

LABOR COMMISSION MAKES A REPORT ON THE CONDITIONS IN IRELAND—GOVERNMENT SCORED

GRAVE CHARGES AGAINST THE CROWN FORCES

Says the Honor of the British People Has Been Gravely Compromised—A Solution of the Irish Problem Can Only be Brought About by More Enlightened Methods.

London, Dec. 28.—The labor commission which recently investigated affairs in Ireland, it became known today, in its final report, declares "a thing is being done in the name of Great Britain which must make her name stink in the nostrils of the whole world. The honor of our people has been gravely compromised."

The commission charges the crown forces, among other things with burnings, destruction, looting and flogging.

Regarding the government's responsibility for reprisals, the commission says:

"We do not believe the government directly and definitely inspired reprisals and violence, but while it has perfunctorily denied certain occurrences which are beyond doubt, it has associated itself with and defended crimes committed by the crown forces in Ireland. Blame for the present situation does not rest primarily with the members of the crown forces, but with the government."

Among the points in the commission's report are the following:

"Even if only a fifth of the fires which admittedly have occurred in many parts of Ireland during the past few months were caused by government agents, the case against the forces of the crown and the government would, in our judgment, be amply proved."

"There are so many undoubted cases of looting and theft that the commission must add these crimes to those of burning and destruction. In some places there has been a good deal of bogging of the people. Rough and brutal treatment of women is by no means the worst that has to be said against men in the service of the British crown."

"Final solution of the Irish problem will not be found in a policy of violence and vengeance. It will have to be found along the line of conciliation and consent by a more enlightened method of negotiation."

"So great has been the provocation by the crown forces that 80 per cent of Irishmen and women," continues the report, "now regard the shooting of policemen and the throwing of bombs at lorries with the same philosophic resignation that Mr. Lloyd George displays toward arms and pillage and the shooting of civilians in the presence of their wives and children. The destruction of creameries, etc., only serves to stimulate recruiting by increasing the numbers of desperate men."

MAY STRIKE ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

Paris, Dec. 29.—Paris is threatened with a restaurant lockout New Year's Eve, if the Chamber of Deputies votes the tax, proposed by the General Council of the Seine, of 50 per cent on the amount paid for Christmas and New Year's Eve suppers in excess of the usual bills of fare. If the tax is applied the Restaurant Proprietors' Association threatens to lock restaurants on New Year's Eve.

Leading restaurants are tonight asking for a supper all the way up to 500 francs. The average is about 150 francs.

Home suppers also are expensive this year, as fowl and game are rare. Chicken cost 8 francs per pound, pate de foie gras, 27 francs, and truffles, 17 francs. Lobsters, oysters and fish are proportionately high.

SPECIAL HOCKEY LEAGUE MEETING NEXT WEEK

Affiliation With C. A. H. A. is Possible—Warning to Officials and Players re Penalties.

J. D. Black president of the New Brunswick Hockey League, this morning sent telegrams to the various clubs of the League which are to be shown to the referees of the matches. The effect of the telegrams is that the N. B. H. L. is under National Hockey League Rules and that particular attention is to be given to the section relating to penalties for rough or illegal play. Penalties must be of the duration of three, five or ten minutes and warnings are not to be given. All players are to be notified of the rule. Less rough play is the object.

Section 12 also is to go into effect. It provides for a color-line on or in the ice from goal post to goal post. This is to prevent disputes concerning the entering of the puck into a net.

Special Meeting

A special meeting of the league is to be held here probably January 6th. At that meeting there will be the preparation of bylaws and constitution which are lacking at present. The matter of affiliation with the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association also will be considered. Affiliation will give the N. B. H. L. winner the right to try for the Allan Cup in the elimination series at the end of the winter.

STOCK MARKET QUOTATIONS

New York	
American Loco.	79 1/2
American Wool	56 1/2
C. P. R.	114 7/8
Crucible	73
General Motors	13 1/2
International Paper	42 1/2
Midvale Steel	29 3/4
New York Central	71 1/2
Rubber	58
Studebaker	41 1/4
United States Steel	78 3/4
Texas Oil	41 3/4
Sterling, 350.	
N. Y. Exchange, 16 1/2.	
Montreal.	
Brompton Pulp	54 1/2
Breweries	46 3/4
Sugar	21 1/2
Victory Bonds, 1937	97
" " 1933	95 1/4
" " 1927	95 3/4
" " 1923	96
" " 1922	97 1/4
" " 1934	94
" " 1924	92 1/4

TO SING IN THE NEW YEAR

Boston, Dec. 29.—Under the leadership of the Boston Community Service, Inc. plans are being made for citizens of Boston to sing in the new year, with a community service at Parkman bandstand on the Common. The program is being arranged by George S. Dane, director of the Department of Community Music, and will start on Dec. 31 at 11.30 p. m. closing at 12.15 a. m. The city has donated the use of Ives Band for the occasion.

Mme Zulalian will be soloist and there will be a community chorus composed of units from the choruses of several of the local department stores.

DE VALERA IS MISSING

New York, Dec. 28.—Eamonn De Valera, "president of the Irish republic," has caused his secretary considerable embarrassment by failing to come out of "seclusion," the latter asserted here today.

DeValera, who several weeks ago disappeared "for a rest" and who it was announced would resume his speaking tour in the west the day after Christmas, was to have met Harry Boland, his secretary, yesterday upon Boland's return from Massachusetts. Today the secretary said he had not seen De Valera, and could not say anything concerning his whereabouts.

Last night Boland denied cabled reports that the "president of the Irish republic" was en route to Ireland or England.

LOOKS FOR A BIG IMPETUS TO TRADE FOR CANADIANS WITH THE GOLD COAST

Governor is a Native of Toronto and Has Made Important Recommendations to the Overseas Department of the Board of Trade—Big Plans for Development Will be Carried Out in the Near Future.

(Special to the Daily Mail, by Cross-Atlantic Newspaper Service.)
LONDON, Dec. 29.—A great impetus to trade between Canada and the Gold Coast will result if the recommendations of Brigadier General Frederiek Guggisberg, Governor of the Gold Coast, are carried out. He is a native of Toronto and his recommendations are made through the Overseas Department of the Board of Trade.

He says the Gold Coast of Ashanti, with two million inhabitants, exported one hundred and seventy-six thousand tons of cocoa in 1919, or half of the world's supply. Though Canada is concluding preferential treaties with the cocoa producing East Indian Islands, Guggisberg wants Canada's cocoa business.

CANADIAN ENGINEERS AT WORK.

Plans for development in the next ten years includes railways and motor roads to the interior. The Canadian engineers Stewart and McDonnell, are building a deep sea harbor. Peanuts, palm oil, hemp and rice are also offered Canada. Gold, diamonds and tin are also ready for development.

General Guggisberg's report points out that the Gold Coast is not as far from Canada as Brazil, and offers a market for Canadian manufactures. The United States now controls much of the trade—all of the flour, a third of other provisions, and 70 per cent. of the automobiles and cycles.

Nigeria is also angling for Canadian trade, its governor pointing out to the Overseas Department the report of the market conditions for flour, fish, canned goods, hardware, motor cars and engines. Canada has an advantage over the United States in the importation of palm oil and palm kernels, for the heavy duty on the export of these by the colony is remitted when the goods are shipped from British Empire ports.

BIG DEFICIT PROMISED ON THE YEAR'S OPERATION OF THE C. N. R.

OTTAWA, Dec. 29.—Hurry-up orders have gone to all the public departments to have estimates ready in preparation for the coming session of parliament. Today D. B. Hanna and the board of management of the C. N. R. are here to discuss expenditures for the coming year on the government lines. What deficit the present year has brought to the government railway lines will not be known for a month or so yet, when the returns will be complete. But there is every expectation that it will be considerably higher than last year's loss of \$47,000,000.

Increases made in passenger and freight rates have, it is said, been swallowed up by increased wages. Apart from the tariff—which will be the main business of the session—the legislative programme of the government gives every prospect of being light.

CONTEST IN YARMOUTH, N. S., IS LIKELY

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—At a time when the Quebec "situation" is attracting so much attention, the opening of Yamaska county by the death of Oscar Gladu, M. P., presents interesting possibilities. It promises to be the first contested bye-election in Quebec on real party lines since 1917. There have been two bye-elections since then, but Kamouraska went Liberal by acclamation, while Quebec East was contested by a Liberal and a Labor candidate.

The bye-election in Yamaska will be the first in Quebec since Premier Meighen took hold, and since the policies of the parties were more clearly defined. The seat has alternated politically, in most recent years. Mr. Gladu used to represent it before 1911 but in that year it returned Mondou, Conservative who subsequently soured on his party and finally crossed the floor and voted against conscription. Gladu was re-elected in 1917. The county is wholly rural.

The bye-election which will probably occur before, or early in the session, will not only be a significant test of Quebec's present feeling but incidentally, it will furnish, what heretofore has been lacking an opening possibility for a seat for any new Quebec minister that may be brought in. The county is close to St. Hyacinthe represented by L. J. Gauthier whose entry to the Cabinet is recurrently reported but has not yet occurred.

VISITS HIS OLD COMRADES IN CANADA

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London, Dec. 28.—General Seely, M. P., Under Secretary of State for Air, has returned to England after his visit to Canada to meet the Canadian soldiers whom he commanded during the war.

"I was determined to see them again," he said, "for the years in the trenches made friendships that could never be broken. I saw more than 1000 of them in Canada, and it was a happy and a sad experience—sad because every man reminded me of another who had once stood beside him but is dead. I am going to Canada to meet them again next year."

The general told how he travelled right through Canada meeting his old comrades at stations on the way, and that at some large centres he was entertained at reunion dinners.

Condition Improving

The condition of James Ashfield of North Devon who was injured painfully some days ago when struck by a motor car from Douglas is reported to be improving.

Miss Clara Quigley has returned from spending Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Ryan, Boiestown, N.B. M. Mitchell of Edmonstone is registered at Windsor Hall.

C. M. Leger, ex-M. P. of Memramcook is registered at the Windsor Hall.

IMPORTANT CAPTURE MADE BY THE NEW YORK POLICE—TWO BANK ROBBERS AND WIVES TAKEN

PULPWOOD CASE BEGUN IN POLICE COURT

Wilmot Mooers and E. S. Pettigrove Were on the Stand Tuesday Afternoon—Case Adjourned.

The case of The King on the Information of E. S. Pettigrove vs. Alex. King came before the Police Court here Tuesday afternoon. Two witnesses were on the stand Wilmot Mooers who acted as agent for Canadian Realty Company in contracting with King for pulpwood and E. S. Pettigrove Secretary treasurer of the company. Considerable interest attaches to this unusual case, a carload of pulpwood being alleged by the informant to have been stolen, the barload having been sold by King to Fraser Limited.

P. J. Hughes appeared for the prosecution and R. B. Hanson, K. C. for the defence. The case will go over till January 7th.

Wilmot Mooers

P. J. Hughes called the first witness Wilmot Mooers of Southampton. Mooers said he was employed by the Canadian Realty Company and it was his business to buy pulpwood. He was asked if he knew Mr. King the defendant. He stated that he did and had bought pulpwood from him in the summer of 1919. The agreement was in writing and was signed on June 1st. The contract called for from 200 to 250 cords of wood to be delivered. He said he made inspection during the summer of 1919 after the wood was peeled. King at that time stated he would have enough pulpwood to fill his contract. The wood was in the woods on Mr. King's farm and was in tree lengths. When asked if any payments had been asked for by Mr. King witness said there was. He said he recommended an advance payment but did not deliver the money to Mr. King. He said he was not in the woods to see wood cut, but saw the wood at Barony and asked King when he intended to cut the pulp into smaller lengths and ship it. King, he said, stated that he would load the wood when cars were available. When asked if any cars were brought to the siding for Mr. King he said he did not know. He said wood was cut up at Barony late in October 1920. Mooers said there were two cars standing on siding and he asked King why he did not use them. King said they were being used by a man by the name of Cromkite. About a week later Mooers said he saw an open coal car on the siding and Frank Burden and his son Larson together with some other men were loading pulpwood into it for Mr. King. He said he told them not to put the wood in the car but they did not pay any attention to what was said. Mooers was asked if he had any conversation with King at that time and said he did not. He (Mooers) said the next time he spoke to King was in Fredericton and he asked him about the carload of wood. King is then reported to have said that the wood did not all belong to Mooers and if he would send him the cars he would load them.

Cross Examined

R. B. Hanson then questioned Mr. Mooers. Mooers stated he had been in the employ of Canadian Realty Company for the past four years and in 1919 was paid by commission, but in 1920 he was paid by the year. When asked what the salary was he refused to answer. He bought pulpwood for others also. Mooers said that in the summer of 1919 he signed a contract with Mr. King for pulpwood. When asked if he assured Mr. King any increase in price of pulp as market price went up, he said he had not. He said that he agreed to give him an increase in accordance with market price up till the first payment was asked by King. These promises were not in the contract. This increase was paid by the company on some 1919 contracts but not mentioned in contract with Mr. King. There was no time limit on this contract. When asked if he had spoken to King about cars he said he had not. He said that he was away when King was arrested.

Mooers stated that all pulp was property of the company according to contract. Mr. Hanson asked Mooers if he read the contract to Mr. King, who was not very well educated. He said he had not and did not read any contracts unless he was asked to.

E. S. Pettigrove

E. S. Pettigrove, Sec. Treasurer of Canadian Realty Co., was next called by P. J. Hughes. He said he had a contract with Mr. King to furnish pulpwood. Payments were made in advance to Mr. King. There were seven amounting to \$732.15 in all. He said they were sent in form of cheques. When asked if he had talked with Mr. King about the carload of pulp, he replied that he did over the telephone.

Mr. Hanson here objected, as to how Pettigrove knew King's voice

THE WEATHER
Moderate westerly winds. Fair and cold. Thursday, fresh south and southwest winds, some light local snow but mostly fair and becoming a little milder.

THE ANDREWS MURDER MAY BE CLEARED UP

Prisoners Put Up a Fight When Arrested—Liberty Bonds to Value of \$18,000 Found in Suit Case—Big Bank Robbery at Milltown, New Jersey, is Recalled.

New York, Dec. 29.—Two men charged with being members of the band that held up and robbed the First National Bank of Milltown, N. J. Dec. 10, escaping with \$80,000 and believed to have been implicated in the murder and robbery Dec. 16, of Edwin M. Andrews, Fifth avenue jeweler, were arrested here tonight with their wives.

Liberty bonds valued at \$18,000, said to be part of the Milltown robbery loot, were found in a suitcase, carried by the women, the police said, and added that all four carried firearms.

The men taken into custody tonight said they were Jerome B. Chaffee, 28 and Harry Bitzberger, 30. They were halted when they alighted from an automobile at Seventy-second st., and Broadway. Resisting arrest, they fought for several minutes before being subdued.

The women, who followed closely in a taxicab, surrendered.

Fifth avenue was crowded with Christmas shoppers when two men entered the jewelry shop of Andrews on the eighth floor of a building in the centre of the fashionable shopping district. Andrews was alone. He is believed to have been shot when he attempted to frustrate the robbery. Two jewelry salesmen, who entered while the safe was being rifled, were bound and gagged. The men escaped with gems valued at \$100,000. Chaffee and Bitzberger will be confronted tomorrow with the two salesmen.

The Bank Robbery.

The night of Dec. 20 four bandits entered the bank at Milltown, bound and gagged the watchman, placed the loot in handbags and fled. Releasing himself from his bonds the watchman sounded an alarm. A posse was formed and after a long chase through the Jersey marshes two men were captured. During their trial they are said to have given information regarding the identity of their confederates.

While operating under various aliases the prisoners are accused by the police of having taken part in many sensational holdups and robberies throughout the country.

Coincident with these arrests came an announcement that Police Commissioner Enright's latest measures to curb lawlessness—the calling out of more than 700 new policemen for training—had been dealt a knockout blow when the board of aldermen failed to vote necessary funds for their pay.

HAD SERVANT PROBLEM

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Vienna Dec. 28.—That the servant problem is not of recent date is proved by a testimonial written in Beethoven's own handwriting, which with many other interesting documents bearing on the famous composer's life is published in a Beethoven jubilee book celebrating the 150th anniversary of his birth.

The document reads:
"I certify that Therese Kaufmann has been in my employ as chambermaid for a whole month and has professed herself honest and well-behaved during this time. Vienna, March 17, 1823. Ludwig van Beethoven."

over the telephone having heard it only twice before and that six months before. Witness said he asked King over the telephone to send him a bill of lading of the pulpwood and King did not send it. At this stage Mr. Hanson asked for an adjournment until Jan. 7 and the court adjourned.