

Irish Home Rule Bill Now Before People of Britain

Very Little Different from Outline made Before Christmas By Premier Lloyd George in House of Commons.

Two Parliaments for Five Years With Separate Courts

Reception of Proposals is not very Favorable; Belfast Paper Recognizes Good Features but others Oppose.

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
LONDON, March 1.—Premier Lloyd George's new plan for settlement of the Home Rule question in Ireland has been before the British people. The official text of the bill laid before the House of Commons on Wednesday has been made public. It is practically identical in its larger phases with the plan given out last December.

Under the bill two parliaments are to be set up, each for a five year term, the members to meet yearly and to be under the control of the Lord Lieutenant.

The southern parliament is to have 128 members. The northern parliament will have 52, representing the counties of Armagh, Londonderry, Fermanagh and Tyrone and the Boroughs of Londonderry and Belfast.

The southern section will be required to pay 56 per cent of the expenses.

The legal system is to be separate, separate supreme courts established for north and south.

Press Reception.

The press reception of the Home Rule Bill is rather mixed. Times recognizes the bill as based on sound principles within limits, but says that it conveys the impression that the framers lack the full courage of their convictions.

DUBLIN, March 1.—Freeman's Journal refers to the new bill as "a proposal for the plunder and partition of Ireland," and characterizes it as "a thievish measure."

The reception of the Home Rule Bill here is generally unfavorable. Constitutionalists are not discussing it and are awaiting Horace Plunkett's announcement next Thursday regarding United States opinion.

Favorable Comment.

Belfast, March 1.—Comment is made on the Irish Home Rule Bill by the Belfast Unionist Press. The Northern Whig said the bill's recognition of the distinction between Ulster and the remainder of Ireland as a considerable step forward and says it is likely to influence any future legislative attempts in Ireland.

The Irish News condemns the measure as not having "a single redeeming feature."

MAIN GROWERS EXTEND SCOPE

Company in British Columbia is Being Reorganized.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
VICTORIA, March 1.—The United Fruit Growers of British Columbia, Ltd., are being reorganized and their powers extended. At a meeting of directors representing eight local and 800 shareholders in all parts of the province, G. Rice Jones of Winnipeg, general manager of Grain Growers' Ltd., laid before the British Columbia organization a plan whereby British Columbians can participate more in the control of the corporation.

The B. C. representation on the board is being increased from one to three.

A small stag party made a trip yesterday to Lucy Island in the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The scenery at the island and were admirably received by Mr. and Mrs. Brown who keep the light-house. After spending several hours on the fine sandy beaches, looking in the sun, they returned home for dinner.

TONIGHT ONLY
WESTHOLME
THEATRE

CHAS. RAY

"The Busher"
Sennett Comedy
Canadian Pictorial
Prices, 35c and 15c.

ASK TENDERS FOR GASOLINE BOATS

Fisheries Department Wishes to Charter Two for Season.

The Fisheries Department of the Dominion Government is asking tenders for the charter of two sixty-foot gasoline launches for use in the fisheries patrol service. One will be used in the Rivers Inlet vicinity and the other in Chatham Sound and the east coast of Queen Charlotte Islands. The boats should have a speed of ten miles and accommodation for two people other than the crew.

FISH BOATS IN

Salts is Being Delayed Pending Arrival of Cars on Delayed Train.

A number of fish boats arrived at the fish wharves yesterday and today but pending the arrival of cars on the delayed passenger train they have not yet sold. The following are the vessels in—
Atli, 10,000 lbs.; Ingrid H., 10,000; Pair of Jacks, 7,000; Haysport No. 2, 7,000; Pauline, 8,000; Viola, 2,300; Molly May, 1,500, and Canada, 15,000 lbs.

SCOTTISH CUP.

LONDON, March 1.—In the Scottish Cup replay Armadale won by score of 1 to 0 against Ayr.

BIRTH

There was born to Mr. and Mrs. Anton Akerberg at the general hospital today a daughter.

VETERAN PRIEST DIES AT EDMONTON

Father Julien Moulin was at Batoche During Riel Rebellion and Was Wounded.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
EDMONTON, March 1.—Rev. Julien Moulin, one of the pioneer missionaries of this district, is dead here today. Father Moulin was born in France 90 years ago and entered the oblate order and was ordained a priest in 1857. In 1858 he went to the Red River settlement and since has done missionary work among the Indians and half breeds at Isle a La Crosse, Reindeer Lake and Batoche. He was at Batoche in 1885 when General Middleton went to quell the Riel Rebellion. His mission was in the centre of activities but instead of leaving he unflinchingly stayed with his work. He was accidentally wounded by a stray bullet during the hostilities.

BIG INCREASE IN CUSTOMS RECEIPTS

OTTAWA, March 1.—An increase of \$19,962,896 in customs receipts for the eleven months of the fiscal year ending yesterday was shown by customs department figures issued. The receipts for the eleven months totalled \$163,537,100, while last year was \$143,564,204. For February alone the increase was \$3,481,688.

HELIGOLAND DISMANTLED

Was an Impregnable Barred Two Years Ago—Now Inoffensive.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
BERLIN, March 1.—Heligoland, the fortress that two years ago was an impregnable barrier against the allied sea power, is today dismantled. Only a short time was needed to make it an inoffensive island.

B. C. Undertakers. Phone 41.

United States Railways Are Returned to Former Owners; Wage Dispute to be Settled

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

WASHINGTON, March 1.—President Wilson signed the Railway Bill Saturday evening on the eve of the return of the roads to their owners and to private operation. The railways passed back to private ownership at 12:1 a. m. this morning.

The White House also made public the text of a letter written by Mr. Wilson to representatives of the railroad brotherhoods, who had asked him to name a commission composed entirely of employers and employees' delegates to consider the wage demands. The president tells the union men that the Railroads Bill provides for a bi-partisan board to work on the wage question.

BOSTON, March 1.—The resumption of private control of railways in New England is accompanied by a curtailment of the service in order to expedite needed food and fuel deliveries.

NEW YORK, March 1.—The return of the railways to private control stimulated further buying of railway shares and similar offerings on the stock market.

Wanted, a hundred pairs of well-worn shoes daily for repairs.—McArthur's Shoe Store.

Ladysmith Coal. The best. Prince Rupert Coal Company, Phone 15.

Alex. Manson Asks Order For an Audit

Matter Adjourned One Day to Give Erb's Solicitor Opportunity to Oppose

(Special by Government wire.)
VANCOUVER, March 1.—A writ was issued this morning by A. M. Manson, a shareholder, against the Dry Dock Company asking an order forcing the officials to give A. P. Foster, auditor, access to the books, accounts and vouchers and to give explanations where necessary.

Immediate action is asked in the ex-parte application to Mr. Justice Macdonald but judgment was deferred one day so that Erb's solicitors could be given notice.

It was shown in the affidavit that the order in council was issued directing Mr. Foster to audit the books at a remuneration of \$30 daily, but on arrival at Prince Rupert he was refused access by direction of Erb and unable to make the audit. It was urged that the order in council should be obeyed. The auditors' fees are steadily amounting up.

The Judge refused to grant application ex-parte while litigation is pending although he saw no reason why the order in council should not be enforced, thus hence the adjournment.

MUTINY AMONG KOVNO TROOPS

Machine and Rifle Fire Centred on Parliament Buildings for 24 Hours.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
WARSAW, March 1.—Lithuanian troops mutinied in Kovno on February 21, besieged the Parliament Buildings for 24 hours to enforce the demands for back pay. The railway station and other parts of the city were subjected to artillery fire.

The attackers continually fired upon the Parliament and other Government buildings with rifles and machine guns.

Loyal troops finally suppressed the mutiny, which report attributes to Bolshevism.

Ask for Atkins' Sausages.

Military Plans Are Rudely Interfered With by Politicians

Sir Arthur Currie Tells of Reasons for Attack by Canadians on Passchendaele Ridge with its Awful Losses.

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

OTTAWA, March 1.—The story of the attack of the Canadians on Passchendaele Ridge and particularly the reasons for that desperate and successful blow to the enemy's morale was told by General Sir Arthur Currie to the Old Comrades' Association of the Princess Pats at their annual dinner on Saturday.

General Currie said that while the wisdom of Passchendaele attack had been much debated and the battle actually cost the Canadians 17,000 casualties, it was necessary in order to establish the morale of the Allied troops and to silence the peace talk in the Allied countries in 1917, when the plans of Foch and Haig for the campaigns of 1917 were rudely interfered with by politicians.

FISHING AREAS IN DISTRICT 2

First Steps Taken in Connection With Open Salmon Seining in the North.

A full description of the salmon seining areas as approved by the Minister of Naval Service in connection with the throwing open of the salmon fisheries to British Columbia to resident white British subjects, has been received from E. H. Cunningham, chief inspector of fisheries. The areas in district 2 are as follows:

1. West Coast Queen Charlotte Islands.
2. North Coast Graham Island.
3. Northeast coast of Queen Charlotte Islands.
4. Southeast Coast of Queen Charlotte Islands.
5. Naas Area.
6. Lowe Inlet Area.
7. Butedale Area.
8. Bella Bella Area.
9. Bella Coola Area.
10. Namu Area.

There is also a description of the areas in District 3.

JUVENILES APPEARED BEFORE JUDGE YOUNG

Boy Stole From Cabin at Seal Cove and was Let off on Suspended Sentence.

Elwood Bard, aged 16, appeared in the police court this morning, charged with stealing gas engine appliances and household goods from a cabin at Seal Cove. He was committed for trial before Judge Young where he was severely reprimanded and let out on suspended sentence.

The boy stated that he had gained his criminal notions from Bill Hart and other movie bad men. He was warned to keep away from the movies during his period of suspension and his father was put under a \$500 bond to see that the boy carried out the various terms of suspension. Two other lads, who bought the stolen goods unwittingly, were witnesses. They were also warned by the judge to steer clear of doubtful transactions.

KILLED IN ACCIDENT CAR STRUCK A TRAIN

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

VANCOUVER, March 1.—W. G. F. Goodwin, of Vancouver, was killed and John Hanbury, the well known lumberman, injured on Saturday in an accident when a B. C. Electric interurban train struck the auto in which they were driving to the city at Strathcona crossing.

You save time and money on shoe repairing at McArthur's Shoe Store.

LITHUANIANS REBELLED OVER MATTER OF PAY

Machine Guns and Artillery Used Against the Government Buildings.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

LONDON, March 1.—A wireless despatch from Warsaw under date of Saturday, says the recent revolt of Lithuanian troops at Kovno, occurred on February 22 when several units who had agitated for deferred pay were ordered to assemble and confer with Government representatives.

The men refused to obey orders on the advice of Bolshevik agitators and directed a machine gun fire against the Government buildings throughout a day and night. At the same time the artillery bombarded the railway station and various parts of the town.

BIG CATCH OF HERRING IN B. C.

January of this Year Showed a Large Increase Over Last Season.

OTTAWA, Mar. 1.—Due mainly to the greatly increased catch of herring in British Columbia during January, the total value of the sea fish at the point of landing shows a great advance over the month of January, 1919.

The total value of the sea fish landed in Canada during January of the present year was \$962,840. In January, 1919, it was \$608,256.

Fishing operations on the Atlantic coast were interrupted by unusual cold and stormy weather. Herring were in great abundance in Nanaimo, Alberni and Clayoquot districts of British Columbia. The catch amounted to 360,000 cwts. against 75,200 cwts. for January, 1919.

About the same quantity of halibut was landed during January this year as in 1919.

Prince Rupert Board of Trade

A Luncheon will be given on board the G. T. P. Steamer "Prince George" at 1 o'clock p.m., Wednesday, March 3, 1920. Speaker: Captain C. H. Nicholson.

Tickets 75c to be obtained from the President, Commissioner or on board steamer.