

SITUATION IN IRELAND MORE PROMISING

Joint Commission Agreed Upon to Investigate Facts of Border Conflicts.

26 OF KIDNAPPED CAPTIVES RELEASED

Strong Desire on Part of British to Afford Fair Play to Factions.

London, Feb. 15.—While there has been little amelioration of condition in Belfast, firing at intervals throughout the day having been almost as anxious as yesterday, adding considerably to the list of casualties, the general situation appears much more promising.

Lord Birkenhead, in the House of Lords, in making a similar announcement, added the opinion that he was not too sanguine in declaring in his step hope of further co-operation between Premier Craig and Michael Collins, affording a prospect of a pacific settlement.

Another satisfactory incident was the release of 26 of the kidnapped captives through Mr. Collins' effort, while, according to Mr. Churchill's statement in the House, the Government evidently desires that the Northern Government should liberate the football players, whose detention, probably, is the only reason why some of the kidnapped captives are still held.

AMHERST FOLKS WAR WITH POWER COMPANY

Public Meeting to Protest Advance in Rates Granted by Utilities Board.

Special to The Standard. Amherst, Feb. 15.—The electric power users of Amherst, are up in arms over the new rates recently granted by the Board of Public Utilities, and now being charged by the Canada Electric of Amherst.

QUEBEC NEWSPAPERS THREATENED WITH TIE-UP

Members of International Typographical Union May Go On Strike Today.

Quebec, Feb. 15.—Members of the International Typographical Union, working in newspaper shops, were all on the job, strike (the right kind) in hand this morning, as usual, but no time in Quebec would dare say, as yet, what tomorrow has in reserve for them.

INDIA TRIBES ON RAMPAGE IN JUNGLE AREA

10,000 "Bhils" Engaged in An Outbreak Fomented by Mohandas Gandhi.

Bombay, British India, Feb. 15.—Unconfirmed reports reached here today that 10,000 Bhils tribesmen were in an outbreak, fomented by followers of Mohandas K. Gandhi, Indian Nationalist leader, in the Satpura jungle district near Godhra.

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TRIPLE TRAGEDY IN LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Failure to Effect Reconciliation With Wife Caused Husband's Act.

Los Angeles, Feb. 15.—George A. Boden, attorney, shot and killed his wife, Mary Boden, 37 years of age, and her mother, Mrs. Julia Taylor, 66, and then ended his own life today in his wife's home here.

There will be another meeting of the local branch (No. 395) of the International Typographical Union to-

TYPO UNION DENOUNCED BY TASCHEREAU

International Union Men on Strike, Closing Quebec Job Printing Shops.

STRIKE HOLDS UP PARLIAMENTARY WORK

Premier Declares Union's Demand for Forty Per Cent. Increase Are Absurd.

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With One Exception Note Leaves No Doubt as to Intended Object of Bounty.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—On the leaf of a small memorandum book, two inches by three, Alexander Smith, in June, 1911, wrote a "memorandum for the distribution of my estate for my will." It disposed of \$44,000 to twenty charities.

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