, 1872, and was promoted to his present position twenty years ago.