

## ONLY UTMOST COOLNESS ON PART OF AUTHORITIES CAN PREVENT FRESH TRAGEDIES IN IRELAND

### Plunkett's Speech in Which He Severely Criticized the Irish Home Rule Bill, and MacPherson's Defense of Irish Administration Call Forth Press Comment Strong in Tone—Viscount French Assailed by London Post.

London, March 5.—The speech of Sir Horace Plunkett at Dublin last night, in which he severely criticized the new Irish Home Rule Bill, taken with Ian MacPherson's defense of the Irish administration in the House of Commons, formed the basis of comment in some of the morning newspapers.

The Daily News severely condemned responsibility for the present "shameful" position. The newspaper tells the Secretary MacPherson asserted that the new Home Rule measure asks: "Can the insouciant jokers, who are thus mocking the maddened victims of their own cowardly policy, be relied upon to give real effect to the slight promise of happier development which may be hid in its crooked promises?"

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Defends Administration. Ian MacPherson, chief secretary for Ireland, rebutting in the House of Commons last night attacks on the Irish administration, said: "It is obvious we are up against a tremendously dangerous situation in Ireland." He added that the Sinn Fein had at least two hundred thousand men prepared to commit murder at any hour of the day or night.

Secretary MacPherson asserted he had received letters from Loyalists in the West and South of Ireland begging the Government to take steps to get them out of the country. The Eastern Rebellion of 1916 had not been stamped out, he said, and had left behind it a spirit more malignant and revolutionary than Ireland had ever known.

Situation More Tense. The Graphic today features a Dublin despatch saying that the Irish situation is changing remarkably. The despatch declares that nothing can avert a fresh tragedy except the utmost coolness on the part of the authorities, and that any increase in the rigor of martial law will inevitably precipitate such a tragedy, causing dangerous complications for England in the United States.

The chief danger, according to the Graphic editors, is the widespread conviction that a small Dublin castle clique is bent on getting Ireland's youth into the open, so that the morale of the Sinn Fein may be broken by bloody repression. This, however, the despatch says, is having one good result in causing the Sinn Fein leaders to avoid provocation at all costs.

## ANGLO-AMERICAN ALLIANCE QUITE IMPOSSIBLE

### Halifax Jurist Tells Moncton Audience of the Obstacles in the Way of Such a Union

Moncton, March 5.—The obstacles in the way of an Anglo-American Entente was the subject of an address delivered by Mr. Justice Russell, of Halifax, before the Moncton Canadian Club tonight. Past wars, the tardiness of the United States in entering the world war, the disgraceful handling of the peace treaty in the United States and the hostility displayed by elements in America towards the British Government's treatment of Ireland, were the principal obstacles Judge Russell saw to an Anglo-American Entente.

## INDIANS SUFFER FROM INFLUENZA

### No One to Care for the Sick and the Dead Left Unburied.

Port Arthur, March 5.—Indian Agent Brown has received a wire from Magistrate Dewey, of White River, which states that the Indians are dying of influenza and that there is no one to care for the sick or bury the dead. He asks for authority to incur expenses to care for the stricken Indians of that section.

## If Amendment Is Defeated King Predicts Liberal Uprising In Dom.

Ottawa, March 5.—(By Canadian Press.)—That if the amendment calling for a general election is defeated by the Government when the vote is taken, probably Tuesday night, the Liberals would cross the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and expect the people to rise up with them and demand that the Government resign, was the statement of Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, leader of the Opposition, addressing the annual convention of Eastern Ontario Liberals in St. Patrick's Hall here tonight. The people of Ontario have been grossly deceived, and they are asking today for a chance to express themselves. Any member of the House who votes for a continuation of the present administration is defaming the name of Liberalism, he declared.

## IRISH CRIME IS INCREASING IN AUDACITY

### Growing in Volume and Will Expand Until Gov't Recognizes Ireland is in Rebellion, According to Dublin Dispatch.

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## SINN FEIN GETS ANOTHER VICTIM

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The Sinn Fein's latest victim is Frank Shaw-Taylor. He was shot dead while motoring to Galway Fair yesterday morning. He was a brother of the late Captain Shaw-Taylor, so prominently identified with the devolution scheme some years ago.

Shaw-Taylor was ambushed by a dozen men, who, at 6.30, had a barricade across the road. When the motor pulled up they poured a volley of shots into Shaw-Taylor from behind, killing him instantly and wounding his chauffeur, John Barrett.

The murderer took place at Coshla, a mile from Moorfield, Athlone, the residence of the victim. Barrett staggered to a house where the news was conveyed to Mrs. Shaw-Taylor. "The distraught wife asked some men to bring the body to the house. They refused saying 'what's the use when he is dead now?'"

Mrs. Shaw-Taylor walked to Coshla and found her husband's corpse still sitting in the seat of the motor. With the assistance of the wounded chauffeur, she brought the car and its grim burden to the house from where an hour previously her husband had set out on his business.

"Last night some arrests were effected by the police in connection with the affair. It transpired that Shaw-Taylor's life was attempted on previous occasions, but he had gone about his business unperturbed."

## HAMPTON GIRL ASSAULTED WITH PEN KNIFE

### Escort Becomes Enraged Because She Refused to Accompany Him to a "Movie" Show and Slashes Her.

Special to The Standard Boston, Mass. — Because she refused to accompany her escort to a moving picture show and told him he was too intoxicated to escort her, Agnes Logan, of Hampton, Kings County, N. B., a domestic employed in the home of Captain H. G. Armstrong, British Consul General at 269 Beacon street, Boston, was stabbed four times by the man and in a serious condition at the City Hospital. The stabbing was done in an alley, in the rear of the Armstrong home, which runs from Berkeley to Clarendon street.

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## WANT FREER TRADE WITH CANADIANS

### Montreal's hockey team, champion of the Bankers' League, cannot play for the Allan Cup in the elimination series. Secretary Bettchen notified W. E. Northrup, the Allan Cup trustee that the constitution of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association would not allow it. This overrules the action of the officials of the province of Quebec section of the A. H. A. C. who put the Bank of Montreal in the draw.

## DR. CLARK SPRINGS UP AS PROPHET AND ORATOR FOR THE AGRARIAN MOVEMENT

### After Eight Years Crying in the Wilderness He Now Finds a Haven of Refuge in the Bosom of Mr. Crerar.

Ottawa, March 5.—Dr. Michael Clark, sometime free trade Ishmaelite in Canadian Liberalism, sometime Consercionista Unionist, and now Prophet and Orator for the Agrarian movement, which he has christened the "National Progressive Party," was the principal speaker in the House today. Dr. Clark is a Godemite whose free trade principles have been so deeply inculcated into his political philosophy, that he regards tariffs as a sin against national morality. "Thus, perhaps, it is not surprising if, after eight years crying in the wilderness he should now find a haven of refuge in the bosom of Mr. Crerar, this despite the fact that it is hard to reconcile the spectacle of a man who espoused the creed of 'Laissez Faire' finding a political dwelling place in the home of a party whose policies tend only toward state control and Bureaucratic Socialism, the antithesis of British Liberalism, and one of the products of Autocratic Germany."

Not Happy. That he is not altogether happy in his new surroundings is a reasonable deduction from his speech. Unquestionably, one of the greatest masters of political oratory in Canada, he appeared upon the Canadian stage, there was looking in his address today the passion and structure and beauty which made some of his past utterances models of parliamentary eloquence, and looking down from the gallery, one could not help thinking that some of the things he permitted himself to say were anything but new.

Although no official announcement was made following the meeting, it is understood that a full discussion of both the subjects referred to above was indulged in, with a lack of unanimity of opinion developing in each. As to the proposed deal with Scotia, the matter, it is believed, to still one of terms there being some sharp divergencies in the views expressed as to the basis on which a consolidation might be effected.

The session will be continued in the hope of arriving at a satisfactory settlement of the difficulties. No immediate action will be taken by the board in regard to the English recommendations.

President Mark Workman again expressed his desire to retire from the presidency in order to devote himself to more personal affairs, but it is understood that, at the request of his colleagues, Mr. Workman will probably retain the office for some time yet.

## "HIGHER UPS" MAY BE IMPLICATED IN C. N. R. THEFTS

### Intimated That Some Startling Revelations Will Soon be Made.

Fredricton, March 5.—"Officials higher up in the employ of the Canadian National Railways will soon be placed under arrest in the roundup of railwaymen, which is being made as a result of the extensive thefts of freight that has been taking place on the system in New Brunswick," declared a public official who is close by in touch with the case this morning.

The ten prisoners appearing in the police court this afternoon are all stationmen or occupy other subordinate positions, with the exception of one man, who has been a locomotive engineer and was in receipt of about \$300 a month salary. Nine of the ten have pleaded guilty, but were not sentenced this forenoon because it has been found advisable to have them as witnesses, whereas if they were sentenced they would not then be available.

## Surplus War Materials To Be Auctioned In Calgary

Calgary, Alta., March 5.—Large quantities of surplus war materials will be sold in Calgary within three weeks. The articles include beds, blankets, saddlery, harness, and other articles.

## St. Paul Docked At Halifax Yesterday

Halifax, N. S., March 5.—The American liner St. Paul docked this afternoon and transferred four hundred of her passengers to the steamer Canada. It is expected that a survey will be held on the St. Paul tomorrow. The Canada will not sail until 3 o'clock tomorrow morning.

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## DUTCH GOVT WILL NOT CHANGE ITS POSITION

### Firmly Refuses Second Request of Allies to Surrender Former Emperor Into Their Hands for Trial.

The Hague, March 5.—The Dutch Government, in its reply to the second note of the Entente Allies respecting the extradition or internment of former Emperor William of Germany, says that, while it appreciates the motives actuating the Allies, it is unable to change its previous decision. It says it is not forgetful of the inhuman acts committed during the war but since Holland is not a party to the Versailles Treaty, the Queen's Government finds itself in a different position from other powers with respect to these acts.

"Since the Government's supreme duty is to respect the constitutional laws of the kingdom," the note continues, "it is fully conscious of the fact that it would be committing an act contrary to law and justice, and incompatible with the national honor, if it consented to violate these laws by abolishing the rights accorded to a fugitive finding himself on Dutch territory."

## MUST RESPECT THEIR OWN LAWS

### Promise to Take All Necessary Precautions Requisite to Subject Freedom of William to Necessary Limits.

Respect for Law. "Protesting that this attitude does not put Holland outside the community of nations, the note declares Holland is fully conscious of the fact that the presence of the former Emperor lays on the Netherlands Government with regard to the country's interests as well as international security, the note protests, that, contrary to the impression derived from the Allied note, the Dutch Government from the beginning has observed the obligations entailed by these duties. The Government, the note says, will continue to do so, being able in the exercise of Dutch sovereignty to take on the spot all precautionary measures deemed requisite to subject the freedom of the former Emperor to necessary limitations."

The Netherlands Government says it is anxious to place these declarations on record in the most formal manner, and in conclusion declares it to be its opinion that these declarations which prove that the Government realizes the danger which the powers demand, will dispel their apprehensions.

The note is signed Jakobus Van Kesterbeek, the Dutch Foreign Minister.

## SPANISH CREW SUFFERED CRUEL HARDSHIPS

### Buffeted About by Stormy Seas With Reduced Rations and Scarcely Clothed, Reach Barrington Passage.

Halifax, N. S., March 5.—Buffeted about the stormy seas, a small schooner with unexpected cold weather and reduced rations, scantily clad, and in a weakened condition, the crew of the schooner Terra Nova told a story handed on reaching the Barrington Passage, on the southwest coast of Nova Scotia today. The schooner left Seville, Spain, on December 19 last, for St. John's, Nfld., with a cargo of salt. The crew battled against mountainous seas, biting blizzards and ice fields which balked attempts to make the port for which they were destined. The provisions ran short and they were forced to burn everything available about the ship to keep warm.

The schooner was drifting in a helpless condition off the coast today, when picked up by a small steamer and towed into Barrington Passage. The crew are all Spaniards, and only one of them can speak broken English. Most of them were below deck when the schooner reached port and several of them were in such a condition as to require medical attention. They are being well cared for by the shore folk. The schooner registers 132 tons and is owned in Newfoundland.

## LABOR COUNCIL THROWS WEIGHT INTO FTON ELECTIONS

Fredricton, March 5.—While the Fredericton Labor Council, it was stated today, would take no action officially as a body in the civic election, next Monday, when an alderman will be elected from Kings ward, there is marked activity in labor circles now in connection with the contest. Thos. D. Hissard, of Victoria Mills, who was nominated by the residents of the Mills at a protest meeting, is a member of the Labor Council, and his fellow members appear to be rallying to his assistance even if "unofficially."

A special meeting of the Labor Council was held last night to complete arrangements for the New Brunswick Federation of Labor Convention here next week.

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