

ULSTER PLANS TO OBSTRUCT IRISH TREATY

Leader of Ulster Unionists Moves Amendment to Irish Free State Bill.

ASKS ENGLAND TO KEEP ITS PLEDGE

Predicts Bloodshed and Chaos if Boundary is Changed in Slightest Degree.

London, Feb. 16.—In moving the second reading of the Irish Free State Bill in the House of Commons today, Winston Spencer Churchill, Secretary for the Colonies, laid stress on the necessity of giving effect to the treaty by clothing the Provisional Government, as the treaty provides, with lawful powers and enabling it to hold an election at the earliest possible moment.

Captain Charles Craig, leader of the Ulster Unionists, moved an amendment that in view of the fact that the treaty provides for the creation of a Boundary Commission, and that such provision is in direct abridgment of the Government's obligations under the Government of Ireland Act of 1920, and a breach of the pledges given by the Premier, this House declines to proceed with the second reading until the Government has given assurance that the provision in question will be eliminated, or that any decision of the Boundary Commission shall only take effect after approval of the Northern Parliament has been given.

Predicts Bloodshed

Speaking of the amendment, Capt. Craig predicted that, if the committee did any more than make the most minute changes in the boundary, the inevitable result would be bloodshed and chaos.

The ensuing debate turned largely on the boundary question. The Attorney-General, Sir Gordon Hewart, spoke at length, but threw no light on the interpretation to be placed on the wording of the treaty concerning the boundary commission, beyond saying that the treaty laid it down that the wishes of the inhabitants should prevail, so far as was compatible with the economic and judicial conditions.

The Unionist members immediately began beating up all possible support of the Craig amendment.

They distributed a circular repudiating all the arguments in favor of the amendment, and reciting the promises and pledges given to Ulster at different periods by Mr. Lloyd George.

EIGHTY STEAMERS FROZEN IN KATTEGAT

Some in Imminent Peril of Being Crushed by the Ice.

Stockholm, Feb. 16.—Some eighty steamships are frozen in the ice in the Kattegat and The Sound, and are drifting.

Some of them are in imminent peril of being crushed. Latest reports from the Sound are to the effect that nine United States steamers of from 5,000 to 10,000 tons, each laden with food for the famine-stricken Russians, are adrift in the ice. The ice pressure in both the Kattegat and The Sound is increasing.

Flying machines are to be used in an attempt to convey food to the ships, some of which have been held fast by the ice for two weeks. Three vessels have foundered along the Swedish coast since the ice blockade set in.

BUILDING TRADES WILL OPPOSE REDUCTIONS

To Fight Proposition of Western Building and Construction Industries.

Winnipeg, Feb. 16.—Building trades will oppose the proposed wage reduction, approximating 15 per cent, suggested and adopted by members of the western building and construction industries at Calgary convention yesterday.

James Winning, business agent here today, he could not follow the line of action to be followed as the Building Trades Council has not formed its policy for this year.

Mr. Winning declared labor's stand on working hours is unalterable, declaring: "Labor is committed to a principle on the matter of hours and will never alter its stand."

BUILT HIS OWN FUNERAL PYRE

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 16.—Building a funeral pyre seven feet high of shavings, Joseph Perry, living in Well Road, ignited the shavings and died today. He was burned to death when neighbors discovered the shavings was dead and part of his hair exposed.

TWENTY-SIX KIDNAPPED UNIONISTS HAVE BEEN RELEASED

Both Northern and Southern Governments Have Agreed To Investigate Shooting London, Feb. 16.—Mr. Churchill told the House of Commons today that, according to the latest information, 26 of the kidnapped Unionists had been released through the workings of the Provisional Government. He said both the Northern and Southern Governments had agreed that there should be an impartial investigation of the Saturday shooting at Clons.

CONCILIATION BOARD TO ACT IN TEXTILE STRIKE

Mill Owners and Representatives of Operatives Ordered to Appear Saturday.

SPECIAL SESSION OF N. H. LEGISLATURE

May Pass Law for 48 Hour Working Week for Women and Minors.

Roston, Feb. 16.—Developments today in the New England textile strike situation were limited to continuing steps toward mediation in various sections. No further additions to the ranks of the striking textile workers were reported.

In Rhode Island the Board of Conciliation and Mediation named yesterday, to seek a settlement of a strike of some 15,000 operatives in the Pawtucket and Blackstone Valleys, today summoned representatives of the mill owners and strikers to appear before it in Providence Saturday morning and outline their demands. In Pawtucket, R. I., the card and spinning Company, employing about 600, which closed down Monday, resumed operations today.

Governor Brown, of New Hampshire, today announced he would call a special session of the State Legislature to be called to pass a law prescribing a 48 hour working week for women and minors. Such legislation, his opponents claim, would meet some of the difficulties in the Manchester textile situation.

Officials of the textile workers' union in Pittsburg, Mass., announced that they had advised members of the union to remain at work, despite the recent 30 per cent wage cut. Leaders stated that only 800 of the 5,000 operatives in that city were organized.

MEIGHEN DEFENDED IN MANITOBA HOUSE

Provincial Secretary Calls to Account One Who Attacked Ex-Premier.

Winnipeg, Feb. 16.—Defense of ex-Premier Arthur Meighen by Provincial Secretary Gordon Brown, from an alleged attack made in the Legislature, was a feature of the proceedings in the House this afternoon. Mr. Brown stated that, in spite of the respect for the people of the country, and it was regrettable that remarks reflecting upon him should be made in the Legislature. Whatever they said out of the House, members should refrain while on the floor from making derogatory remarks about any one not in the Legislature, and therefore unable to reply, said Mr. Brown.

George Palmer, labor member for Dauphin, who played tricks on the family, Mrs. MacDonald has brooded over the unfair trial she has become very ill, and the strange position of the couple, driven from their home of many years, has evoked general sympathy.

WOMAN THEORY IN DELORME CASE EXPLODED

Detectives Chased Down Clue Received in An Anonymous Letter.

Montreal, Feb. 16.—Following a clue received in an anonymous letter, detectives have set at rest a theory that a woman was involved in the case of Abbe Delorme, now under arrest charged with the murder of his half brother Raoul Delorme. The letter stated that a certain woman had declared that she was in the company of Raoul Delorme on the night of January 6, when he was murdered. Upon being questioned by detectives this woman admitted that she had made such a remark, but that it was made as a joke and contained not the slightest element of truth. Her remark, had, it added, probably been overheard, thus giving rise to the anonymous letter.

Detectives are going to Ottawa shortly to compare the handwriting of the will of Raoul Delorme with the signature at its foot.

NORFOLK SWEEP BY THIRTY MILE GALE

Shipping Off the Coast Is Endangered—Second Blizzard of the Winter.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 16.—Five inches of snow have fallen in Norfolk during the second blizzard of the winter. Telephone communication has been cut off, and vehicle traffic is at a standstill in some of the suburbs. A thirty mile north gale is sweeping Norfolk. Shipping off the coast is endangered, according to reports from Cape Hatteras.

GRAND TRUNK RECEIPTS

Montreal, Feb. 16.—Grand Trunk traffic receipts for the week to February 15 last were \$1,241,000, an increase of \$49,521 over the corresponding week of last year when they totaled \$1,191,479.

ONTARIO TALKS AGAINST THE MARITIMES

Newspapers Attack Men Trying to Restore Maritime Railroad Rights.

THEY THREATEN TO SWAMP US

Would Place Sea Provinces Under a Yoke of Bondage.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 16.—In reference to the demand that the old Intercolonial Railway be restored to the control of a Minister, responsible to the people, the Herald's railway authority writes:

"The attack of Ontario newspapers, of both political parties, on men who are striving to restore Maritime rights is arousing fresh interest in the matter."

"Section 145 of the British North America Act is part and parcel of a contract Ontario entered into with the Maritime Provinces in 1867, in Ontario going to honor her signature in the matter, or is she going to treat that part of the constitution of Canada as a 'scrap paper'?" We are told by Ontario newspapers that if we insist on our rights in the Intercolonial Railway there may be reprisals.

"Ontario boasts that they and the West can swamp us after the next redistribution, because we will have less members in parliament than we now have, if that threat is deep-rooted in Ontario and the West, then Maritime Province people better look to their rights and at once take steps to turn aside the threatened yoke of bondage."

SPOOKS BECOME INTERESTING TO SCIENTISTS

Mysteries of the MacDonald House at Caledonia Mills, N. S., Attracting More Attention.

SCIENTISTS MAY BEGIN AN INVESTIGATION

Suggested That Radio Currents May Have Grounded in Vicinity and Caused Fires

Halifax, Feb. 16.—The mystery of the apparition of the little fires at the house of Alex. MacDonald, of Caledonia Mills, N. S., having only been dispensed by the investigation of Provincial Detective P. G. Carroll and Halifax Herald Reporter Harold Whidden, suggestions are now being made that the faculty of science at Dalhousie University undertake an investigation. An investigator points out that, straight through through several wireless stations, would cross near the MacDonald house, and suggests that under certain atmospheric conditions, radio currents may have grounded there and caused the fires seen by a number of persons. He does not, however, suggest that the radio energy would explain the phantom slaps received by the detective and reporter, according to their report.

Scientists Idea of Tricks.

Detective Carroll, in a more detailed report today, expresses the opinion that nobody played tricks on the family. Mrs. MacDonald has brooded over the unfair trial she has become very ill, and the strange position of the couple, driven from their home of many years, has evoked general sympathy.

CATHOLICS AFTER DRURY GOVERNMENT

Said to be Organizing, Assisted by Quebec Hierarchy, for General Election.

Toronto, Feb. 16.—The report that the Drury Government would spring a general election shortly, after the present session closes, was denied by Government officials here tonight.

There was also a report in circulation that the Roman Catholics of the province, with the assistance of the Quebec hierarchy, was organizing in Ontario for a general election. To this, it was said that the Government had made no promise as to its action on separate school grants.

LAWYERS DISCRIMINATE AGAINST THE GIRLS

Pertinent Questions Put to Magistrate by Port Arthur Council of Women.

Port Arthur, Ont., Feb. 16.—Answering an inquiry from the Local Council of Women, as to why girls found in a disorderly house should be sent to reformatory for two years terms while the boys found in their company were allowed freedom on payment of \$45 fines, Magistrate Felling said today, it was not a case of using his discretion, but of trying out the law, which permitted no alternatives.

REPRIEVE GRANTED ON EVE OF HANGING

Chicago, Feb. 16.—A reprieve was granted today by Judge Kitchin Scanlan to Harry Churg, under sentence to be hanged tomorrow for the murder of two automobile salesmen, to obtain an auto. The plea for the stay of execution was based on the assertion that Churg had become insane since his conviction and sentencing.

Gothamites Shivering In An Icy Gale

Mercury Goes Zero and Pedestrians Bombed by Pellets of Snow.

New York, Feb. 16.—Howling northward from some points in the ocean off Cape Hatteras, an icy gale struck New York tonight, sending the mercury scurried and bombarding shivering pedestrians with hard driven pellets of snow.

At 10 o'clock the weather bureau reported a still falling temperature of 9 Fahrenheit. With the prediction that Gothamites would shiver until Saturday—and may be longer. As a palliative, however, it gave an assurance that the peak of the winter storm, 54 miles an hour had passed.

BELFAST WAS CITY OF DEEP MOURNING

Many Funerals Yesterday of Persons Killed in Recent Disorders.

SOLDIERS ESCORTED THE PROCESSIONS

Several of Victims Buried With Orange Honors—No Untoward Incidents.

Belfast, Feb. 16.—The City of Belfast today, bore a mournful aspect. There were many funerals of persons killed in the recent disorders. The processions, in all cases, were escorted by armed cars and battalions containing soldiers, while strong forces of police and troops occupied the danger zones through which the corteges passed. Several of the victims were buried with Orange honors. There were no untoward incidents.

Few Minor Outbreaks

During the afternoon and evening the city was quiet, except for a sudden outbreak of firing late in the evening, which was quickly suppressed. There were no casualties.

Sir James Craig, the Ulster Premier, presided over a meeting of his Cabinet, today, which afterwards issued a statement expressing appreciation for the restraint shown by the Loyalists of the six northern counties and appealing for a continuance of "such praiseworthy conduct."

QUEBEC NEWSPAPER PLANTS OUT OF MIRE

Threatened Strike of Members of Typo. Union Declared Off—Printers Win Concessions.

Quebec, Feb. 16.—(Canadian Press)—The threatened strike of the printers of the International Typographical Union employed in local newspaper plants is off. A settlement was reached tonight at a conference between the employees and a committee representing the men.

While there will be no strike of the newspaper printers, the job printers are still out but there is every indication tonight that their dispute will be settled at a conference tomorrow morning. Already several clauses of an agreement have been accepted by both parties concerned, and it is expected that the other clauses still in dispute will likewise be settled.

As regards the newspaper printers, there is no change in connection with the working hours. The new employment in day work will, according to the new flat scale, be paid \$29 for a 48-hour week, and the men employed in night work will be paid \$31 for a 48-hour week. The printers have thus secured an increase of 55 a week. The old scale was \$24 a week for day work and \$28 for night work.

GOLLINS' MANIFESTO TO BRITISH PEOPLE

Asks Fair Play for Treaty in View of Recent Happenings in Ulster.

Dublin, Feb. 16.—Michael Collins, head of the Provisional Government, tonight sent a long telegram to Winston Spencer Churchill, British Secretary for the Colonies. It was in the nature of a manifesto to the British people asking for fair play for the treaty in respect to the recent happenings in Ulster and for the appointment of the blame for them in the proper places.

Alluding to the suspension of the evacuation of Ireland by the British troops, the message says:

"The best way the English Government can help us is not by suspending but by carrying out the treaty, thereby convicting Ireland that England is really 'delivering the goods this time.'"

NEW YORK BATTLES WITH PNEUMONIA

Health Department Reports 2,212 Deaths from Disease Since January 1.

New York, Feb. 16.—Pneumonia cases reported to the Health Department, today, numbered 347 compared with 692 yesterday, while influenza decreased to 244 new cases against yesterday's report of 304. Eighty deaths from pneumonia and 21 from influenza were reported.

Since January 1, there have been 16,375 cases of influenza here with 378 deaths. Pneumonia caused death of 2,212 of 4,267 persons it attacked this year.

WHO WILL LEAD OPPOSITION IN COMMONS?

Upon the Decision Rests Plans for Seating Two Groups on Speaker's Left.

OFFICIAL LEADER TO BE DECIDED NEXT WEEK

Believed Mr. Crezar Will Decline to Become the Official Opposition Leader.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—(Canadian Press)—Decision as to who will be the leader of the official opposition in the next House of Commons is expected to be reached within the next week.

For the moment, the question awaits the return of Hon. T. A. Crezar, leader of the Progressives, who is taking a holiday in Florida. There was a conference of acting party whips here a week ago, and alternative plans for seating in the House were drawn up, plans dependent on whether or not the Progressive assumes the role of official opposition. If Mr. Crezar, it is likely, declines the role of leader of the official opposition, Conservatives will occupy a block of opposition seats at the head of the chamber, the Progressives facing the Government lower down. Should Mr. Crezar accept the role, Conservatives will occupy the lower seats on the opposition side and the Progressives be nearer the Speaker.

Change Premier's Seat

In either event, it is unlikely that the official Leader of the Opposition will this session be directly opposite to the Prime Minister. Under a plan now being considered, the Premier will move his seat further down towards the centre of the House. The leaders, both Progressive and Conservative, will move in the same direction, one facing the Prime Minister from a few seats to his right, and the other facing him from a few seats to the left.

In the Senate, Conservatives will occupy the opposition seats. Senator Turfitt, the only Progressive in the Senate, will also take his seat on the opposition side.

"TEX" RICKARD ANSWERS TO TWO INDICTMENTS

Fight Promoter Charged With Rape, Assault and Abduction of Two Little Girls.

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Complaints Preferred by Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

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Two minutes later, the man who had staged the Dempsey-Carpenter fight and other bouts, appeared at the criminal courts building with his lawyers, and pleaded not guilty. The District Attorney's office announced that it would be content with the \$10,000 bail furnished when Richard was arraigned in Magistrate's Court last Saturday on a complaint preferred by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Earlier in the morning Richard would only say that he would have a statement to issue within a few days.

Rickard in Good Spirits.

Rickard was still apparently in good spirits when he quitted the building, and declined to discuss the case, which grew out of the alleged attack made on the girls, both in the famous tower of Madison Square Garden, the home of Stanford White's room of mirrors that figured in the Shaw case—and in an apartment on West 47th street. For nearly a week evidence has been laid before the Grand Jury, in the event of a verdict of guilty, a sentence of ten years could be imposed for any one of the three offences charged.

IRISH-AMERICANS TO SUPPORT "FREE STATE"

New Organization to Supplant American Assn for Recognition of Irish Republic.

New York, Feb. 16.—A movement to supplant the American Association for recognition of the Irish Republic by a new organization, to be known as the Friends of the Irish Free State, was announced today by Francis J. Lowe, of this city, who has been active in Irish affairs. A printed circular said the movement will be organized in New York by ex-Governor Martin A. Glynn; in New Jersey by Major Eugene Kinkead, and in Illinois by Timothy Healy.

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STEAMER DRIFTING AND CREW STARVING

S. S. Carnifax Adrift Without Provisions or Fuel—Cutter Goes to Her Assistance.

Boston, Feb. 16.—The coast guard cutter Tampon tonight put out to sea to go to the assistance of the shipping board steamer, West Carnifax, reported adrift at sea with her provisions consumed, her crew of forty being starved and her fuel exhausted. Messages, intercepted at the naval radio station here yesterday, stated that the vessel was drifting southwest at the rate of two miles an hour. Messages today said that she was about 350 miles from Boston, and that her crew was suffering from hunger.

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TWO SHOPKEEPERS WERE SHOT AT DONEGAL YESTERDAY

Members of Irish Republican Army Later Arrested Suspect.

Belfast, Feb. 16.—White Mr. Britton, a draper with a store in Main street, and Mr. Gallagher, a whiskey dealer, were in Gallagher's saloon in Donegal today, both were shot and fatally injured. Members of the Irish Republican Army later arrested Private Alfred Thompson, of the rifle brigade, in connection with the shooting. Edward Lawson, a former soldier and son of a public housekeeper in Donegal, also was arrested.

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