

# GOVERNMENT MAY EXCLUDE ULSTER

### This is Latest Report Regarding Irish Home Rule Bill

### SPLIT IN RANKS OF THE DOCTORS

### Government Insurance Act Divides Profession Into Hostile Camps -- Liberals Trying to Make Trouble for Unionists.

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London, Dec. 27.—Parliament resumes on Monday the discussion of the report stage of Home Rule. The government proposes several important amendments, mainly financial, the result of which is to lessen the concessions made to the Nationalists. Mr. Redmond has probably been consulted and has probably agreed, but no proposal cannot be pleasing to him or to his party. There is a rumor current that the government may offer to exclude Ulster if the Lords will accept the bill. I give it for what it is worth, but it reaches me from a good source and the whittling down of the bill in the report would seem to indicate that the government having used the Irish vote is not unwilling now to meet the wishes of a large number of Liberals, and give Ulster the option of remaining British or coming under the Irish Parliament.

### The Doctors at Variance.

A terrific struggle is raging between the government and the doctors. One section of the profession is willing to take service under the license act. The other section calls them "Black Legs" and bitter enemies exist throughout the medical world. It is now probable, despite the hostile vote of the medical association, that enough doctors will be found to work the act, but it is doubtful if they represent the best side of the profession, to which, in any case, the cleavage must be highly injurious.

### Liberals Hunting Trouble.

The Liberals are busily engaged in trying to foment divisions in the Unionist ranks in the hope of saving themselves from destruction, and they daily invent stories of disunion and schism. These are absolutely untrue, although differences of opinion exist as to the wisdom of giving the Radicals the opportunity for attacking food taxes. The position is that: The whole Unionist party is solid for tariff reform, and would support a duty on wheat, but some fear that objection to the food tax, however small, in the great industrial centres of the north might jeopardize an electoral victory. Hence it is to be noted that the Unionists must look to gain seats. These argue that unless the Unionists win, nothing at all can be done, and quote the proverb: "Much would have more and lose all." Food taxes give the Radicals their only standpoint for criticism, in all other directions, tariff reform has won and the Liberals are silenced.

# ARE AUSTRALIAN SOCIALIST MINISTERS RIDING TO A FALL

### Critical Period, Politically and Economically, Approaching -- Socialism Has Not Produced Sound Financial Administration.

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London, Dec. 27.—Australian advisers seem to foreshadow the approach of a somewhat critical period, politically and economically. Whatever socialism may have done it has not produced a sound financial administration, nor shown much business capacity by its various expedients, among them the creation of a government bank. The Federal ministry have managed to finance their socialistic schemes, but the day of reckoning approaches.

New South Wales with a Labor party in office, has indulged in vast expenditures, nor does the future promise much hope of retrenchment. A great transcontinental railway is to be built by direct government labor, which is expected to swell the cost enormously without any corresponding efficiency. It appears also that sleepers for the railway are to be of inferior grade, because West Australia wishes to supply and prepare them by state labor, this state also having a labor government. In addition the federal government proposes great constitutional changes, which are to be the subject of a referendum, while money tends to become scarce and dear. Australian politics are not easy for an outsider to grasp, but the position seems to promise considerable difficulty.

# ATTENTION OF THE WORLD WILL FOCUS ON AUSTRIA

### Her Intentions with Respect to Balkans Will Decide Whether Europe Will Be Plunged Into Awful Struggle

### MUCH DEPENDS ON ACTION OF PEACE DELEGATES TODAY

### General Opinion is that Turkey's Replies to Balkan Demands will be Largely Bluff, but as to Austria's Attitude, Case is Entirely Different

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London, Dec. 27.—The truce of Christmas makes possible a review of the events with certain detachment unwarped by the constantly conflicting reports. For example, the peace delegates, taking a week's holiday, are doubtless busy with private negotiations. The voice of rumor is, for the moment, silent, but in what spirit will they reassemble Saturday? A week's reflection may promote a spirit of conciliation or strengthen Turkey's stubborn opposition. The recall of the Turkish officers to the lines of Tchetakia seems to indicate the latter, while reason indicates the probability of the former alternative. Turkey can no longer rely on dissensions among the great powers. She must stand on her own legs, and reason must tell her that the retention of the Christian provinces is a source of weakness, not strength, and that her legs cannot carry them.

There is a party in Constantinople which says that if Turkey must lose the provinces, let her lose them in fight, not in conference. This is magnificent, but it is not sense. It is only admissible as a policy on the hypothesis that Turkey can defeat the Greek fleet, and so bring reserves from Asia. Minor of large proportions.

Probable events will shape thus: The allies will make demands, and Turkey offers, which will not reach a final adjustment, whereupon the great powers will be invited to settle the points left undetermined. This is the natural course of events, but it is difficult to reckon with the forces now at work in Constantinople.

(By Canadian Press.)  
London, Dec. 27.—Turkey's reply to the demands made several days ago by the Balkan allies as a basis for peace in Southeastern Europe will be delivered tomorrow to the peace conference in St. James' Palace. Interest, however, again has shifted from this phase of the situation and is centered tonight in the question of what are the intentions of Austria with respect to the Balkans. The peace delegates are prepared to consider the reply of the Ottoman government and its counter proposals, starting though the latter may be as simple points for future negotiations. It is well known that Turkey has not the least hope of obtaining what she will demand, and also that she has no intention of resuming a war which may result in further disaster to her.

### GRAND TRUNK LIBEL SUIT MAY CONTINUE MAY REVEAL BOSTON LINE THE JEWELS

Friendly Solution of the Present Situation May Be Found -- Boston Capitalists Will Furnish Money.

Sir Arthur Vicars, Ulster King at Arms Will Take Action For Stories of Jewel Mystery.

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London, Dec. 27.—The mystery of the Irish crown jewels may soon be revealed in the law courts. Sir Arthur Vicars, who was Ulster King at Arms and so custodian of the regalia had to resign at the time of the loss. He has patiently awaited a chance of clearing his character, and this has now presented itself. A certain paper recently made a remark respecting him which he considers libelous. A writ for libel has been served; although, consistently with the whole mysterious affair, its issue has been kept secret, Sir Arthur Vicars intends to subpoena every official in any way connected with the case, and many others as well, in order to drag the whole matter to the light of day.

These facts are accurate, nevertheless I doubt if the whole truth will ever be known. Robbery is the least part of the scandal. Other circumstances surrounding the affair are so repulsive, and involve such grave results that full publicity is impossible.

### BIG STEAMER ABORE.

London, Dec. 27.—The British steamer Workman, from Nanaimo, Victoria, B.C., and San Francisco via Coronel for London and Liverpool, is reported to be ashore fifteen miles south of Rio Janeiro.

### AMBASSADORS DID NOT RECEIVE INSTRUCTION.

Peking, Dec. 27.—Owing to the receipt of conflicting instructions from their respective governments the ambassadors of the powers at their meeting today were unable to arrive at a decision on China's request to delay payment of the arrears in the Boxer indemnity.

### PRINCE AHMED HAS NO DESIGNS ON ALBANIA

Rome, Dec. 27.—It is officially denied here that Prince Ahmed Fuad purposes entering Albania and proclaiming himself prince of that country.

# JURY FAILS TO SECURE VERDICT

### Many Ballots and fifteen Hours Deliberation Are Without Results.

### 1040 CHARGES TO BE DISPOSED OF

### All Approaches to Jurors Quarters Closely Guarded for Fear of Immature Reports -- May Require Weeks.

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Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 27.—Fifteen hours' deliberation by the jury in the dynamite conspiracy trial up to tonight had failed to result in the return of any verdict. Federal Judge Albert Anderson, after convening court to receive any reports from the jurors, ordered an adjournment until 9.30 a. m. tomorrow with the understanding that the verdict should be found, would not be returned till that time.

While government officials expressed confidence that the jury would report tomorrow, attorneys for the defense stated, it may require a longer time. There are 26 offences charged against each of the defendants, and the jury if it chooses, may ballot on each charge to each defendant, making a total of 1,040 charges thus to be disposed of.

All the deliberations of the jurors are conducted in a room near their living quarters on the third floor of the federal building, which is reached by a private stairway cut off from the rest of the building. On the same floor at another end of the building are the quarters of the confessed dynamiters, Orrie E. McManis and Edward Clark who appeared as witnesses for the government. That there may be no basis of any reports as to the jury's progress, every approach leading to their quarters is guarded.

Today's sessions of the court were brief. At 9.30 a. m. the defendants occupied their accustomed three rows of seats behind the lawyers table. As a final token that the trial had ended, so far as testimony was concerned, balliffs entered while the defendants were waiting and removed almost a ton of revolvers, guns, alarm clocks, pieces of exploded bombs, nitroglycerine carrying cases, and articles scattered by dynamite, which the government had introduced as exhibits. Part of the exhibits were weapons taken from the McManis brothers and McManis at the time of their arrest.

### NOTED CATHOLIC PRIEST DIED IN ROME.

New York, Dec. 27.—A private cable message received today brought news of the death of the Very Rev. Louis Estevenon, S.S.S. Superior General of the Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament in Rome, yesterday, after a short illness in his sixty-second year. He came from Montreal to found the house of this order in East 75th street in New York city and was its superior for two years.

### UNKNOWN SCHOONER IS ON FIRE AT SEA.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 27.—An unknown schooner afloat 12 miles southeast of Block Island, with no possibility of assistance from life saving stations owing to a heavy gale and high seas, was reported by wireless tonight to the revenue cutters Seneca and Acushnet. The Seneca set out immediately from New London and the Acushnet was expected to go out from Wood's Hole.

### PREMIER BOTHA HAS MISSED HIS GREATEST OPPORTUNITY

South Africa's Reconstructed Cabinet Shows Little Prospect of Cementing Two Great Races in Imperialistic Bond.

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London, Dec. 27.—As feared, Botha has missed his grand opportunity, possibly his last one. The reconstructed cabinet, although Hertzog is eliminated, holds out far less prospect of the abolition of racial cleavages than has been hoped. Something has been gained by the proof that Natal will not stand for a rank anti-imperial sentiment and by an open political rebuke administered to Hertzog.

Unhappily, Botha has not taken the further step of strengthening his cabinet by the introduction of men of firm imperial ideas. The new minister, Watt, does not represent the Natal feeling, and has no great standing politically, moreover, Fischer and Sauter, both anti-British and anti-imperial, still retain important positions, hence the uneasy feeling that the Hertzog incident is a tactical move rather than an indication of the emancipation of the ministry from the dopper influence.

Botha's position is difficult, but his method of meeting it is not indicative of strength. It is an interesting question now, how far the Unionist party can attract the support of the British parties of Natal and the labor party which have hitherto given support to the government. Natal will probably lean towards the opposition but the labor party is more doubtful. The South African labor party is largely dominated by the Australian hostility to capitalists, and is, perhaps, inclined to sacrifice imperial interests to the desire to thwart the magnates.

### FIRE IN A SPRINGHILL COAL MINE

No. 2 Slope of Cumberland Coal Co. Property Caught Fire Christmas Night—150 Men Out of Work.

### ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF MURDER

Widow of Wealthy Plantation Owner is Thought to Have Plotted Murder of Husband -- Negro Informed Police.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 27.—Mrs. James King, widow of the owner of one of the largest plantations in Middle Georgia, was arrested today after Nicholas Wilburn, a farmhand, had confessed, according to the police, that he killed James King because Mrs. King promised him \$600 and to marry him if he would do it. King was shot December 12 while hunting. Investigation led to the arrest of Wilburn and a negro, James Barber, who, the police say, has stated that Wilburn told him he was going to kill King. Mrs. King is forty-two years of age, and Wilburn is twenty-five. Mrs. King is the mother of six children. Her oldest daughter married a brother of Wilburn.

### KOREAN CONSPIRACY TRIAL IS ADJOURNED

Prisoner's Name American Missionaries as Important Witnesses—Expect to Introduce Evidence to Prove Alibi

Seoul, Korea, Dec. 27.—The court engaged in the trial of the 106 Koreans accused of conspiring against the life of Governor General Count Teruchi, decided to adjourn today until January 9, it had held continuous sessions throughout the holidays, including Christmas Day.

### INTERSTATE TRADE COMMISSION SCORES FREIGHT HANDLERS

Chairman Prouty Declares Reliability More Important than despatch—Complaints of Patrons Cause of Inquiry.

Boston, Dec. 27.—Reliability is more important than despatch in the handling of packages, freight, Chairman Prouty of the Interstate Commerce Commission, declared today in the course of his hearing on complaints against the Boston and Maine and New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroads.

Mr. Prouty disagreed with a statement of Vice-President Buckland, of the New Haven road, that the main line service on his road and the Boston and Maine was as good, if not better, than on any road in the country. He called Mr. Buckland's attention to the report that an average of four out of every hundred packages on the New England roads go astray and of ten are "lost" three or four days.

Witnesses heard during the day included H. A. Babian, purchasing agent for the New England lines, who continued his testimony of yesterday regarding the purchase of fuel from Dr. Harold Pender of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Henry J. Porne, operating vice-president of the New Haven system.

### WANTS PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE PHILIPPINES

President-elect Wilson Favors Proposition—Will Give Independence After Eight Years.

Staunton, Va., Dec. 27.—President-elect Wilson favors a provisional government for the Philippines for eight years and independence thereafter, according to Representative Wildan A. Jones, of Virginia, chairman of the House Insular Affairs committee, who discussed the Philippines situation with him on the train today.

"We really don't expect the measure to pass this congress," said Mr. Jones, "but it surely will go through in the extra session and will be one of the first pledges of the democratic national platform to be carried out."

### STEAMER SINKS IN COLLISION.

Montevideo, Dec. 27.—The Kosmos Line steamer Amasis and the Prince Line steamer Austria Prince, collided in the harbor here today. The Amasis was so badly damaged that she sank. She was bound from South American ports for Hamburg. The Austria Prince had just arrived from New York. No lives were lost.