

LONDON, ONTARIO, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1923.

## NO CHANGE IN TARIFF EXPECTED THIS SESSION

Progressive Leader Demands General Reduction, But Any Change Is Unlikely as Long as the United States Maintains Its Present High Duties.

### ASKS INCREASED BRITISH PREFERENCE

Special to The Advertiser  
by a Staff Correspondent.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—The opening days of the session have not served to develop anything very new regarding probable political alignments or possible fresh political issues. The three parties have come to parliament with a fairly serious outlook upon Canadian and world economic conditions, and show no inclination so far to be unduly captious regarding the government's record or the government policies for the future.

No amendment has yet been offered to the address to the throne speech, which probably indicated about as much earnestness or good intent on the part of the government as any speech of the kind in the past.

If any amendment is offered before the debate on the address is finished, it will undoubtedly be based upon the fact that the national debt has increased by \$45,000,000 and that the expenditures have been but little increased, while taxation has been superimposed.

In regretting such a situation, Conservative oppositionists and Progressives have so far been in entire accord. In fact, it is part of the gossip of the corridors that Hon. Arthur Meighen this session has decided that a policy of attracting Progressives to himself is probably a better policy than striving as he did last session to drive them into the ranks of the Liberals.

Progressive Support? So far, there is no particular indication of either of these things happening, though a carefully worded and dispassionately critical amendment on expenditures, moved by the official opposition, might be calculated to win heavy support from Progressive ranks or vice versa.

There is this to be said of the present session, that members of all parties are fairly well united in the belief that a simple piling up of taxation burdens, without decreasing the principal of the debt, cannot much longer be resorted to as a road of least resistance toward solving the Dominion's financial burdens.

Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, probably realizes that fact better than any other, so that his speech in reply to the charge of governmental extravagance may go far to clear up the situation and to avert a vote of lack of confidence, which

might imperil the government's existence.

No Tariff Changes. Robert Forke of Brandon, leader of the Progressives, has reiterated the Progressive demand for reduction in the general tariffs and for an increase in the British preference. It is not at all likely that there will be any particular change in the general tariff while the United States maintains its present high duties. So much was announced by Mr. Fielding in the budget debate last session, and he has had no reason to change his mind since.

Increased freight rates and increased and cheaper credits are held among government members to be more important to the west than insignificant and contracted decreases in the tariff.

Liberal members who last year stood for the restoration of the Crown's Nest Pass agreement are inclined to be resentful at the charge that the \$25,000,000 added thereby to the value of the western crop was gobbled up by increased rates on the great lakes, and if the royal commission appointed to inquire into the alleged monopoly on the great lakes finds in favor of strict control of lake shipping rates, the proposal will find opponents among eastern members of the party.

Would Relieve West. "The west," said a prominent Ontario Liberal member tonight, "must be relieved of all the obvious handicaps under which it at present labors, including freight rates, where unjust, and banking accommodation where unduly restricted. The differences on the tariff can be adjusted."

The last revision of the Canadian Banking Act in 1913 was a decidedly formal affair, the banks having more friends than anyone else, and attempts at reform being chiefly restricted to all intents and purposes. "Today, however, eastern industrial concerns are suffering quite as much from being chiefly restricted to western farms. Any proposal for the creation of provincial banks, whereby the money deposited by the population of any province may be invested therein, will secure heavy support, while there is a fairly strong consensus of opinion among legislators that there should be less disparity between the price paid by borrowers for loans and the interest paid depositors for deposits."

In fact, there is today in parliament a far greater feeling of mutual interest, as between east and west, than there has been in the past."

## WANTS SPECIAL PROBE OF ENGINEER'S DEPT.

### Alderman Urges One Night Set Aside for Thorough Discussion.

Ald. George Burdick will move at tonight's regular session of the city council that the entire problem affecting the proposed re-organization of the city engineer's department be referred for consideration at a special gathering.

He submits that the time would be inopportune for a full and fair discussion of all facts of the case and urges that one night be set aside for this purpose. He contends they should move with every caution and not act rashly.

## HARD TO FIND CAUSE WORTHY OF CHARITY

Carnegie Trust Officials "Sweat Blood" To Do Good Instead of Harm.

Special to The Advertiser.  
New York, Feb. 5.—A complete report of Andrew Carnegie's last trust, the Carnegie Corporation of New York, was made by Dr. Henry S. Pritchett, acting president, today. This fund, which showed an expenditure of \$57,929,346 since its foundation in 1911, has assets of more than \$130,000,000. "Somebody must sweat blood with gift money," said the report, "if it is not to do more harm than good."

It frankly discussed the dangers of such enormous accumulations of money, and declared large trust funds in New York alone now amount to \$325,000,000. Carnegie's purpose in establishing the Carnegie Corporation, according to the report, was to support and develop institutions which he had already founded, but the greater purpose was to create an endowment for the generations to come, so it will always be liquid and available for what each generation of trustees might find most significant.

"One of the dangers of such a trust is the tendency to disperse resources in mediocre projects believed to be essential by its supporters, while the chief function of the cause is very often to provide salaries for those who conduct it," said Dr. Pritchett. "Aims giving out more than one way. Often the by-products of giving result in social ills which do enough harm to more than counteract the benefit that may come from the original gifts."

## EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL SWIMS FOR SIXTY MILES

Buenos Aires, Feb. 5.—Lillian G. Harrison, an 18-year-old Argentine girl, arrived at Tigre yesterday, after 21-hour and 20-minute swim from Montevideo, establishing a new world's record. Miss Harrison covered a distance of 60 kilometers, or about 37 miles, in strong currents.

## EXCHANGE OFFICERS OF SALVATION ARMY

### Adjutant and Mrs. Spearing of No. 3 Hall Leave Today for Toronto.

The following changes have been made in the district organization of the Salvation Army:

Adj. and Mrs. Spearing of No. 3 hall are leaving today for Toronto, and Capt. and Mrs. Foster from Guelph will take charge of No. 3 hall, London.

Ensign and Mrs. Hughes of Ingersoll have been appointed to Sarnia, and Adj. and Mrs. Graves of Walkerville will proceed to Ingersoll.

Adj. Mabb will take charge of the Walkerville station, and Ensign Bird of Dresden will move to Kingsville. Captain Auld has been promoted to the Dresden division.

Staff Captain Penfold has just completed an auditing and inspection tour of the following places: Dresden, Walkerville, Leamington and Walkerville. He reports that the work in all these towns is in a flourishing condition, and that the prospects for the winter campaign are bright and promising.

Brigadier Creighton, the divisional commander, is in Montreal attending a conference of divisional commanders, and will be back in his hall on Tuesday night.

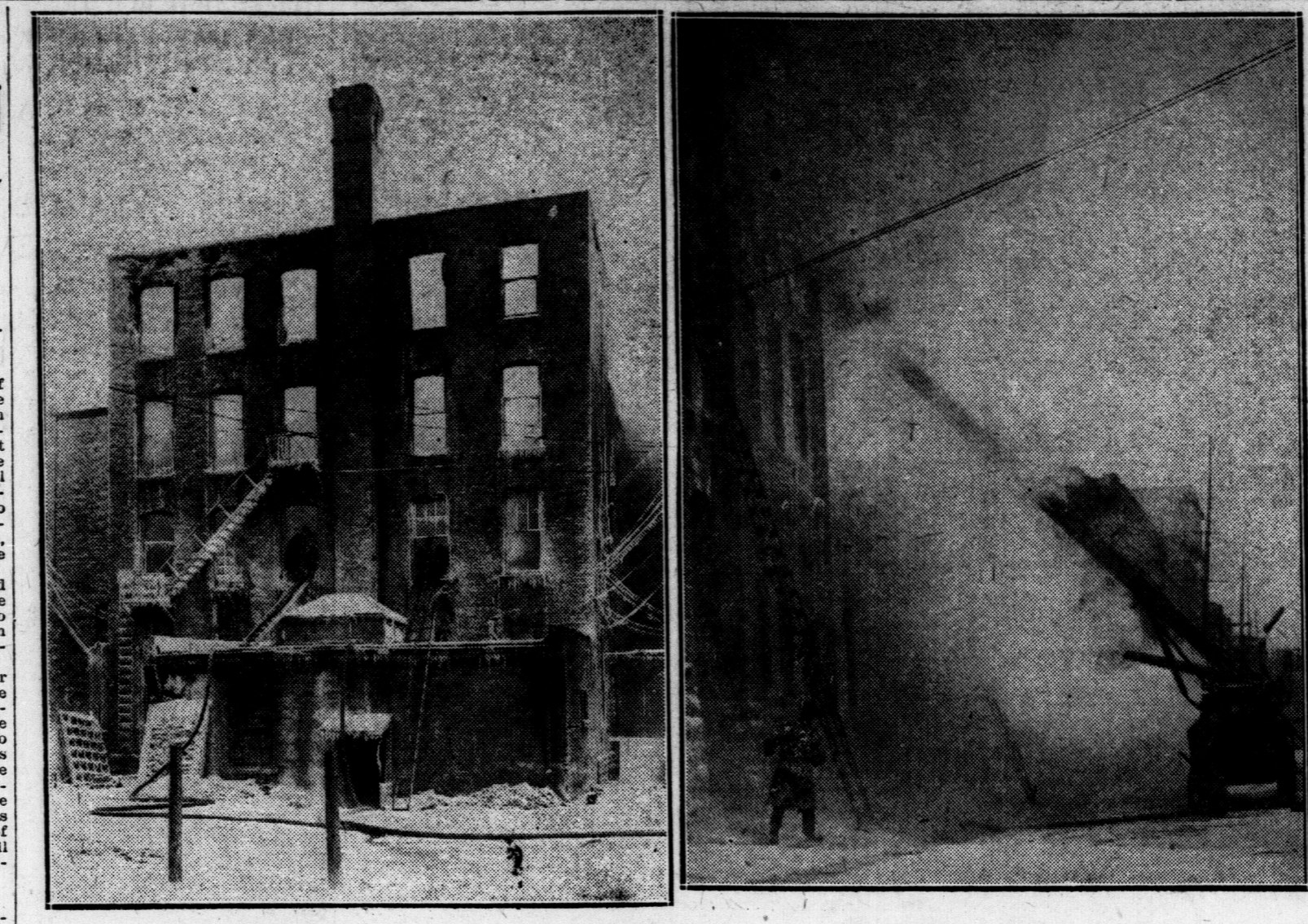
## LONDON MUSICAL ART HOLD WEEKLY RECITAL

The regular weekly recital of the pupils of the London Institute of Musical Art was held last Saturday afternoon in the assembly hall. Those who contributed to the program were Betty Farcombe, Mildred McGary, Edna McCormick, Martin Burrows, Grenville Sinclair, Edith Jones, Gordon Jackson, Reid Evans, Mary Acres, Marquerite Gibson, Sylvia Hill, Tom Milliken, Marjorie Lewis, Gladys Binks, Fred Edwards, Jean McMillan and Genevieve Carmichael.

The teachers were: Edith Irvine, Jennie Steele, Irene Burns, Ulan Kennedy, Iva Smith, Irene Foster, Laura Kirkwood, Dorothy Munroe, Hazel Taylor and Charles E. Percy.

KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES—Clarice Becomes Impatient.

WHAT! 6.30 AND NOT IN YOUR EVENING CLOTHES YET? WE MUST BE AT LADY AIRDALES BY SEVEN!



SCENES AT \$200,000 FIRE ON CLARENCE STREET EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING. The Advertiser photographer here presents two pictures of the Reid Bros. & Co. disastrous blaze. The picture to the left, taken from the rear of the building, shows nothing left of the four-story structure but the lee-incrusted walls. To the right is shown the firemen directing streams of water into the burning building, with the aerial truck in the foreground.

## CLEAR HYDRO OFFICIAL OF DISHONESTY CHARGE

### Board of Inquiry Exonerates Sarnia Manager Following His Dismissal.

Special to The Advertiser.

Sarnia, Feb. 5.—James E. H. Phelps is exonerated of charges of dishonesty and inefficiency, which brought about his dismissal from the office of manager of the Sarnia hydro by the 1922 commission in a report made public today by the independent board of inquiry, which recently investigated the matter, and his application for reinstatement has been granted by the hydro commissioners.

A report covering the whole question, which was adopted by the commissioners and placed on the minutes, says in part: "It is most regrettable that the circumstances occurred. No doubt everyone associated with it now shares his view. Where dishonesty or gross negligence is apparent, there is an absence of claim for consideration, but in this case there is no evidence of either. There is nothing to show that Mr. Phelps' connection with the Nationale Engineering Company, Limited, would benefit him either by payment or non-payment of the rent."

The report continues to say that Mr. Phelps may have erred in judgment, but should not have been summarily dismissed without an opportunity of a hearing, and concludes: "As to Mr. Phelps' application for reinstatement, we do not find anything to warrant refusing his petition, and we have decided, subject to necessary procedure, action and readjustment of certain conditions, that his application for reinstatement be granted."

This means that Herbert Wainwright, present manager, will be released from the office. Mr. Phelps was summarily dismissed several months ago for failure to report to the commission arrears of rent amounting to \$3,500 owed to the London and Western Trusts Company, of which Mr. Phelps was a director. The company later assigned. The dismissal created a great stir in local politics.

## BENAVENTE MAY VISIT DETROIT NEXT MONTH

Detroit, Feb. 5.—It is quite likely that Jacinto Benavente, famous Spanish playwright and recent winner of the Nobel prize, will come to Detroit in March. Louis James Rosenberg, Spanish consular representative here, was advised Sunday that the playwright is coming to this country in conjunction with the production of his plays in New York.

He does not plan to make an extensive tour, but may go to Chicago, in which case it is expected he will stop over in Detroit. Consul Rosenberg has exchanged letters with Benavente and has delivered several lectures on his plays.

## CROWDS CHEER DECISION TO PAY BRITISH DEBTS

Associated Press Despatch.  
London, Feb. 5.—Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the Labor opposition in the House of Commons, in addressing labor meetings in Leicester, ranged over a wide field of home and foreign affairs. He scouted the idea that Germany would pay over £1,000,000,000 in reparations, and declared that payment in goods would damage Great Britain's international trade.

Mr. MacDonald evoked cheers by announcing that Great Britain was now going to pay the United States what she owed, and by a further statement that "We cannot isolate the matter from the debt that France and Italy owe us."

## FIRE TOTALLY DESTROYS REID BROS. & CO. PLANT

### Loss in Early Sunday Morning Blaze in Downtown Section Is Estimated At \$200,000—Firemen Are Handicapped in Their Efforts by Extreme Low Temperature.

Reid Bros. & Co., Ltd., paper box and stationery manufacturing plant, Clarence street, was totally destroyed by fire early yesterday morning. The loss is estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$200,000. The cause is unknown, but Fire Marshal Heaton will conduct an investigation in an effort to determine the origin. Before the alarm was turned in by Police Constable Thomas McMaster at 6:05 o'clock the blaze had gained a good headway, and was out of control before the firemen could get all their hose lines on it.

Shortly after the fire department received the alarm an explosion of accumulated gases took place in the rear portion of the four-story building, blowing out several of the windows. A brisk wind helped the blaze somewhat, while severely cold weather hindered the firemen in their work, several of them having their ears and faces frozen.

The blaze started at the bottom of the elevator shaft, as near as could be ascertained. Whether it was the work of firebugs is not known. Late last night the stock and the interior of the building was a total loss.

May Be Incendiary. "I cannot say definitely yet just how we stand regarding the amount of insurance, but I have an idea that the entire damage is insured for about 80 per cent of its total," he added. "It will be able to tell just how things are when I examine the documents of the firm in the morning. I am in charge of the London and Western Trusts Company at present."

Police say the doors of the building were tried at 5:45 o'clock and at intervals earlier in the morning, and that nothing out of the ordinary was noticed.

## BRUCE MEETS DR. E. PAGE TO DISCUSS NEW MINISTRY

Associated Press Despatch.  
Melbourne, Feb. 5.—It is understood that S. M. Bruce, who was summoned by the governor-general of Australia, Lord Forster, upon the resignation of W. M. Hughes from the federal premiership last week, to form a government, is in communication with Dr. Earle Page, leader of the Country party, with a view to the possibility of forming a composite ministry.

## NINE DROWN AS BOAT TIPS

Dublin, Feb. 5.—Eight soldiers and one civilian were drowned yesterday in Dundrum Bay, County Down, when their boat capsized.

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By POP MOMAND

## TO INVESTIGATE HOURS OF LONDON'S SALOONS

### Temperance Party Will Urge Magistrate To Enforce Earlier Closing.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Feb. 5.—The hours of sale of liquor in the public houses of London, which vary in different sections of the metropolis at the present time, will be reviewed by the licensing magistrates in the next two weeks. Under the latest act with reference to licenses nine hours' trading is the maximum time for the opening of a public house, and it is left to the discretion of the magistrates how these hours may be divided.

Nobody would now desire to return to the old conditions of things, but considerable difference of opinion exists concerning what is the proper hour for the final closing. In most of the districts of London 10 o'clock has been selected as the hour of closing at night, but in the West End, in the theatre quarter, 11 o'clock rules as the closing hour.

During the next two weeks the temperance party will make an earnest attempt to persuade the magistrates to agree upon an all-round 10 o'clock closing hour, but the licensed trade will just as earnestly urge that 11 o'clock be made the closing hour in all the London districts.

## URGES LABORING MEN TO FORM SOLID PARTY

### J. S. Woodworth Scores Two Present Political Parties in Canada.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Montreal, Feb. 5.—That the two old political parties were just scoundrels' clay in the fingers of the big business interests, to the resultant detriment of the workingmen's welfare, that the people should disregard them and unite in forming a Dominion-wide solidarity of labor as a separate political entity, was the opinion expressed by J. S. Woodworth, M. P. for Wainwright, Centre, and leader of the Labor party in the House of Commons, at a meeting held here last night in the interests of Adelard Laurendeau, Labor candidate in Maltonneuve division.

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## WARMER WEATHER BRINGS A BIG VOTE TO QUEBEC POLLS

Both Government and Opposition Are Optimistic Over Result.

### ENDS VIGOROUS FIGHT

Aroused More Interest in Montreal Than at Any Previous Time.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Montreal, Feb. 5.—Voting was taking place today in the Quebec general elections in seventy-eight of the eighty-five ridings, the other seven escaping polling by reason of the election by acclamation of the government candidates there. The members elected by acclamation are: Hon. J. N. Francoeur, the speaker, in Rimouski; L. Letourneau, in Quebec East; A. Lesieur, in Quebec County; J. Dufour, in Matane; Hon. Antoin Galipeau, minister of public works, in Bellechasse; Hon. J. E. Caron, minister of agriculture, in the Magdalen Islands, and A. Bouthillier, in St. John.

The weather today was ideal. Extreme cold of yesterday gave way this morning to milder conditions, the sleighing in all parts of the province being splendid. A large vote was expected in both town and country.

The voting today brings to an end a very vigorous campaign in the cities, which have been the battleground for both the leaders of the Liberal government and the opposition.

Montreal the election has aroused more divided interest than in any previous contest for ten years. Owing to the difficulty of transportation in winter-time, the rural districts have each fought their own campaigns without much interference from outside.

Taschereau in Demand. Premier Taschereau has been much in demand as a speaker and has delivered speeches in Quebec, Montreal and Sherbrooke. Opponents of his government have as their main battery Arthur Sauve, leader of the opposition, and Hon. E. J. Fatenade, at one time a member of the Borden government.

The Liberal government has had the active assistance of Sir Lomer Gouin, minister of justice at Ottawa, and an ex-premier of the province, and Walter Mitchell, federal member for the riding of St. John, who is a Montreal seat, and until the last Dominion general election provincial treasurer, while Hon. Ernest LaPointe, minister of marine and fisheries, spoke at one meeting in Quebec. The opposition decided not to ask for help from Ottawa.

But the government and opposition has expressed the utmost optimism as to the result. The government candidates have argued that the opposition will get very few more than the five seats they held in the last house. The opposition claims the turning of the tide has come and that even Liberals are dropping away from the government now that the old issues and old personalities which have kept the party in power at Quebec for 25 years are gone.

Blood Spilled. For the first time in many years, in at least one case, blood has actually been spilled at a political gathering. Not very many days ago, at a meeting in the County of Montmorency, represented in the last Quebec legislative assembly by Hon. L. A. Taschereau, the premier of the province, at one of the old-fashioned "assemblees contradictoires" heads were badly cut, scalps lacerated and lips split, and at least a couple of the victims are today still nursing their wounds. Armand Lavergne is running in Montmorency against Hon. Mr. Taschereau.

In other parts of the district, there have been no incidents of a similar nature, there have been bitter expressions of party feeling and tactics adopted which have led to controversy of a rather unusual nature. The contest has been a fierce one in Quebec Centre, where the two opponents are Cannon, the late member, and Dr. P. V. Faucher, the opposition candidate, who adopted the straight Conservative ticket.

## LINDSAY TEAM SECURES THE CHAMBERLIN TROPHY

Montreal, Feb. 5.—The annual competition among the first aid teams from the various terminals of the Grand Trunk Railway system has just been concluded, and an announcement was made at the railway headquarters here today that the Chamberlin Trophy has this year been won by the team from the transportation department of the system at Lindsay, Ont.

This award for proficiency in first aid work is of particular interest in view of the fact that the Grand Trunk Railway holds the championship of the Dominion in humanitarian work of this character, having been the champion in the Chamberlin Trophy in competition with all other teams in Canada. In this competition for the Chamberlin Shield, which represents the championship in first aid on the Grand Trunk Railway system, 23 teams from the various sections of the Grand Trunk Railway system competed.

## SUFFERS TWO FRACTURES CRANKING HIS MACHINE

Yesterday morning, while Fred H. Dixon, contractor and builder, of 438 Dorinda street, was cranking his automobile in his garage preparatory to going to a church, the engine backfired and the crank struck his arm, fracturing it in two places. Dr. Edward Spence attended him, and will take an X-ray of the injured member at Victoria Hospital this afternoon to determine the exact extent of the injuries.

Mr. Dixon was resting quietly at his home this morning and suffering comparatively little pain.

## IRISH REPUBLICAN FACTION IS URGED TO HALT ATTACKS

Diarmaid O'Hegarty Tells Country in Danger of Becoming Wilderness.

### SESSION IS SECRET

Statement Is Issued, Promising Members Public Support and Financial Aid.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Dublin, Feb. 5.—The report of yesterday's convention of republican army members says that Diarmuid O'Hegarty, who was secretary of the Irish provisional government, spoke to the delegates as follows:

"The sorrows which have befallen our country make it the duty of everyone to do what is possible to end the national tragedy. For more than seven months Ireland has been enduring an agony more bitter than any in her chequered history. Brother is in arms against brother, and father is father of son. Many of the best and most fearless of our comrades have fallen in the struggle. Brugha, Collins, Boland, Hales and others are in their graves. Can we allow the conflict to continue until every name which inspired us with hope and our enemies with fear during the struggle with England becomes but an inscription on a tombstone?"

"If we continue much longer on the road we have traveled for the last seven months, we shall not be a country, but a wilderness."

The convention was attended by members of the old republican army, who have remained neutral in the struggle between the Free State and the irregulars. It was interpreted as another move toward peace.

The session was secret, and the only information given out was that an executive committee had been elected and would draft a report which would be issued to the press today.

A statement issued last night says that the convention received reports showing support by a large section of the public, and promises of financial aid. A resolution was adopted similar to a statement issued last night, and a committee was appointed to carry out the convention's aims.

## MINE KILLS TWO PRISONERS.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Dublin, Feb. 5.—Free State soldiers, while escorting a party of Republican prisoners near Bandon yesterday, encountered a barrier across the road. The prisoners were ordered to retreat, and while engaged in this work a mine exploded, killing two and wounding seven of them.

Numerous acts of destruction were reported yesterday. A man named O'Donovan's summer residence at Killybegs was burned, cross-channel cables were cut at Howe, and the courthouse at Tullagh, Dublin County, was destroyed by fire.

## W. E. STEWART FACES CHARGE OF FRAUD OPENS TODAY

Special to The Advertiser.  
Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 5.—The largest alleged land fraud case in the United States was scheduled to go to trial here again today. After delays which have caused postponements for several months, the case of W. E. Stewart, president of the Stewart Land Company, charged with using the mails to defraud in the sale of \$80,000,000 in land in Texas, will be called before Federal Judge Van Valkenburg. A continuance probably will be asked.

The government's case is based on the claim that a gigantic dam, to transfer the arid acres into a paradise, failed to reclaim half of the waste land.

## START INTENSE DRIVE AGAINST BOOTLEGGERS

Washington Launches Plan to Purge Atlantic Seaboard of Smugglers.

Special to The Advertiser.  
Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—The federal prohibition bureau has set out to purge the Atlantic seaboard of bootleggers and smugglers in the great clean-up campaign it has been launched. It was revealed here today. Intense drives against professional violators in Pennsylvania and the district of Columbia during the past week inaugurated the campaign, which is destined to spread, in coming weeks, to New Jersey, New York, Maryland, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and ultimately to the South Atlantic states.

Intense drives, whose enforcement problems are not so urgent, have been practically stripped of general prohibition agents to form a great mobile force now concentrated in the east for the present drive. They are under the leadership of the most capable, trained, chiefs at the command of Federal Prohibition Commissioner Haynes.

## GENERAL KING SPEAKS TO KITCHENER ROTARY

General King, G.O.C., No. 1 Military District, is today in Kitchener. He is to address the Rotary Club, there, at noon, and in the afternoon will carry out an inspection of the North Waterloo Regiment.