

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of the resolution of the Galway county council recently, which suggested that the Sinn Féin members should be withdrawn in order that delegates might be appointed to discuss the situation with the Government.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 in the 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, declared the Premier, to do all in its power to break up the terrorists.

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 rebels 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" sections 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 Island. 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 new territory of 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, as a member of the board, and it was also given out that his whole time was to be devoted to the work.

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 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.

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.

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 work might be done on the storm sewer for which a by-law carried a year ago. The work was held up 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."

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.

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 totaled 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

CANADA. Minister of Labor grants Board of Arbitration to consider arbitration between C. N. E. and the employees over the Haas 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 veterans pay well and strong have special claim upon the Federal power. Hon. J. G. Maclean, leader of the Farmers Party of Canada says the present tariff must be eliminated. Amdt. University, burned in the fire on Dec. 10, will seek to raise \$100,000 for new buildings.

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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 session open about 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.

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