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NAIL THE LIES

A dispatch from Dublin, Ireland, conveys the information to Canadian and American people that the British Government has determined to put an end to the campaign of calumny and misrepresentation emanating from Ireland. Under authority of the Restoration of Order in Ireland Act, proceedings in court martial were taken against Directors, Martin Fitzgerald and Hamilton Edwards, and Editor P. J. Hooper, of the Freeman's Journal.

The charge against these men is that of publishing false reports, and reports calculated to cause dissension.

Summons were issued on two charges, one relating to the alleged flogging of a youth at the Portlaoine Barracks, and the second to the killing of two policemen near Tullow. A third charge was withdrawn because of insufficient evidence.

Proceedings that have been taken against newspapersmen engaged in stirring up trouble in Ireland indicate that the British authorities are at last awake to the menace created by Sinn Fein propaganda and lies. False statements appearing in what are generally considered as reputable journals are accepted as facts, unless denied, and denials are never as effective or as far-reaching as the originals. The effect of a repetition of such statements, even on those who are in a position to know the truth, is injurious, and when repeated day after day, inflame the easily-aroused passions in Celtic breasts.

So proficient have Sinn Fein propagandists become, and such friendly understandings have been established in unexpected places, that it is difficult to get exact information. Even British statements have been hoodwinked. It is not very surprising, though it is regrettable, that leading Canadian newspapers have either been fooled into becoming unconscious agencies for the distribution of Sinn Fein propaganda, or that they have been deliberately misled by an effort to tear under the British Empire.

The contract that the Canadian Press directorate last week was authorized to enter into with Reuters's News Agency should exclude a great deal of propaganda from the daily news service. Under the new arrangement this service is to be edited in London by Canadian Press editors and carried to Canada by direct cable. Hitherto the foreign news service was a rehash of the news service primarily designed to serve United States papers. Should the new arrangement not prove what is desired, changes can be made speedily to bring about desirable conditions.

It is a reasonable expectation that the prosecutions that have been commenced in Ireland will prove a deterrent to Sinn Fein agents and cause a more generally accurate reading of news and the consequent detection of conscious or unconscious distribution of harmful propaganda.

PUBLIC WANTS PURE MILK

The public wants pure milk. The Health Department is assured of the support of the public in its demand that the stables where the cows are kept, and equipment used in the handling of milk, conform to such standards as will afford adequate protection. It is just here that differences occur. What the Health Department considers reasonable and proper is often objected to by people in the dairy business, and when they are unable, or decline, to comply with the requirements laid down, and discontinue supplying milk, a howl arises. This protest has never yet failed to result in a let-down of the bars that the officials in charge of public health work deem necessary. There have always in the past been persons in "the seats of the mighty," who have preferred to permit the continuance of present conditions rather than insist on sanitary measures.

Now that the Health Department appears to be moving towards adequate regulations and proper supervision, it may be more than ever necessary to ascertain that the Aldermen are prepared to furnish the necessary backing.

A WISE SUGGESTION

Grand juries are made up mostly of ordinary individuals, therefore they are sometimes wise and sometimes foolish. One grand jury recently said something that is as wise as Solomon. This is that the responsibility of

parents for juvenile delinquencies ought to be exposed by making them pay for all expenses incurred by the Crown in prosecuting juvenile offenders when the offences are shown clearly to be due to neglect or improper training of the children.

Whether that plan could be worked out practically, and whether it is the right way to get at what the grand jury had in mind, may be in doubt. Certainly there can be no doubt about this fact, which was uppermost in the minds of the jurors; that in an appalling large proportion of cases of child delinquency the parents are at fault for the neglect of their children and for the perfectly atrocious training they have given them.

No one who has come in contact with large numbers of child offenders and has looked into the environment that produced them will have the slightest doubt about that. Some may be born bad; but where one is born bad a hundred, if not a thousand, are made bad by parental neglect or by bad training or by no training at all.

Why shouldn't such parents, being plainly guilty, be punished in some way? Why isn't that, instead of punishing the victims of their neglect, the quickest and best way to reach child delinquency?

It may be answered on behalf of many of such parents that they, in their turn, were left ignorant through the neglect of their own parents, and even that society itself might be brought to the bar for permitting such ignorance to perpetuate itself from generation to generation. That answer, while truthful, is forgetting the erring child whose condition called attention to the situation.

There is wisdom in the thought put forward by the grand jury, and matter in it deserving thought which may lead to constructive action.

INCREASED PHONE RATES

Dispatches from Winnipeg contain the information that the Manitoba Government will make application to the Public Utilities Commissioner for an increase in the telephone rates. The system is expected to incur a deficit of \$200,000 this year and a fifteen per cent. increase in rates is desired.

According to the tenor of the dispatch, the Manitoba Government contemplates doing the very thing that it has vigorously protested against the C.P.R. being permitted to do—increasing rates to meet an anticipated deficit. Surely there is a mistake somewhere.

Telephone subscribers have no right, and do not expect the Province to bear any portion of the cost of operation of the system, provided always, that only such lines are constructed as may reasonably be expected to be supporting. If, however, the Province expends money on development and colonization lines, then it has no right to expect telephone subscribers to pay for them. The Province should make good any deficit thus incurred.

B. C. ELECTIONS

The Provincial elections in British Columbia which are to be held on December 1, bid fair to be uncommonly lively and will be likely to establish a new record with respect to the number and variety of the candidates in the field. Hitherto the fighting has been mainly between two old parties, but this year new groups have appeared and the result is not unlikely to resemble that in this Province where the Norris Government can hold office only provided it secures the support of some members who did not run as Norris Government candidates.

In British Columbia the Conservatives had things all their own way in the general election of 1912, carrying forty seats, while the Socialists carried two and the Liberals none. The situation was completely reversed in the general election of 1916, when the Liberals carried thirty-seven seats, the Conservatives nine and the Socialists one. On June 30, 1917, three seats were vacant; the Liberals held thirty-five and the Conservatives nine.

Today there are more than three candidates in the running for each of the forty-seven seats in the Legislature. In Vancouver, which has six seats, there are twenty-nine contestants, and in Victoria, which has four seats, there are nineteen candidates. The Liberals have nominated forty-four candidates, and the Conservatives forty-one. Other parties represented are the Soldiers, Independents, Federated Labor, Socialists, Labor, Soldier-Labor, Farmer-Labor and Farmer. Women will vote for the first time in this Provincial general election, having been given the suffrage by the present Government soon after it came into power. Only three women have become candidates, and these are all contesting seats in Vancouver city. The first woman to sit in the British Columbia Legislature, Mrs. Ralph Smith, is a candidate in Vancouver, where she was elected to fill the vacancy created by the death of her husband, the late Hon. Ralph Smith, who died a few

months after accepting the office of Minister of Finance in the Brewster Government.

Premier Brewster, whose death occurred in 1917, was succeeded by Hon. John Oliver, familiarly known as "Honest John." Premier Oliver's Government has some progressive measures to its credit, though the number of candidates in the field indicates that there are many causes for dissatisfaction. One of the troublesome questions at present is that concerning the sale of intoxicating liquor. The Oliver Government appears to have faltered conspicuously to enforce the prohibitory law, and conditions arose which have been the subject of bitter controversy. Then came the referendum, and a popular vote in favor of the sale of liquor through the Government agencies in sealed packages. The Government has not yet submitted any definite plan but Hon. Mr. Oliver has said in his manifesto that the public will as revealed by the referendum will be carried into effect and there has been some discussion in favor of issuing permits to individuals, a plan said to be regarded with some favor in Government circles. Mr. Oliver, in reply to Hon. Mr. Bowser's criticisms, has said that it naturally will be the duty of the new legislature to frame a law such as will best give effect to the referendum vote calling for the sale of liquor under government control.

To outsiders it would appear as if the Oliver Government has done much to commend it, but it cannot be denied that the election is a complicated one, and the outlook is doubtful, and as said before, liable to result in the Oliver administration finding itself in a similar plight to that occupied by the Norris Government in this province.

BRANDON FIRM DISPOSES OF FINE NEW PREMISES

Doig Rankin and Robertson Sells Fine New Block to L. R. Steel Co.

NEW FIRM COMING

While the Old Firm Will Not Disappear, is Cheering Assurance

Brandon is to have another big store. The L. R. Steel Company Limited, a firm which operates a chain of thirty-five stores in one dozen stores, will open up in Brandon. The best of it is that while the new firm comes in, an old and reliable one does not go out. Doig, Rankin & Robertson have disposed of their lease to the L. R. Steel Co. Limited, though it has not been announced when the premises will be turned over.

G. F. Doig, Rankin & Robertson informed The Sun this afternoon that the deal was finally consummated on Saturday but that until plans are matured details are withheld. He stated however that the firm of Doig, Rankin & Robertson will not disappear from Brandon though disposing of their present fine premises at the corner of Seventh Street and Rosser Ave.

U. S. "GUNMEN" IDLING IN OLD COUNTRY CITIES

London, Nov. 29.—"Gunmen" from the United States are said to have made their appearance in London, Ireland. The presence of these mercenaries in Dublin and other Irish cities, has previously been reported.

The police of Liverpool also believe that United States "gunmen" have invaded Liverpool. A connection between Sinn Fein headquarters and numerous strangers who are idling about the streets in groups of two or three has been established.

GRAIN GROWERS DELEGATES PLEDGE THEMSELVES TO SELL WHEAT THROUGH POOL

Calgary, Nov. 27.—Delegates to the United Grain Growers' annual meeting unanimously pledged themselves this afternoon to sign contracts for a five year period, to sell their wheat only through the medium proposed by the farmers' co-operative wheat pool. Between 850 and 400 delegates were present. The United Grain Growers have a membership of upwards of 36,000 in Western Canada.

4 DAYS ADRIFF, NO FOOD OR DRINK, EXPERIENCE OF CAPTAIN AND 2 MEN

St. John, Nov. 29.—Four days adrift without food or drink was the experience that Captain Gageau and two men had aboard the schooner Mary Stella last week. The vessel had been dismantled while on a voyage on account of a big storm. The men were rescued Saturday by the schooner Mollie Gaskell.

R. L. CALDER URGES REVISION LIBERAL PARTY POLICY

States Liberals Have Hugged Too Close to Rocks of Temporary Advantage in Past

FUTURE SUCCESS

Assured if Policy is Revised—Hurricane Beating on All Parties

Montreal, Nov. 29.—R. L. Calder, a prominent local lawyer speaking at a Reform Club here Saturday before a Liberal gathering said: "I charge the Liberal party that it has hugged too close to the rocks of a temporary advantage in the past, that in the past it has been too fond of expedients, too forgetful of principles. I say to you that today a hurricane is beating upon all parties as the dissatisfaction of the people of Canada to parties shows and has led to the formation of groups and to desertions. Let us beat out to open sea."

He prophesied that if the Liberal party revised its policy it would not have immediate success but would win out in the future.

REV. M. L. ORCHARD RESIGNS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Resignation to be Considered by Congregation at Wednesday Night Meeting

At the morning service in the First Baptist Church on Sunday the Rev. M. L. Orchard read his resignation as Pastor of the Church. Rev. Mr. Orchard was recently appointed Assistant Secretary to the Department of Foreign Missions by the General Board of Missions of the Baptist Church in Canada, and if he accepts this appointment it necessitates his resignation as Pastor here.

About ten days ago Mr. Orchard brought the matter up before the local Board of the Baptist Church, who decided that it should be dealt with by the members of the congregation. No action was taken Sunday morning, but at the conclusion of mid-week service Wednesday night a meeting of the members of the congregation will be held to deal with the question.

Rev. Mr. Orchard came back to Canada from India, after seven years service as a missionary, in 1917, and for a time did deputation work for the General Board of Missions in the Maritime Provinces. In October, 1918, Mr. Orchard arrived in Brandon to take over the duties of Pastor of the First Church here. Since that time he has done a splendid work not only in connection with the church, but for the community. His addresses on "India in various churches in Middle Western cities and also in towns surrounding Brandon, have been of great assistance in making the need of further mission work in this far off land felt by those in the West.

ALEXANDER LOSES A GOOD CITIZEN

Alexander, Nov. 2.—Our genial station agent, Mr. O. M. Clark, will be leaving next week for Portage la Prairie, having been transferred to that point. Mr. Clark and family have been in Alexander for fourteen years and will be missed by the entire community. They have done their own work well and have been a splendid help in the community life. Mr. Clark is being congratulated on his promotion.

The Alexander Community Society had a most profitable evening on Wednesday of this week, when Miss Davidson, school principal, gave a masterful paper on "The Aims and Ideals of Education." Musical numbers and a couple of essays by school girls also helped to make the meeting a real success.

The debate planned between Alexander Community Society and Kemnay Community Club has had to be twice postponed but is now set for next Thursday, Dec. 2nd. The subject is "Resolved that the Church has a greater influence than the Press." It promises to be a real event.

Alexander United Sunday School is represented at the Provincial Sunday School convention in Brandon this week by the pastor, Rev. Hislop Dickson, Mrs. A. D. Blair and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Landy.

KILLARNEY MAN FOUND DEAD UNDER HOTEL FIRE ESCAPE

Winnipeg, Nov. 29.—Dr. J. G. Little, a Killarney man, fell or jumped from the third floor fire escape of a Winnipeg hotel this forenoon and was killed. Dr. Little left his wife and child in their room, stating that he was going down town.

J. HARRY FLYNN DEMANDS PROPER FOOD AND SHELTER FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS

Toronto, Ont. Nov. 29.—At a mass meeting of the Veterans in Massey Hall here last night J. Harry Flynn, organizer of the Grand Army United Veterans, declared the patience of returned soldiers who were out of employment and without money with which to buy food and provide comforts for their wives and families, was about exhausted. He demanded that they be provided with coal and food and proper shelter for the winter.

WESTERN CHURCHES MAY FORM NEW DENOMINATION

Including All Present Churches and Many More, Some Observers

REJECTION OF UNION

May See Protestantism on Prairies Unite in a Forward Movement

Toronto, Nov. 29.—Church continues to be a matter of absorbing public interest, and the local situation grows ever more acute was the statement made by Rev. J. H. Aramp, Assistant Secretary of Methodist Home Missions, who has just returned from a tour of the West.

"Unless the prospects of the early organic union can soon be revived, it would seem as if nothing can prevent the formation of a new denomination in the West. At least it will include all the present local churches and many more. Some observers, however, predict that in the event of a rejection of union as a nation-wide measure practically the whole of Protestantism on the prairie will break existing denominational relationship and be swept into a union with a type of organization suited to Western needs."

PIPESTONE HAS SPLENDID NEW MEMORIAL HALL

At the opening held recently of the splendid new Memorial Hall erected in Pipestone, Minn., Mrs. Olive A. C. Wilkins, B.A., Lady Principal of Clark Hall, Brandon, contributed several vocal solos to the musical program. Mrs. J. Harris McKee of Brandon, acted as accompanist.

Built by the people of Pipestone and district as a memorial to those who fell in the Great War, the new hall will fill a great need in the community. It was erected at a cost of about \$10,000 and the auditorium is well finished and has good seating accommodation with ample stage room provided. In the basement there is a large room suitable for a banquet hall or other social gatherings, with a kitchen adjoining suitably equipped. A reading room and library and a room suitable for lodge meetings is also included in the building, the whole of which is lighted by electricity.

On the night of the opening the ladies of the district provided a sumptuous banquet and after-all had done justice to the feast the hall was formally opened by Sir James Atkins, Lieut. Governor of Manitoba. In his dedication of the building he said: "We dedicate this building to the Glory of God, to the service of the Community and in memorial to our Heroic Dead." Addresses were delivered by Col. Rattray of Winnipeg, Col. Clingan, M. B. A. for Virton and John Williams, M. L. A. for Arthur. Miss May McLaughlin and Mr. Gregoire also contributed to the program.

FAMOUS SURGEON DEAD RESULT INFECTED HAND: HAD 20 OPERATIONS

Paris, Nov. 29.—Dr. Charles Infroit, famous surgeon and X-ray specialist is dead. One of Dr. Infroit's hands became infected in 1898 as a result of his constant use of the X-ray, and an operation was performed. Since that time he has undergone 24 operations, the last on August 1 when his right arm and left wrist were amputated.

He surprised the medical world in 1915 by announcing he had extracted a shrapnel bullet from the heart of a soldier.

MRS. RALPH SMITH, M.L.A. FAVORS REPEAL OF THE UNFAIR DIVORCE LAWS

Vancouver, B.C., Nov. 27.—Repeal of the "present unfair divorce laws," is the aim of Mrs. Ralph Smith, M.L.A., she recently told a meeting of Widows, Wives and Mothers of Great Britain's Hero Association. "Since we have equality in the franchise for both sexes, let us have the same equality in the divorce court," she said. "There has been too much man-made legislation and not enough laws made for women by women."

LONDON FIRE BUGS INTERRUPTED BY POLICEMAN

Many Fires in Liverpool of Incendiary Origin—Well Planned Holocaust

ONE YOUTH KILLED

Warned Police Regarding Suspicious Actions—Killed by Fleeing Men

London, Nov. 28.—Half a dozen men were preparing to set fire to a large lumber yard in the district of Finsbury, an important section of the city of London, less than a mile from the North London bridge, when they were surprised by a policeman Saturday night. This attempt is almost coincident with the breaking out of incendiary fires in Liverpool.

The policeman challenged a loiterer, who immediately attacked the officer and shouted for help. Five men, with revolvers, answered the call and the policeman was compelled to liberate the man he had seized. One of the supposed incendiaries was later arrested. Cotton waste soaked with gasoline had been pushed through the gateway of the lumber yard. Two revolvers and 100 cartridges were found. Fires Result of Sinn Fein Conspiracy

London, Nov. 29.—Answering questions in the House of Commons this afternoon, Edward Short, Home Secretary, declared that there seemed no doubt that the fires in Liverpool Saturday night were the result of an organized conspiracy in which the members of the Sinn Fein party were engaged. According to the latest information, the situation in Liverpool was well in hand, asserted the Home Secretary.

Well Planned Holocaust

London, Nov. 29.—A dispatch to the Express Association from Liverpool says:

"An alarming outbreak of Sinn Fein violence occurred Saturday night, shortly before 9 o'clock. Fires broke out simultaneously both in the South and North ends of Liverpool, and also in Bootle."

There were seven fires in Bootle and eleven in various parts of Liverpool. "Subsequent discoveries revealed a well planned Sinn Fein plot to spread a holocaust of fire among the warehouses in the dock area. The fires were spread over almost all of the whole seven miles of the dock area. Owing to the inflammable contents of the warehouses the fire obtained a strong hold, and by one o'clock in the morning the whole sky was lit up. The local fire brigades were unable to cope with the situation and were obliged to call brigades from other sources. The police commanded all telephone wires and took all steps to prevent fire outbreaks by concentrating policemen along the line of the docks. Three watching the suspicious movements of two young men at cotton warehouses in Parliament Street, warned the police who challenged the suspects. Thereupon they bolted and fired upon the police, who pursued them. The policemen were unhurt, but a bullet pierced the heart of a youth, Daniel Ward, who was among those who had warned the police, and he fell dead.

Proof of Organization
"The fires in some instances were quickly quenched. Others in stocked warehouses burned fiercely. One in

the South end and another in Bootle, at the North end are taken as proving that there was careful organization. It was found that all the locks on the warehouses had been out with bolt cutters. Empty petrol cans were found on the scene. Each fire started at more than one place. In the case of one lumber yard, there were three separate outbreaks.

"It appears that for each building marked for destruction, there were allotted gangs numbering from four to five men, one of whom stood sentry while the others cut the locks and applied the inflammables."

"Many fires were suppressed in their early stages, and in these cases there was clear evidence of incendiarianism in the finding of rags soaked in paraffin and empty petrol cans and bolt cutters left behind. The most destructive fires were in two large cotton warehouses on either side of Jordan Street, which were not extinguished until seven o'clock Sunday morning, when the buildings were completely destroyed. "It is impossible to estimate the total damage, but it is known it will run into tens of thousands of pounds. "The man who shot Daniel Ward escaped, but the police chased and captured his accomplice."

NO FEAR CANADA'S FUTURE IF MANUFACTURER, LABOR AND AGRICULTURISTS UNITE

Ottawa, Nov. 29.—"If the manufacture, laborer and agriculturist in Canada can get together as one man, we need have no fear as to the future," declared the Hon. J. D. Reid, Minister of Railways and Canals who returned to his office today after spending a holiday in England and France. As a result of his visit abroad, the Minister was satisfied that Canada was in a better position than any other country and he thought that the position could be maintained and improved upon if there was reasonable co-operation between the various classes so essential to the progress and success of the country.

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