

ACTION OF LORDS AROUSSES WRATH OF NORTH OF IRELAND

Giving Home Rule Bill Second Reading Is Called Traitorous.

BIG GUN-RUNNING STORY

Carson's Return to Belfast May Cause Uprising, It Is Feared.

London, July 7.—Despite assurances that the House of Lords merely passed on the second reading of the amendment to the home rule bill, to give opportunity for drastic amendments, word comes from Ulster this morning that Ulsterers are in a threatening mood. Fears are expressed that Carson's return to Belfast Friday will be the signal for an outbreak.

A sensational story published today is that, under the very noses of the class, a gun-running vessel named Mabel slipped through last night, and landed thousands of rounds of ammunition on beaches and rocks at various points. Admiralty officials decline to commit themselves regarding this rumor.

There is a feeling of deep resentment against the House of Lords, which Ulster regarded as its protector. The word "traitor" is being freely used in the north and west of Ireland today, in regard to the lords' action.

Merely a Preliminary Skirmish. The lords' amendments to the amendment bill are considered by the Liberals as they stand, but everyone recognizes they are merely the first steps to a real bargaining over a compromise.

"None can think a Unionist Government itself, were it suddenly called to office, would dare to give national volunteers, as would be involved in the exclusion of the whole of Ulster by the Imperial Parliament, without consulting a single Ulster voter," says the Chronicle.

While hopefulness of the settlement continues in London, Ireland, both the south and the north, remain pessimistic. The national volunteers are growing amazingly. The Times today estimates their present strength at 153,500, or an increase of 261 centres and nearly 40,000 men since June 10. County Mayo is reported to have 5,000 former soldiers drilling and County Roscommon 2,000 more trained men ready to move into Mayo at brief notice.

Fear Redmond May Weaken. The opposition to Redmond is steadily gaining ground in the south and west of Ireland, where the extremists fear he will make vital surrenders over Ulster, because of his desire for peace.

The Daily Chronicle today says people are waiting in quietude for the British tailor shops to get admission for ordering national volunteer uniforms. While all Ireland is drilling, serious crime has almost vanished from the country. Yesterday, in addressing the grand jury at Leitrim assizes, Justice Madden said the county was absolutely peaceable and clean of crime. No one was under police protection and there was no boycotting. This is true of many other parts of Ireland.

DINING WITH U. S. AMBASSADOR POOR. EXCUSE, SAYS CECIL

Unionist Criticizes Asquith's Absence From House, and Is Reprimanded by William Redmond.

London, July 8.—A strange incident occurred in the House of Commons last evening. Shortly before 11 o'clock Hon. Water Long and Lord Robert Cecil drew attention to the absence of the Prime Minister from the debate on the budget, which was going on.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George explained that Mr. Asquith was keeping an engagement with the American ambassador. Lord Robert Cecil taunted the Premier with merely dining with the American ambassador, whereupon William Redmond rose, amid an uproar, and cried, "You have no right to sneer at the American ambassador." Lord Robert retorted: "You will not understand me. I like to dine with the American ambassador myself."

Lord Robert added that he deemed it perfectly ludicrous for the Chancellor of the Exchequer to tell the House that because the Prime Minister was dining with somebody, however exalted, he could not be present at ten minutes to 11. Such an excuse was scandalous and an insult to the House.

The Unionist leader, Bonar Law, in supporting Lord Robert Cecil, said if Mr. Asquith had an engagement with the American ambassador, and if it were a question of peace or war, there would be an excuse, but as it was there was no excuse.

Real Estate Men Propose Changes

Would Abolish Tax on Mortgages and Limit Interest Rate.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 8.—The abolition of taxes on mortgages, and the establishment of an interest rate not to exceed five per cent, through the co-operation of the several states, was one of the projects officers of the National Association of Real Estate Exchanges expected to be launched during their seventh annual convention, which opened here today. Approximately 100 cities in the United States and Canada are represented. The convention will adjourn July 11.

DATE OF ELECTION SET. [Canadian Press.] Le Pas, Man., July 8.—The deferred election in Le Pas has been set for July 20.

CANADIAN PRESS ASSOCIATION IN ANNUAL CONVENTION AT TORONTO

Postal Rates on Newspapers and Clean Advertising the Most Important Topics for Discussion.

For the second time within a few weeks Toronto is to be the scene of a great gathering of newspapermen on Thursday and Friday, when the Canadian Press Association convenes for its 16th annual meeting. That the "Swat the lie" slogan of the advertising convention was no mere jest is shown by the fact that the editors, managers and other members of the Press Association intend to devote some time to the consideration of a standard for the guidance of members in the censoring of advertising copy and there will be an address on the subject "Why newspapers should clean up their advertising columns."

Another important matter that will be dealt with is that of postage rates on newspapers. That the rate of postage on newspapers fixed by the post-office act is one-quarter cent a copy instead of a bulk rate of one-quarter cent a pound is the astounding claim of the postoffice department, in a circular mailed at Ottawa on the 26th inst. In that circular the department makes the announcement that where letter delivery is in operation a separate charge of not more than one cent a copy will be made for the delivery of newspapers by carrier. It is not stated when the rates referred to will go into effect and it appears the purpose of the circular is to force the issue of newspaper postage rates before the next session of Parliament.

Section 71 of the postoffice act, by which reference is made in the department's circular reads as follows:

"The person to whom any letter is delivered by a carrier for the delivery of a newspaper or pamphlet one cent, all of which receipts by the carriers in any city or town shall be accounted for to the Postmaster-General."

The newspapermen point out that the rate for delivery by lettercarrier authorized by section 71 of the postoffice act is to be paid by the person to whom the newspaper is delivered rather than the publisher. That provision, they say, is a relic of the days when newspaper postage was collected from the subscriber on delivery. The whole matter of postal rates on newspapers has been discussed by the publishers with the Postmaster-General on several occasions and the action of the association will be awaited with much interest.

The proposal to eliminate all commissions and reductions in rates on Canadian general advertising not placed through advertising agencies recognized as official solicitors of general advertising for the newspapers in Canada is another matter of great importance which will be taken up.

A standard of newspaper practice will be submitted for discussion and adoption. The adoption of such a standard will be a further step in the direction of standardizing Canadian newspaper practice—particularly in relation to advertising.

Five provinces and the United States are represented in the list of speakers, and newspapermen from all parts of Canada will be at the meeting. Forty or fifty members from Western Canada are expected to be in attendance. Among the addresses to be delivered are:



H. B. DONLY, of the Simcoe Reformer, retiring president.

