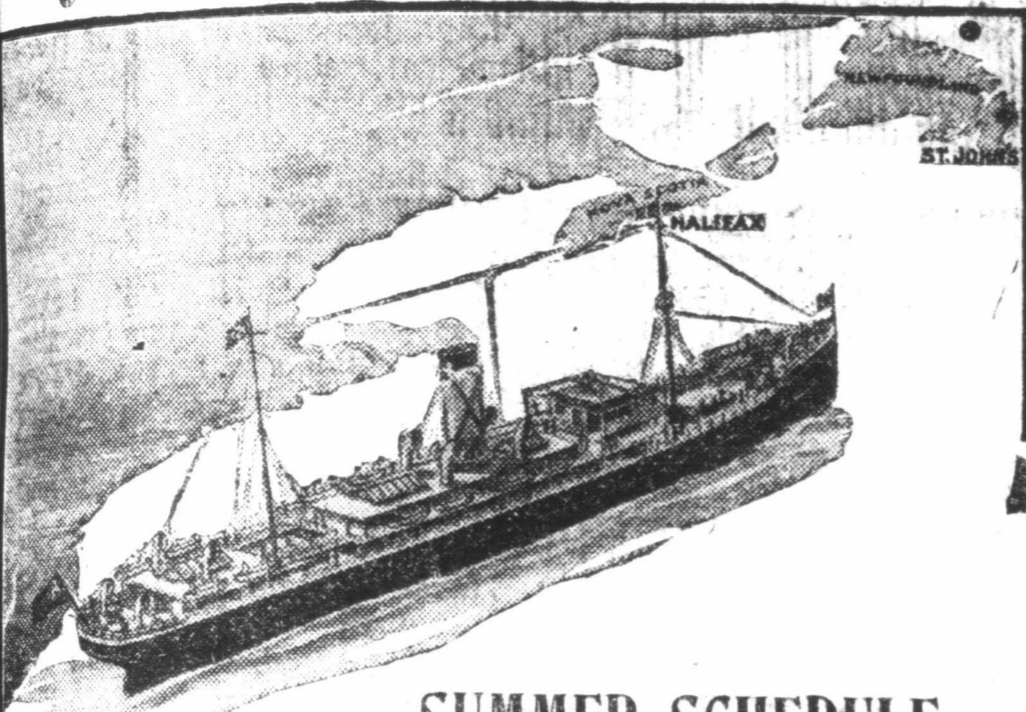


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## LANSDOWNE BLAMED FOR IRISH CRISIS

Upset Home Rule by Political Play After Both Sides Had Agreed, Declares Arthur Lynch

By DR. ARTHUR LYNCH,  
Nationalist Member of Parliament for West Clare.

LONDON, July 25.—Ireland is destined to cross the path of England in her hour of crisis. To-day in Parliament old, experienced members are going about the lobbies with downcast looks, predicting all sorts of evils because the Government and the Irish leaders are unable to come to an agreement.

The situation certainly is grave, but in my opinion it is graver for the Government than for Ireland. I gave my opinion quite confidently because three weeks ago, when all were optimistic, I was of the opinion the negotiations never would succeed. I believe I was alone in the whole Parliament to profess that opinion. Before I finish I will make my reasons perfectly clear so that all may understand the ground on which I place my assurance.

**Rights Won By Violence**  
It is unfortunate Ireland can only secure proper attention by some violent act. Thus the first reforms instituted by Gladstone and the course which finally led him to the proposal of Home Rule came from a question of what was called "Manchester Martyrs."

And now it is the rebellion in Ireland, unforced, or, at least, unprovided for by the Government which has been the occasion of the new intensive culture of Irish politics. The importance of the rebellion was not really in the magnitude of the outbreak; the greater part of its seriousness of the situation which has been created is found in the repercussion of these events in the United States.

**Ireland Not Local Question**  
Ireland must never be regarded from a mere localized point of view. It is a peculiarity of Irish politics to find extraordinary extension and ramifications in other branches of politics.

So that, to put the matter concisely the importance of the Irish situation was such that it was believed to possess great weight in regard to the conduct of the war and finally with regard to the result of the war.

Military law in Ireland has had the effect, not of repressing the element but of giving great fillip to the Sinn Fein sympathizers, if not actually the Sinn Fein organization.

In these circumstances, when Asquith made his declaration that settlement was absolutely necessary, Irish leaders on both sides were approached. The Redmond party showed good will in entering hopefully into the negotiations, and T. P. O'Connor was appointed as a sort of unofficial ambassador for the Irish party.

**Carson Showed Pliability**  
Sir Edward Carson showed unexpected pliability, so that it was easier to bring together the leaders of the Nationalists and the Ulsterites. The Government, on their part, made a wise choice in securing the services of Lloyd George.

Unfortunately, although Lloyd George is a Celt, and although during the whole course of his political career he has been a Home Ruler, he was grossly ignorant of all the underpinnings of Irish affairs.

He has proven himself extremely expert in some directions. He told Redmond that after the rebellion all chance of home rule had disappeared. He painted a gloomy picture of the state of despair to which the Dublin rising had reduced him, declaring it had shattered all his home rule dreams.

All this, spoken with great earnestness and conviction, made a deep impression on the Irish leaders.

By these manoeuvres, by his unflinching readiness and tact and by his geniality of manner he performed the impossible. He brought together oil and vinegar, he reconciled Ulster with south and west Ireland.

Or, to put the matter somewhat differently, he brought the leaders to agreement. He thereupon cried, "Victory!" and when the question of the ratification of terms was mooted, assured both parties to the transaction that the Cabinet would fall in with his views and if it did not he would resign.

**Gauge of Good Faith**  
That was his gauge of good faith. During all this time Lord Lansdowne, leader of the Tories in the House of Lords had made no sign. Lansdowne knows Ireland from his point of view far better than Lloyd-George does. He knew these proposals would be extremely objectionable to Ulstermen and Nationalists.

## Germany Demands That Holland Break Neutrality

THE HAGUE, July 31.—(New York Tribune cable).—Holland has defied Germany and the threatened reprisals by the Kaiser's government, in refusing the recent demand that she permit Canal boats to go from Germany to Belgian territory through the Dutch canals, whatever their cargo. Under international law, munitions of war cannot be permitted to pass through neutral territory, but Germany's anxiety to improve her threatened facilities to the Belgium front led her to demand that Holland violate this law. The Dutch refusal has brought the demand to a crisis, and all here are anxiously awaiting to see whether Germany dare attempt to make good her threats.

Germany's action in this case is on a plane with her demands on Switzerland, which have not yet been settled. The Swiss frontier has been closed since early in the war, so far as the export of foodstuffs is concerned and Germany demands that she embargo be removed, Switzerland, who has not yet replied, does not have international law to fall back on. Her action was taken in self-defence, since all her imports are at the mercy of the allies and if she permitted Germany to draw on her food supply she would soon be sharing the German shortage.

## Brazil May Seize 38 German Ships

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 29.—The question of requisitioning German ships in Brazilian ports will shortly be taken up by the Brazilian Congress. Deputy Gonzales Natta is preparing a resolution authorizing such a requisition, which he will present to the Chamber.

There are thirty-eight German ships and four Austrian in Brazilian ports. This shipping is estimated to be worth between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000. The biggest ship is the Hamburg-American liner Bleucher, with a net tonnage of 7,592. There has been some ill-will against Germany in Brazil because Germany seized Brazilian coffee worth \$7,000,000 and refused payment for it.

After Portugal had requisitioned German ships in her ports last February it was reported that Brazil had taken similar action. Germany's declaration of war on Portugal was greeted by popular demonstrations in Rio de Janeiro in favor of the Allies.

## Manitoba Ministers Must Go Together

WINNIPEG, Man., July 26.—The trial of Sir Roblin C. R. Coldwell and Hon. James H. Howden, must proceed as one. Mr. Justice Prendergast this morning refused to allow the crown's request for a severance permitting the trial of Coldwell and Howden to precede that of the ex-premier, R. A. Bonnar, for the Crown, moved yesterday for a severance, the defence vigorously opposed it, and the Judge considered the case overnight.

Politics being as the breath of life to both these elements, it is evident that they united only in this—they would combine to throw overboard the proposals.

As Redmond and Dillon were speaking last night I could see that not merely their words but their tone and attitude had thrown the Government into consternation.

Asquith is not a strong man. He can give himself the appearance of being strong, and he often deceived me when I first entered Parliament. His voice is voice of Asquith, but hand is hand of Lansdowne and Lynch.

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## THOUSANDS AT POET'S BIER MOURN RILEY

Body Lays in State in Indianapolis and President Wilson Sends Message on "Nation's Loss"

INDIANAPOLIS, July 26.—James Whitcomb Riley, the Hoosier poet, died here Saturday night from a stroke of paralysis.

James Whitcomb Riley, born of the Middle West, sang the joys, sorrows, fancies and humors of its folk, largely in its own dialect. The world was so touched by his inspiration and the realism of his homely symbols that he was one of the few that, devoting their lives to poetry, gained a fortune.

Mr. Riley was peculiarly sensitive as to the advance of age and evaded inquiries as to the date of his birth, but the most accurate information available indicates that he was born in 1848. "Should you ask his age," one of his friends said, "he would answer: 'This side of forty, and leave you to guess which side.'"

The poet was the son of Reuben A. Riley, a lawyer and political speaker of Greenfield, Ind. The boy could not be brought to the full routine of school days, but he was wise in the lore of streams and fields. His mother, who was Elizabeth Marine before her marriage, was a writer of verse, and Riley in later life attributed some of his impracticability to her.

Instead of preparing for the practice of law, as his father wished, the son turned itinerant sign painter. For ten years he roved through the Ohio Valley, painting signs on fences. He had the trick of the brush and pencil and cleverly drew sketches illustrating the virtues of merchandise. He was naturally musical and shone as a fiddler in the villages at which his party stopped at night. He played for dances and at concerts in country hotels. He wrote rhymes, which sometimes found their way into country newspapers.

He led this cheerful, free and easy life late in the '70s, then he took employment as a reporter on a newspaper at Anderson, Ind. In 1877, for the purpose, as he said, of proving that he would write poetry of value, he perpetrated the Poe hoax, which for years was a literary sensation. He wrote a poem in the style of Edgar Allan Poe, to which he gave the characteristic title of "Leonanie," and it was offered to the public as a hitherto unpublished product of the genius of Poe. One of the stanzas was:

"Leonanie—angles named her,  
And they took the light  
Of the laughing stars and framed her  
In a smile of white.

And they made her hair of gloomy  
Midnight and her eyes of bloomy  
Moonshine and they brought her to  
me  
In the solemn night."

In some quarters the poem was accepted as genuine; in others it was denounced as a fraud. After the controversy had waged for months Riley confessed.

In the early '80s he began writing verses in "Hoosier" dialect for the old Indianapolis Journal. He sent some of his poems to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and they received his praise. A volume was published and "the Hoosier poet" began to win a public. He was an excellent reader of his own dialect verses and for the following fifteen years, or until 1898, he made tours of the country, appearing in public with great success, both alone and in association with the humorist, Bill Nye, who was his intimate friend.

Publishing of books of poems year after year brought Riley a fortune and wide recognition of his literary genius, any of his poems are of im-

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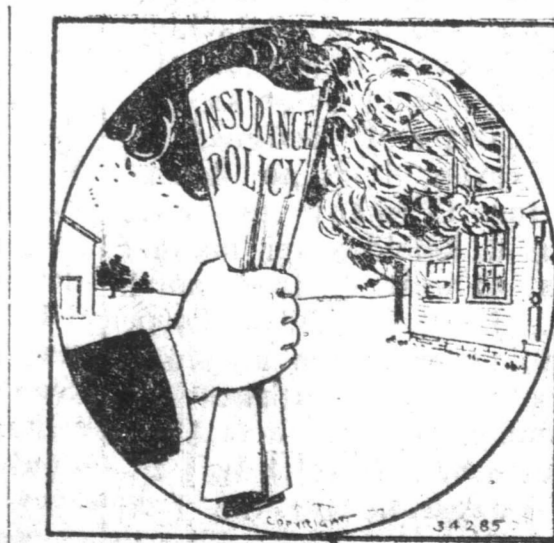
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