

# THE SITUATION IN IRELAND DECIDEDLY SERIOUS

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### Outbreaks in Clare, Sligo, Roscommon, Mayo and Cork—Sinn Fein Pro-Huns Attack American Sailors in County Cork and Cheer for Germany, Austria and Bulgaria—State of Country So Serious That Irish Convention Has Been Forgotten.

London, Feb. 26.—Recent statements in London newspapers of all shades of political belief that lawlessness was spreading alarmingly in the west and south of Ireland were supplemented today by the Times' Dublin correspondent, who says the government will have to take prompt and firm steps at once to suppress the lawless movement in Ireland. The law is ignored in Clare, Sligo, Roscommon and Mayo, says the correspondent. The police are in daily conflict with law-breakers in parts of Clare, cattle drovers, in fear of cattle thieves, have called for small bodies of troops. The telegraph wires have been cut and, daily, trees are thrown across the roads to hinder the movements of troops and police. Farms are seized daily in the name of the Irish republic.

Dublin Started. Dublin is particularly startled over the successful attempt of the Sinn Fein to stop the exportation of pigs, which the Sinn Feiners declare it is their intention to continue. The correspondent admits that exportations in defiance of the food controller's orders had become a national grievance, and that it was believed the authorities were taking steps to prevent them. Remedial measures, he adds, now would be interpreted as a result of Sinn Fein violence. The general belief, the correspondent says, is that the police and troops have received orders to avoid conflicts with law-breakers, but that it was intended to preserve the Irish convention atmosphere it had failed lamentably. The state of the country is now so serious that the people are wholly absorbed in this and have forgotten the very existence of the Irish convention. The correspondent concludes by saying that if a national government were established tomorrow it would be compelled to begin its functions with a system of coercion.

Duke May Quit. London, Feb. 27.—Much prominence is given the situation in Ireland by the morning newspapers. The position of H. E. Duke, the chief secretary for Ireland, is the subject of many rumors. The Dublin correspondent of the Daily Express sends a report that he has resigned.

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## MAJOR WELSBY UNDER ARREST

### Charged with Taking \$11,469.35 from Government—Caught in Ontario Wilds.

Winnipeg, Feb. 27.—Major G. H. Welsby, former paymaster of M. D. No. 10, was charged in the police court today with appropriating money belonging to the Canadian government. There are two charges, one of having taken sums totalling \$7,469.35 between July, 1916, and February 8th, 1918, and another of having taken \$4,000 on February 8th of this year. It is stated that charges will overlap and the thefts will not total more than \$7,000. On his own request Welsby was granted a remand until Friday next to enable him to secure legal assistance. Major Welsby may be allowed out on bail after he pleads. Until then he will be kept in the city jail. The military authorities have asked that they be communicated with before the bail is fixed. Welsby left Winnipeg ten days ago and for some time wandered about the lumber camps in the Fort Frances district. He was arrested on Sunday last at Mine Centre, Ontario, after a long search, by officials of the justice department.

## BRITISH HOSPITAL SHIP TORPEDOED

### Thirty-Four Survivors Landed at Swansea, Wales.

London, Feb. 27.—The British hospital ship Glenart Castle, 6,807 tons gross, was sunk yesterday in the Bristol Channel, it is announced officially. There were no patients on board. Survivors were landed by an American torpedo boat. Eight boats are still adrift.

Later. Swansea, Wales, Feb. 27.—Thirty-four survivors of the Glenart Castle have been landed here. The number of persons on board is said to have been 200.

## BIG CHIEF DEAD

Winnipeg, Feb. 27.—News has been received of the death of Chief William Prince, of the Regina Indians, at Fisher River. Prince was guide to Lord Wolsley in the 1870 expedition, and also took part in the Nile expedition in 1885. He was an honorary member of the army and navy veterans.

## INVESTIGATING BIG DISASTER

### Too Much Dust Apparently Caused Explosion of Jan. 23 When Shot Was Fired in Allan Mine.

Special to The Standard. New Glasgow, N. S., Feb. 27.—The inquiry into the disaster at the Allan mine, Stellarton, on the 23rd of January last, was resumed in the Y.M.C.A. building last night before Coroner Kennedy. Several witnesses were examined but their evidence did not throw much light on the cause of the explosion. Malcolm Beaton in his evidence said he had 14 years experience as mine manager, most of the time in Cape Breton and over 4 years at the Allan mine. Was one of the first to go into the mine after the explosion and assisted in the work of recovering bodies, getting ventilation restored, falls cleared, etc. He was also delegated along with others to conduct the investigation into the cause of the explosion. He had formed an opinion after close and critical examination of the mine that the explosion occurred in No. 2 board, 1 1/2 miles, 1,200 level and that it was caused by a fall shot. When the inquest resumed today the first witness was Thomas Hale, who had been associated with Beaton in the special examination of the mine. Hale confirmed Beaton's evidence. He said that in his opinion the mine was too dusty and that precautionary measures should be taken to render the dust harmless.

## SEVERE RHEUMATIC PAINS DISAPPEAR

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## BORDEN MEETS THE PRESIDENT

### Premier Discusses Matters of Common War Time Concern with American Officials.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Sir Robert Borden was presented to President Wilson today by Lord Reading. The premier is here conferring with officials of the British and Canadian war missions regarding transfer of British credits here to Canadian account. Before going to the White House, Sir Robert said that the main purpose of his visit was to discuss with American officials and Lord Reading "certain matters of common war-time concern to both countries." The premier thought it inadvisable to divulge any intimation of their nature until the outcome was assured. Reports that an effort would be made to transfer to Canada British war credits granted here were given additional color by the arrival of Hon. A. K. McLean, acting Canadian minister of finance. Impressions of Novelty. "What makes you stand there watching me operate this adding machine?" asked the man in the bank. "We have so much music out home," answered the latter. "That it's kind of interesting to see somebody punching a lot of keys around without starting up some kind of a tune."—Washington Star.

## LUGA TAKEN BY GERMANS

### Latter Continue Their Advance Towards Petrograd—Russians Lose Two Regiments.

London, Feb. 27.—Luga, half-way between Pskov and Petrograd, has been occupied by the Germans, according to an unconfirmed rumor, a Reuters despatch from Petrograd says. A number of British subjects have left Petrograd for home during the last week. The embassies still remain there. The Bolsheviks continue extremely busy enrolling men, gathering and shipping arms and supplies and in other defence activities. A despatch from Moscow says that 70,000 revolutionary troops have been sent from Moscow toward Bologoe. Germans at Savage. A German detachment has appeared at Savage, half-way between Luga and Pskov. This is the nearest the invaders have approached to Petrograd, where factory workers, men and women, are enrolling for the defence of the capital. Captured Regiments. Berlin, Feb. 27.—(British Admiralty, per Wireless, Press)—German troops advancing north of Dorpat yesterday captured two Russian regiments as they were retreating, the German general staff announced today.

## HOSTILE RAIDS ARE REPULSED

### British and French Drive Back Germans—Americans Killed by Gas Attacks.

London, Feb. 27.—"Hostile raids were repulsed during the night north-west of St. Quentin, in the neighborhood of Bullecourt and east of Vermeux," says today's war office report. "The artillery was active on both sides early this morning northeast and east of Ypres." Americans Killed. With the American Army in France, Feb. 26.—(By the Associated Press)—Three American soldiers were killed and nine badly "gassed" in two formidable gas attacks made by the Germans on the American positions in the Toul sector early this morning with projectors. The enemy also heavily bombarded the American batteries with gas shells, but without result. French Statement. Paris, Feb. 27.—The text of the French official statement reads: "Two strong German raids north of the Chemin Des Dames were barren of results. In the Champagne, after a violent bombardment, the Germans attempted to approach the French lines at two points of the new French positions southwest of the Butte Du Mesnil. The assailants were arrested by the French fire."

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