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REGARDS IRISH TRUCE UNIQUE IN WORLD HISTORY

Member of Northern Parliament Declares It Gave Republican Army Its Opportunity.

PROTECTED IN WORK AGAINST ULSTER

Under Its Protection Hostile Army Organized to Overthrow Northern Government

Belfast, March 21.—Moving a second reading of the Ulster Restoration of Order Bill in the Northern Parliament today, H. D. McGaw described the Irish truce as unique in the history of the world—a truce between a Government and its subjects.

The Northern Government, declared Mr. McGaw, had captured documents showing that the Irish Republican Army had never really become active in Ulster until it could carry on operations in security, under the protection of the truce. In one district, a battalion had been raised and equipped between September and December last; the evidence had shown, said that member, while in other districts the endorsed committee of police activity had resulted in the importation of large quantities of arms and ammunition.

Would Overthrow Northern Govt. Indications had also been found, added Mr. McGaw, proving that the truce was an instrument to organize a hostile army for the overthrow of the Northern Government.

The Restoration of Order Bill provides for the flogging of persons found in possession of bombs, or fire arms, and for robbery which is accompanied by violence. The Bill also makes it a punishable offence to collect, publish or disseminate any information concerning police forces or of movements on the border such as would assist disturbers of the peace.

The Bill passed its second reading today.

"MIRACLE MAN" NEAR TO CAUSING TRAGEDY

Places Girl in Hypnotic Sleep in Lobby of Theatre—Suddenly Takes Ill.

Hamilton, Ont., March 21.—Albertus who styled himself a "miracle man," and who was seized with serious fits after putting a girl to sleep last Saturday in the lobby of a theatre to awaken her yesterday, was at last found to have the girl taken to the hospital where he was being treated both he and the sleeping girl had to be removed to a hotel, where he brought the girl out of her sleep. He is still in the hotel where his condition is serious.

He was being treated at the St. Joseph's Hospital, a Roman Catholic institution, and the meeting between the hypnotist and the girl was not permitted because that church does not approve of some phases of hypnotism.

PREMIER LENINE SERIOUSLY ILL

Russian Soviet Leader Summons Specialist from Berlin—Cancer Feared.

Berlin, March 21.—Commenting on the announcement of Dr. Felix Eisenberg, German specialist, to attend Premier Lenin, the Russian Soviet Premier, the Russian newspapers published here state today that Premier Lenin has been ill, off and on for a considerable time, partly as the result of a wound inflicted when an attempt was made to assassinate him. His condition, however, has recently become worse, the newspapers add, and a specialist, Dr. Eisenberg, is coming to Moscow to attend to him.

A dispatch from Helsingfors today asserts that Premier Lenin is suffering from cancer.

NEUTRALS TO MEET AT BERNE CONFERENCE

Will Determine What Action They Should Take at Geneva Meeting.

Paris, March 21.—European neutrals will meet representatives to a conference to be held in Berne, Switzerland, towards the end of the present month, according to information received at the French foreign office.

The conference will consider what action the neutrals should take at the Geneva conference in their common interests.

THREE KILLED AND SCORE INJURED IN FASCIST ATTACK

Bloody Clashes Between Communists and Fascisti Reported from Bologna.

Rome, March 21.—Three persons were killed and more than a score including Mayor Ransini, of Piacenza were wounded when a crowd of Fascisti attacked a large crowd in the public square of that city, according to advices received in Rome today. Bloody encounters between Fascisti and communists were also reported in Bologna, where one communist was killed and in several other provincial centers.

TIGHTENING THE NET ABOUT REV. DELORME

Crown Completes Development of Its Case Against Abbe Suspected of Murder.

Montreal, March 21.—Rev. Adelard Delorme was this afternoon committed for voluntary statement, on March 27, by Judge Oueson in the Enquete Court. It is expected he will then be committed for trial and to appear before the Court of King's Bench in June next, on the charge of murdering his half-brother, Raoul, on or about January 8, of this year.

Today the Crown completed the development of its case in the Enquete Court. This morning when the court opened, a messenger presented several items of evidence in the case as they entered the room. Near the judge's rostrum lay a tailor's dummy, dressed in the clothing which had been worn by the victim at the time of the tragedy. It was utilized by Doctor Du Home, the Provincial anatomist, to reconstruct certain parts of the crime, notably as to the clothing the young man was when shot. The soiled and discolored coat, the collar and shirt soaked in blood, the necktie pulled out of place and out of shape, presented a faithful reproduction of the position the body was in after being deposited in the suburbs of the city.

New Evidence. New features of the evidence today were Dr. Du Home's evidence on the handwriting on a parcel sent to the private address of Detective Lorraine, one of the officers manning the police investigation, and which contained a watch marked "A.D." and a piece of chain which fitted into a broken guard found on the body, and his contention that it was the same as the handwriting of Father Delorme reproduced in a local paper. Dr. Du Home also described how he had magnified the writings to compare them and had, by the same means, established a similarity between the sketches in the piece of quilt used to wrap up the dead man's bullet perforated head, and a quilt found in the Delorme house.

SENATE SENSATION HAS FLICKERED OUT

Turmoil Started Over Suggestion of British-U.S. Secret Understanding Quiets Down

Washington, March 21.—The twenty-four hour session over suggestions of a secret British-American co-operative "understanding," suddenly ticked over today in the Senate. A succession of formal denials, emanating from sources that ranged from the White House down, showed to open opponents of the Four Power Pacific Treaty, as they were preparing to set for a formal investigation, and, apparently, put an end to the whole incident.

Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho who presented the Cravath statement to the Senate yesterday, contented himself with saying that what he read was a stenographic transcript of Mr. Cravath's remarks, and that the explanation now made would not be accepted in any court.

EDMUNDSTON HAD DAMAGING FIRE

Special to The Standard. Edmundston, N. B., March 21.—Fire, early this morning, severely damaged the bowling alley and garage owned by Joseph Davis and rented to Thomas Trenholm, causing several thousand dollars damage to buildings and contents. Prompt work of the fire department saved a six machine building.

TO RE-ESTABLISH THE OLD SYSTEM OF PATRONAGE

Liberals Now in Promised Land and Want the Leaves and Fishes.

PREMIER KING OPPOSES CHANGE

Quebec and Maritime Followers, However, Long for the Spoils of Office.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, March 21.—Liberal tariff reductions, forecasted in the Speech from the Throne, will include, it is stated in authoritative sources, reductions of duties on farm implements, books and gloves, and on articles used for education. They will not be of a drastic character, but will be accompanied by a promise from the Government that an inquiry will be begun as soon as the session is over looking to further and more important revisions next year.

Back to Patronage. The first step toward the re-establishment of patronage will be taken within the next few weeks when the Government will bring a bill to Parliament making postmaster, light-house keepers, harbor masters and other appointments out of the hands of the Civil Service Commission. The matter has been before a Liberal caucus, when considerable was made of the fact that, although the party has been in the wilderness for ten years, it is still denied the leaves and fishes, although in the promised land. Mr. King, it is believed, exhibited no particular desire to go back to the old system but was overborne by his followers in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, who show an especially strong liking for the spoils of office.

HOUSE ATTITUDE PROBLEMATIC

The attitude of the House on the matter is problematical. A number of old time Conservatives have looked with disfavour upon the great power that has been wielded by the Civil Service, and these may not voice much opposition to a change, but on the other hand, the Progressives are strongly in favour of the present system, and at times considerable trouble.

ONTARIO'S GOVERNMENT FIERCELY ATTACKED

Charges of Reckless Expenditures and Fixing of Books Came from Opposition.

Toronto, March 21.—Two opposition members launched their attacks against the Provincial Government budget in this afternoon's session of the Legislature. They were W. E. N. Sinclair Liberal, for Ontario South, and Charles McCrea, Conservative member for Sudbury. Both charged the Government with reckless expenditures and claimed it had overthrown the economy plan of the U. F. O. The two speakers also expressed doubt that the surplus announced by Provincial Treasurer Smith last week was real, but rather a matter of placing items in capital account that should have been classed as ordinary expenses. Mr. Sinclair claimed that efficient government in this Province would only be possible when the best minds of all classes in Ontario assisted, instead of only two classes.

Mr. McCrea attacked the rural credits scheme and held the Government responsible if there is any mismanagement in the Chippewa undertaking.

REJECT PROPOSAL OF MEDIATION BOARD

Last Chance, for Possible Settlement of Textile Dispute, Believed Gone.

Providence, R. I., March 21.—The general committee in charge of the textile strike in the Pawtucket Valley voted today to reject the latest proposal of the State Board of Mediation and Conciliation looking toward the settlement of the walkout.

The proposal was that, upon the passage by the Rhode Island General Assembly of a fifteen law for women and children, the employers arbitrate the question of wages and return to work, pending the result of arbitration at a temporary wage to be fixed by the State Board of Mediation. With the action of the Pawtucket Valley Committee in turning down this suggestion, it is believed gone the last chance for a possible settlement of the textile dispute by the Mediation Board. The Board will meet Thursday noon to receive the reply of the Pawtucket Valley strikers, as well as that of the United Textile Workers of the Stockton Valley. This meeting, officials of the Board said, will probably be the last that body will hold.

Hon. McCallum Grant Reappointed Lieut.-Governor of N. S.

Ottawa, Mar. 21.—The Lieutenant-Governorship of Nova Scotia, which has been the subject of much gossip and rumor during recent months, has been filled by the re-appointment for another five year term of Hon. McCallum Grant, the present incumbent.

CONDITIONS IN BELFAST ARE LAMENTABLE

The Whole Situation Along Ulster Border One of Serious Tension.

OUTRAGES IN CITY ON THE INCREASE

Craig Endeavoring to Restore Order in the Underworld of Belfast.

London, March 21.—The general condition along the Ulster boundary is one of serious tension, and the Commission is not functioning as it should on either side, Winston Churchill, Secretary for the Colonies, stated in the House today. Mr. Churchill said that General Sir Neville Macready, commander of the forces in Ireland, however, considered the news paper accounts had exaggerated the gravity of the situation. The Colonial Secretary said the Provisional Government had informed him that no force of the twenty-six counties had participated in Saturday night's events, which, he asserted, were organized locally by the Irish Republican Army members living within the six county area. Asked whether the British Government would suppress the outrages by whom ever committed, he said they conceived in the jurisdiction of the Northern Government. "Thereupon cries were raised: 'Aren't you going to help them?'"

Plenty of Troops

Mr. Churchill continued that the Ulster Government had thirteen battalions of infantry, 5,000 constabulary, nearly 6,000 armed "A" specials, 50,000 "B" specials, and a further force of "C" specials. He did not believe that the Northern Government was unable to maintain order.

CONDUCTOR BROAD QUILTS RAILROAD LIFE

After Forty Years' Service on Government Road Retires to Private Life.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, N. B., March 21.—Conductor William LeBlond, one of the best known and most popular men on the C. N. R. in the Maritime District, retired from the service yesterday on the Provident fund. Conductor Broad had been in the service of the Government Railway some forty-two years and during some thirty years of that time he was conductor on passenger trains. He entered the service at St. John, but for many years he has made his home in Moncton and between this city and St. John. Conductor Broad was not only well known to the traveling public, but he was a very competent official and rendered the railway good service. Many friends, not only in the railway service, but among the traveling public will wish Mr. Broad many years of health to enjoy his well-earned pension.

STAGED FIGHT ON PUBLIC STREET

Youth and Old Age in Fistic Encounter—Settle Dispute in Court.

Sydney, N. S., March 21.—Angus Macdonald, 71, and Joseph Petrie, 37, were fined \$5 each today for staging a fist fight on Charlotte street. Macdonald was getting the better of the encounter when a police officer bore down and captured both the battlers and took them before Justice Stanger.

600,000 MEN WILL BE AFFECTED BY STRIKE ORDER

Suspension of Work by All Union Coal Miners Scheduled for April 1.

ORDER DOES NOT APPLY TO NOVA SCOTIA

Includes, However, 6,350 Union Men in Western Canada Coal Areas.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 21.—Suspension of work by all union coal miners at midnight March 31, was ordered today by officers of the United Mine Workers of America, the call being the first ever issued for both bituminous and anthracite workers to walk out simultaneously. Six hundred thousand men will be directly affected by the order, it was estimated officially. The suspension of the order provided for will continue until stopped by union officials.

The order which was sent to the 3,000 local unions, directed the miners to give the operators their fullest cooperation in the protection of mine property, and counseled against violence and violation of the law.

Affects Canada's Fields.

In addition to affecting all union miners in the United States, the order also directed approximately 6,350 union men in Western Canada to join in the walkout, but did not apply to 14,000 miners in Nova Scotia. Never before in the history of the coal industry has a suspension or strike order called for cessation of work by all union miners in the United States. In the past, wage contracts in the bituminous and anthracite fields have not expired at the same time, but a complete tie-up in union fields was considered during the great anthracite strike in 1902. A sympathetic strike by the bituminous miners at that time was rejected by the union's convention, it being argued that the coal operators would be bound by a contract.

The issuance of the call came with the recent strike vote of soft coal miners not completely tabulated, but it was said officially that the work of the union's board of trustees had progressed to such a point as to show every field voting overwhelmingly in favor of suspension. Indications were that nine-tenths favored the walkout. Cessation of the suspension in whole or part is left to the union's policy committee, composed of more than 100 union officials, which will meet in Cleveland on Friday to consider plans for conducting the strike. "The suspension order, which said blame for the walkout in the soft coal fields rested with the operators for refusing to negotiate a new contract with the union, and with the failure to reach a new agreement with the hard coal operators, was mailed by office employees at the union's headquarters here in the absence of officials. The project, however, has previously been arranged by officials, and the release of the call, which was dated yesterday, was directed by officers, who are in New York meeting with anthracite operators."

GERMANY MUST MEET STATED CONDITIONS

Allied Reparations Commission Upholds Figures Arrived at During Cannes Conference.

Paris, March 21.—The meeting of the Allied Reparations Commission, which began Monday night, continued throughout today and, with brief intervals of recess was in session until midnight. A unanimous decision was reached on all points concerning the conditions Germany must meet.

GRAIN IN STORAGE SHOWS INCREASE

This Applies to Coarse Grains—Wheat and Flax Decreased Slightly.

Ottawa, Mar. 21.—(Canadian Press)—According to returns received at the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, for the week ending March 16, 1922, the quantity of grain in store at the different elevators throughout Canada has increased by 1,201,139 bushels made up as follows: Oats 1,125,000 bushels; barley 57,577 bushels and rye 18,562 bushels. Wheat includes 1,045,000 bushels and 200,000 bushels.

TROOPERS ALLOWED MOB FULL LIBERTY ON CAIRO STREETS

Made No Effort Whatever to Suppress Series of Demonstrations.

Cairo, Egypt, March 21.—Egyptian troops had to be withdrawn from the streets yesterday because, instead of trying to suppress demonstrations, they allowed the mob full liberty. Mounted police were summoned and soon restored order. It is stated that a court of inquiry will be appointed to investigate the action of the troops.

LLOYD GEORGE LATEST MOVE LOBBY TOPIC

Opinions Divided on Result of Decision to Seek Vote of Confidence.

MAY SHELVE DEFINITE POLITICAL CRISIS

Provided, However, Motion Has to Do Only With His Genoa Policy.

London, March 21.—Parliamentary lobbies had as their principal topic for discussion tonight the decision of Premier Lloyd George to seek a vote of confidence in the House of Commons for his Genoa policy. The balance of opinion was that by this move a definite political crisis would be averted temporarily.

There was little doubt among the parliamentarians that the Premier would secure a majority, as in addition to a large section of the Unionist vote it was pointed out that he would probably also be supported in this particular question by the Liberals and Laborites.

Terms of Motion Important

But some of the better versed commentators declared much will depend upon the terms of the motion for the vote of confidence, which will be moved by some private member. If it is a simple motion, expressing Parliament's confidence in the Premier as the representative of Great Britain at the Conference, it probably will be opposed only by fifty or sixty "die hards"; should the motion seek to commit the Unionist Party in any ambiguous way, its fate will be more doubtful. If the motion is carried by only a narrow majority, the Parliamentarians believed it would be considered equivalent to defeat and would most likely bring about the resignation of the Premier or a dissolution.

AMEND LAW TO MEET MODERN CONDITIONS

Old British Law Concerning Coercion Has Outgrown Its Usefulness.

London, March 21.—Viscountess Asford today introduced a bill in the House designed to amend the old British law concerning the punishment of coercion in case of offenses committed by married women. Introduction of the bill arises from the recent case of a prominent society woman Mrs. Owen Peel, being acquitted in connection with a betting fraud in which her husband, Captain Peel, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment. Her acquittal was by virtue of an old law of sixteenth times on which the Judge ruled that, as the offense was committed in the presence of her husband and, therefore, presumably under his coercion, he had no option but to acquit her.

This was followed by strong agitation for an amendment to bring the law into relation with modern conditions.

PROPOSE BOND ISSUE BY RUSSIAN SOVIETS

The Issue Would Cover the Whole of Russia's Indebtedness—British Proposition

London, March 21.—That the Russian Soviet Government should issue bonds covering the whole of Russia's indebtedness, is understood to have been the British proposal at the first session of the Allied technical experts' meeting here today, to prepare a programme for the Genoa Conference. Bonds not only covering all of Russia's national debts, but also municipal and individual loans to the old and new Russian regimes, are understood to have been included in the proposal. The bonds would be exempt from interest for five years.

LABOR MINISTER HITS AGAIN AT MACLACHLAN

Dubs Him as Un-British, Un-Canadian and Cowardly in Advice to Miners.

PLACES SECRETARY IN BOLSHEVIK CLASS

Expresses Belief Red-Blooded Canadian Citizens Will Not Countenance Manifesto.

Ottawa, March 21.—Hon. James Murdock, Minister of Labor, tonight sent the following Canadian telegram to J. B. MacLachlan, secretary of District 26, United Mine Workers of America, Glace Bay:

"Your telegram received and handed to the press. The written and actual record of the action authorized by the undersigned, with others, in connection with the strike of train and engineers in the steel works at Sydney in 1920, speaks for itself, and cannot be changed by any interpretation you may care to place on such action. Have no doubt, whatever, you have preached, as you say, so called passive strike methods for some time and will continue to do so. In my judgment it is un-British, un-Canadian and cowardly to pretend to working for a wage rate in effect while declaring to the world that only partial grudging service will be given.

Acting Like Cowards. My experience has been that men quit like men and walk off the job when unwilling to work for wage rates or conditions offered, but the advice you give would place you and those who accept such advice, surely in some other class. Be assured that the undersigned has no brief for or personal sympathy with certain methods adopted by the British Empire Steel Corporation, and I regard it now, as during the recent general election campaign, as one of Canada's tragedies that any corporation should appear to be able to undertake, the course of public events to its own purposes. Two wrongs, however, do not make one right, and red-blooded Canadian citizens will not, in my judgment, follow your advice, in the presence of loyalty, staying on the job for the purpose of penalizing the employer."

The message was signed James Murdock, Minister of Labor.

SMOOTH SAILING FOR IRISH FREE STATE BILL

Obstacles to Its Passage Through Upper House Have Been Removed.

London, March 21.—The possibility of the Irish Free State Bill being defeated by the Upper House of Parliament appeared to be removed, today, by statements of the Marquis of Londonderry and the Marquis of Salisbury when the Bill went to Committee stage.

The Earl of Crawford, having expressed hope on behalf of the Government that all the remaining stages of the measure be completed this week, Lord Salisbury, referring to amendments which had been proposed, said there was no intention by the movers of these amendments to wreck the bill. They recognized that any such opportunity was passed, he said.

MONCTON MAN HELD AT SYDNEY

Detained at Request of Police Conversion of Funds Charged.

Sydney, N. S., March 21.—F. Atkinson was arrested here, tonight, at the request of the Moncton police on a charge of conversion of funds to his own use, and he will be held until a man is sent down to take him back to New Brunswick. Atkinson claims there is a mistake and that he can explain matters satisfactorily.

300,000 BARRELS OF OIL AFIRE

Houston, Tex., March 21.—Two large carbon tanks of the Humble Oil & Refining Company, with a total capacity of 200,000 barrels, are afire here. The loss will approximate \$500,000, it was said.

STRIKE OF METAL WORKERS INCREASES

Stuttgart, Germany, March 21.—The strike of metal workers now involves 150 plants and 41,000 workers. Ten thousand employees in other plants have announced they will join the movement on Friday.