Crisis in European Affairs!

Diplomats view Russo-Polish situation with anxiety--Lloyd George talks straightly to Krassin and Kameneff--Britain will assist Poland if necessary--Western Union Company cannot land cable at Miami.

IS IT WAR?

LONDON, Aug. 5.

Among British officials and the diplomats of other nations here unsguised anxiety is felt over the Russo-Polish situation. One high official said "the situation is as grave as that in August, 1914."

PLAIN WORDS FROM LLOYD GEORGE.

LONDON, Aug. 5.

In a statement in the House of Commons to-day in regard to last evening's conference with the Soviet delegates, Lloyd George said that he and Bonar Law made it clear to M. Krassin and M. Kemaneff that an immediate conclusion of an armistice on fair terms was the only course which would remove the suspicion that the Soviet Government was insincere in its professed that it intended to respect the liberty and independence of Poland. Lloyd George added for himself and Bonar Law that in view of the fact that ethnographical Poland had been invaded, "we would take effective steps to remove obstacles in the way of transmission to Poland from Danzig of military supplies which could be obtained from that quarter." The Premier concluded "I think in view of the critical state of affairs I would rather not make any further statement this afternoon, but, should unfortunately our suspicions be confirmed, I shall make a full statement to the House on Monday as to such further naval or military action which it may be necessary to take." He said the whole object of the proposed peace conference in London had been jeopardized by the Soviet armies' advance. Premier Lloyd George said he had just received a message from George Tchitcherin the Soviet Foreign Minister saying that an urgent telegram was being sent to M. Kemaneff in reply to Great Britain's note of Tuesday. The Premier added he did not know what the Kemaneff telegram contained.

WILL SUPPORT POLAND.

LONDON, Aug. 5.

In the House of Commons to-day Premier Lloyd George was asked whether pressure was being applied by the Allies or Great Britain to Czechoslovakia to assist Poland with men, army or for munitions against Russia. The Premier replied, "everything depends on the answer we receive. If it is unsatisfactory of course we shall bring pressure to bear on everybody to give necessary support to Poland." Replying to a question as to involving other countries in a new war, Premier Lloyd George said, "You don't go to war necessarily when you allow the transit of munitions." Asked whether in case the Soviet answer was unsatisfactory the House could understand that no pressure would be applied to Czecho Slovakia or other border states to use armed intervention in favor of Poland the Premier replied, "if the answer is unsatisfactory, and if it becomes quite clear that the Soviet authorities mean to destroy Poland I certainly could not give any undertaking of that kind." The Premier's reply brought out cheers.

POLISH STRUGGLE INTERNATIONAL.

WARSAW, Aug. 5.

Thirty Soviet armies are progressing in the direction of this city at the rate of six miles a day but are being pushed back in districts east of Lemberg. U. S. aviators are in the fighting against General Budenny's cavalry and infantry. The British, French and Italian Missions are taking the leading role in the decisions of conferences. Munitions from British and French are being rushed to the front and French officers are arriving daily as technical advisers at Polish General Headquarters in preparation for Warsaw's final stand.

HUN TREACHERY.

LONDON, Aug. 5.

Soviet Russia concluded a secret treaty with Germany concerning Poland a few weeks ago, before the Great Polish offensive began, according to a correspondent of the London Times.

MESOPOTAMIA LOSSES.

MONTREAL, Aug. 5.

A cable to theMontreal Star from London says the Daily News learns that British disaster in Mesopotamia was serious. The three hundred casualties which the War Office reported are nearly all killed. The defeated column was a battalion of Manchesters with miners and sappers and six gun batteries. Only a few stragglers returned. Only four guns were saved. A fresh division has been ordered to Mesopotamia from India. Inquiries at Ashton under Lyne, the Depot of the Manchesters, showed that the second battalion was commanded by Colonel Wright, who went to Mesopotamia in March. Kufas garrision on the lower Euphrates is still holding out. The town has been partly burned up. The Arabs lost hundred and twenty dead and many wounded in a new attack northwest of the hills.

RUMANIA WATCHING.

LONDON, Aug. 5.

Rumania is concentrating troops on the Russo-Rumanian frontier, says a wireless despatch from Moscow.

A CABLE COMPLICATION.

MIAMI, Flo., Aug. 5.

Four United States destroyers and one scout patrol, under orders from Washington, waited outside the harbor to-day to prevent the British cable layer Colonia, from laying the Miami end of the Western Union Telegraph Company's cable from Barbados. On board one of the destroyers is a British Vice Consul who will direct the Colonia's captain to disregard the Western Union Company's orders to begin at once the work of landing the cable.

MUST WAIT PERMISSION.

MIAMI, Aug. 5.

The British Cableship Colonia, chartered to lay the South American cable from Miami to Barbados, in British West Indies, will not enter American waters until permission is granted by the State Department in Washington, according to advices received to-day from the British Ambassador, Sir Auckland Geddes, by A. Hubbard, British Vice-Consul in Miami. Hubbard was instructed in a long code despatch from the Ambassador to take command of the cable ship and to keep it outside the three mile limit until further instructions from Washington.

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE CONGRESS.

MONTREAL, Aug. 5.

Word was received to-day by Capt. Evan Edwards, Senior Trade Commissioner for Canada and Newfoundland, from the Imperial Government that five hundred delegates to the Congress of the Chambers of Commerce of Empire to be held at Toronto next month, would arrive at and spend some time here before proceeding to the Toronto Congress.

WAR STEPS IN PROGRESS.

LONDON, Aug. 5.

The Evening News learns that the Government to-day considered the Polish situation and that large quantities of war materials are to be sent immediately, in concert with France. "There is no intention on the part of the Allies," the newspaper adds, "to depart in the slightest degree from their position regarding Poland. The British Government may have to call for volunteers within the next few days to aid in the preservation of the Versailles Treaty. It would be possible for the War Office to send four divisions within the next few weeks, two divisions immediately. Steps are being taken to mobilize the navy but the Cabinet has not yet definitely decided."

POLES STILL CONFIDENT.

PARIS, Aug. 5.

Polish circles in Paris claim that the advance of the Northern Red Army is becoming slower and that the resistance of the Poles is more stubborn. They declare that Polish forces still are holding Oztrolenka, forty miles southwest of Lomza, and say the Warsaw-Danzig railroad is in no immediate danger.

A NEGLIGIBLE VOTE.

LONDON, Aug. 5.

The Government suffered defeat in the House of Lords late last night on an amendment to the Mines Bill, proposing that instead of a Minister of Mines there should be a Parliamentary Secretary. Lord Peel, for the Government, urged that the amendment constituted an attack on the principle of the Bill, but the Peers carried the amendment by 28 to 23.

A RAY OF HOPE.

LONDON, Aug. 5.

Premier Lloyd George was told at the Conference yesterday with the Irish deputation, that great progress has been made among Irish Unionists the last few months, favoring a broad policy giving self-government to the Irish, says the Times, reporting the meeting.

A COSTLY IDEAL.

SAN SEBASTIAN, Aug. 5.

It is now costing forty thousand pounds sterling a month to run the League, according to an estimate by Sir Herbert Ames, submitted to the Council of the League of Nations.

FLAWS IN ELECTION.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 5.

On account of several members of the Legislature holding office under the Crown, the whole Winnipeg election may be rendered invalid, the Tribune says.

K. OF C. AND IRISH QUESTION.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.

The Knights of Columbus in annual convention here, adopted resolutions yesterday stating they believe "that Ireland has the right and ought to be a free and independent nation."

Personal.

Mr. John Dooley, Sub-Collector of Customs at Badger, is in town spending a few weeks' holiday.

Mr. Frank Pike, of Port aux Basques, is in the city on a business and pleasure trip.

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Notes From Brigus.

Captain Ralph Clarke returned from St. John's by Saturday night's train.

Mr. Jas. French arrived from Grand Falls, on Monday night, to spend a holiday in his old home town.

Messrs. Harry Hiscock, Jas. Morrissey and Richard Whelan, who had been spending a time with friends at home, left by Tuesday's express to resume their occupations in the land of Uncle Sam.

Mr. F. G. Jerrett went to the city by Tuesday evening's train.

Mr. John Brien came home from the city on Tuesday night.

On Monday night a few young folks, who were taking passage on Tuesday's express for the U.S.A. and some friends held a very enjoyable dance in the Court House.

On Tuesday night a very interesting lecture on the Bible was given in the Methodist Academy Hall, by Rev. Canon Kuhring of St. John, New Brunswick. The Rev. lecturer served as chaplain with the British forces in the Mediterranean and also in France. He is now on a month's holiday, during which time he is making a lecture tour for the British and Foreign Bible Society.

On Wednesday evening the marriage of Mr. Charles Stantford of Hartford, Conn., to Mrs. Emma Wilcox of this town, took place at Georgetown, whither the party proceeded in motor cars. They leave in a few weeks for their home in the U.S.A. Their friends wish them many years of wedded bliss.

During the past week the squid have "struck in" in large quantities. But even with these for bait no codfish is obtainable. Good catches of haddock were taken by trapmen yesterday. This would indicate that one of the poorest codfishery's for seasons is about concluded, as no cod is taken after the appearance of these fish.

Messrs. Hall and Murphy of the Bank of Nova Soctia, left by motor on Tuesday evening to spend the holiday in St. John's. They returned again to-day.

There was a limited supply of bakeapples on the market last week, but like the strawberries, they went to the highest bidder.

Mr. Louis Bartlett of the Health Department is here spending a holiday with his parents.

—NEMO.

Brigus, C.B., Aug. 5th, 1920.

Obituary.

JOHN VICTOR DREW.

There passed away at the General Hospital, on July 12,th, John Victor Drew, oldest son of Capt. and Mrs. Con. Drew of Bay Bulls, born at Brooklyn, N.Y., 1906. Victor was very popular with his school fellows and beloved by all who knew him, because of his pleasing disposition and will be missed by his many friends. June 25th he entered the General Hospital to undergo an operation for appendicitis from which he passed away. The news was a severe blow to his father who was in U.S.A. at the time. To the bereaved parents the Telegram extends sympathy.

St. Andrew's Garden Party and Sports.

The programme for the St. Andrew's Garden Party, which will be held on the 18th inst. at Cowan's Farm, Topsail Road, will be finalized at a meeting of the various committees in the Presbyterian Hall tonight. Those in charge of the arrangments are making every effort to have the programme excel the Highland Games of former years.

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MINARD'S LINIMENT RELIEVES DIPHTHERIA.

Since Sir Ernest Musgrave Harvey was appointed chief cashier of the Bank of England, his autograph has been keenly pursued by collectors. Others equally valuable, and even more scarce, are those of his predecessors in that post since 1872—J. G. Nairns, H. G. Bowen, and Frank May. For a very brief period, pending Mr. Bowen's appointment, the bank-notes were signed by Mr. Kenneth Grahame, the author of "The Golden Age." He is a high official in the Bank of England.