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King and Pontiff Exchange Communications.

Ulster Wants Transfer of Administrative Powers--No Date Fixed for Next Irish Conference--Unemployment Situation in England Very Serious--Gloucester Cup Defender at Halifax.

POPE BENEDICT'S PRAYER.
LONDON, Oct. 19.—Communications have been exchanged between Pope Benedict and King George on the subject of the Irish Peace negotiations. The Pontiff in his message announces that he prays for the success of the conference and the ending of the long-drawn-out "division." To this King George replied that with all his heart he joined in the Pontiff's prayers.

ULSTER DISSATISFIED.
LONDON, Oct. 19.—Irish affairs will probably be discussed in Parliament on Thursday. Ulster members being dissatisfied with the position of the Northern Government, which has not yet begun to function, because the Act did not provide for the transfer of administrative powers until the establishment of the Southern Ireland Parliament. Ulster wants an immediate transfer of powers, owing to the impossibility of increasing the outcome of the negotiations relative to Southern Ireland.

NOT MUCH TO ENCOURAGE.
LONDON, Oct. 19.—Prime Minister Lloyd George's desire to go to the Washington Conference is having its effect upon the progress of the conference with Sinn Fein leaders, which has been in progress here for the past week endeavouring to solve the Irish question. Government circles to-day expressed the belief that plans, whereby various points, particularly the conditions stated in Mr. Lloyd George's Dominion Home Rule proposal are to be referred to sub-committees, may make it possible for him to proceed to the United States. On the other hand, Sinn Fein leaders are said to be determined to ascertain before his departure whether it is to be "peace or war." Some of them say that none of the critical points have been touched thus far, which fact, they claim, accounts for the smoothness of the sessions to date, and they object to these points being kept in the back ground indefinitely. No date has yet been fixed for the next meeting of the Irish conference.

REPOSED BASIS OF SETTLEMENT.
CHICAGO, Oct. 19.—At a conference here on the railway strike situation, freight rate reductions of twelve per cent, equivalent to the wage reduction of last July, were proposed as the basis of an agreement by the Railway Labour Board. The

able ex-service men to emigrate to the Dominions.
ELSIE AT HALIFAX.
HALIFAX, Oct. 19.—Looking 356 miles from her home port to Sambre Light of Halifax, in 46 hours, the fishing schooner Elsie of Gloucester, defender of the North Atlantic Fishermen's Trophy, arrived here to-day just before dusk and will prepare for her contest against the challenger Bluenose, of Lunenburg, in the international series commencing on Saturday. Twenty five miles east of Halifax the Elsie snapped her main-topmast backstay.

TWO MONTHS WORK FOR STEEL PLANT.
SYDNEY, Oct. 19.—A contract for the manufacture of 20,000 tons of steel rails at Sydney mills have been signed by the Dominion Steel Corporation and the management of Canadian National Railways. It is learned here to-night. The order will keep the steel plant going for nearly two months.

The Art of Thatching.

Thatching is perhaps one of the oldest arts in the world, for it dates back to the time when the first man bit on the idea of putting a few rushes on the roof of his hut to keep the rain out. But, like so many of the old arts, it is dying out, and first-class thatchers are few and far between.
The thatcher's tools are simple—just two wicks about a yard long, fastened together at one end with a hinge or a piece of leather or webbing, and a pair of hand shears for trimming purposes. The shears are not like those used for trimming hedges, they are similar to shears used for shearing sheep, and are worked by one hand.

Making it Water-Tight.
The thatcher works by piecework. He states a price for thatching a rick, the price varying with the size of a rick. The farmer supplies the straw and stakes and string, and the thatcher, by utilizing water and skill, makes them into a watertight roof. A thatcher recently earned a sovereign in two hours by thatching a small rick.

VETERANS' UNION ADVOCATED.
PORT ARTHUR, Oct. 19.—The Great War Veterans in annual convention to-day, unanimously adopted a resolution favoring the federation of all returned soldiers' organizations in Canada.
WILL APPEAR TO PRIVY COUNCIL.
CALGARY, Oct. 19.—According to counsel of the Gold Seal Liquor Co., appeal will be made to the Privy Council from the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada, upholding the validity of Prohibition legislation adopted by six Provinces.

A BLUE OUTLOOK.
LONDON, Oct. 19.—Speaking at the launching of the oil tanker Dalmuir, to-day, Lord Invernairste declared that unless the price of steel came down to something like pre-war figures, there would be no alternative but to close down the steel works, which would mean more unemployment.

THE MAJESTIC.
NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—Sir Bertram Hayes, captain of the white Star liner Olympic has been selected to command the Majestic, the largest ship, which will enter the Company's Trans-Atlantic Service early next year.

WORST SINCE NAPOLEONIC WARS.
LONDON, Oct. 19.—Mr. Lloyd George told the House of Commons to-day that the unemployment situation in England was worse than at any time since the Napoleonic wars and blamed the war as the cause. He saw signs of business revival, but as exporters and importers could not build on an "acrobatic" basis of exchange, the Government was considering a plan to raise the guarantee to trade from 85 per cent. to 100 per cent. The Government would also ask for another large appropriation to en-

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Pattern 3485 is illustrated in this style. It is cut in 4 Sizes: Small, 32-34; Medium, 36-38; Large, 40-42; Extra Large, 44-46 inches bust measure. A Medium size will require 7 1/2 yards of 27 inch material. The width of the skirt at lower edge is about 2 yards.

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For this design Waist Pattern 3732, and Skirt Pattern 3695 were combined. Crepe de chine, Canton crepe, gabardine, gingham, linen, serge, taffeta and satin are attractive for its development.

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more likely to strike it. Two golden crowns are made of plaited straw and set up as decorations at each end of the thatch, and the artist's work is complete.
As he comes down the ladder from the roof he knows that if it rains for six months without stopping the hay will still remain dry beneath the thatch which he has woven.—Answers.

Aprons and Green Ribbons.

Boston, Oct. 11. (Associated Press).—Young women in the freshmen classes at the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Secretarial Science of Boston University, appeared in class-rooms for three days at the opening of the school year with their hair in curl-papers. The sophomore laid down the rules; the freshmen obeyed them. Other requirements were that the freshmen wear aprons, and have cards tied about their necks with green ribbons, announcing that they were freshmen, and that no powder, rouge or mirrors should be used in school during the initiation days.

Spencer Club Sale Opened by Bishop.

The Sale held by the Spencer Club yesterday afternoon in the Hall of Bishop Spencer College, was opened by His Lordship Bishop White. This Sale which was followed by an informal dance, was in aid of Bishop Field College Science Room. A large number of clergy and others interested in the C. of E. Colleges, were present, including Revs. Canon Bolt, Canon Jeeves, Rev. Mr. Rusted, Rev. and Mrs. Earp, Messrs. G. R. Williams, F. M. Stirling, Rev. Bowden, H. and L. Outerbridge, Dr. Carnell, Sir Wm. F. Lloyd, Lady Squires, Lady Bowring, Lady Outerbridge and Mrs. A. O. Hayward. The decorations were very pretty, flags of many colors forming the dominant note, whilst all the stalls were decorated also in dark and light blue, the College colors. All the stall holders were kept busy during the afternoon as there was a continuous rush on them by people anxious to purchase their wares. The stall holders were:
Vegetables—Mrs. G. R. Williams, Mrs. Thompson, Miss Calver, Miss Coaker, Mrs. White.
Ice Cream—Mrs. Noseworthy.
Candy—Mrs. House, Mrs. F. Stirling, Misses Cook.
Books—Misses White and S. Earle.
Pantry—Mrs. Bursell, Mrs. Tessler, Mrs. Baird.
Afternoon Tea—Messdames L. and H. Outerbridge, T. Cook, Schiff, Job, and Misses Edgar and Carter.
West Tea—Messdames G. Adams (Rev.) Stirling, R. Dowden, Edwards and Miss Dowden.
Children's Tea Table—Misses Richards, Stead and Roll.
Grab Bags—Misses Olive Bursell, and Joan Stirling.
Dolls—Misses Esther Carnell and Gertrude Bolt.

Messrs Gordon Stirling and Edward Wood acted as door-keepers. The Sale was not concluded until after 8 p.m. by which time the various stalls were practically empty. The dance which followed the Sale, was most enjoyable and a large number came down especially for it. The music was provided by the C.I.E. orchestra under Capt. Morris, who rendered the various selections in the excellent manner for which they are noted. Mr. Frank Bennett made a most efficient floor manager. The dance was brought to an end at midnight by the playing of the National Anthem. The splendid sum of approximately \$1,000 was obtained as a result of the Sale and dance, and great credit is due the executive of Spencer Club and their willing helpers. The Secretary, Mrs. Taylor, deserves special praise for her energetic efforts on behalf of the Club. Those responsible for the artistic decorations were Mr. W. Chafe and Messrs. Bowring Bros, the last through the courtesy of Mr. N. Snow.

B. I. S. Card Party and Dance.
At the B.I.S. Hall, last night, a card party and dance was held by the Ladies' Auxiliary. In which over two hundred people took part. The prizes were won by Mrs. MacDonald, Mr. Lacey and Mr. O'Keefe. After supper dancing was indulged in until 2.15 a.m., when the affair terminated. The music furnished by the B.I.S. orchestra proved most acceptable to those present.

Why He Failed to Reduce Overdraft.

Mr Straus, President of the Baltimore American Line, Inc., who returned from Europe a few days ago on the White Star liner Olympic, said the following letter was handed to him in London by an English business friend, who told him it was an exact copy of a communication received by an English bank from one of its customers:
"Dear Sir,—For the following reason I regret being unable to reduce my overdraft. I have been held up, held down, sangbagged, walked on, sat upon, flattened out and squeezed by our income tax, the super tax, the excess profits tax, war loan, war bonds, war savings certificates, the automobile tax and by every society and organization that the inventive mind of man can invent to exact what I may or may not have in my possession.
By the Red Cross, Blue Cross, St. Dunstan's, the Children's Home, Barnardo's Homes, War Memorials, the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the Salvation Army, the Belgian Relief, the Black Cross, the Double Cross and every hospital in the town or country.
The Government has governed my business so that I do not know who owns it. I am inspected, suspected, examined and re-examined, informed, required and commanded, so that I don't know who I am or why I am here at all. All that I know is that I am supposed to be an inexhaustible supply of money for every known need, desire or hope of the human race, and because I will not sell all I have and go out and beg, borrow or steal money to give away, I am cursed, discussed, boycotted, talked to, talked about, lied about, and held up, hung up, robbed and damn near ruined, and the only reason why I am clinging to life now is to see what will happen next.—New York Times.

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