

### MARTIAL LAW FOR PART OF IRELAND SOON

Lloyd George Announces in House of Commons New Plans of Government.

### ARMS MUST BE SURRENDERED NOW

Premier Declares British Will Not Make Peace Until Terror Reign Crushed.

London, Dec. 10.—Martial law is to be applied in certain areas of Ireland, Premier Lloyd George announced in speaking in the House of Commons today on the Irish situation.

The British Government has decided to give safe-conduct to Sinn Féin members of the House of Commons so that they may meet with the Government to discuss the Irish situation, he added. Safe-conduct will not be granted, the Premier said, to those members who have been involved in the commission of serious crimes. Mr. Lloyd George emphasized the importance of the resolution of the Galway county council recently, which suggested that the Sinn Féin members should be withdrawn in order that delegates might be appointed to discuss the situation with the Government.

Stronger Action Necessary. In making the announcement regarding martial law, the Premier said the Government had been driven to the conclusion, especially after the last two terrible incidents, that it must take stronger action in certain disturbed areas.

Sides by sides with the encouragement of the Government was extended to give all those who desired peace and they were growing in numbers and independence showing that the Sinn Féin members were not the only ones who were not ready to accept the terms of the Government.

Must Surrender Arms. Under martial law, said the Premier, a proclamation would be issued demanding that all arms and explosives be surrendered within the prescribed areas by a certain date. After that date unauthorized persons found possessing arms would be treated as criminals and be liable to the death penalty on conviction by a military court.

The same penalty, added Mr. Lloyd George, would be applicable to unauthorized persons who were found in possession of arms.

A reasonable time would be allowed for the surrender of arms before these provisions came into force.

Some Against Peace. The Government, said Mr. Lloyd George, was regretfully convinced that the section of the Sinn Féin which controlled the organization of violence, murder and outrage, was not yet ready for real peace, namely, for a peace which would accept the only basis on which peace could be concluded, acceptance of the unbroken unity of the United Kingdom.

The communications of these "controlling organizations" were all concentrated in the spirit of an independent belligerent with whom they were at war, and to whom they were in a position to dictate, the Premier said. Therefore the Government has decided on a double policy.

Ready to Help Ireland. On the one hand the Government will continue to continue and intensify its campaign against that "small but highly organized and desperate minority," which was using force to bring about a peace which was impossible and which could bring peace neither to Ireland nor to Great Britain.

### CROP SHORTAGE CLOSING BANKS

Over a Score Are Shut Through Inability to Re-open Farm Loans.

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 10.—Crop shortages are largely responsible for the closing of more than a score of banks in North Dakota in the last three weeks, according to a statement yesterday by F. W. Cahoon, director general of the Bank of North Dakota.

His statement says: "There have been more banks failed proportionately in North Dakota than in other states because the banks in the western portion of the state are much smaller proportionately and because of four short crops. The crop of 1919 was almost a total failure.

Cannot Repay Loans. "During the unusually long and severe winter of 1919 and 1920, banks were compelled to advance money to help farmers feed their stock and additional money had to be furnished to provide for the 1920 crop planting. Farmers have been unwilling to sell the 1920 crop at present depressed prices, below the cost of production.

In the ordinary course of business no doubt a majority of these banks which are closed will reopen as soon as farmers can be induced to sell a portion of their crops. The aggregate resources of all the closed banks combined does not exceed resources of one substantial bank in some communities in Illinois."

### Stole Preacher's Fur Coat From Off Church Altar

Scene of Miracles of Healing Now Place of Sensational Theft Case.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—An unusual theft took place some time ago in this city when a one thousand dollar beaver fur coat, the property of Pastor Robert Baker, was stolen from the altar of Old St. Andrew's church on Beaverhill Hill. This is the church in which the wonderful miracles of healing have taken place. Pastor Baker stated this morning that he had laid his coat on the altar while he was down stairs, there being no one upstairs at the time, but when he returned the church had several occupants, his thousand dollar fur coat, however, had disappeared.

### DISMISSALS IN HIGHWAYS CASE STIR HALIFAX

Every Member of Permanent Staff to Quit on Jan. 31st.

New Chairman is Appointed Already

One Hundred Men Will Have to Find New Jobs Now.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 10.—There came a sensation in the affairs of the Nova Scotia Highway Board today when it was announced that the board had dismissed summarily J. W. Roland, chief engineer, and F. M. Clark, assistant chief. This news was followed soon after the announcement that every member of the permanent staff had been given notice that their services would not be required after January 31, 1921. It was announced also that W. G. Clarke, chairman of the board, had resigned, and at the same time it was given out that the provincial government had appointed A. H. Macdonald, a former member of the board, to be its chairman.

Measurements General. This follows an investigation now under way and which began some two weeks ago into the expenditures and methods of the board. One fact brought out and which has not been contradicted, is that the measurements of boulders removed by contractors on the St. Margarets Bay road, and also on the Fort Jolie road, had been given by the contractors credit for a cubic yard of removal of boulders wherever it appeared that the boulder was one-third of a yard in measurement.

One result of this has been that at the end of September it was found that whereas the estimate for the St. Margarets Bay road had been for \$21,000, the bills of the contractors had already run up to more than \$300,000. In every department of the highways board it has been discovered that irregularity and unauthorized expenditures have been rife.

One Hundred men Out. The result of the board's action in dismissing the entire staff is that almost 100 of a field office staff are out of employment, only a few of whom can be held in any way responsible for the conditions which have been revealed. There was a state bordering on panic when the staff found what had happened. The board was appointed to carry out a programme of road improvement under the legislation which gave to the province subsidies from Ottawa for road building. It is not known what the investigation still to be held may bring out, but it is believed that so far only the surface has been scratched.

Hon. H. H. Wickwire, minister of highways, was supposed to be working in harmony with the board, but it has been shown that he did many things on his own act without consulting the board.

The New Chairman. This aspect of the case has yet to be fully worked out. A. S. McMillan, the new chairman, was a liberal candidate in the last provincial election and was defeated by the farmers' candidate in Antigonish. He has recently been acting as provincial superintendent of rural telephones for the government, but he has no practical experience of road building.

Whereas Mr. Clarke, the late chairman, worked without salary this will not be so with Mr. McMillan for his appointment provides that he is to devote his whole time to the office. The Dominion government is interested in the affair because of the large subsidies which the board received from the federal treasury. Road building in Nova Scotia by what has happened has received a setback which it will take a long time to recover.

WANTS FIUME TO SETTLE. Fiume, Dec. 10.—Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state, has written a letter to the mayor of Fiume, advising a settlement of the controversy between the forces of D'Annunzio and the government without bloodshed.

### MEIGHEN HAS NO HELP FOR HEALTHY VETS

Premier Tells Delegation He Will Aid War Wrecks But Not the Strong.

PHYSICALLY FIT MUST HELP THEMSELVES

Hamilton, Ont., May Start Work on Storm Sewer to Give Employment

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—Unemployment among returned soldiers was laid in striking fashion before members of the government today. The problem was presented primarily as from Toronto—whence today's delegation came—but the discussion ranged on the general situation, and the Premier made it clear that anything done in Toronto would have to be done elsewhere.

"Insofar as the problem is one of the returned man suffering from the results of war," Mr. Meighen said, "it is our problem. But insofar as the returned man was as physically fit as any one else togethertime, then he belonged to the same class as other citizens."

Sewer Work for Hamilton. Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 10.—There are at least 2,500 unemployed people in Hamilton, according to a statement made this morning by H. W. West, a labor leader, who waited on the city engineer this morning and urged that the city provide work. It is possible that the city might be able to start work for a year or two on account of the high cost of labor and material.

VESTED RIGHTS AND SOCIALISM WORLD DANGERS

So Premier Drury of Ontario Seeks to Steer Safe Middle Course.

CANADIAN CLUB GUEST AT WINNIPEG

Seeking to Govern His Province on a Combination of Two Doctrines.

Winnipeg, Dec. 10.—"The Citizen and State," was the subject on which the Winnipeg Canadian Club was addressed this afternoon by Hon. E. C. Drury, Premier of Ontario.

Premier Drury said there were two extreme schools of thought; the individualists, who held that men's individual activities should be interfered with as little as possible, and the Socialists, who would increase the activities of the state to include all things.

Contrasting Schools. One school of thought, he said, was demonstrated by those who held the sacredness of "vested rights" even when these might be "vested wrongs." The other was illustrated by a letter he has received recently which declared that it was the business of the state, "to feed, clothe and house the people."

"I agree with neither of these views," declared Mr. Drury. "The middle course is, so far as I see, the correct one."

### SINN FEINERS DENY SEEKING IRISH TRUCE

Quit Talking and Go on With the Work is Leader's Advice.

Dublin, Dec. 10.—A letter said to have been written by Michael Collins, "Irish Minister of Finance," concerning the reports of a truce between the British Government and the Sinn Féin organization is published in the Irish Bulletin. Referring to the interview which Arthur Henderson, the British labor leader, had in Mount Joy prison with Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Féin, the letter declares that Mr. Henderson said he had come to aid in bringing about the truce.

To this, according to the letter, Griffith replied that the Sinn Féin was not asking for a truce, but that if it were offered it would not be rejected. Further on, in the letter, Collins advises the Sinn Féin "to cease talking and get on with the work."

STEEL TONNAGE ORDERS. New York, Dec. 10.—The monthly tonnage report of the United States Steel Corporation, made public here today, shows 9,021,451 tons of un-filled orders on hand November 30. This is a decrease of 415,271 tons from last month's un-filled orders, which totalled 9,436,722. These figures represent the largest decrease in steel un-filled tonnage for any month since the reversal of last August.

### WORLD NEWS TODAY

MINISTER OF LABOR GRANTS BOARD OF AMBASSADORS TO CONSIDER DISSENTION BETWEEN C. N. R. AND THE EMPLOYEES OVER THE HANNA ORDER.

Detectives have now this in Amherst 7. Small case that may require aid of Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Eighty-five applications for divorce have been filed already with the Dominion Government.

Premier Meighen says workless returned soldiers will and strong have no special claim upon the Federal pocket.

Hon. J. G. Maclean, leader of the Farmers Party of Canada says the present tariff must be eliminated.

Acadia University, burned in the fire on Dec. 10, will seek to raise \$100,000 for new buildings.

Three alleged former Irish politicians give evidence before the Committee of One Hundred.

Lloyd George announces a policy of partial martial law for Ireland in his address before the House of Commons.

Two cities, Cork and Limerick, and four counties have already come under the new law.

### COMMERCIAL CLUB STUDIES CIVIC BUDGET

Douglas Ave. Crossing Also Discussed at General Meeting of Members.

CIVIC HEADS AT TALK ON NEEDS

Committee to Assist Commercial Club in Securing Budget Information.

Considerable discussion in regard to the civic budget and the Douglas avenue crossing took place at the general meeting of the Commercial Club held yesterday evening.

V. A. Hall, president of the club, was in the chair. Mayor Joseph, chairman of the committee, also present for the occasion.

The secretary, H. R. McLaughlin, dealt with the question of the civic budget. He pointed out that there are three main concerns in budget making: heads or commissioners seeking appropriations, the mayor and commissioners granting appropriations, and taxpayers and citizens providing for funds for the benefit of proposed expenditures.

The club plan. He stated also that in asking for funds, unless the commissioner acts in response of an established habit of expenditure, or a routine department programme, he must formulate a plan of service to be rendered by the organization which he controls.

Appropriations should be granted only for specific purpose and should permit of funds being expended for such purposes and no other, if the work is essential to the welfare of the community, or to leave them unexpended.

"If the public concerns itself at all in budget making, it must pass through the same process of thought regarding the different appropriations as is required of administration and appropriating bodies. Unless taxpayers are able to picture definitely the kinds of service, requests for appropriations proposed and the expenditure to be made for each kind of service, they are unable to participate intelligently in discussion of budget estimates.

"When all elements of proposed expenditure are clearly expressed and public concern is given, the result is a genuine community programme, concerning which a confusion or misunderstanding can arise, and is practically prohibitive of official evasion.

Some Objections. "It is frequently contended by department heads that a policy of minute budgetary segregation binds too strictly administrative discretion long in advance of the time when it must be exercised in the actual performance of work. Department heads often prefer to receive funds with the least restriction in order that they may accommodate their expenditures to changes in plans or conditions.

The only legitimate justification for lump sum appropriation to department heads would be that they permit of more efficient and economical performance of work. Where it is possible, however, to transfer from one authorization to another in response to change in work conditions after authorizations are made, practically all the merit of this claim disappears. Department heads who administer wisely must plan the same degree of particularity in regard to the kind of and amount of work.

Some Requirements were suggested: (Continued on page 2.)

FREDERICTON MAN CHOSEN. Ottawa, Dec. 1.—The Civil Service Commission has appointed Clarence E. Malmann, Fredericton, as supervisor of Sturgeon Forest reserve.

### RECORD RUSH FOR DIVORCES IN DOMINION

High Mark of 120 Set at Capital Last Winter May be Exceeded.

ONE HUNDRED WERE GIVEN THEIR FREEDOM

Eighty-Five Applications Already and Four Months Yet to Receive Them.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—There is every evidence of a record number of divorce applications to come before the parliamentary committee at the coming session. There are now, it is stated, 75 new cases and ten which stood over from last session and should be coming before the committee at the first of February there is almost another four months during which applications may be received. The time for making applications closes thirty days after the opening of the session.

Cases Last Year. Last year the number of divorce applications constituted a record, there being 120, of which 100 were granted and six thrown out. As the heaviest flow of applications comes just in the few weeks preceding the opening of the session, it is thought that this year's figures will surpass the last. All the applications are coming now from Ontario and Quebec, and the number yearly is far in excess of that received when all the provinces were represented, before divorce applications began to be heard under provincial jurisdiction.

CONCILIATION BOARD TO HEAR HANNA'S ORDER

Negotiations Between C. N. R. and the Employees Fail So Order Comes.

BOARD NAMED AT EARLY DATE

Government Will Treat Case Without Regard to Ownership of Line.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The Minister of Labor has granted an application for a board of conciliation to deal with the dispute between employees of the Canadian National Railways and the management of that system, arising out of the now famous "Hanna order."

The application for the board was received at the department of labor today, and it was granted without delay. Steps are now being taken to appoint the three men to act on the board.

Asked with regard to the application, Senator Robertson stated that the department would treat it in just exactly the same way as an application received from the employees of a privately-owned road.

The board of management of the Canadian National Railways will be informed of the Minister's action in granting the application and will be requested to nominate a man to represent it on the board of conciliation. The employees will also nominate a representative, and these two will confer on the choice of the third man to act as chairman. Pending an agreement, the chairman will be appointed by the Minister of Labor.

The "Hanna order" referred to is the one prohibiting employees on pain of dismissal, taking an active part in politics.

### FORMER POLICE TELL OF RAIDS

Allege They Resigned from Irish Constabulary as Protest Against Policies.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Three former members of the Royal Irish Constabulary, each of whom said to be resigned as a "protest against British militarism" and later fled Ireland in fear of attack by former comrades, presented today to the "committee of the Committee of One Hundred investigating the Irish question" their accounts of the alleged operations of the British military forces in the Emerald Isle.

Each of the three, John J. Cadden, John Tangney and Daniel F. Crowley, told of raids in which they said they had been forced to participate as members of the constabulary and of the alleged receipt from British commanders of orders to destroy life and property.

The commission also heard details of the killing of Lovell MacCurran, of Cork, from Miss Mary MacSwiney, sister of Terence MacSwiney, successor to Mayor McCurtain, which was purported to be an eye-witness description of a military raid on a small County Clare town from P. J. Guilfoyle, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and a description of conditions in Ireland in September, as seen by Mrs. Thos. Murphy, of New York.

### Four Counties of Ireland Are Under Military Law Now

Cities of Cork and Limerick Are Also Included in New Order.

Dublin, Dec. 10.—Martial law was proclaimed from Dublin Castle today in the city and county of Cork, the city and county of Limerick and in the counties of Tipperary and Kerry.

It is hoped to confine the application of martial law to that area, but it will be extended, it is said, should conditions develop which the government considers justify such action.

### INSANE AND NOT SPY RELATIVES SAY OF WILLERS

Family Declares U. S. Captain Was Never in Germany At All.

PRISONER SILENT SINCE HIS ARREST

Sensational Tale He Told Then is Not Believed at Present.

New York, Dec. 10.—Since he was turned over to the military authorities who wanted him on a charge of stealing company funds while a captain in the United States Army, John A. Willers, deserter and self-confessed German spy, who was arrested in New York this week, when a former officer recognized him on the streets has maintained a sphinx-like silence, according to officers at Fort Jay. When taken to a police station after his arrest, Willers talked freely, declaring that he was one of 300 German cadets sent over to join the United States Army.

Enlisted as Private. He enlisted as a private, but rose to the rank of captain. Although his unit never got "across" Willers said he had planned to "lead his men to slaughter" should he ever get the chance.

Considerable doubt has been cast on the man's sensational story. Frank Dose, of Indianapolis, an uncle of Willers, has communicated with the local authorities, declaring that his nephew is insane. Dose states that Willers came to the United States when he was fourteen and has never been in the "Fatherland" since.

### CHINAMAN MUST PAY DAMAGES

Jury Decides He is Guilty of Assault and Malicious Prosecution at Moncton.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Dec. 10.—In the supreme court before Judge Chandler this afternoon the case of E. E. McFarlane against Sou. Woo Hw, proprietor of the Canton Cafe, was finished. McFarlane sued for damages for assault and the jury today gave him a verdict of \$100. The case has been going on since February last. In the first place the Chinaman prosecuted McFarlane for an alleged assault and McFarlane was convicted, being given a four months' suspended sentence. Judge Chandler quashed the conviction and then McFarlane brought action for damages for assault and malicious prosecution. The latter count was not allowed by Judge Chandler this morning. On the other count the jury found for the plaintiff, J. B. M. Baxter, K. C. for plaintiff; J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., A. A. Allen for defendant.

Judge Chandler today gave judgment in the case of the trustees of the H. R. Emerson estate vs. Mrs. Clark which was tried October 29 here. Suit was first brought against the Canada Life Insurance Company on a policy of the late G. R. Langster assigned to the estate for money advanced. Mrs. Clark (daughter of late G. R. Langster), a beneficiary under the policy, had executed the assignment but claimed she had been misled by the assured. The insurance company paid the money into the court and the court made an order making Mrs. Clark the defendant.

Judgment was in favor of the plaintiff for \$1,600, the amount paid into the court by the insurance company. Freil and Clark, solicitors for plaintiff; Ivan C. Rand, counsel. Inches Hazen and Weyman for defendant.

### ST. JOHN BROKER SELLING STOCK EXCHANGE DEPT.

Johnson & Ward Securing Wire Interests of the Firm of J. M. Robinson & Sons.

Johnson and Ward, who purchased recently the brokerage business of F. B. McCurdy and Company, have secured now the stock exchange interests of J. M. Robinson and Sons of this city with branches at Fredericton and Moncton. The bond department of the company is being retained by J. M. Robinson.

Mr. Robinson is in Montreal at present and the complete details of the agreement have not been announced.

### STONE CONTRACTORS INDICTED IN THE BUILDING TRUST

New York, Dec. 10.—Twenty-nine members of the Cut Stone Contractors' Association were indicted today by the extraordinary grand jury in connection with the investigation of the "building trust." Today's indictment lifted the number returned since the inquiry started well past the sixty mark.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—Liquors valued at \$27,000 was lost in a fire which badly damaged the premises of J. L. Richer, licensed vendor, Windsor street, today. The fire was due to defective wiring. The stock was fully covered by insurance.

### RUSSIA MAY BE SCENE OF SMALL HUNT

Detective Mitchell Secures New Clue That Involves London and Petrograd.

FOREIGNERS ASKING ABOUT "MURDERERS"

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Have Been Called Into the Case.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—A new clue is thought to have been unearthed in the Ambrose Small case by Sergeant Detective Mitchell, Toronto, who has been in Montreal. It is reported that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are working with the Toronto detective.

Detective Mitchell, who is conducting the search, on leaving the court, gave out the information that he was going West and carried with him a case which, if run to earth, will call into play Scotland Yard in London and the government police of Russia.

According to the best information, the Detectives when in Montreal also came across a man who had been looking for him for some time.

Inquired About Murderers. This man, it was learned, was formerly attached to a steamship agency at Halifax and for some time before had been in a similar position at Montreal. He had been working in the west and the east during the war, and his duties carried him to California, Chicago and Russia.

Detective Mitchell, it is said, secured information from this man about two foreigners who had met in Winnipeg, Detroit and Russia, and who had evinced a great interest in Small and asked if his "murderers" had been caught.

### BAPTISTS PLAN MILLION DOLLAR AID FOR ACADIA

Decide to Erect Two Buildings to Replace Structure Burned Dec. 2.

HIGHER SALARIES FOR PROFESSORS

Ladies' Seminary Will be Housed in One of the Proposed Buildings.

Special to The Standard. Wolfville, N. S., Dec. 10.—The Baptists of the maritime provinces are about to inaugurate a campaign for the raising of \$1,000,000. The Board of Governors of Acadia University have called together here by the President, Dr. Geo. B. Cutler, as a result of the fire on December 2, which totally destroyed the college building, and after long deliberation it was decided by the Governors to arrange for the collection of funds that would be sufficient to rebuild the college on the same site at the earliest possible moment, and in addition to erect a new building for the accommodation of the Acadia Ladies' Seminary, and to secure an endowment for professors' salaries that would mean a substantial increase over the present amount. Plans are being perfected and further announcements regarding the project will be made soon.

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