

ENGLAND FACES A CRUCIAL PERIOD IN IRISH MATTERS

Action of British Government in Giving Letters to Press Indicates Gravity of the Situation

VIRTUAL DEADLOCK IS DISCLOSED

LLOYD GEORGE LITERALLY LAYS CARDS ON TABLE; DE VALERA'S NEXT STEP IS WATCHED WITH KEEN INTEREST

(By the Associated Press) London, Aug. 15.—England today faced a crucial period in the negotiations looking to the establishment of peace in Ireland.

Reports from Dublin which might indicate what the Irish republicans would do to counter the unexpected move of the government in giving the correspondence to the press, were anxiously awaited.

Whether they would issue a statement today, or would wait until the opening of the Irish republican parliament tomorrow was uncertain.

"Dominion status for Ireland, with complete autonomy in financial matters, but without tariff or trade restrictions between the islands, Ireland would maintain defense forces and police, but her territorial forces would be kept within 'reasonable limits'."

Ireland would maintain her own postal system, but would grant England air defense and communication facilities. Ireland would have control of her own educational and industrial affairs, but the British navy would maintain its hold on the seas around the island.

Mr. de Valera, in reply, demanded full independence for Ireland, and suggested a treaty of association with the British commonwealth group.

The attitude of the Ulster government was made plain by the making public at Belfast of a letter to Mr. Lloyd George from Sir James Craig.

Most of the London newspapers in their comment on the new development on the Irish situation this morning rejected the belief that the government proposals offered a generous settlement of the controversy.

BODY OF AUGUST KAUFMAN FOUND IN ARIZONA DESERT

Present, Ariz., Aug. 15.—The body of August Kaufman, automobile tourist from Pasadena, Cal., missing since last Wednesday was found late yesterday on the desert fifty miles west of Congress Junction, 40 miles south of here by Mojave county officers.

Kaufman, according to authorities on their return here, left his wife and three children in their automobile Wednesday in search of water when he discovered their supply had run low.

Friday night, when he had not returned, his family waited in the automobile and Lillian, a three year old daughter, died of exposure.

Kaufman wandered through the desert for about 72 hours and covered approximately 70 miles in a zig zag course before he finally collapsed, according to officers.

Friday morning, the body was found near Signal near the Yuma county line.

Louis Fischl, court reporter, has been assigned to the Thompson-Greenman case at Madill and will leave here Wednesday morning to attend the preliminary hearing.

JUDGE ADVOCATES "FINE ART OF SPANKING"

Chicago, Aug. 15.—The fine art of spanking as against flogging with a garden hose, was impressed upon parents today before Judge Daniel Trude. The boy in the case had stolen from his father. Court agents intervened after the administration of paternal justice. Judge Trude specified that hereafter the spanking must be with the flat of the hand or the back of a hair brush and (demonstrating) without variation from that part of the anatomy upon which he customarily sits.

LITTLE CHANGE IS SEEN IN ECONOMIC CONDITION EUROPE

REPORT COVERING PERIOD OF LAST MONTH SHOWS SOME IMPROVEMENT IN CONDITIONS IN GERMANY

Washington, August 15.—Economic Southern Europe, underwent but little change during the past month, according to cabled summaries from abroad made public by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce.

The financial situation in Austria conditions throughout Central and was reported as steadily growing worse with exports and imports both decreasing. Normal yields are expected, however, from the crop this year.

Belgian exports and imports have increased greatly during the past six months, according to a report from Brussels, but while imports from the United States advanced about 10 per cent, exports to this country decreased about 25 per cent, the commercial agent said.

Little improvement in economic conditions in Germany is evident, according to Howard W. Adams, at Berlin. Unemployment is decreasing, he said, but a crisis in the ship-building industry seems imminent.

The potato and fodder crops were seriously damaged by drought, he added, but grain has been little affected. The unfavorable financial status of Italy was noted in the report from Rome.

Receipts of the government during the past fiscal year, though 49 per cent better than the previous year, were given as 10,500,000,000 lire below expenses.

PHYSICIANS THINK DUCKETT WILL LIVE

Clinton, Okla., Aug. 15.—Walter Duckett, 29, injured last night when a motor car went over an embankment near here killing three persons, will recover, it was stated at the hospital here where he was taken after the accident. Floyd Dotler, 21, of Taloga, Ruby Bell, 19, of Taloga, and Loyd Miles, 20, of Weatherford, were killed.

The automobile, driven by Butler, plunged off a bridge near Horse Creek and pinned the victims beneath it. Miss Bell, Dotler and Miles were drowned before the car could be removed. Both of Duckett's arms were broken.

All members of the motor party were teachers who were en route from Weatherford, where they had attended summer school, at the southwestern state normal, at Taloga, where they were to have been employed during the next term.

HOWAT CALLED BEFORE INTERNATIONAL BOARD

Pittsburg, Kan., Aug. 15.—Alexander Howat, president of the Kansas miners union, has been called before the international executive board of the United Mine Workers of America, meeting at Indianapolis. The order for his appearance came from President John L. Lewis and interrupted the speaking campaign against the Kansas industrial court law which Howat is making in Kansas.

It is understood Howat was called in connection with the investigation of the strike at the Dean Coal and Mining Company's plant which has kept the plant idle for four months.

A committee of the international organization made an investigation and differences between Howat and Lewis at that time, several weeks ago, absorbed attention in mining circles.

The committee from the international board reported to Lewis that the Dean strike was unlawful, but the summoning of Howat before the board is the first official action taken by the international organization in connection with the Dean strike since the investigation.

CLEANLINESS AND HARMONY PREVAILS THROUGHOUT CITY

"The city is cleaner now than it has ever been."

This is the statement of Chief of Police Higniebt, which is corroborated by Sergeant Powers, following the week-end clean-up.

The chief explained that there is a scarcity of crime and petty offenses now, that the city ordinances are being respected in a manner complimentary to the citizenship, and that closest harmony and co-operation exists between his department and the county and state officers.

DANIELS INVITED TO CITY DURING NOVEMBER TRIP

Former Secretary of the Navy Wired Invitation By Jim Barron, Secretary Chamber Commerce

CIVIC CLUBS WILL ACT AS HOSTS

IN EVENT OF HIS ACCEPTANCE MEETING WILL BE ARRANGED AT CONVENTION HALL; MANY PLANS CONSIDERED

Joseph Daniels, former secretary of the navy, will be invited by the Chamber of Commerce to visit Ardmore soon after his visit to Oklahoma City on November 10, according to James Barron, secretary. The former secretary comes to Oklahoma City to attend a meeting of the membership acquaintance committee of the Chamber of Commerce there on the night of November 10.

It is planned that while in Ardmore Mr. Daniels will be the guest of the various civic clubs and will be asked to make talks at all their meetings. The invitation was forwarded to Mr. Daniels at his home in Raleigh, N. C. this morning by Secretary Barron.

Should Mr. Daniels come to Ardmore a meeting will be arranged at Convention Hall at which he will be the principal speaker. Mayor R. E. Hefner, other city officials as well as county officials will also have part in the program.

HIGH WATER AGAIN THREATEN PUEBLO

Pueblo, Col., Aug. 15.—Scores of men were stationed along the banks of Fountain River here early today, prepared to warn residents of the river bottom region in the Grove section, to leave their homes if the river, swollen by heavy rains in the north, goes higher.

Railroad officials notified the police department shortly after midnight that the river had risen suddenly and all police officers were ordered to duty along the river banks.

The fountain has not overflowed here but in the stock yards district just below Pueblo the high water of the Fountain and Arkansas rivers has flooded the lowland region and caused some damage to crops.

At 12:30 o'clock this morning Santa Fe railroad officials announced their bridge over the Fountain east of here had been washed out and that all of their wires between Pueblo and the east were down.

LATEST

Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 15.—With Charlotte and Concord troops in charge of the situation, the Locke cotton mill at Concord reopened this morning with no disturbance of consequence. The troops formed a line opposite the mill and refused to allow any but those who were to go to work to cross. A crowd of about 300 union employees were on the premises, but their disorders consisted largely in jibing those who went into the mill to work.

Miami, Okla., Aug. 15.—Soda fountain beverages which have been selling at ten and eleven cents were priced at five cents, exclusive of war tax today. There was a slight reduction in the price of ice cream and other fountain delicacies.

Oklahoma City, Aug. 15.—Paroles were issued today to two life term prisoners in the state penitentiary at McAlester by the state pardon and parole attorney's office here, upon approval of Governor J. B. A. Robertson. The men paroled are Nas Brady and Albert Helfenstein.

Smyrna, Aug. 15.—The Greeks have begun a second offensive against the Turkish nationalists. The latter are rapidly retiring to the Salarya river without resistance.

Washington, Aug. 15.—Agreement for a final vote October 10 on Senator Borah's bill providing free toll for American coastwise ships passing through the Panama Canal was reached today through the senate.

Warsaw, Aug. 15.—The Polish cabinet today decided to send a note to the allied governments declaring the postponement of a settlement of the upper Silesian problem will do Poland irreparable harm. The note will assert that turning the problem over to the council of the league of nations, as agreed upon by the allies of the supreme council will delay indefinitely the installation of a permanent form of government in upper Silesia and prolong the uncertainty uselessly.

WEATHER

Oklahoma: Tonight and Tuesday part cloudy, probably showers in north portion.

INVENTOR OF THE LEWIS GUN IN LONDON SUING BRITISH FOR 3,000,000 POUNDS



Colonel Isaac N. Lewis, U. S. A., retired (on right) inventor of the Lewis machine gun, is seen here with one of his attorneys having the Law Courts in London while his claim for three million pounds against the British government was being heard. This huge sum is asked for the use of the Lewis machine gun by the British during the world war.

FARM COSTS MAKE THREE MUSKOGEE BUSINESS BAD IN BOYS CONFESS TO RESERVE DISTRICT ROBBERY ATTEMPT

PREVAILING LOW PRICE OF PRODUCTS FAIL TO COMPENSATE FARMER FOR PRODUCTION—RAMSEY

Washington, Aug. 15.—Business and financial conditions in states served by the tenth Federal Reserve Bank, Kansas City, are deplorable, due to high cost of production and distribution of agricultural products and prevailing low prices, A. E. Ramsey, chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank at Kansas City, told the Interstate Commerce Commission today in hearings on freight rates on grain products and hay.

The complaint against present rates was made by the Kansas state railroad commission, joined in by twenty other states and various grain producers' associations.

Producers are unable to sell their products above the cost of production and distribution, Mr. Ramsey said. Assets of the banks in that section are more nearly frozen, he added, than at any time in his experience with prospect of improvement until another crop is produced and farmers are able to realize a profit.

Interest burdens of farmers in the territory have increased approximately 11 per cent, they said.

FORMER HUSBAND TO DEFEND WOMAN MURDER CHARGE

RALPH OBENCHAIN DECLARES HIMSELF SURE OF FORMER WIFE'S INNOCENCE IN KENNEDY CASE

Los Angeles, Aug. 15.—Arthur C. Burch and Mrs. Madelyne Obenchain, arraigned today in the superior court here on an indictment charging the murder of J. Belton Kennedy, asked for an extension of time in which to plead. They were granted until August 22.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 15.—When Mrs. Madelyne Obenchain is taken into court this morning to answer to a murder charge involving the death here August 5 of J. Belton Kennedy, broker, Ralph E. Obenchain, her former husband, will be sitting at the counsel's table as her attorney.

Mr. Obenchain arrived in this city late yesterday and after a conference with the prisoner, declared himself sure of his former wife's innocence.

On the same train from the east also in response to a telegraphed request that he come here was the Rev. Wm. A. Burch of Evanston, Ill. The churchman came to be at the side of his son, Arthur, friend of Mrs. Obenchain and the dead man, also scheduled to be arraigned on a murder charge.

Arraignment will see the two principals in the case brought together for the first time since their incarceration. Mrs. Obenchain has been held since the night of the slaying in her presence of the man whom she said was her fiancée, Burch, who is said to have rented an automobile, tracks of which were found in the Glen near the place of the shooting and who became involved in evidence supplied by witnesses before investigators, was arrested in Las Vegas, Nevada, on his way East the day after the shooting occurred.

Mr. Obenchain had little to say concerning his talk with his former wife. He said he assured her of his determination to fight for her despite the fact, he said, that she had once turned from him to receive the love of the young broker who was slain, and for whose death, District Attorney Thomas Lee Woolwine expects her to demand trial.

WHY SENATOR NEW DOES NOT ENTHUSE OVER GOLF

(By International News Service) Manchester, N. H., Aug. 15.—Senator Harry Stuart New was the strong anti-golf advocate of the presidential party on their recent visit to Lancaster, N. H. The famed Indiana gentleman sees nothing to enthuse over in the game. In reply to a question of a newspaper as to his opinion of golf, Senator New said: "I am not old enough, not fat enough, and I am too damn sore to play any such damn game as golf. I like to play a game where you can smile at someone, and if I want to fight I get the proper weapons."

REPUBLICANS HOLD UP TAX BILL UNTIL 5 THIS AFTERNOON

REVISED ESTIMATES WILL REDUCE BURDEN \$600,000,000 DURING NEXT YEAR—CORPORATION TAX INCREASED

Washington, Aug. 15.—Republicans of the house ways and means committee have decided not to formally introduce the tax bill until after 5 o'clock this afternoon. Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee expects to call it up Wednesday and to have a final vote Saturday.

Two important changes have been made in the administrative section of the bill which is really an amendment to the revenue act of 1918. By one the secretary of the treasury and the commissioner of internal revenue are empowered to set up a tax court for settlement of the tax dispute without recourse to the civil courts.

It has been estimated the disputed and unpaid tax at the present time amounts to a billion and a half dollars. Under the new tax court system Secretary Mellon will be able to make settlements without interference from the civil courts, a provision destined to produce as much revenue as any other in the Fordney bill.

The second change is one designed to bring about simplification of the system of collecting the taxes. On a tax simplification board three representatives of tax payers and three representatives of the bureau of internal revenue will sit, all without pay. They will make recommendations as to forms and other routine so confusing to tax payers.

The chief features of the amendment affecting the taxes to be collected may be summarized as follows: Excess profits tax repeal and substitution of an increased corporation tax, 15 per cent instead of 10.

Repeal of the income surtax brackets above 52 per cent affecting incomes of \$6,000 and upwards.

Repeal of all forms of transportation taxes including those of freight, passengers, Pullman passengers and express shipments.

Increase from \$2,000 to \$2,500 in exemptions to married men on net annual incomes of \$5,000 or less.

Increase from \$200 to \$400 in exemption to heads of families on account of each dependent.

Repeal of so-called fountain taxes on drinks and ice cream and substitution of manufacturers' tax on syrups and like ingredients of fountain drinks.

Repeal of stamp taxes on toilet preparations and proprietary medicines and substitution of manufacturers' tax of 5 per cent on the sales price.

Exemption of the first \$500 received by individuals from building and loan association investments.

Repeal of the oil pipe line, transportation tax.

Provisions for imposing a license tax of \$10 on vendors of soft drinks.

Would Grow Chaulmoogra Tree Here Oroville, Cal., Aug. 15.—Steps have been taken to grow the Chaulmoogra tree on the U. S. plant introduction garden near Chico. The tree's oil has proved of great benefit in treating leprosy in Hawaii. It is a native of India.

Seeds have also been sent to Florida and Maryland.

JOHNSON DELAYS INDIAN PAYMENTS

Muskogee, Okla., Aug. 15.—Announcement was made today that the payment to be made by the government to the members of the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes had been delayed through a protest of Governor Johnson of the Chickasaws, who has urged the government to make a greater pro rata payment among his people.

The payment will not be undertaken until officials at Washington pass upon the matter. Original plans called for a distribution of \$1,998,000 among the Choctaws or \$50 per member and \$125,000 among the Chickasaws, or \$20 per member.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF SMALL COMPARED WITH CRIPPLE

Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 15.—Photographs of Ambrose Small, missing Toronto millionaire, were compared today with the appearance of a crippled stranger found here with private detectives here attempting to collect a \$250 reward outstanding for the return of the Canadian theatrical magnate.

Persons who saw the photographs said the resemblance was close. A local theatrical man who had dealings with Small also supported the possible identification.

The detectives say the man was crippled and mentally incapacitated by an accident and apparently bore gunshot scars.

NEGOTIATIONS IN RELIEF WORK AT A DEADLOCK

American Relief Administration and Maxim Litvinoff Unable to Agree on Matter in Hand

MATTER IS NOW UP TO HERBERT HOOVER

REPORTED THAT LITVINOFF WILL STAND FIRM IN HIS REFUSAL TO SIGN CONDITIONS UNLESS OTHERWISE ORDERED

(By the Associated Press) Riga, Aug. 15.—A deadlock was reached today in the negotiations relative to American relief for Russia's famine sufferers between the American relief administration and Maxim Litvinoff, acting on behalf of the soviet famine relief committee. Action by Washington and Moscow will be necessary to decide the issue, it is declared.

Whether the American relief administration will compromise on some of its usual methods and permit the soviet greater control and distribution of American food than has been granted any other country, has been put up to Herbert Hoover, head of the relief administration, by Walter Lyman Brown, European representative of the administration.

Litvinoff, it is understood, will stand firm in his refusal to sign none of the American conditions until ordered so to do by the Moscow government.

MARION COMPANY LEASES THE ERIE RAILROAD SHOPS

Marion, Ohio, Aug. 15.—The Erie railroad company today announced that its local shops and round house had been leased by the railway service company of Marion, and would be operated by that concern beginning immediately. The railway service company is an enterprise founded by local manufacturers and packers.

Chicago, Aug. 15.—Announcement from Marion, Ohio, that the Erie railroad has leased its shops and round house there to a local operating company which will handle the road's repair work may bring intervention by the United States railway labor board if there is any evidence of a concerted plan on the part of the roads to prevent the practice generally, a member of the board said today.

QUESTION OF ACTUAL FOUNDER ST. LOUIS IS AGAIN OPENED

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 15.—The offer of the newly formed St. Louis historical society to erect a group monument here to commemorate the founding of the city Feb. 15, 1764, with the suggestion that the central figure be Rene Auguste Chouteau, surrounded by a group of pioneers, including Laclède, has reopened the question as to who was the actual founder of this city. The question has not been discussed to any extent for more than a generation.

Chouteau heretofore has been regarded by many historians as Laclède's lieutenant. The story goes that Laclède, having decided from another point down the Mississippi river to establish a trading post here, which later was named St. Louis, sent the 14-year-old Chouteau at the head of a party to carry out his plans.

As its first activity, the society had the inscription on Chouteau's tomb, showing the date of his birth as 1749, recut. This change was made to coincide with records of the Missouri historical society, which shows that if the date was correct, Chouteau's mother was only seven years old at the time of his birth.

Steamer Princess Ena Aground Seattle, Wash., Aug. 15.—The passenger steamer Princess Ena, operated by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company between British Columbia ports is aground north the coast of Vancouver, B. C. The passengers and crew are reported to have been landed successfully and the vessel is in no immediate danger.

CARPENTERS URGE HOME OWNERS HAVE REMODELING WORK DONE NOW

Now is the time to have the little odd jobs of repair work done about your home, according to Joe Hamilton, president of the Ardmore Carpenters Union, this morning. Hamilton predicts a building boom for Ardmore and Carter county in September, and states carpenters after that date will be unable to get to the smaller jobs.

"It is time now to have remodeling done," Hamilton said, "for carpenters are going to be mighty busy after September 1. Little jobs that require no more than an hour or so to complete should be done."