

# IRISH SITUATION BECOMES WORSE AND IS VIEWED WITH GRAVE ALARM IN LONDON

### Ireland on the Brink of Civil War, and British Government Has Made Preparations to Prevent Invasion of Ulster Counties—Evacuation of Irish Troops from Southern Ports Suspended—Raids Continue and Snipers Are Active.

London, Feb. 13.—The Irish situation since the raids over the Ulster border has steadily become worse, and no secret is made of the grave alarm which it is viewed in official circles in London. Winston Spencer Churchill, Secretary for the Colonies, declared in the House of Commons this afternoon that the shooting of the Ulster special constables at Clones had greatly aggravated the situation. The Evening Standard asserts that Ireland is on the brink of civil war, and quotes a member of the Government as saying that, while the Government hesitates to do anything which the Sinn Feiners could interpret as provocative, swift military preparations have already been made to prevent an armed invasion of Fermanagh and Tyrone.

### Suspend Evacuation of Troops.

In the light of the developments of the last few days, much significance is attached to the suspension today of the evacuation of British troops from Southern ports. The Irish Office explains that the suspension was ordered, pending a decision regarding the extent of reinforcement to be sent to Ulster. Sir James Craig, Ulster Premier, announced tonight that the Ulster garrison of British troops was to be increased from ten battalions, the previous number, to fourteen.

The week-end rioting in Belfast was continued today, the death roll from Saturday being about twelve killed and twenty or more wounded. The curfew was re-imposed tonight. The shooting affrays in Belfast during the past twenty-four hours, occurred over a widely extended area.

### Craig Gets Anxious.

The gunmen have kept well under cover, and the police and soldiers, patrolling in armed cars, are having difficulty in locating them. Sir James Craig, the Ulster Premier, telegraphed

## GRIFFITH REPLIES TO DE VALERA STATEMENT

### People Will Soon be Given Opportunity to Declare for or Against Treaty.

Dublin, Feb. 13.—Arthur Griffith, President of the Dail Eireann, in a statement tonight, replying to various assertions in Eamon De Valera's speech of Sunday, declares that, with respect to partition, De Valera himself gave an understanding note to coerce Ulster, and that the arrangement in the treaty was the only one that could be made without coercion. Mr. De Valera's full possession of it before the signing of the treaty, if Griffith adds, and made no objection.

On the question of the treaty itself, Mr. Griffith quotes Mr. De Valera's statement that Sunday's meeting was to give the lie to the assertion that the Irish people, of their own free will, would accept the treaty, and says there is only one adequate way where by the people can show clearly whether they are for or against the treaty. "The people will be given that opportunity at the earliest possible moment by an election," the statement continues. "They will decide and we shall abide by their decision."

### WITNESS SLIDES FROM DETECTIVE

#### Young Woman Wanted in Arbutle Case Eludes Sleuths on Her Trail.

New Orleans, Feb. 13.—A young woman thought by police to be Zey Frewson, the missing Arbutle witness, escaped from a hotel here today while detectives were waiting in the hotel lobby for authority from San Francisco to take her in custody. She is believed to have towered herself on a rope from a third story room to a courtyard below.

## SITUATION IN MADRAS MENACING

### All Europeans Are Being Enrolled as Special Constables by Order of the Government.

London, Feb. 13.—The situation in Madras, British India, is being viewed as so menacing that all Europeans in Madras, British India, are being enrolled as special constables by order of the government, according to dispatch to the Daily Mail from Madras dated Monday. The dispatch adds that it is understood the constables will be armed with military rifles and ammunition.

## POPE PIUS CELEBRATED MASS BEFORE PILGRIMAGE FROM HOME CITY

### When Pope Left Consistory Hall His Flock Gave Him Great Ovation

Rome, Feb. 13.—Pope Pius celebrated mass today in the Consistory Hall before a pilgrimage from Milan, his home city, numbering more than 1,000 persons. Several members of the Pontiffs' family were among the pilgrims. He gave communion to several dozens of people. Despite the religious atmosphere when the Pope left after imparting the apostolic benediction, his old flock gave him an enthusiastic ovation crying "Long Live the Pope," "Long Live Ratti," "Long Live Italy."

## BOBBING ABOUT THE ATLANTIC IN LIFE BOAT

### If Luck Has Held, British Seaman Is Waiting Somewhere to be Rescued.

New York, Feb. 13.—Somewhere on the Atlantic, about 600 miles from New York—if a luck has held—John Bricker, a British seaman, is bobbing about in a life-boat, waiting out a sixth night in the hope of rescue. The story of his loss in a high gale, and of a heart-breaking game of hide and seek his little boat played with a 110-mile wind which quickly washed the sea into a fury. Bricker was sent with another seaman to make fast the life-boat. Swinging on the outboard davit, Bricker dropped into the sea to make fast a line when a huge wave swept the boat away.

Captain Beckwith quickly turned the Gaffney about and began a struggle to get the life-boat, missing time after time. The boat was lost once in a rain squall, only to be discovered and lost again. Nightfall put an end to the search, and the Gaffney steamed on to port, first broadcasting a radio message asking all ships to look out for the lost seaman.

The life-boat was stocked with food and water, and Bricker was warmly clad, so that Captain Beckwith figures he has a fair chance of rescue if his little boat weathered the gale.

## CHICAGO IRISHMEN ENCOURAGING COLLINS

### Pledge Support for the Government Chosen by the Irish People.

Dublin, Feb. 13.—Michael Collins has received a message from Chicago, which says:

"At a meeting of the presidents of sixteen councils in the Second Congressional District, representing over 18,000 members, expression of opinion was unanimously for majority rule in Ireland, as in the United States, and which received the sanction of the Irish people."

Mr. Collins received another message from Chicago saying that the American O'Hanrahan Council of the Recognition of the Irish Republic, with a membership of more than 3,000, greets him and pledges support for the Government chosen by the Irish people.

## PROF. WEBSTER'S GIFT TO ACADIA

Boston, Feb. 13.—Professor K. G. T. Webster, of the English department Harvard University, has given \$200 to Acadia University, Wolfville, N. S., to buy books for the Logan collection of Canadian authors, and two prize essays, in recognition of the work, as his note says, "of my old classmate Dr. J. D. Logan, and Acadia University, in promotion of the study of Canadian literature."

Professor Webster, who is a Nova Scotian, married a granddaughter of Ralph Waldo Emerson.

### ANOTHER NEGRO LYNCHED

Blacksville, Ga., Feb. 13.—Wm. Jones, a negro, was lynched near here today after he had been suspected of shooting two white farmers last night. He was found with his body riddled with bullets, and was brought here for treatment, but died without making any statement.

## COTTON MILL OPERATIVES OUT ON STRIKE

### Approximately 75,000 Men in New England Quit in Protest to Wage Reduction.

## STATE MILITIA IN THEIR ARMORIES

### Mills in New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Massachusetts Closed Down.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 13.—Cotton mill operatives in New Hampshire and Rhode Island, with few exceptions, were on strike today in protest against wage reductions, averaging 20 per cent, and the restoration of the 54 hour week. There were no disturbances in either State. Many of the New Hampshire mills suspended operations before noon, when it was seen that the plants could not be run with the workers who reported. The number of employees thrown out of work by the almost general strike in New Hampshire, was estimated at between 25,000 and 30,000. In Rhode Island the list of persons affected by strike was brought to more than twenty thousand with the closing of the Jencks Spinning Company's plant at Pawtucket, necessitated by defections to the ranks of the strikers. The situation in Rhode Island marked time today with the State guardmen, who have been ordered to be in readiness for possible duty, still in their armories.

## PREMIER KING WIELDS THE AXE FOR HIS PARTY

### Breaks Up the International Boundary Commission to Find Place for His Henchmen.

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—Premier King has requested and received the resignations of the members of the Canadian section of the International Joint Commission on Boundary Waters. The members who are retiring are C. A. Magrath, appointed in 1911; H. A. Owen, K. C., in 1914; and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in 1920. The new Government, in requesting these resignations, is following the precedent established in 1911 by the former administration, which changed the personnel of this commission, although at that time the Liberals strongly protested against the procedure. It is understood that Mr. Magrath will be reappointed, but Mr. Owen will select political friends for his associates. A strong effort is being made to secure the retention of the other commission members, but it is felt that they should not be deprived of their positions, no matter how worthy and capable. A prominent French-Canadian lawyer will be chosen or one of the vacancies.

## NEAR RIOTOUS SCENE IN BAPTIST CHURCH

### Theatrical Producer and Reform Preacher in Spirited Debate Starts Gossipers.

New York, Feb. 13.—Some of the members of the congregation of Calvary Baptist church this morning are still endeavoring to reach a verdict as to the winner in the three-hour verbal controversy which took place in the church yesterday, between John Roach Straton, theater reformer, and William A. Brady, theatrical producer. It is not unlikely that the contest will be renewed upon a neutral ground, for Brady yesterday declared a church was not a suitable place for a debate such as that which developed when the subject, "Resolved, that conditions and tendencies on the American stage are a menace to sound private and public morality," was put forward by the pastor.

## MABEL NORMAND, THE FILM STAR, IS NOT WORRYING

### Assures Her Parents There Is Nothing to Alarm Them Over Taylor Affair.

New York, Feb. 13.—Mabel Normand, the film star, is not worrying about her connection with the William Desmond Taylor murder investigation, and she is not letting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude E. Normand, of West Brighton, worry, either.

## BRITISH LOAN HELPS AUSTRIA

### Reflected on the Exchange When Crown Rose to 6,000 to the Dollar.

Vienna, Feb. 13.—The fall effect of the British loan of \$2,000,000 to Austria, as reflected on the exchange market, today when the crown rose to 6,000 to the dollar, and other values rose equally. It is announced that a British controller will administer the loan.

## MORE CARDINALS

London, Feb. 13.—It is practically certain that Pope Pius will hold his first consistory next month, says a Central News despatch from Rome today, when two French and possibly two American Cardinals will be created.

## PRINCE OF WALES NARROWLY ESCAPED SERIOUS INJURY

### His Polo Pony Reared and Fell Backward; Prince Nearly Caught Under Mount.

## HARTAL EXPECTED ON ARRIVAL AT AGRA

### Non-Cooperators Driving Thru Country Preaching Sedition to the People.

London, Feb. 13.—The Prince of Wales narrowly escaped injury at Gwalior, Central India, last Saturday, when his polo pony reared and fell backward, says a dispatch to the London Times from their correspondent who is touring with the Prince. The Prince was knocked the ball about the polo grounds, riding a pony which objected to approaching a dead ball. He tried to urge the animal up to a ball lying in the middle of the field, when the pony reared and fell. The Prince was able to slip out from under his mount only slightly shaken.

## SPOOK HUNTERS TO QUIT HOUSE OF MYSTERIES

### To Pull Their Freight from Centre of Phantom Footfalls and Impish Slaps.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 13.—After their third night in the house of mysterious, ghostly rappings, phantom footfalls, and impish slaps, at Caledonia Mills, Antigonish county, N. S., Detective Carroll, N. S., Detective "Peachie" Carroll and Reporter Harold Whidden decided to abandon their spook hunt. It came to get away they intend to spend the fourth night in the cattle barn, according to the report received by the Herald of this city.

## MORE ARRESTS IN ABERDEEN RIOTS

### Total of Twenty Have Been Apprehended for Raid on Dom. Coal Co. Property.

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 13.—Nine additional arrests were made today in connection with the recent New Aberdeen store, in which a Dominion Coal Company store was raided and goods to the value of about \$30,000 carried off. Four of those arrested are youths, a short trousers, who are charged with minor damage during the riots. The total number apprehended to date is twenty, two of whom have been discharged, one on account of his youth, and the other because the authorities admit mistaken identity.

## PORTUGAL TO USE GERMAN SHIPS

London, Feb. 13.—Portugal is planning a complete reorganization of her shipping service by utilizing the German ships seized during the war. It was said at the Portuguese legation here today. The legation said reports that these ships were to be transferred to a German group of financiers were entirely without foundation.

## MILLERS ADVANCE FLOUR 50 CTS. BARREL

Montreal, Feb. 13.—Strength in the local flour market has resulted in leading millers advancing their prices 50 cents a barrel today. The last increase took place in November last when the price was advanced 10 cents per barrel.

## BOMB THROWN IN BELFAST KILLS ONE

### Numerous Other Casualties Followed Outrage; Number Injured Not Definitely Known.

Belfast, Feb. 13.—A bomb thrown in Weaver street tonight killed one child and so seriously wounded three other children that they are not expected to recover. There were numerous other casualties from the bomb, but as ambulances carried the injured to hospitals, the exact number or the nature of their injuries is not known.

## SUMS UP WORK OF CONFERENCE AT WASHINGTON

### Australian Delegate Regard Improved Relationship Between England and U. S. Most Important Result.

## AUSTRALIA, HE SAYS, 98 PER CENT. BRITISH

### War, He Declares, Taught Canada and Australia to Appreciate Each Other.

Toronto, Feb. 13.—Among the results of the Washington Conference, I put first an improvement in the relations between Great Britain and the United States, who stand closer today than since the revolutionary war of 1776, and second, the resolution on the Chinese question, which, coupled with a departure on Japan's part from her militaristic attitude, will have a great effect in preventing war in the East," was the summing up of the work of the Conference made by G. F. Pearce, Australian Minister for Home Territories, speaking before the Canadian Club at noon today.

"Australia, the British continent of the Pacific," was the subject of his address. The speaker emphasized the fact that Australia is 98 per cent. British, and said he thought it would equal the United States in population some day.

### Empire Depends on Navy.

"We realize in Australia, more than you do, that the Empire has been built on sea-power," said Senator Pearce, and we were extremely interested in Mr. Hughes' revolutionary naval disarmament proposals, but also unifying and concentrating forces. One of the most important of these forces is trade."

Senator Pearce then stated that one reason for his visit to Canada was to confer with the Canadian Government on the question of trade agreements with Australia.

## ASQUITH ATTACKED GOVT EXTRAVAGANCES

### Expresses Regret That Gov't Had Imposed on Country Heavy Tax Burden.

London, Feb. 13.—Former Premier Asquith, speaking this afternoon in the House of Commons, in the remembrance of a session on the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, noted an amendment, expressing regret that the extravagance of the Government had imposed on the country a pressing burden of taxation, and that it had been unable to make a definite promise that taxation would be reduced in order to stimulate trade and decrease unemployment. The speaker reported on possible Government economies, he said, had justified the charge contained in his amendment.

Referring to the criticism of the Asquith compared the pre-war expenditure of the army and navy—£280,000,000 to this year's estimate of £170,000,000, and remarked that the only thing that unhappily marred the Asquith's "at the most remarkable gathering in Washington," was that the question of land armaments was excluded from consideration, and that the conference did not feel able to deal—as he was glad to think the British representatives had pressed it strongly to deal—with the question of armaments.

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