

SITUATION IN IRELAND WORST EVER

Conditions Today Comparable With Those Under the Land League 35 Years Ago.

GOVERNMENT HAS NO PROPER POLICY

And the Opinion of Many Sections of the British Press is That They Should Find One, or Quit.

By J. M. Davin. (Cross-Atlantic Cable Service, Copy.)

London, March 30.—The government's Irish bill, now up for second reading in the Commons, will do nothing to improve the Irish situation. It has been rejected by every party in Ireland. No one in Ireland believes any part of the bill is worth being introduced, except one line which repeals the Home Rule Act of 1914. Followers of Sir Edward Carson who distrust the measure are being induced by their leaders not to oppose it, by the argument that any substitute would be even less satisfactory. The situation in Ireland today is the worst within living memory. Sinn Feiners are being rounded up wholesale. Outrages are becoming more numerous and more terrible. The present government by its serious blunders has wiped out a substantial Irish constitutional party, and now finds itself with no political group with which to negotiate. The substitute is a revolutionary party, whose programme precludes it from negotiating. The energies of the present Irish executive are being devoted to impressing political opponents, while terrorist criminals who skirt the fringe of the present unrest go free. Before there can be any solution of the question, coercion of political opponents must cease. Next, the violent demands of Ireland must be conceded. In looking for a way out, one naturally asks what has happened before. The situation in many respects resembles the Land League period, when Chief Secretary Forster was ruling the country. Forster obtained a Coercion Bill enabling him to arrest any suspected or having committed a crime or being about to commit one. He told the Commons that the bill was necessary to be retained under ordinary law. Outrages at once multiplied tenfold; although he refused to admit it there was clearly something wrong with Forster's theory. That is what is happening today. As the wholesale round-ups of Sinn Feiners continue, outrages increase in number and fury. Yet, present the Chief Secretary, Ian MacPherson, persisted in fastening the blame on the Sinn Fein party, just as Forster continued to blame the Land Leaguers. It is of course, characteristic of every revolutionary movement to have on its outskirts a few desperado men, who do evil deeds. In the wake of the land league came moonlighters and arsonists. In the wake of the Sinn Fein it is apparent there have come organized terrorists. The assassinated Sinn Fein Lord Mayor of Cork was almost certainly the victim of these terrorists, for he had announced his intention of stamping them out. In Land League times, Gladstone forced to the conclusion that Forster was pursuing a misadvised policy, got rid of him and awarded coercion as a remedy for political disturbances. Shortly afterwards he announced his conversion to Home Rule. So far precedent is hopeful. Where the present bill is in that Gladstone had a powerful Irish constitutional party with him to negotiate. The Irish situation occupies the premier place in the London newspapers. J. L. Garvin, editor of the Observer, writes: "Each day works more harm than it is easy for any legislation under the present government to do. Sinn Fein become more audacious and ruthless. They are threatening a new temper which awakens to Ireland forever. It is for the government to go straight forward on its own lines."

The Daily Express says: "Sinn Fein as well as Dublin Castle has lost control. Even Sinn Feiners are paralyzed by fear and despair, the rank and file are terrified, the country is drifting to its doom. Can nothing be done? Words are useless, and action is absolutely necessary. The right action would be that based upon human nature, Irish human nature. Let us handle the Irish problem as we handled the Boer problem, boldly, humanely and dashingly."

COAL TO ADVANCE TO \$1.25 PER TON

New York, March 30.—The action of President Wilson's commission in granting bituminous mine workers' wage increase of 27 per cent means the price of coal at the mines will advance 65 cents to \$1.25 a ton. Bituminous coal operators announced here today. The mine workers representatives refused to make any comment on the proposed increase in coal prices, except to state that the new wage agreement "only involves 25 cents a ton average increase in cost."

CANADIAN FRISIAN CATTLE.

London, March 30.—(C. A. P.)—The Chambers of Agriculture today discussed the proposal which has the sanction of the Board of Agriculture for the importation of one hundred Frisian cattle from Canada and sent a resolution of protest to the Board and asked that a deputaion on the matter should be received.

THE EXCHANGE SITUATION.

Montreal, March 30.—New York funds in Montreal are practically unchanged at 8 1/2 to 8 3/4. Sterling in New York is quoted at 35 1/4 for demand and sterling in Montreal 4 1/2 1/4.

IRISH AFFAIRS NO CONCERN OF CANADA

Parliament Will Make No Representation to British Government Says Sir Geo. Foster.

Ottawa, March 30.—(By Canadian Press)—In the House of Commons this afternoon I. N. Pedlow, of South Renfrew, asked what representations had been made by the government to the Supreme Council of the League of Nations on behalf of the Irish situation. Sir George Foster replied that the representations of Canada were along the line of securing for the Armenians immunity from oppression and elimination of Turkish authority. Mr. Pedlow asked whether it was the intention of the government to make separate representations with regard to the deplorable conditions in Ireland. "Empirically no," replied the Acting Premier, "in view of the essential differences in circumstances and jurisdiction."

CONFIDENCE VOTED IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

German Chancellor Declares He Can Restore Constitutional Order.

Berlin, March 30.—The National Assembly today rejected a vote of lack of confidence in the government, and then adopted over the votes of the German Nationalists and Independent Socialists a motion approving the government's statement. The Chancellor referred to the situation in the Ruhr territory and the threat of a general strike as an answer to the alleged military action. He declared that the Ministry of Defence had given orders for the avoidance of all unnecessary harshness and the strictest control of the situation. He stated that the Ministry of Defence had given orders for the avoidance of all unnecessary harshness and the strictest control of the situation. He stated that the Ministry of Defence had given orders for the avoidance of all unnecessary harshness and the strictest control of the situation.

HON. MR. VENIOT'S INVITATIONS

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., March 30.—Mr. Veniot's invitation to accompany him on an inspection trip, was received quite a jolt tonight during the debate on the Budget. During the course of his remarks Mr. Sutton accused the Minister of Public Works of being too partisan in his road policy in that he did not invite members from other counties to accompany him on inspection trips. "No," said Mr. Sutton, "Did you ask Mr. Grimmer for Charlotte?" "Yes," said Mr. Sutton. "Mr. Veniot said he invited Mr. Grimmer to accompany him on an inspection trip. Mr. Grimmer broke in at this point and said: 'I understood the Minister of Public Works had said at the last session, during my absence that he had invited me to make an inspection trip with him. He invited me, with others, to attend a meeting to discuss rural roads. I attended that meeting. Before leaving the meeting Mr. Veniot said to me: 'I will see you for the morning.' On enquiry in the morning I learned the Minister and his engineer had left early on his inspection trip. If he considered that an invitation to accompany him, I did not."

BRIDGETOWN MAN BURNED TO DEATH

Bridgetown, N. S., March 30.—A body charred beyond recognition was found in the ruins after fire had destroyed Moses Estlin's house at Tupperville, a few miles west of Bridgetown. The fire broke out about one o'clock this morning. It is supposed that Estlin's house at ten o'clock last night to visit his brother, leaving his two sons, Fred and John, at home. There were visitors at the house during the evening. Fred Estlin is missing. Chroner Armstrong will lead an inquest at one o'clock tomorrow.

MANITOBA BOND ISSUE.

Winnipeg, Man., March 30.—Hon. Edward Brown, Provincial Treasurer, announced today that a bond issue of \$1,750,000 will be held in the immediate future, probably within the next six weeks. The issue will be sold by public tender and the money will be obtained if possible in New York.

HOUSE HEARS FROM MEMBER CARLETON CO.

W. S. Sutton, M. L. A. Delivers Most Effective Speech in Budget Debate.

Fredericton, March 30.—Mr. Sutton, of Carleton, of the Opposition side of the House, was the speaker to follow Dr. Roberts. The thing that touches Carleton county members more than anything else is the indifference of the Foster government to the rights of their county. He expressed surprise that the government should drift along to autonomy by discharging the Carleton county members. That they were doing so by not calling an election to fill the vacancy existing in that county for three sessions. This neglect in fact, he said, was another vote against the government. The government, according to Mr. Sutton, has tried every means to work a combination in Carleton favorable to themselves, but has failed. Having failed they do not intend to give the people of Carleton a chance to have full representation in the legislative assembly.

ALLIES AGREE TO DUTCH PROPOSALS REGARDING KAISER

But Will Expect That the Dutch Government Will Live up to Its Undertaking.

London, March 30.—Allied Powers have accepted Holland's last note regarding the former German Emperor, according to an Amsterdam despatch to the Daily Mail. The Dutch Government on March 5 for the second time refused to deliver the Kaiser for trial. This determination was set forth in a note addressed to the British premier which, however, declared that the Dutch Government would take all necessary measures to minimize the injury of Wilhelm and prevent him from endangering the world's peace. The communication stated that proposals to this effect would be taken into consideration. It was stated that this meant that a close guard over the former German Emperor and a strict censorship would be instituted within the Netherlands. The Dutch Government would take all necessary measures to minimize the injury of Wilhelm and prevent him from endangering the world's peace.

THE RAILWAY THEFTS

True Bill Found Against Another C. N. R. Employee. Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., March 30.—A true bill was found by the grand jury in the York County Court this afternoon in the case of James Dorcas, driver of the yard engine at Nappadogan on the Canadian National Railway, charged with participating in the theft of liquor from a car of Kenady Ryehyke last January. Dorcas was sentenced to serve six months each as a result of the round-up made by C. N. R. detectives. Martin Hunter of Moncton, engineer of a freight train, who swears that he has been given two bottles of the whiskey by the accused on the night the whiskey car was in the train, being made up at Nappadogan, was the only witness called before the court which adjourned until tomorrow morning.

CIVIC ELECTIONS IN CALAIS NEXT WEEK

St. Stephen, March 30.—Calais is to elect a new city government on Monday, April 6th, and more than the usual interest is manifest in the undertaking. Our neighboring city is naturally Republican, and strongly so, but there have been times when the Democrats have elected the mayor and sometimes an alderman or two, when there was a "split," for some cause or other in the ranks of the Republicans, and there are those who say that this is one of those notable years. At all events, Fred V. Pickard, recently judge of the Calais Municipal Court and also chairman of the Board of Assessors for many years, believes that the signs are right for the Democrats and is out to win the mayoralty from Percy L. Lord, the Republican incumbent who has been renominated for a second term. Mr. Lord had been an alderman during many years before he was elected mayor and has naturally acquired a load of public land finding that goes with long service and from which his opponent is for the present excluded. Each party has a full slate of aldermanic candidates and the outcome will be watched with much interest.

MONTEBONA BOND ISSUE.

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BIG DEFICIT ON RAILWAY OPERATIONS

Last Year, Amounting to \$47,000,000, Disclosed in House Yesterday.

Ottawa, March 30.—The result of first year of railway nationalization under non-political and parity basis has been disclosed in the House today. It was a story which, no matter from which standpoint viewed, challenges reflection, for its outstanding fact was the country sustained a loss of no less than \$47,000,000, the figures being as follows: Canadian Northern operating loss... 6,500,000 Intercolonial and N. T. R. operating loss... 7,500,000 C. N. R. and N. T. R. fixed charges... 19,000,000 G. T. P. operating losses... 5,500,000 G. T. P. fixed charges... 8,500,000 Total loss for year... 47,000,000 This gross deficit was nearly one-eighth of the country's total revenue was attributed by Dr. Reid to an abnormal growth in operating expenses, cost of operation having advanced from \$84,000,000 in 1918 to \$108,000,000 in 1919; wages having increased from \$19,000,000, the \$5,000,000 extra cost of the road pocketing 75 cents out of every dollar which the system earned.

THE TROUBLE AT THE MINTO COAL MINES

Companies Must Recognize Men's Union or a Conciliation Board Will Be Applied for.

Gloucester, N. S., March 30.—The U. M. W. executive have given the managers of the smaller collieries in the Minto district until Monday night April 5, to recognize the U. M. W. the managers refuse to recognize the union a conciliation board will be applied for. President Baxter gave out his statement regarding the situation today. The men of the smaller concerns outside the Minto Coal Company, he says, are determined to have their union recognized. Mr. Baxter spent several days at Minto endeavoring to get the Companies to recognize the men's organization. Some of the managers finally agreed to get together and discuss the situation. They now understand the U. M. W. side of the question and when President Baxter left Minto they were undecided what to do, some of the managers being in favor of a recognition of the union. The men of the smaller concerns outside the Minto Coal Company, he says, are determined to have their union recognized. Mr. Baxter spent several days at Minto endeavoring to get the Companies to recognize the men's organization. Some of the managers finally agreed to get together and discuss the situation. They now understand the U. M. W. side of the question and when President Baxter left Minto they were undecided what to do, some of the managers being in favor of a recognition of the union.

GOVT STEAMERS IN COLLISION

Prince Rupert, B. C., March 30.—The steamer Prince John and Prince Albert collided off Dead Tree Point, Graham Island, at six o'clock this morning. The Prince John was beached, the passengers being taken off by the Prince Albert, which was able to depart. Vancouver, B. C., March 30.—Although full details of the collision between the Grand Trunk Pacific boats Prince John and Prince Albert are still lacking, Captain C. H. Nicholson, local manager, has been informed by wireless that the former vessel has been beached in four and a half fathoms, but an exposed position. All passengers were safely transferred. The after part of the Prince John is now full of water. It is thought the collision occurred in a snow storm.

SHIPBUILDING PROGRAMME CARRIED.

Ottawa, March 30.—The Government vote of twenty millions for the completion of the shipbuilding programme was carried at 12:10 a.m. Hon. C. C. Ballantyne stated that the Government would let no more contracts over \$5,000 without asking for public tenders.

HOOPER WILL ACCEPT.

San Francisco, March 30.—Herbert Hoover today telegraphed the Hoover Republican Club of California that he would accept the Republican nomination for President. P. R. have a very shrewd and effective way of concealing them in improvement. The government for its part, appears to have an open mind on the question, and is not prepared to make a decision one way or the other until it has the opinion of the country and the House—which is good democratic policy. What the ultimate decision will be the next week or two will disclose.

DR. ROBERTS CONTINUES BUDGET TALK

Thinks the Present Administration is the Greatest Government of All Time.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., March 30.—Dr. Roberts, Minister of Health, took up a large part of this afternoon's session of the Legislature in a review of everything in general, but nothing in particular. Like most of the Government speakers, he took occasion to praise the work of the Health Department, as well as laud the work being done by the Department over which he administers. That Dr. Roberts is thoroughly wedded to the cause of Public Health is admitted by all. In street parlance he is a "nut" on the subject. He was given a respectful, attentive hearing by the opposition members, who remained throughout his recital of events in his own Department, and world affairs in general. The Government members were not interested in what the Health Minister was saying, and dwindled away, one by one, until only nine remained in their seats for the entire duration of the afternoon session. The Doctor continued his health talks at the evening session. He is certainly a St. John "booster," and the most interesting part of his talk today was in his argument for Provincial assistance in developing the Winter Port of the city, arguing that what helped St. John certainly helped the province, and he believed it to be the duty of the Government to put forth every effort to force the Federal Government to do what it should do in furthering the facilities for handling the big export business during the winter season. Dr. Roberts believes an organization should be formed to study the needs of the various sections of the Province, and to determine the kind of manufacturing best suited to each, then that an effort be made to interest capital in developing the particular industry best suited to the conditions of that particular section. In earnest plea for a united effort in making the Winter Port what it should be, Dr. Roberts spoke of the kind of manufacturing best suited to each, then that an effort be made to interest capital in developing the particular industry best suited to the conditions of that particular section. In earnest plea for a united effort in making the Winter Port what it should be, Dr. Roberts spoke of the kind of manufacturing best suited to each, then that an effort be made to interest capital in developing the particular industry best suited to the conditions of that particular section.

DANISH CRISIS NOT YET OVER

General Strike Likely as a Protest Against the King's Action.

Copenhagen, March 30.—There were lively scenes in the streets last night. Cries were raised of "revolution," "Down with the King," "Long live the Danish Republic." These were mingled with counter cries for the King. The late appearance of two squadrons of Hussars had a calming effect. Strong guards were posted outside the palace. The King took his customary ride unattended this morning. It has been learned on the best authority that a general strike will begin against the new ministry will begin at noon Wednesday. It is not expected, however, to become general before Thursday morning. A crowd, estimated to number 200,000 attended a meeting tonight organized by the Socialists in protest against the action of King Christian in dissolving the Zehle cabinet.

ARGUMENTS ON PROHIBITION BILL

Now Being Heard to Test Its Constitutionality. Washington, March 30.—Arguments on the constitutionality of the prohibition amendment and portions of the enforcement act, were concluded today in the Supreme Court. Seven separate proceedings now rest with the court for determination. The arguments today were on appeals brought by Christian Feigenpan of Newark, N. J. from Federal court decrees dismissing injunction proceedings to enjoin prohibition officials from preventing him from manufacturing beer containing more than one half of one per cent alcohol and on government appeals from judgments by the Federal court in interfering with the Manitowoc Products Company, a Wisconsin concern in the manufacture of beer containing 2.5 per cent of alcohol by volume.

DAYLIGHT SAVING.

Albany, N. Y., March 30.—The Fowler bill, designed to repeal the Daylight Saving law, failed of passage in the Assembly last night. The vote was 75 to 64, one less than required. The same bill was passed by a 26 to 25 vote in the Senate last night.

CORK'S NEW MAYOR.

Cork, March 30.—At a special meeting of the Cork Corporation tonight, Alderman Terrence Mcweeney, was elected Lord Mayor. He is a Sinn Fein leader and several times has been deported or imprisoned.