

### STORM BREAKS OVER WIGMORE IN THE HOUSE

Letter Written on Departmental Paper to Seek Business for St. John Firm.

### ADMITS AUTHORSHIP BUT DENIES WRONG

Hon. Mr. Lemieux and Premier Meighen Clash Sharply Over Unusual Procedure.

Ottawa, May 7.—The first Saturday sitting of the present session brought the production of a letter in the House which has set parliamentary corridors buzzing with excitement. For over three hours the House dined along in supply. Then as the House turned from immigration estimates to those of inland revenue, Hon. Mr. Lemieux produced a photographic copy of a letter apparently written on the note paper of the minister of customs. It was signed "R. W. Wigmore," and addressed to the French purchasing commission, care of French embassy, London, England.

Firm Interests Pleaded. The letter is dated Ottawa, January, 1921. In it, Mr. Wigmore states that he is informed that "your government will have quite a few French steamers taking grain from the port of St. John, N. B. Canada this winter," and adds that "the firm of Nagle and Wigmore of which I am a member are very anxious to secure this business."

Advices One Post. Commenting on the letter, Mr. Lemieux declared that the minister of customs should either attend to the business of the department or to that of his own firm. He should not use the customs department to advertise his firm.

An Historic Incident. "You can search the annals of British parliamentary government in Canada or in the mother country," Mr. Lemieux retorted, "and I challenge any one to find such an example of personal interest mixed with public affairs."

Expecting Much From Irish Meeting. Sir Hamar Greenwood Says It Is Most Hopeful Sign in 750 Years.

Dublin, May 8.—Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, speaking yesterday of the recent conference of Sir James Craig, premier-designate of Ulster, and Eamon De Valera, the Irish republican leader, declared the meeting the most hopeful step for peace in Ireland in 750 years.

Three Months' Training. He advocated a system of universal compulsory military service under which the young foreigner between the ages of 19 and 22 would spend three months a year in military training. During that time the foreigner would learn to speak English. He would learn to keep clean, to become obedient and he would learn the responsibilities of citizenship.

Mother's Messages Tie-up All Wires. New York, May 8.—All available telegraph operators were summoned to their posts today to aid in clearing the wires of thousands of messages directed to mothers on the occasion of Mothers' Day. The telegraph companies reported an unprecedented number of such communications. The wire congestion lasted until late afternoon.

OUTLAW HOLD MISSIONARY. Peking, May 8.—Outlaws have captured a British missionary named Stevens near Peking. In the province of Shanxi, it is said in answer to the British Legation here. Despatches indicate the object of his capture is to bring to bear pressure on provincial authorities to abandon repressive measures.

### DISABLED STEAMER TOWED INTO HALIFAX

Halifax, May 8.—Partly disabled by a damaged steering gear the American steamer Chicamauga, was towed into port here yesterday by tugs, which made her off the port. The Chicamauga sailed from New York, May 1, with a general cargo for Sweden and Copenhagen. She was headed for Halifax four days later when she practically lost the use of her steering gear. She will undergo repairs here.

### CHEAP FARES TO SECURE FARMERS IN WEST. CANADA

Harvest Excursion Fares to be Allowed Out of Work Farmers Only.

FIVE HUNDRED MEN TO BE ASSISTED

Scheme Will Aid Men and at Same Time Give Some Employment.

Ottawa, May 8.—The Department of Labor announced Saturday afternoon that arrangements had been made with the C. P. R. and C. N. R. whereby these railways have agreed to transport farm laborers at harvest excursion rates from Toronto to the province of Saskatchewan and Alberta, where the labor is required. A statement issued by Senator Robertson reads:

Couldn't Pay Rates. "It was obviously impossible for laborers to pay regular rates over so long a distance. The railways generously acceded to the request of the department and have agreed to pay for 400 to 500 farm laborers to be transported at a nominal cost to the provinces where their services are in demand. The object of the department is mainly to relieve the unemployment situation in Southern Ontario where the greatest need exists."

Rebellion is Over. Riga, May 8.—A Moscow despatch today announces the quelling of the revolutionary movement in the province of Tambov, led by General Antonoff, a former Bolshevik commander, which has been reported in progress for nearly two months past. This revolt was organized on lines similar to those of the Kronstadt revolt led by Stephen Petrichenko, which was put down in mid-March by the Bolsheviks.

Communists Riot in French Cities. "Down With War" Was Cry at Gates of Paris in Great Parade.

Paris, May 8.—There was considerable disorder today in Paris and in other places during the celebration of the anniversary of the lifting of the siege of Orleans by Joan of Arc in 1429.

Three Killed in Prison Mutiny. Jailor Beaten to Death and Two Convicts Shot in Suppressing Troubles.

Jeffersonville, Ind., May 8.—John H. Grimm, guard at the Indiana state reformatory here was beaten to death and two convicts shot in a mutiny here tonight. After killing Grimm the convicts took his revolver and compelled a captain of the guard to surrender his weapon. One company of the local fire department has been called out to assist in quelling the disturbance.

ELMER MELLISH GUILTY. Moncton, N. B., May 8.—In the Albert County circuit court at Hopewell Cove on Saturday, Elmer Mellish, charged with breaking and entering with intent to commit an indictable offence on Charles Kelschaw, was found guilty. He was remanded for sentence.

### BOMBS START STAMPEDE IN IRISH CHURCH

Many Hurt in Wild Rush Out When Crown Forces Are Attacked Outside.

UNSUCCESSFUL RAIDS ON POLICE BARRACKS

Two Policemen Killed and Several Injured in Week-End Assaults.

Dublin, May 8.—Week-end disturbances in various parts of Ireland included the killing of two constables and the wounding of two sergeants beside a stampede of a Jesuit congregation in Dublin, resulting in several persons being injured, caused by firing outside the church. The congregation stampeded was that of the Jesuit Church in Gardner Street. The people rushed from the doors on hearing shots fired at individuals who were held responsible for throwing three bombs at a lorry containing crown forces travelling on the Dunoon road. Women and children were trampled on in the confusion and several of them were taken to a hospital.

MILITARY BOMBS ARE DISCOVERED. Girls Collecting Funds for Republican Army Start a Riot at Belfast.

Belfast, May 8.—A two-hour engagement between a section of Crown forces approaching Knappagh Mountain, and an ambush party, was reported from County Cavan this morning, the encounter resulting in the dislodgement of the ambushing forces of which one member was wounded.

Reprisals at Clonsilla. Official reports of reprisals by the military districts in county Cork show the houses of two residents at Clonsilla were destroyed on May 6, when also furniture and personal effects of two residents of Castle Martyr were destroyed. These reprisals were for attacks on two members of the Royal Irish Constabulary on May 1. The houses of three Kilmacshane residents were destroyed Friday in reprisal for an attack on two auxiliaries at Macroom, April 29.

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### World News Today

CANADA. Hon. Mr. Wigmore is storm centre in the House of Commons because of a letter he wrote. Business centre of the town of Maxville is wiped out with a loss of \$500,000. Cheap fare for farmers who will go to the Western provinces to work on the land.

THE BRITISH ISLES. Rumors are current that the miners will ask for an immediate settlement of the strike, dropping their demand for a national wage pool. Many are killed or injured in week-end fights in Ireland between Crown forces and the Sinn Feiners. Japanese Crown Prince arrives in England for a festive week; the Prince of Wales will meet him.

### TWO HOUR FIGHT WITH SINN FEIN AT KNAPPAGH MT.

Crown Forces Finally Drove off the Assaults and Wounded One Rebel.

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### MINERS SEEK NEW WAY TO END STRIKE

Report They May Abandon Demand for a National Wage Pool.

SEVERE CUTS TO SAVE MORE FUEL

Big Reduction in Street Car and Steam Railway Services Are Announced.

London, May 8.—Efforts will be made this week by outside influences to secure the renewal of negotiations for settlement of the miners' strike, it was indicated today, but hope of reaching an adjustment until after the Whitmaside holidays seems remote among the interested parties.

Situation is Critical. Meanwhile the position of the country's industries and public utilities is going from bad to worse. The railways and the street car and underground transportation systems have announced further drastic reduction of services. Even the newspapers are affected, some of the larger London dailies going to press at 10 o'clock tonight to conserve coal and light and enable their employees to reach their homes before the last public conveyances for the night leave the vicinity of the newspaper office.

Vote to Handle Coal. Dublin, May 8.—The Irish and British railways and transport workers have decided to permit the handling of foreign coal shipped direct to Irish ports and intended for Irish purposes only. The question of making an exception from the decision of the railways and transport workers not to handle foreign coal arose when a cargo of Belgian coal arrived in Dublin last week. In view of the miners' strike, the local transport workers refused to unload the vessel.

Appeal to Poles To Be Peaceful. Government in Upper Silesia Making Heroic Efforts to Maintain Peace.

Warsaw, May 8.—In the face of increasing clashes between the insurgents and Germans, the Polish government has decided upon a vigorous plan of action in an attempt to settle the insurrection in the Silesia region. The Polish minister in Upper Silesia, with the object of joining the industrial section of Upper Silesia to Poland.

Strike Breakers May Start Fight. Trouble Feared When "Roselind" Attempts to Unload at St. John's.

St. John's, Nfld., May 8.—The steamer Roselind with a general cargo and the steamer Coban, loaded with coal, arrived here today. They were the first large ships to reach this port since last Monday when the longshoremen went on strike. Strike-breakers recruited from the unemployed fishermen in villages near here had been engaged to unload the Roselind tomorrow, but allege threats from the striking longshoremen to prevent discharge of the cargo by these men. The employers decided to call an emergency meeting for Monday morning in an endeavor to reach an agreement with the strikers.

Belgium Mobilizes. Brussels, May 8.—The cabinet yesterday approved the London reparations decision and ordered the mobilization of one class.

John W. Camber. Frederick, May 8.—The death of John W. Camber, occurred this afternoon at his residence, Springhill. He was seventy-eight years old. A widow, three sons and two daughters survive. The sons are John, Fred G. and William W. The daughters are Mrs. Fred Cross of Lower St. Mary's and Mrs. Elson Drans of Nashwaak.

TRADING WITH SOVIETS. Berlin, May 8.—Germany has concluded a preliminary trade agreement with Soviet Russia and the convention became effective on May 6, according to the official text, which has been made public here. The text shows the pact will continue to be operative until a commercial treaty is completed and provision has been made that either party may terminate the agreement by giving three months' notice.

### SIR DONALD MACMASTER UNDERGOES OPERATION

London, May 8.—Sir Donald MacMaster, the well-known Canadian member of the British Parliament, yesterday underwent an operation under the hands of Sir Outhbert Wallace.

KEEP HANDS OFF ULSTER IS VIEW OF ITS PREMIER

No Longer Willing to be Shuttlecock of English and Irish Politics.

DE VALERA MEETING ONLY BROKE ICE

John Dillon Urges Nationalists to Take No Part in South Ireland Elections.

Belfast, May 8.—Sir James Craig, premier-designate of Ulster whose recent conference with Eamon De Valera is still the subject of much comment, said in speaking at Lisburn yesterday that he had made it plain to the South and West of Ireland that it was not with amateur peace-makers and meddlers in Irish affairs they had to deal, but with the leaders of the people of Ulster if there were to be any peace negotiations.

Hands Off Ulster. "Far too long," said Sir James, "have the Ulster people been the shuttlecock of English and Irish politics. It was really time that the one man who was entitled to do it stood completely forward and said 'Hands off Ulster unless you come to me as the leader.'"

Against Irish Ejections. Dublin, May 8.—John Dillon, chairman of the Nationalist Party, will publish a letter tomorrow saying that he has advised his friends to take no part in the Southern elections. Such an agreement as that reached between the Sinn Fein and Nationalists in the North, he declared, would be impossible even if desirable in the South.

Make Conditions Worse. If the Nationalists took part, continued Mr. Dillon, it could only be as opponents of the Republicans and the result would be bitter fighting and bloodshed, for which he could not take the responsibility, particularly in view of the recent events and rumors of peace negotiations.

SITUATION STILL GRAVE. Berlin, May 8.—Reports from German sources today declare that advice from Upper Silesia up till last night showed no diminution in the gravity of the situation there caused by the Polish insurgent movement. The Polish irregulars were reported to be planning attacks against some of the large towns in the district and their onslaught upon Koenigszette is declared by the Vossische Zeitung to have been successful, the town surrendering after several hours resistance.

ROBBING CAR COMPANY. Winnipeg, Man., May 8.—Details have just been brought to light of a series of extensive thefts in the Winnipeg Electric Street Railway by which the company has been victimized to the extent of between \$12,000 and \$15,000. For many months, it is believed used tickets had been secured by certain conductors, tied up in jobs and systematically sold to unsuspecting citizens at reduced rates.

SMALL PAPER YET. Regina, May 8.—With two page issues of both the Morning Leader and Daily Post, published Saturday, and six of the seven city job plants operating on an open shop basis, the printers' strike continues without any suggestion of a break on either side.

JOINS SASKATCHEWAN DEPT. S. J. Hetherington, of Cody, N. B., expects to graduate this month from Macdonald College, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, has been appointed Provincial Plant Pathologist for Truck Crops with the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture, Mr. Hetherington taught school for several years in New Brunswick.

### HALF MILLION DOLLAR FIRE AT MAXVILLE

Business Section of Ontario Town is Wiped Out in Fierce Outbreak.

BLAZE BEGAN IN CHINESE RESTAURANT

Help Sent from Several Towns to Secure Control of Flames.

Ottawa, May 8.—A fire which broke out at about 6.30 tonight in the town of Maxville, raged for over four hours and practically wiped out the business section. The damage is estimated at \$500,000. For a time it looked as if the entire town was doomed as building after building was consumed by the flames, fanned by a strong wind. However, at shortly after eleven o'clock, the fire fighters, who included volunteers from Alexandria, Moose Creek and other neighboring municipalities, were successful in protecting the main residential section and the blaze was reported under control.

Some Buildings Gone. Among the larger buildings destroyed, were the hydro-electric plant, valued at \$150,000, the town hall, and the King George Hotel, owned by Samuel Villeneuve, all of which located along Main Street. Equipment and freemen from Ottawa started for the scene on a special train but were notified while enroute that they were not needed.

The fire, the cause of which could not be ascertained started in a Chinese restaurant and in a few minutes had spread to adjoining buildings. As there was no very extensive fire fighting apparatus in the town, the blaze gained rapid headway and both sides of Main Street are reported in ruins. The town of Maxville is situated in the county of Glengarry about 42 miles southeast of here on the G. T. R. line.

DE VALERA IS ULSTER FRIEND. Declares Time is at Hand When Parts of Ireland Will Be United.

London, May 7.—Eamon De Valera, the Irish republican leader, writing in the Irish Independent of Dublin today, what the newspapers characterize as a "remarkably conciliatory" message to Ulster, says:

"We shall never cease to maintain that there is a community of interest between our countrymen of the North-eastern corner of Ireland and our people of the South and West. For all their misunderstandings and prejudices, artificially created for the most part, we believe the men of Ulster, freed from us by statute but maintained to us by higher laws, look upon Ireland as their country and in their hearts, the old century Ulster felt proudly her unity with the rest of Ireland. She will do so again. May that day come soon."

Conservatives Have Yamaska Nominee. Three Cornered Fight is Certain Now in Quebec By-Election Contest.

St. Francois Du Lac, Que., May 8.—A. A. Mondou was unanimously chosen candidate to contest the County of Yamaska at the by-election on May 28th at a representative Conservative convention held here this afternoon. Mr. Mondou in a speech following the nomination, said he was and always had been a member of the Liberal-Conservative party, and declared that he was proud of his parliamentary record between 1911 and 1917.

This will make a three-cornered contest for the seat rendered vacant by the death of Oscar Gladu. Joseph Lambert is the choice of the United Farmers and L. Boucher of the Liberals.

TODAY. IMPERIAL—The Furnace—All-Star Cast. OPERA HOUSE—Isabelle D'Armond & Co. and Five Other Big Acts. QUEEN SQUARE—Just Outside the Open Door. STAR—Half a Chance. EMPRESS—Earle Williams in "The Romance Promoters."