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ASQUITH IN CONDEMNATION OF IRISH POLICY

Strong Statements Made in Address to National Liberals

Arrow Escape of Chief of Staff of Republican Army From Capture—First Break in Loyalty of Irish Local Bodies to Dail Eireann.

London, Nov. 20.—Strong condemnation of the government's Irish policy and reprisals in Ireland was voiced by former Premier Asquith in a speech at the annual Liberal Club yesterday. He declared that cold blooded, deliberate murder had been traced and credited to unformed servants of the crown and asserted things were being done in Ireland by authority and in the name of the executive, which would take a big place in the blackest annals of the worst despotism of the European world.

"The plain truth is," said Mr. Asquith, "that since the adoption of this practice of reprisals, without parallel, so far as my knowledge goes, in the annals of the British administration, justice has been put into the background and vengeance has been introduced in its place. The executive with its agents and servants has allowed itself to be minister of a policy of blind, pitiless and indiscriminate revenge. There is an overwhelming case for inquiry, but as it was contemptuously and vigorously refused, one is obliged to draw one's own conclusions."

MEN LOSE WORK IN SYDNEY, C. B.

Hundred Laid Off in Mechanical Department of Dominion I. & S. Co.

Sydney, N. S., Nov. 20.—One hundred men in the mechanical department of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company are to be laid off today, and it is expected more men will be out of work in various departments of the plant next week. The lay-off is reported due to the fact that business is not looking up to one official is reported to have said one-eighth of the total number of the employees of the mechanical department.

LIFE IN PRISON SENTENCE IN BABY COUGHLIN CASE

Norristown, Pa., Nov. 20.—August Pasco, or Pasquale, in the Coughlin kidnaping case, was sentenced to life imprisonment this morning by Judge Swartz. He had pleaded guilty to second degree murder and kidnaping for extortion. He stole Blackie Coughlin, thirteen-month-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Coughlin, from their home near Norristown on June 2 last and the baby was smothered under his coat. He was sentenced on the kidnaping charge and sentence was suspended on the second degree murder charge.

CLOSE REFINERIES FOR LACK OF ORDERS

All Six Plants of American Sugar—An Announcement by Official.

New York, Nov. 20.—All six refineries of the American Sugar Refining Co. have been closed as a result of slight demand for the commodity, so it was announced here today. An official of the company said: "We have ample stocks on hand and are prepared to make prompt delivery of all grades of refined sugar. Refineries have been closed temporarily on account of lack of demand from the trade."

POLICE TO HELP MAKE NEW YORK A DRY CITY

New York, Nov. 20.—New York city's 11,000 police will co-operate with the 140 federal prohibition enforcement officers here in the campaign to make the city "bone dry."

RAILWAY HEADS CONFER IN TORONTO



Howard Kelley, President of the Grand Trunk, and E. W. Beatty, K. C., President of the Canadian Pacific, caught in characteristic pose.

Allies To Confer On Serious Situation In The Near East

Three Outstanding Matters To Be Taken Up

Defeat of Venizelos, Red Success in South Russia, and Co-operation With Turkish Nationalists—France is Strong Against Return of Constantine.

Paris, Nov. 20.—Premiers Georges Leygues and David Lloyd George of France and Great Britain will probably meet in London soon for a conference which is considered necessary because of the serious situation in the Near East. The conference will determine upon joint action relative to the defeat of Premier Venizelos in Greece, which brings into question the status of the Greek army in Asia Minor, the advance of the Russian Bolsheviks in the new states of the Caucasus region, particularly the co-operation of the Bolsheviks with the Turkish nationalists, and the consequences of the defeat of General Baron Wrangel, head of the South Russian government.

Paul Cambon, former French ambassador to Great Britain, submitted to the French foreign office yesterday a memorandum regarding the return of King Constantine to the Greek throne which was "intolerable." He said that if such a step was imminent, Greece should be warned that the Allies could not maintain friendly relations with her.

VARIED PRICES IN MONTREAL FOR SUGAR YESTERDAY

Montreal, Nov. 20.—Several wholesalers said yesterday that though the "big four" and the Dominion Sugar Company were all quoting sugar at twelve cents, less five per cent, they had bought large supplies of granulated sugar from certain refiners at 11-1/4 cents, less five per cent, or 10.69 cents net.

On the other hand refiners deny that any of them have been selling at so low a rate, but no one of them knew much of what their competitors were doing. Some wholesalers further stated they were getting "distressed" sugar second hand at even lower prices.

CANADIAN HORSE WINS FURTHER HONORS IN NEW YORK

New York, Nov. 20.—(Canadian Press)—The brown gelding Driftwood Blaze, formerly a Canadian mount horse, and now owned by Mrs. Walter Hanley of East Greenwich, won further honors in the National Horse Show yesterday when he captured the ladies' saddle horse championship for the Charles Dickens riding whip. This horse has won repeated blues in the present show. Driftwood Blaze was awarded the championship in closely judged class. Reserve ribbon was given to Sceptre, a bay mare owned and ridden by Miss Katherine K. Todd.

MUNSEY GETS THE BALTIMORE AMERICAN

Baltimore, Nov. 20.—General Felix Agnus, veteran publisher of Baltimore American and the Baltimore Star, announced today that on December 1 the American and the Star will pass under the control of Frank A. Munsey, owner of the Baltimore News, the New York Herald, the New York Sun, the New York Telegram and other publications. The American is one of the oldest newspapers in the United States.

SIR CHARLES E. FRYER DEAD

London, Nov. 20.—Sir Charles E. Fryer died yesterday at his home in London, where he had been for many years connected with the propagation of the fish. He served on numerous international commissions and wrote extensively on fish culture.

MCGILL FUND

Montreal, Nov. 20.—Including the grant of \$1,000,000 to come from the provincial legislature, the McGill centennial endowment fund practically attained its minimum objective of \$5,000,000 last night, when a total of \$4,862,708 was announced.

When We Wound Up The Watch On The Rhine

Narrative of Canadian Participation in The Occupation of Germany After The Armistice

With this article, the Times begins publication of a series giving the daily progress of the Canadian troops on the march to the Rhine, after Germany had given up in the great conflict. They are written by one who was there and took part in the notable events of that period. The first article follows:—

On November 21, 1918—just two years ago tomorrow—there was commenced one of the most notable marches in the history of the Canadian overseas military forces—the march to the Rhine. This day should be of particular interest to the people of St. John and New Brunswick, for included in the Canadian troops chosen to accompany the First British Army, which was to form part of the army of occupation, were at least five of the units raised in this vicinity—the "Fighting 20th," the 2nd Canadian divisional ammunition column, the 5th and 1st step batteries and the 1st heavy battery.

The Rhine was reached on December 11 and the crossing of the river took place on December 14, the march having been carried on continuously with only brief intervals of rest. Of the twenty days spent in the movement from the Rhine to the Rhine, the troops marched on thirteen days and rested on seven. The distance covered was about 140 miles, so that each day's performance averaged about eleven miles.

NINE LOSE THEIR LIVES IN FIRE IN N. Y. TENEMENT

Fourteen Families Rescued By Firemen—Four Children Among Dead.

New York, Nov. 20.—Nine persons, constituting every member but one of two entire families, lost their lives here today in a fire which destroyed a five-story apartment house at 307 West 146th street. Fourteen other families escaped or were rescued by firemen.

Originating fire authorities say, in a baby carriage on the first floor of the brick structure, the fire swept upward through open stairways, cutting off escape through the halls.

Nearly 100 men, women and children, clad in nightclothes, swarmed to the fire-escapes, some making their way to the ground while others huddled in terror on platforms in mid-air until carried to safety.

The dead were all found on the fifth and top floors after the flames had been controlled. The dead—Raphael Gebbia, his wife, Anna, and their four children, who ranged in years from seven down to one; Mrs. Adda Frank, Mrs. Bertha Reynolds, her sister, and Ruth Reynolds, a girl of sixteen. Charles Frank, overcome by smoke, fell over a window sill and was dragged to safety and revived by a man who reached out from an adjoining building and drew him across the narrow open space.

Robert Walker, a neighborhood resident, climbed a fire escape before the arrival of firemen and carried to safety an infant which had been abandoned in its crib by a family living on the second floor.

WILL GIVE THE RESOURCES WHEN PROVINCES AGREE

New Conference on Terms Likely to be Held in Near Future.

Ottawa, Nov. 20.—The Attorney-General of Alberta, according to a Calgary despatch, is preparing a legal action to recover from the Dominion Government the natural resources of the province. It is stated here that the Federal Government is ready to hand over the natural resources to the Western Provinces as soon as they and the other Provinces can agree as to the terms. The West wants its lands, minerals and waterpowers and also the subsidies now paid in lieu thereof.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SENDS \$5,000 HOME FOR STRICKEN CHINESE

Toronto, Nov. 20.—For the aid of the famine stricken population in China, the Presbyterian Church of Canada, through Dr. E. P. MacKay, secretary of the foreign mission board of the Presbyterian church yesterday cabled \$5,000. This is the second \$5,000 sent to China by the Presbyterian church.

CROWD STARTED AFTER PREMIER

Incidents of Meighen's Meeting in Toronto

His Auto Outdistanced Those Waiting for Him in Street in Ugly Mood—War-Be-reaved Mother Interrupts Speech.

Toronto, Nov. 20.—While Hon. Arthur Meighen was speaking in Massey Hall last night on what the government had done for returned soldiers, an elderly woman appeared from somewhere on the platform, walked up to the premier, and commenced to tell, between sobs, an incoherent story about her boys at the front. She revealed on the front of her dress a line of medals which apparently were her legacy from dear ones "gone west" in the great war. It was said that her two boys were killed overseas.

The premier stopped his speech and sympathetically tried to make out her story. He told her that it would be looked into and that he would see that she was justly treated.

Near the close of the meeting a crowd gathered in the vicinity in large numbers than in the early evening and appeared to be in an ugly mood. Watch for the premier to leave the hall, the crowd stood around a cordon of fifty policemen drawn up around the premier's automobile.

Hon. Mr. Meighen remained in the hall later than the crowd had anticipated, and they mistook prominent local Conservatives for him. These they hooted by turns. When the premier appeared, the police pressed the crowd back. He was driven down a quickly outdistanced the crowd, which were running after him at first.

Dull in General, is Reported Better in East Than in West.

Winnipeg, Nov. 20.—(Canadian Press)—With the approach of December, states the weekly report of the Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association, business conditions throughout Canada are dull and far from what might be expected or hoped for at this time of the year. It says that information from one end of Canada to the other indicates that both wholesale and retail business is very quiet and collections poor.

From eastern Canada the report are more optimistic than from the west, Montreal and the maritime provinces state that the manufacturing situation is unchanged.

The wheat trade in Montreal, with the exception of hardware, is dull, while St. John and other eastern points report it as fairly good, but slowing down as compared with last year. Conditions throughout eastern Canada are given as fair to good.

"BIG BILL" CLEAR OF ONE CHARGE

Allegation of Attempted Extortion in Montreal Steamer Case Fails.

New York, Nov. 20.—Edward H. (Big Bill) Furey, who attained notoriety in connection with New York's alleged \$5,000,000 bond theft plot involving Jules W. (Nicky) Arstein, his punitive master mind, today was acquitted on a charge of attempted extortion concerned with the burning of the steamer Oceanic at Montreal more than a year ago.

MUCH TYPHOID IN TOWN OF SALEM, OHIO

Salem, Ohio, Nov. 20.—Nine new cases of typhoid fever were reported here yesterday, bringing the known total to 789.

N. B. HOCKEY LEAGUE

Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 20.—President N. J. Maher, of the New Brunswick Hockey League, sent out a call this morning for Chatham for the annual meeting of the league to be held in Chatham on Nov. 30. Members of the league last year were Fredericton, Marysville, Chatham and Bathurst. There may be some additions and changes this year.

As Hiram Sees It

"Well, sir," said Mr. Hiram Hornbean to the Times reporter, "I seen a little crippled boy sellin' noospapers yesterday an' it set me thinkin' 'I congratulate you,'" said the reporter. "The number of people who thinks is not large. You are one of a growing minority. Most of us are mere outsiders in search of a new diversion. Well—what did you think?"

"In the first place," said Hiram, "I thought it was a shame for a little feller like that to be a cripple, an' I wondered if somebody wasn't to blame. I wondered, too, if everything had been done that doctors could do to help him—or if he'd been an' nobody else cared. I wondered, too, how a little boy could laugh an' holler like he did, when the other boys could hev so much fun that he couldn't hev. Mister—to see a smile on the face of a crippled boy is an everlastin' rebuke to every old gronch in the world. An' then I thought if the wasn't somethin' wrong with a society that hes so many little boys—some of 'em sick an' some of 'em crippled—wordin' when they orto be playin', an' so many husky fellers able to work standin' on the corners, or leanin' agin a fence, or settin' on the benches watchin' the crowd. It ain't right—an' it won't be made right till the least comes to see that the child is the biggest thing in creation, an' orto hev as much care as an otomobile or a fur coat—By Hen!"

NEW POINT IN A LIQUOR CASE

Contention That Prohibition Really Not in Force Was Not Upheld.

Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 20.—Yesterday before Judge Crockett a Woodstock conviction under the prohibition act was up on appeal on the ground that the prohibition act was not in force in Carleton county. The conviction had been made by Magistrate Combs against Philip Isaacson, for importing liquor into Woodstock for illegal purposes, a hundred bottle importation and a \$100 fine. The prosecution was conducted by Thane Jones and C. Hartley, K. C., appeared for the defence.

The ground of appeal taken was that the prohibition act passed three or four years ago had not been publicly proclaimed. It was found upon investigation that this in a technical sense was true. By reference to the statutes of Canada it did not appear that the act had really been publicly indexed from this province; but upon examination of the files of the Canada Gazette, which were cited by Mr. Jones, it was shown that the prohibition act was properly gasetted.

Judge Crockett refused to set aside the conviction.

BOY KILLED NEAR VILLAGE SCHOOL

Was Struck by Auto Near Windsor, N. S.—What a Jury Thinks.

Windsor, N. S., Nov. 20.—Howard Leighton Parker, eight years old, son of Robert Parker of Ardouise near here, was killed yesterday while playing on the highway near the village school, by a passing automobile driven by Eric Curry. A coroner's jury held that the driver had done his best to save the child and added: "We believe children should not be allowed to play on the public highway. We also are of the opinion that the speed of the car was rather great in view of the fact that children were seen playing near the road and that they were passing a public school."

NEW ORLEANS HAS GREAT FIRE ON WATER FRONT

New Orleans, Nov. 20.—Damage estimated at approximately \$2,000,000 was caused by a waterfront fire here today. The fire authorities believe it was started by sparks from a switching engine. A new banana wharf was destroyed and the fire spread until the docks for a length of four squares were aflame. The vessels were towed to safety, but an oil tank on one of them exploded.

FORMER EMPRESS WAS WORSE TODAY

Doorn, Nov. 20.—Former Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany was somewhat worse this morning, according to information from Doorn Castle. Her temperature was said to be 102.2.

SAYS BRITAIN AND FRANCE ARE ON GOOD TERMS

Alliance Not Prejudiced by Late Differences

Lloyd George to French Newspaper Man on Reparation Matter—Favors Fixed Sum for Germany to Pay.

Paris, Nov. 20.—Differences between Great Britain and France have in no way prejudiced the alliance, which held them together during the war, said Premier Lloyd George, in an interview at London yesterday with the correspondent of the Petit Parisien. He declared that, regarding reparations, England would stand "elbow to elbow" with France, but he insisted that the amount Germany will be called upon to pay should be fixed.

"There are always some people who pick quarrels," said the premier in reply to a remark by the interviewer, that French public opinion was badly impressed by what France believed to be the British attitude on questions vital to this country.

"There is no quarrel, however, and you have just told me there were no interests in the world on either the French or British side, that can loosen the Franco-British brotherhood. I never thought otherwise."

The interviewer told Lloyd George that the question of reparations took precedence over all others in France and that in certain French circles there was an impression, either rightly or wrongly held, that the British premier opposed the viewpoint of the French relative to the amount Germany should pay. "I would say that this impression is wrongly held," said Lloyd George. "You say reparations constitute an essential point for France and I would say it is also of paramount importance for us; since it is evident that the more France gets, the more England will receive."

"I will tell you exactly what I think. It is very simple—make Germany pay all she can. Yes, but how much? Have you a figure? I say the amount should be fixed. Why do you say this? Is it to please Germany? Oh, who could think so?"

"I was a lawyer before entering politics, and when I confronted a debtor, I had two courses to choose, either to enforce strictly the rights of my client, and sell the debtor's house and furniture, at the risk of getting nothing or next to nothing, or saying to him: 'You owe so much. How much can you pay in ones?' How much in a year or in ten years? This latter method I found to be best and this I advise following in dealing with Germany."

SPRACKLIN CASE IN COURT TODAY

Hearing of Minister and License Inspector on Charge of "Killing and Slaying."

Windsor, Ont., Nov. 20.—Charged late last night with "killing and slaying" Beverly Trumble, proprietor of Chapelle House in Sandwick, Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin, pastor of Sandwick Methodist church and special Ontario license inspector will surrender himself this morning for arraignment in Windsor police court, according to Crown Attorney John H. Roid, who returned yesterday from Toronto.

REFUSED TO SHOW PAPERS

Vanderlip, in London on Return from Russia, Had Brush With Officials.

London, Nov. 20.—Washington D. Vanderlip, a U. S. citizen who recently announced the granting by Soviet Russia of important commissions in Siberia to a United States syndicate which he represented, was met soon after his arrival here from Russia by a demand from the British authorities for an inspection of the documents in his possession, so he declared today.

OFF TO ENGLAND TO SPEND CHRISTMAS

Montreal, Nov. 20.—On board the Minnedosa, of the C. P. O. S., which will leave Montreal today, will be 433 cabin and 580 third-class passengers. A large proportion of these are from Japan, China and the Philippines on their way to spend Christmas in England.