

IRELAND MAY HAVE CIVIL WAR

Many Thousands of War Medals Won by Canadian Boys Go Begging

APPLICATIONS

COME IN SLOW

Between 300,000 and 500,000 Are Yet to Be Distributed—About 1500 are Being Sent Out Daily by the Director of the Records Department at Ottawa.

Ottawa, April 9—From 300,000 to 500,000 British War Medals and Victory Medals to which Canadians are entitled will go begging at the present rate at which applications for them are reaching the office of the Director of Records in the Department of Militia.

Up to the present the following decorations to Canadians have been distributed: British War Medals 150,000; British Victory Medals 135,000; Memorial Crosses, 53,000; Plaques, 38,000; Scrolls, 53,000; 1914-1915 Stars, 62,000; 1914 Stars 160. In addition 7,000 other decorations 5,000 certificates for those mentioned in despatches, and 7,500 Oak Leaf emblems have been sent out also about 5,000 diplomas, prisoner of war certificates, citations, etc. The first 1914-1915 Stars were sent out in September, 1919, and the issuance of British War Medals and Victory Medals began on January 28, 1920.

The staff of sixty are sending out daily 1,500 medals, 200 Memorial Plaques and a miscellany of Memorial Crosses Stars and other decorations totalling about 200 daily.

Lt. Col. F. L. Armstrong, O. B. E., Director of Records explained to The Globe that the two principal reasons for any delay in the distributions of decorations are: First the department cannot send names to the Imperial offices in London any faster than the officers here receive from those Canadians entitled to decorations are found after a lapse of considerable time, to be obsolete.

With the exception of the Stars, most of the decorations were struck after the armistice and the Canadian authorities have been sending weekly to London for the past eighteen months or two years lists of those entitled to the decorations. This must be done as the names of the recipients are stamped upon the medals and other decorations in Great Britain. This last also makes it impossible for the offices here to send to Jones' address is late in being sent it is found to be an obsolete address the consequent delay in Jones getting his reward is readily conceivable.

Seven Baptized.

Seven candidates were baptized at the Brunswick Street Baptist Church on Sunday evening.

REWARDED ACT OF KINDNESS WITH RUSSIAN CURRENCY

Cochrane, April 10—Touched by the wistful glances from nine pairs of dark eyes, a T. & O. newsagent the other day distributed a number of apples from his basket among a family of little Russians who were travelling west with their father, lately arrived in Canada from Russia. He was rewarded with the surprise of his life a few minutes later, when the father arrived on the scene, and after inquiring where his crowd got the apples he accosted the "newsy," his eyes bright with gratitude, and his hand clutching a tremendous roll of money. This he forced on the agent, with the explanation that at one time it would have been a big fortune, and represented 250,000 rubles of Russian currency. He stated that he had fled last November from Russia, which he described as a graveyard of famine victims. The newsagent has not yet counted his gift.

PROHIBITION APPEALS FOR ARGUMENT

W. B. Burden Appeal to be Heard This Week—Lindsay and Hand Cases Also.

The regular sitting of the Appeal Division of the Supreme Court opens tomorrow with an average docket. The principal cases of interest are concerned with various decisions relative to the enforcement of the Prohibition Act.

Weldon B. Burden of this city is appealing from a decision of Magistrate Limerick who found him guilty of two offences under the Prohibition Act, one of selling liquor without a license and the other of having liquor for sale. J. J. Fraser Winslow is appearing on behalf of the appellant.

H. D. Lindsay of Woodstock is appealing from a decision of Judge Barry who convicted him of having liquor in his possession and fined him \$50 and costs. This case was first heard before Magistrate Limerick and the accused was acquitted. The case arises out of a seizure made by liquor inspectors of liquor en route to the Maine border which the appellant claims was for lawful export purposes. J. J. F. Winslow is counsel for the appellant.

The other case of interest, King vs Judge Ritchie ex parte Percy H. Hand, also bears upon the interpretation of the present Prohibition Act, relative to the exportation of liquor. Percy H. Hand an agent for an export company was found guilty before Judge Ritchie of St. John of selling liquor to Pope McKinnon of that city Hand is appealing from this decision on the ground that the sale was for bona fide export purposes. Fred K. Taylor K. C. of St. John is appearing on behalf of Hand.

Married on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Steeves are expected to arrive in St. John today and will visit Mrs. W. Edmond Raymond. Mr. Steeves' aunt. Mr. and Mrs. Steeves were married in Westmount, Que. on Saturday. The bride was Miss Pauline Elizabeth Rye. The groom is a son of Dr. W. H. Steeves of Fredericton. Rev. E. Bushell of St. Matthias' Church officiated. Miss Grace Day and Miss Mary Russell were bridesmaids. John Huntley Boyd of Nova Scotia was groomsmen.

Seriously Ill.

Mrs. Fred Wisely is seriously ill at her home in Lincoln and there is very little hope for her recovery.

G. H. Prince, Chief Forester of the Department of Lands and Mines is in St. John today.

Mr. Michael Collins Says It can Only be Averted by a Miracle

Head of Provisional Government Speaks at Wexford---If Civil War Breaks out the British would Have to Return and Preserve Order---Attempts Made to Prevent Pro Treaty Meetings --- De Valera is Active.

Dublin, April 9—In a speech delivered at Wexford, Michael Collins, head of the provisional government, declared that unless there was an immediate change in the tone and tactics of certain of the people "it looks as if civil war can only be averted by a miracle."

Mr. Collins added that in such a contingency there was little doubt the British would return to restore the order which the Irish have shown themselves unable to preserve.

Train hold-ups and attempts to prevent pro-treaty meetings continued today. A Dublin train on which Mr. Collins was supposed to be traveling to Wexford found the rails had been taken up near Arklow. Armed men prevented a repair gang from replacing the rails. Mr. Collins had foiled his opponents by making the trip during the night.

The place where the rails were removed was on a bridge over the river Avoca. After they were eventually laid and the train reached Enniscorthy armed men, who arrived in an automobile kidnapping the engineer so as to prevent the train from reaching Wexford. Thousands of persons attended the meeting in Wexford.

There were only feeble signs of opposition to Mr. Collins. He declared that the language of Eamonn De Valera had become that of a dangerous despot; that De Valera while posing as a lover of liberty and shouting the name of liberty was trampling its form under foot.

Mr. Collins concluded by again appealing to De Valera to pause and consider where his language, "which is being translated into action, is hurrying the nation."

MILITARY DICTATORSHIP?

The convention of that section of the Irish Republican Army which is opposed to the Free State authorities was held today in private in the Mansion House. The convention adjourned from a fortnight ago.

It is reported that the draft of a new constitution for the army and a resolution proposing a military dictatorship were discussed. About 250 delegates from various parts of the country attended the convention, which was in session throughout the day. A guard of young men in citizens clothes armed with revolvers, lined the approaches to Mansion House.

Speaking yesterday with reference to a cablegram from Chicago saying that the impression was spreading there that present conditions in Ireland were prompted by "Reds" and irresponsible persons, Eamonn De Valera said that was not the first time that Ireland and the Irish race had to face the misrepresentation and slanders of the British-controlled press.

"Standing on justice and on our right, we bade that press defiance," he added, "and we will do it again. Oh, ye of little faith, hold up your heads."

Mr. De Valera yesterday issued an appeal for £50,000 sterling for the purpose of running candidates for the forthcoming elections. The pro-treaty party also has issued an appeal for funds.

QUIET WEEK AT OTTAWA

Ottawa, April 9—With the beginning of the Easter recess only two days away parliamentarians are looking forward to the remaining sitting days being rather quiet. Several of them who reside at distant points left for their homes on Saturday night.

The cabinet is giving attention to the railway statement of Hon. C. W. Kennedy, which is expected to be placed before the house shortly.

Still Alarm.

A slight fire on the highway bridge yesterday afternoon resulted in a still alarm. The fire started from a cigarette butt. No damage resulted.

VICTIM OF ACT OF GOD

New York, April 10—He who treads upon a banana skin and falls is as much a victim of an "act of God" as he who is drowned by a flood or struck by lightning or blown through a brick wall by a hurricane. Such was the ruling of the Supreme Court today and by it Miss Frieda Frank lost \$10,000. She had slipped on a banana peel and sued the owner of the building nearest to the scene of her tumble.

For Russian Children

The amount collected at St. Paul's Church for the Russian Children Famine Fund was \$237.40.

A Big Cut is Made in The Naval Estimates of U. S. by Congress

SIX MONTHS FOR POSSESSING STOLEN GOODS

Roy Davis of Ontario Convicted and Sentenced in Bicycle Theft—Will Go to Jail.

Roy Davis a young man about twenty-six years old was found guilty this morning in the Police Court of having stolen goods in his possession knowing them to be stolen and was sentenced to six months imprisonment in the York County jail. Six witnesses were called for the prosecution which was conducted by Chief of Police Finley. The prisoner was not represented by counsel and no witnesses were produced by him in his defence.

Davis hails from Ontario and on Wednesday March 29th he was in company with a chum whose name is supposed to be Gibson, who was trying to sell a bicycle that had been stolen from LeBaron Bull the previous day. J. C. Vermeeren, second-hand dealer would not buy it so Davis took the vehicle around to Ralph Shephard's second-hand store in Regent street and there successfully disposed of it for seven dollars having first satisfied the purchaser that he had been in possession of the wheel for three weeks.

On March 30th, the Chief of Police attempted to arrest both Davis and his chum but the latter broke away. Davis was charged with both stealing and having stolen goods in his possession but there was no evidence to show that he had committed the theft. His chum is still at liberty.

Some Real Layers.

Mr. C. A. MacVey is the owner of a pen of eighteen Banded Plymouth Rock pullets, which certainly know how to shell out eggs. Last week they produced no less than 118, which is just eight less than the possible. In four of the seven days of the week he gathered eighteen eggs and the lowest yield in any one day was twelve. This is a better record than has been made so far by any of the pens taking part in the egg laying contest. Mr. MacVey mated his birds last year to an imported cockerel which he purchased from Mr. Fred H. Ferguson of this city. The eighteen pullets which have proved themselves to be such phenomenal layers were the result of that meeting.

Verandah For Jail.

The Finance and Building Committees of the York County and City Councils met Saturday afternoon and passed the usual routine bills. It was decided that they would call for tenders for the building of the proposed new verandah for the York County Jail. This verandah will be twenty feet long.

MANY VESSELS

ARE LAID UP

The Total Appropriation is \$181,000,000 Less than that of Last Year—A Reduction in the Personnel of Thirty Thousand Men—Will Have Only 103 Destroyers.

Washington, April 9—The 1923 naval bill, carrying out the five-five-three ratio was reported yesterday to the house.

It carries a total of \$233,234,000 or \$181,000,000 less than appropriated for the United States navy last year. There remains to be appropriated in a separate measure later, however, about \$60,000,000 estimated by the navy department as the cost of cancellation of contracts for ships not completed and ordered scrapped.

Briefly this is what the bill does: Cuts the enlisted personnel from 94,000 to 65,000, plus 2,000 apprentices. Leaves officer total substantially intact, except for the dropping of 389 reserve officers on active duty.

Authorizes commissions for only 200 of the 535 first class men at Annapolis to be graduated in June.

Lays up 254 vessels of "non-descript character."

Eighteen battleships are allotted the United States under the naval treaty. In rounding out a fleet the bill reduces the number of destroyers in commission from 520 to 103, authorizes 84 submarines, all the cruisers and lighter auxiliary craft.

Out of the 67,000 enlisted personnel it provides 50,000 for ships afloat.

Provides for the same number of officers in marine corps and 19,500 enlisted men, a reduction of less than 1,000. This number, the navy advised the committee, will be cut to 17,500 with the withdrawal in the next year of 2,000 marines from Santo Domingo who will not re-enlist.

BAD FIRE AT HALIFAX

Halifax, April 10—Fire broke out shortly before 2.30 this morning in the Belmont Cafe in Hollis street, and at one time threatened to assume serious proportions. The cafe is a four story brick building and in the apartments above there were about twenty families comprising half a hundred people. These got out by fire escapes, and on ladders raised by firemen, the stairways being cut off by smoke. The firemen did effective work in bringing the flames under control and the monetary loss will not be heavy.

Mrs. C. K. Palmer and Mrs. H. H. Hagerman left for Boston on Saturday evening to remain two weeks.

A BORDER RAT CATCHER IS NOT USING METHODS OF PIED PIPER

Windsor, April 10—With all the generalship and experience of a Hannibal, Edward C. Ury of Bridgeburg is marshalling his forces in a war to the death on the rodents of the border municipalities. A veteran of many like campaigns, Ury is using no "Pied Piper" methods, but a potent chemical.

There is no thirst to compare with the thirst of a rat after eating food coated with this concoction. Within an hour the desire for drink becomes so intense that they make for the nearest water, and there they die.

There will probably be a large number of hungry felines along the border following Ury's visit.