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Lloyd George Outlines New Irish Home Rule Proposals

Makes Lengthy Statement in British House of Commons. Would Set Up Two Legislatures in Ireland With Council Appointed Jointly.

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

LONDON, December 23.—Premier Lloyd George outlined the Government's proposals for Ireland in a long statement in the House of Commons yesterday. Speaking with great deliberation and emphasis, he said that Great Britain cannot accept separation and that the people who think Britain can be forced into it have not read the story of the last five years. Loud cheers greeted this declaration.

In an eloquent peroration, the premier said: "It is always the right time to do the right thing, and Great Britain can afford now, more than ever, to take the initiative. No one will suspect her of conceding from weakness. The land that by its power destroyed the greatest military empire in the world will not be suspected of quailing before a band of wretched assassins! The world will know that we are entering upon a task prompted by that deep sense of justice which sustained this land through these last years of warfare."

The galleries were crowded but it was noticeable that there were no Nationalist members present when the Premier began his address. Extra precautions were taken to have guards at the entrance and a careful scrutiny of those entering was exercised in order to prevent any possible Sinn Fein disturbances.

The Premier characterized the attempt upon the life of Viscount French, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, as one of the most cowardly in the history of political crimes and said that he was glad that the chiefs of the Catholic Church had hastened to denounce it.

Reviewing Irish affairs, Lloyd George said that there was nothing Ireland wanted more than peace, and while no possible scheme for Home Rule would be universally approved, he claimed that what the Government proposed was what it thought to be a fair and just settlement. He admitted that plenty of mistakes had been made in the past and that on both sides there had been follies and crimes. "But," he added, "we want that chapter closed—not to ask who is to blame, but to set matters right."

Briefly, the Government's proposal is to set up two parliaments in Ireland. One for the Catholics in the south, and the other for the Protestants of the north and east, with a council selected from both which it is hoped will bring about the union of the whole country. The first points of the Government's measures are, self government over the whole of Ireland; two legislatures, one for Ulster and one for the rest of the country; a council to be appointed jointly to act as the connecting link, and at the outset an allowance of one million pounds sterling to each legislature for organization purposes. Each legislature will have taxation powers, but the customs and excises shall remain Imperial and the post office to remain as at present.

PEACE PROCLAMATION FREES MANY PRISONERS

Defaulters Under Military Service Act Will be Released, But Interned Prisoners Not Affected.

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

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—It is anticipated that after the Peace Proclamation has been made public, the jail authorities of Canada will be authorized to release prisoners held as defaulters under the Military Service Act. Thereafter, all prosecutions pending against offenders who have succeeded in remaining at large will be dropped. It is probable that the disfranchisement of such men will be the last punch remaining. The application of this new order does not include interned prisoners. It is estimated here that there are approximately forty thousand persons affected by the amnesty.

Albert & McCaffery, Ltd., have just received a shipment of five hundred doors and windows—the most and varied stock in Northern B. C.

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Westholme THEATRE

ROBERT HARRON and CLARINE SEYMOUR
in the GRIFFITHS production
"The Girl Who Stayed at Home"
Two Reel Flagg Comedy
"The Con in Economy"

CASEY SCORES POLICE BOARD

Chinese Census Again Came Up At Last Night's Council Meeting.

SAYS "COMMISSION SITS ON INSECURE PEDESTAL"

The Police Commission, last night, sent the Chinese Census matter back to the City Council, or in the words of Alderman Perry, "passed the buck." The Commission did not feel that it was a matter for the police to deal with as they had plenty of other business to occupy their attention. The Council decided to leave the matter on the table until the legal advice of the City Solicitor had been obtained and the Immigration authorities had been heard from.

Alderman Casey took the opportunity of giving the police commission a rap and showed his objection to the Police Commission handing things back to the City Council. "What is the matter with the police commission, anyway?" queried the alderman. "They seem to become quite peeved at all matters referred to them from the City Council. I think an explanation is due from this body. Although we are members of the city council we are citizens of this city. I fail to see why the Police Commission treats everything emanating from the council like this. They are equally responsible to the people like we are and co-operation should be shown. The Council does not wish to show its superiority and I think the commission is guilty

WILHELM WILL STAND TRIAL BY THE ALLIES

But Wants to Choose Time and Place and His Own Experts and Lawyers.

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

GENEVA, Dec. 22.—A dispatch from Basle states that the former German Emperor has finally agreed to accept trial by the Allies, but adds that he wants to choose the place and time of trial, and desires to be defended by German experts and lawyers.

Basle advises say that the former Crown Prince declares he will never appear if he is called before a court of justice.

JEFFREY STREET WILL BE GRADED

Will be Convenience to Community at Large—Eliminates Long Run for Vehicles.

The report of the city engineer on the plank roadway and grading on Jeffrey Street from Sixth Ave. to Eighth Ave. in Section 7 was last night adopted by the City Council. The majority of the council at once saw the need of this connection in a part of the city that is quickly being filled up and where there is a good deal of traffic. At the present time a wagon or car at Seal Cove on Sixth Ave. has to come half way back to town to get to Seal Cove on Eighth Ave., a distance of only two blocks. The new roadway will eliminate this and will thus save time and be of general convenience.

The life of the new roadway will be ten years and it will cost \$7,700. It is proposed to raise this money by general taxation and from the property abutting and directly benefited. The work really comes under the general scheme of grading which will come up for next year's council, but the work is felt to be of immediate necessity so the council adopted the report of the engineer and the proper legal course will be taken to get the work started and paid for.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS HELD ON JANUARY 15

The municipal elections for 1920 will be held in the city hall from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m. January 15. Nominations will close at 2 o'clock on January 12. City Clerk Ernest A. Woods will be returning officer and will appoint his assistants.

WAR MATERIAL SOLD

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A total amount of \$700,000,000 has been realized by the sale of the united war material belonging to the allies. The same was made in Great Britain, France, Belgium, Italy and Germany.

FROZEN TO DEATH

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Seven Hundred soldiers of Admiral Kolchok's army have been frozen to death in a hospital near Omsk.

Special Christmas engagement of Anita Stewart in "Her Kingdom of Dreams." Matinee tomorrow at 3 o'clock. Show tomorrow and Thursday. Westholme Theatre.

of a breach of ethics. It is time the commission was apprised of the fact that they are responsible to the electors. They are sitting on a pedestal that is not as secure as they imagine it is."

PASSENGERS MAY GO EAST TOMORROW

This afternoon it was learned from the G. T. P. officials that a train for the east will leave tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock for the convenience of intending passengers. No baggage other than light hand baggage will be carried by this train, which will connect with another train at the other side of the break at Khyex, running on schedule time to all points eastward.

TREASURER WANTS TO KNOW POPULATION

City Council Does Not Seem to Take Census Suggestion Favorably.

The city treasurer deems it advisable to take a census of the city. His proposal is that volunteers take the census between the hours of 11 and 12 some night and the public be asked to stay in or that occasion.

The treasurer says that numerous enquiries are always coming in to him as to the city's population and it is estimated at anywhere from 5,000 to 7,500. He had usually used the figure 6,500. The knowledge of the exact population might also assist in the matter of floating bonds.

It was moved by Alderman McRae, and seconded by Alderman Casey, at last night's council meeting, that the matter referred to the Finance Committee. The council did not seem to be much in favor of taking such a census. Ald. McRae thought that when action in city affairs is necessary the council can take it without advice from outside. Ald. Kirkpatrick pointed out that such a census taking would probably not be effective as it would not be compulsory. The acting mayor thought that Treasurer Vance would be quite safe in saying the city population was 7500.

SOME FISH BOATS SPEND XMAS ON BANKS

Others Spend Holiday at Seattle and Here—More Arrivals Here Soon.

No fish arrived this morning for sale at today's exchange. Several large boats are reported to be out on the banks but since they have been going to Seattle lately their movements are not definitely known. It is understood that some of the larger boats are remaining in Seattle for Christmas but not as many as were expected. It is possible some may come in here between now and Christmas Day and spend the holiday here, while some will remain on the banks.

All the big boats will be back on the banks by the middle of January and the smaller ones will get out in February. It is thought that the halibut fishing will soon be good off the Queen Charlotte Islands and the smaller boats will go there. The fishing is all being done now on the northern banks off the Aleuts and Yakutat.

At last night's council meeting a letter was read from Arthur Barnes making application to purchase lots 15 and 16, Block 32, Section 8 for \$253. It was unanimously decided by the council to grant the permission. Mr. Barnes is a returned soldier and will build on the lots immediately.

"Jimmie" Mitchell will not be home for the holidays this year as he has gone to Des Moines representing the University of British Columbia at a convention of university students.

Barrie's Christmas drawing. Every two dollars' worth purchased entitles you to a ticket free. Starting Wednesday, November 19. First prize, Davenport bed; second prize, fumed oak table; third prize, wicker rocker.

Toys, blocks, games, dolls, trains, children's books, mechanical toys, at Tite's Santa Claus headquarters.

Three New By-laws For Next Election

New Municipal Building, Morse Creek Bridge, Sewer Maintenance to be Approved by Electors.

At last night's council meeting three new money bylaws were put through their first and second readings. They will now go to Victoria to be inspected by the Municipal Inspector before being read for the third time and finally adopted by the city council. The bylaw will come before the electors at the municipal election on January 15 to be passed or otherwise by the electors.

The first bylaw introduced last night provides for a new municipal building on Fulton Street. Fifty thousand dollars will be raised to construct the building. The money will be raised

by 30 year bonds at 6 per cent interest. Alderman McRae explained the necessity of the new building. It will be used mainly to house the telephone exchange although there will be plenty of room for other purposes. What the extra space will be utilized for will be decided later. Many suggestions were advanced last night as to the use of the space. Better jail accommodation was a subject that was emphasized. It was suggested that the heating plant be moved from the present building to the new one and the whole basement of the city hall be used as a jail.

The second bylaw provides for the construction of a bridge across Morse Creek connecting Sections 1 and 2, in line with Second Avenue. The bridge will cost \$18,000 and \$12,000 must be raised by the city, the additional \$6,000 being paid by the Provincial Government. The bridge must be built to the satisfaction of the city and the government as well as the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. The money, it is proposed, will be raised in 15 year bonds bearing 6 per cent interest.

The "Sewer Maintenance By-law" provides for the raising of \$10,000 to be used in the betterment and maintenance of the existing sewers. Five year bonds bearing 6 per cent interest will be used.

MAYOR WILL BE IN VANCOUVER CHRISTMAS

No word has been received by the acting mayor from Mayor McClymont regarding the delegation to Ottawa, but it is understood that it has met with considerable success in impressing the needs and rights of this port on Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and other officials of the department.

The mayor, it is believed, is now on his way to Vancouver where he will spend the holidays. He will probably not return to Prince Rupert until the second week in January.

A SON TO LADY RAMSAY

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Lady Ramsay, formerly Princess Patricia of Connaught, gave birth to a son. Princess Pat was married to Commander Alexander R. M. Ramsay of the Royal Navy in February of this year.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Central Labor Council, O. B. U. meets tonight at 8 o'clock. All O. B. U. members invited.

Raymond A. Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Fisher, Fourth Ave. E., returned from Vancouver on Sunday night to spend the holiday season with his parents. Raymond is taking up the Agricultural Course at the University of British Columbia.

The matter of the building of a roadway from McBride Street to Dunsmuir Street on Fifth Ave. was revived at last night's council meeting in a letter from the secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association. This action was killed last spring by the parties involved. It was resolved that the Retail Merchants' Association be advised of the fate of the measure.

THURSDAY WILL SEE WESTBOUND TRAIN THROUGH

Very Encouraging Report Received From Superintendent This Morning.

MORE MAIL GOT ACROSS BREAK YESTERDAY MORNING

Such good progress has been made with the driving of the new trestle approaching the Khyex river bridge that it is expected the train due in here on Thursday night will come right through. It is possible, however, that she will be a little late in getting in, but the fact that the road is in shape again for traffic will be noted with satisfaction.

The regular passenger service will be resumed eastbound on Saturday morning, when the train will leave for the east at 11:30 as usual. Freight traffic will also be resumed on Friday, when trains will be despatched, carrying the accumulated traffic since the break.

The piling which was carried away by the floods has been driven again, although this has been a difficult matter, owing to the high water. The floods, however, are now subsiding somewhat, although the rivers are still very full. The work of replacing the track is being rushed to have the road safe for Thursday night's train and nothing is being left undone by the G. T. P. to have the Christmas mail through at the earliest possible moment.

Mails Getting Through.

Today's westbound train is reported on time and will come only as far as Pacific this afternoon. Tomorrow morning a stub train will be dispatched from Pacific to the scene of the washout if there is mail or business to warrant it. Also early tomorrow morning a stub train will leave here and pick up anything that may be brought on the other. It may be expected to return about 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. No. 2 regular through passenger train will leave here on Saturday morning as usual.

The stub train connecting with Sunday's regular arrived here at 3:40 yesterday afternoon bringing all the eastern mail, baggage, express and a few passengers. The transfer was effected across the break by gasoline boat.

Christmas Meat Here.

The Christmas meat situation which was beginning to look rather blue for those intending to have parties and dinners on Christmas Day was relieved last night when a scow bearing two carloads of all varieties of meats and fowl was brought in by the launch Narbethong. The meat is consigned to Geo. Frizell's Market and to P. Burns and fills the full Christmas order for both houses. It was unloaded the other side of the break and was brought direct to Prince Rupert.

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