

ROYAL COMMISSION FINDS BIRRELL TO BLAME FOR THE RECENT UPRISING IN IRELAND

LONDON, July 8.—The findings of the royal commission which investigated the recent rebellion in Ireland, made public to-day, sharply attacked previous administrations in Ireland. Lawlessness had been allowed. The main cause of the Dublin outbreak, the commission held, was the fact that lawlessness was allowed to grow in Ireland without being checked. For several years past the administration authorities in Ireland, the commission found, thought it was a safer policy to permit violations of the law in order to avoid collision with any faction. The commission holds Augustine Birrell, former chief secretary state for Ireland, who resigned following the outbreak, to be primarily responsible for the uprisings because of his lax enforcement of the laws. Birrell Blamed for Irish Outbreak. The royal commission was presided over by Baron Hardinge. Outlining the causes of the outbreak in Ireland, the report says: "In endeavoring to elucidate the causes of the outbreak in Ireland, the fact should be borne in mind that there is always a section of opinion in that country bitterly opposed to British connection and that in times of excitement this section can impinge its sentiments on largely increased numbers of the people. The conclusion of the report points out that it is outside the scope of the commission's instructions to inquire how far the policy of the Irish executive was adopted by the cabinet as a whole or to attach responsibility to any but the civil and military executive in Ireland." The report then gives these conclusions: That the main cause of the rebellion appears to be that lawlessness was allowed to grow unchecked, and that Ireland for several years

Recognition For St. Francis Xaviers College

(Antigonish Casket) We are informed on reliable authority that St. Francis Xavier's is about to add two new buildings to its already respectable collection. The plans and specifications for a fireproof library and a gymnasium are being prepared by Neil McNeil, Esq., Boston, Mass. A generous friend guarantees the College \$15,000 (fifteen thousand dollars) for a gymnasium, providing the friends of St. Francis Xavier's will furnish twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for a fireproof library. Although very little has so far been done to secure this money, and the ground is only being looked over, about ten thousand dollars has come in. One party, a comparative stranger, has sent a cheque for five thousand dollars (\$5,000), and a well-known priest in Cape Breton has given his cheque for one thousand dollars. (\$1,000).

(London Tablet) It is evident from a resolution passed at the Conference of Canadian Universities, recently held at McGill that there is a strong desire in the Dominion for greater educational intercourse with the Mother Country and with France. In the discussion of graduate school work, it was pointed out that the majority of the post-graduate students elected to study in the United States, not so much because of better facilities, but because the work in Canada was not well enough known and more especially because students were assisted to prosecute their studies in American universities by the aid of generous scholarships. The desirability of developing and making known this side of university work was strongly emphasized. The opinion was further expressed that something should be done by the universities of Great Britain and France to attract students from Canada, who wish to proceed to the higher degrees, and in this connection the following resolution was advanced by President Falconer, of Toronto, and seconded by the Rev. Father Tompkins, of St. Francis Xavier College, Antigonish, N.S. After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted:—This conference is of the opinion that in order to strengthen the unity of the Empire, the universities of Great Britain should be urged to modify and increase their graduate facilities to meet needs especially of students from this Dominion. Also, in order to effect this purpose, this conference appoints a committee to correspond with the universities of France, with a view to the making of arrangements that would help to increase the number of students from this country, who will pursue their graduate studies in France." President Falconer, Sir Wm. Peterson, l'abbé Chartier of Laval, and Dean Cappen were elected members of the committee.

Alberta to Have Billion Dollar Crop

CALGARY, July 10.—Dr. McGill, Dominion Grain Commissioner, who is in Calgary, expresses the opinion that Alberta will have as good a crop this year as last, and that the Dominion will have a billion dollar grain crop.

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BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Saturday, July 1, midnight, via London, June 2.—Infinite care and pains had been taken to keep secret the preparations for the great offensive and the section of the line where the big push was to be made. For many weeks the work went on, with silence required on the part of all officers, but most of them were so limited to their own areas that they did not know what was happening in the others. At all the messes, including the officers', the subject was barred from discussion, although all knew. The only spoken references took place at consultations, and the official orders naturally bore on the matter. Battery emplacements were constructed and batteries were placed in position and troops were marched up at night with no lights. The soldiers and company officers only understood that they were expected to leave their trenches at a certain time with a certain objective. Gen. Haig at Front. Before the action General Sir Douglas Haig moved his temporary headquarters near the front, where the chiefs of his staff departments were all at and reports from all sections came promptly by telegraph and telephone, which carried his instructions back to the front, while he was also in touch with French headquarters by telephone. With the attack beginning at 7.30 in the morning, by 8 o'clock the staff had reports as to whether the different units had already held the first line of German trenches or were advancing beyond. So it was known how far each had carried out the part assigned to it. Difficulty in keeping up communications through curtains of shell fire and making observations through the smoke were not the smallest items of the preparation. During the bombardment The Associated Press correspondent made a most picturesque journey, working his way forward through transport and reserves on the march to a high point and had a view of the shelling in the darkness which was probably the most terrible display of fire works in all times. Far in the distance those flashes in quick succession are the French 75's on the hills above the Somme. Other flashes of the same kind far to the north are the British field guns. Nearby, the small-calibers made ugly sharp flashes from their muzzles and the big calibers larger ones, as the missiles go swishing through the dewy night air and burst in balls of expanding flame. A flaming sheet is laid across a ridge, and that is the barrage fire of the German guns anticipating a British attack. A long, billowing glow of phosphorescent mist—and that is the spray of high explosives from the Stok and motors sent from behind the British onto the German trenches. Sheets and chains of man-made lightnings show trees and buildings or ruined walls, in weird silhouettes. As set-pieces the German flares slowly rise with dependable, steady illumination between the trenches. Green and red and other signal lights add to their variety until the eyes ache and sensations are numbered with the thought of the struggle that is proceeding.

The Goeben is Again Active

LONDON, July 5.—A statement from Petrograd reports that on Tuesday afternoon the enemy ship Reben, formerly the German warship Goeben, bombarded the town and port of Bourne, in the Black Sea, and sank the Russian passenger steamer Knias in progress the Breslau bombarded Sotky. About 6 o'clock in the evening both ships disappeared in a southward direction. The statement referring to the activity on the Caucasus front says that east of Baidurt the Russian forces broke through the enemy's line in spite of desperate resistance and consolidated the ground won, repulsing all counter-attacks. A statement issued by the Turkish War Office says that the Russians have lost Kermanshah after two days of furious fighting. The Turkish official states that the day before the battle, which lasted throughout the night, the Russians had resolved to defend themselves in the village of Mahidnesht, but owing to the Ottoman troops swift of their rearguard began a retreat to positions prepared west of Kermanshah. This town the Turks stormed forcing the Russians to flee. The Turkish statement also claims a success on the Caucasus front, in which six guns and two machine guns were captured.

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The letter was intercepted by the provost marshal at Sydney. The man was committed, and the Grand Jury indicted him, bringing in a true bill of high treason. The case came up before Justice J. A. Chisholm, who fixed the date of trial for July 27th at Sydney. The Canadian Criminal Code provides death as the sole penalty for high treason.

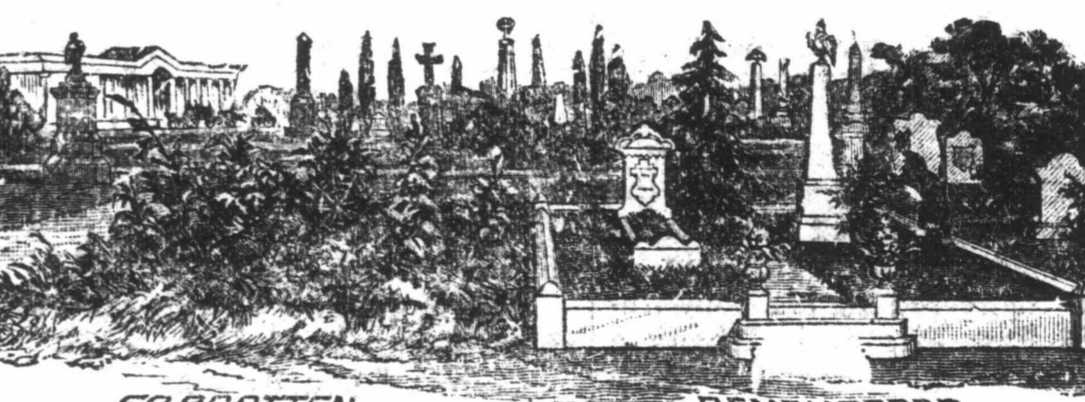
Death Penalty for Aiding War Loan

At the sittings of the Supreme Court in Sydney, Cape Breton, Gaher Faber, a native of Austria-Hungary, has been committed for trial on a charge of high treason. It appeared that Faber addressed a letter to T. Kistler, a banker at 133 Second Avenue, New York, enclosing \$500 subscription to the Austrian war loan.

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