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## EMERGENCY MEASURES TO AID FLOOD SUFFERERS

### CONVENTS THROWN OPEN TO SUCCOUR HOMELESS

### TRAIL OF DESTRUCTION IN WAKE OF RAINSTORM LARGE AREAS STILL SUBMERGED

THE damage done in Dublin and district by the floods is proving much heavier than was at first imagined. It principally embraces property, though livestock have also suffered. Fortunately there has been no loss of life, but it was providential that disaster did not overtake a train on the Bray section of the Great Southern System, as it had not long passed over a bridge when the structure, undermined by overflowing waters, collapsed. Hundreds have been rendered homeless and relief measures have been taken in several centres. The Acting Lord Mayor of Dublin (Dr. Myles Keogh, T.D.) has asked us to open our columns for an appeal for funds to alleviate the hardships that have befallen the afflicted families. The appeal appears in column three. Already the Workers' Union of Ireland has subscribed £5 to the fund through the Irish Press.

From the provinces come almost similar tales of woe. There has been widespread destruction of crops.

### RELIEF FUND OPENED

After Thursday's terrific thunderstorm, there came a calm yesterday, enabling a truer appreciation to be gained of the extent of the damage done by the floods in the Dublin area. Investigations by IRISH PRESS representatives show that the visitation was even worse than had been thought at first. That it did not result in loss of life is remarkable, considering its violence. The most providential escape was in the Pembroke district. Due to the terrific strain of the water, the railway bridge over the Dodder, between Herbert Bridge and Ballsbridge, collapsed on Thursday shortly after an outgoing train had passed over it. "I want the public down the coast to understand that they can get into town by their ordinary trains in the morning," was the statement made to our representative last night by Mr. E. Riley, the general manager of the Great Southern Railway. "A report was current this afternoon that the services had been completely stopped. That is not so. One line was working all day, and services are being maintained on it. What has happened is that the pillars of the

of green turf on Thursday morning looked like a refuse dump yesterday. All the courts have been completely destroyed and several inches of mud cover the entire ground. As well as the mud the river left behind trees and stones. The damage done is estimated at several hundred pounds. The pavilions are also flooded and to-day workers were engaged trying to clear away the water.

**EFFECTS IN MILTOWN.**  
Four cottages in Milntown were also inundated, and the families took refuge for the night in the Ballsbridge Town Hall. The water, too, entered the boiler house of the Dublin laundry there, and although the employees tried to keep it out by erecting barricades, the boilers were interfered with and work was stopped. Even on yesterday operations could not be resumed. In the same district it was feared that the "Old Bridge" used as a footway by residents would collapse, but it held. Alarm was felt in the Landan Con-

### FUND FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

### TRADE UNION'S PROMPT SUBSCRIPTION

### WILLING HELPERS

The acting Lord Mayor of Dublin, Dr. Myles Keogh, writes as follows to THE IRISH PRESS from the Mansion House:

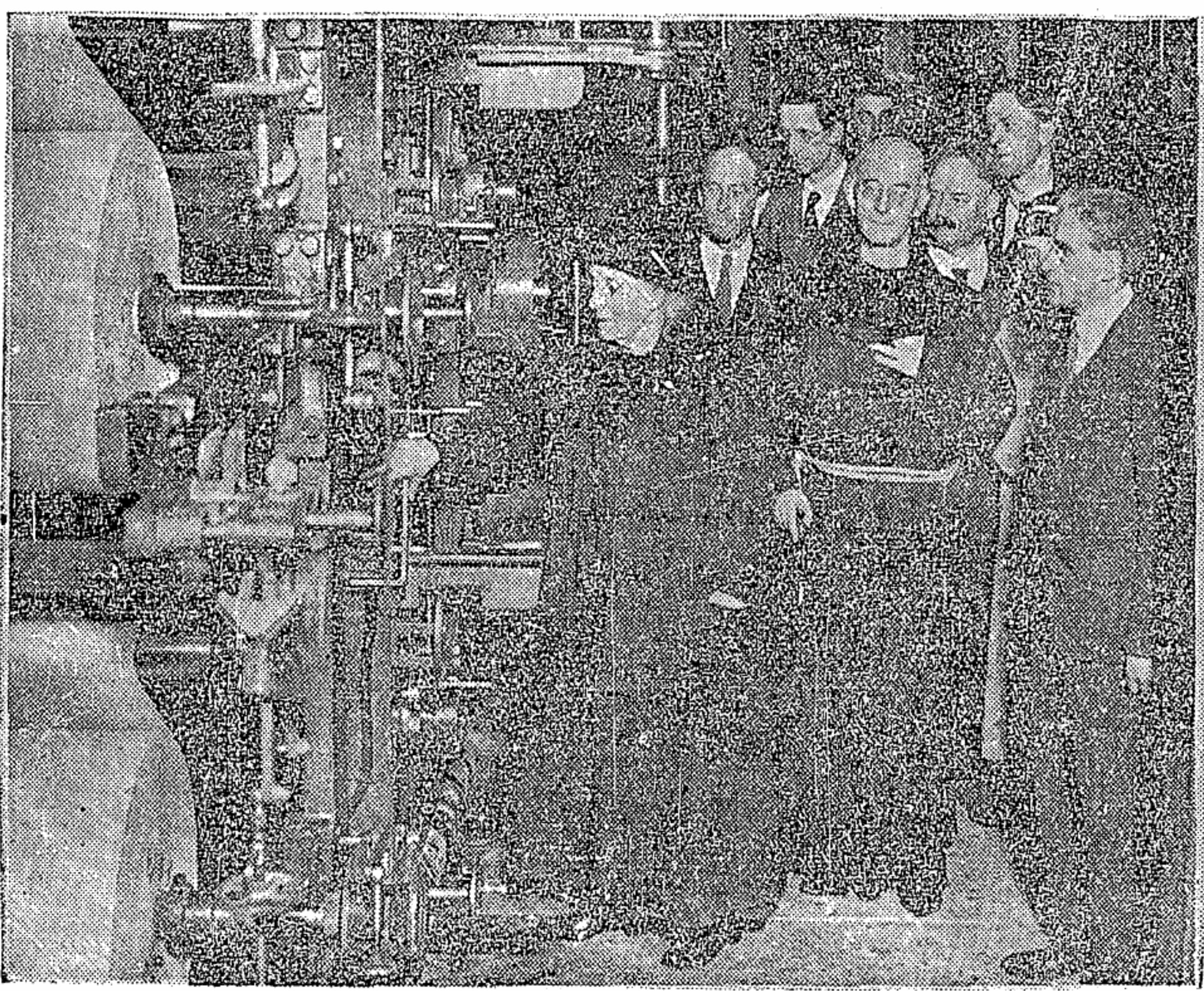
"The distressful condition that has visited the poorer inhabitants of the flooded area in Dublin, I hope, I want you to open your columns for an appeal on my behalf to alleviate the hardships that have befallen the afflicted families. I have the pleasure of stating that the Captain of the Milntown Golf Club has kindly informed me that his Committee has granted a generous subscription, and I have also to thank the Secretary of the Women Workers' Union for her generous offer to come to the rescue of the women and children. The Lord Mayor's Secretary will gratefully acknowledge subscriptions (received in the Mansion House) for this deserving fund."

**WORKERS' UNION ACTS.**  
Simultaneously with Dr. Keogh's letter we received the following letter from Mr. James Larkin, General Secretary of the Workers' Union of Ireland, written from Unity Hall:—  
"In consultation with the City Manager, with reference to the deplorable conditions of the inhabitants of the flooded area, it was suggested that the existing Lord Mayor's fund be appealed to the citizens, through the Press, on behalf of these unfortunate people. I don't know whether you have been approached by the Lord Mayor or the City Manager on the matter, but I am instructed to forward five pounds (£5) by my Executive Committee as a subscription for such a fund. You might accept same, and you may possibly think it advisable to open your columns for any other subscriptions for such a worthy purpose."

**WHO ELSE WILL HELP?**  
We have forwarded to the Lord Mayor's Secretary the sum of £5 sent by the Workers' Union, and will be happy to receive any further subscriptions.—Ed. I.P.

valent Home at Blackrock when the river poured over its banks into the grounds. The Fire Brigade at Tara Street was sent for when the water entered the basement, and on arrival they quickly pumped it away. Our representative learned that the flooding had not been serious at the Home, and nobody had been injured. The house of Mrs. Whyte, No. 35 Sydney Avenue, Blackrock, was damaged. Furniture floated around the floor, and Mrs. Whyte had to leave the house. In the Temple Road two houses were flooded. Blackrock Town Hall was made available for families who might be unable to find another place, but this shelter was not availed of. In one single sweep, the Dodder knocked fifty yards off a wall when it overflowed at Newbridge Avenue, Irishtown. The havoc was not so widespread at Clason's Bridge, but a great number

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MRS. PEARSE starts the printing machinery of the "Irish Press" for the last trial run.

### MESSAGE TO THE NATION

"SPEAK THE IRISH," SAYS  
DR. HYDE

"WILL NEVER DIE"

THAT the Irish language, even if it dies a spoken tongue, will never die in Ireland as a written language, was the opinion expressed by Dr. Douglas Hyde, in an interview in Irish to an IRISH PRESS representative, which appears on our Irish page to-day.

Asked if he had any message for the Irish people, Dr. Hyde replied: "No, except to speak the Irish among themselves. I have given that advice for fifty years. Everything will come from that. It is the essence of my teaching. 'Some people say that it was merely love of the Irish language, and not nationality, which made me found the Gaelic League,' said Dr. Hyde.

**TO AWAKEN NATIONALITY.**  
"It was Irish nationality that inspired me more than the language, but I saw that it was necessary to use the Irish language to awaken our nationality. 'I have this much to say,' declared the doctor, 'that the Irish will never die in Ireland. If it dies as a spoken tongue—and may God forbid that it should—it will not die as a written language. That much is sure, I think.'"

Dr. Hyde, who has retired after twenty years from the Professorship of Irish at University College, Dublin, is at present in Frenchpark, Co. Roscommon, engaged in writing a history of the Gaelic League, in Irish, of which he was founder and first president. Already he has written 16,000 words. The book will be completed in a year and published by the Gúm.

**EARLY MEMORIES.**  
It is interesting to note that the Gaelic League records from 1894 to 1904 (ten years) are missing, and the doctor is drawing on his diary for the history of this period. He said that the meeting at which the Gaelic League was founded was held in Martin O'Kelly's rooms, 9 Lower O'Connell Street, in July, 1893. Messrs. Cassidy's hosiery shop is now at No. 9. Quoting from his history, he said: "It is true that an immeasurable fruit came from that little meeting. Irish was saved by it. I hope, and at long last nearly full freedom was won for the Twenty-six Counties." Dr. Hyde is leaving all his MSS. collection to University College, Dublin. [Several excerpts from the History of the Gaelic League are published on our Irish page.]

### NATIONAL PRESENTATION

### HONOUR FOR KERRY GAELS

The proposal to make a national presentation to the Kerry Football team which recently toured America has met with a cordial response from Gaels all over the country. Last night a meeting of the promoters, presided over by Cormac Breathnach, was held at 68 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, when final preparations for the event were made. It was decided that a banquet be given to the team at the Gresham Hotel on Sunday evening, September 27th, the date of the All-Ireland final between Kerry and Kildare at Croke Park. The banquet will begin at 6.30 p.m., and at 9 o'clock the team and guests will be taken by buses to Rathmines Town Hall, where a Ceilidhe Mhor will be held. At the Ceilidhe a reception and presentation to the team will take place.

At both functions a large and representative attendance of Gaels is expected. The promoters announce that the subscription list will close on the 21st inst., and the secretary is Mr. James F. Jones, 17 Cliftonville Road, Glasnevin.

### THE NEW TURN IN BONUS "CUT"

CIVIL SERVICE APPEAL  
TO MR. COSGRAVE

TRADE UNION VIEW

An appeal to the President of the Executive Council is to be made by the Free State civil servants against the "cut" of 2/6ths in the cost of living bonus, which came into operation last Tuesday. For the past two years, among civil servants, feeling has been strong regarding their conditions, and this has been intensified by the recent "cut," which civil servants claim to be entirely unjustified.

The appeal is being organised by the Cost of Living Bonus Joint Committee, which is representative of every branch and grade of the civil service. The Joint Committee has issued the following statement:—  
"The Civil Service has not yet lost hope of securing some measure of relief in respect of the reduction in the cost of living bonus. The 'cut,' which became operative on the 1st September, will have the effect of reducing to £2 16s. 0d. the wages of a civil servant who was in receipt of £4 12s. 0d. in 1921—a reduction of forty per cent. The same officer received £3 11s. 9d. in 1922, so that he has suffered a reduction of twenty-two per cent. since the establishment of the Free State.

**AN ALL-GRADE MOVEMENT.**  
"It is claimed that this reduction is altogether out of proportion to any reduction which may have taken place in the actual cost of living and more severe than any reductions which have been suffered by any other section of the community."

"The Cost of Living Bonus Joint Committee, with the support of the whole Service, is continuing to agitate for the restoration of the pre-September wages and the establishment of a Commission of Inquiry. The resolution which was passed at the recent mass meeting of civil servants is being circulated in the various departments and civil servants of all grades are being requested to attach their signatures as assenting to its terms."

**TRADE UNION SUPPORT.**  
"It is understood that practically all are signing, including officers of very high rank, who consider that the 'cut' falls with undue severity on the lower grades, who have already been reduced to a bare subsistence level; and that the present ferment is detrimental to the efficiency of the Service. It is intended to forward the signatures, in the form of a petition, to the President."

"It is understood that the Trade Union Congress is watching the situation with interest, particularly having regard to the refusal of the Minister for Finance to receive the representatives of the Cost of Living Bonus Joint Committee. This is regarded, in trade union circles, as creating a dangerous precedent in respect of the right of public employees to be represented by their officials in negotiations concerning their conditions of employment, and it is possible that the T.U.C. will make representations to the authorities on this aspect of the matter."

### NIGHT VOLLEYS

### ALARMING INCIDENTS IN KERRY VILLAGE

About 11 p.m. on Thursday night a volley of shots on the western side of the village startled the people of Ballylongford, North Kerry. This was the second incident of the kind within a week. Between nine and ten o'clock last Sunday night a carload of detectives entered the village and held up all pedestrians, ordering them home when searched. Just as the car had left the village five or six shots rang out.

### BRITISH CREDIT

THOMAS URGES DRASTIC  
ECONOMY MEASURES

In a speech at Derby yesterday, Mr. J. H. Thomas described the British Cabinet's economy plans as "drastic and far-reaching." He believed, he said, that the issues which faced the country a few days ago were almost as terrible as those that faced it in 1914, but the real consequences were not so well understood as in the 1914 situation.

He would have to meet the charge, that he had been merely a party to a bankers' or a capitalists' ramp, and that he had so far forgotten his principles as to agree to cut down unemployment pay by ten per cent. His answer was that he was standing to defend a policy that saved the unemployed, not from a ten per cent. cut, but from, perhaps, a fifty per cent. cut or something even worse.

"The economies will be drastic," he continued. "They will be far-reaching in their effects. I want, however, to make it quite clear that the economies proposed, however serious they may be, are economies that the majority of my late colleagues in the late Cabinet, themselves believed were essential for the emergency."

**NATIONAL EMERGENCY.**  
"The nation was faced by an emergency which could be met in only one way. That way was to convince the world that this country was not down and out, and that it intended to meet its obligations to the full. 'This crisis must be met, and will be met, and it is up to us all, knowing the possibilities of this nation, to say that we intend to pursue a policy that will never again leave any doubt about the financial and economic stability of this country.'

**LABOUR IN AUSTRALIA.**  
"What does the crisis mean? It means that for reasons which I need not discuss at this moment, foreign countries really believed that the financial stability of this country was not sound. When people—foreigners or otherwise—believe that, there is a run."

**LABOUR IN AUSTRALIA.**  
"We need not talk of what happened in Germany or Austria. It is common property. What happened in one of our own Dominions, not many weeks ago, with a Labour Government in power with an overwhelming majority? When the credit of Australia was impaired and Australia could not balance her Budget, who will dare deny that every section of the community, rich and poor, and mainly poor, were the first victims of the lack of confidence in Australia's financial position."

### SHIP AGROUND

WATERFORD HARBOUR  
EXCITEMENT

("Irish Press" Correspondent)

WATERFORD, Friday. There was considerable excitement in Waterford Harbour on Thursday night, when S.S. Berklade dragged anchors for 200 yards and ran aground on a mudbank at Buttermilk Castle. Capt. Evans sent out distress signals, and a Waterford dredger with Capt. Farrell, harbour-master, in command, hastened to the rescue. Because of the severity of the gale the dredger was unable to establish contact, and had to return to port.

When Capt. Farrell arrived at Buttermilk Castle yesterday he was informed by Capt. Evans that danger had passed, and that he, with a local crew, would now be able to navigate the steamer back into a safe position, which he did in the afternoon. The S.S. Berklade, which discharged 5,000 tons of maize for Messrs. Hall in Waterford four months ago, has since been lying off owing to shipping depression. All the crew were paid off with the exception of the captain, chief engineer, and second officer.

### TARIFF BENEFITS LOST THROUGH BUTTER SURPLUS

### BID FOR POWER

### LABOUR'S NEW MOVE

Cumann na nGaedheal and Labour are mobilising their forces in South Tipperary in preparation for the General Election. Both parties held meetings in the Pethard area this week, the principal speakers being Messrs. Seumas Bourke, T.D.; J. Hassett, T.D., and Daniel Morrissey, T.D. A further Labour demonstration will be held in Fethard shortly. That the Labour Party intends to make a bid for complete power at the next General Election was the statement of Mr. D. Morrissey, T.D., at a meeting in Fethard district. "Labour has been criticised in the past on the grounds that if all the candidates put up by them were elected they would not be able to form a Government, but I wish to inform you publicly, that after the next General Election if you have not a Labour Government in office it will not be our fault, as the Party was definitely decided to put up sufficient candidates, viz., sixty per cent. at least. If a sufficient number is elected we will show our critics that we are quite capable and competent to take up the reins of office."

**"LIKE TWO OLD CATS."**  
The Flanna Fáil and Cumann na nGaedheal Parties, said Mr. Morrissey, were more interested in slinging mud at each other than in making serious attempts to solve social and economic problems. They were like two old cats at each side of the fire growing at each other. Mr. T. Nagle, National Organiser of the Irish Labour Party, said that neither the workers nor the Labour Party would stand by the system of whole hog Protection, as it would be detrimental to working-class people, and would give manufacturers an opportunity of fleeing them.

### EIGHT HURT BY 'BUS SKID

Eight persons, six of them passengers, were injured when a bus skidded in James's Street, Dublin, yesterday morning, and ran into a tram standard. None of them were seriously hurt. Mrs. Margaret Horan, Rosemount, Kilmalham, was detained in St. George's Hospital with shock and extensive bruising. Patrick Neelan, Erin Place, Pearse Street, the conductor, was cut in the face. The front of the bus was rather badly damaged.

### DAIRY FARMERS NEED FOR CENTRAL BODY

### CENSUS OF STOCKS

Irish dairy farmers have little prospect of deriving any benefit from the butter tariff during the coming winter owing to the surplus stocks of butter being held in cold storage.

The results of the first census of butter stocks in the country made by the Free State Department of Agriculture and issued last night, shows a very considerable surplus of stocks in storage. This surplus, taken in conjunction with the present state of the British market, and the over-production of butter in Australia and New Zealand, all indicate that Irish dairy farmers have a meagre chance of reaping any gain from the fourpence a pound tax on foreign butter in the coming winter months.

Following upon several months of comparatively low prices, this is serious news indeed for the dairying industry. Actually the butter tariff may afford no help to the industry this year. The official return shows the quantity of creamery butter in cold store in the entire Free State on the 31st August last as 52,165 cwt. This is practically two months' supply. Even with the low production which obtained this year, continuing up to the close of the season, production from now on to the end of March, quite apart from the surplus now stored, will more than meet home needs.

### SEPARATE SELLING BODIES.

The only hope of deriving any gain from the tariff during the months of low production—that is, from the end of November up to April next—lay in maintaining a delicate balance between the supply and demand of the home market. That is practically impossible now with such considerable stocks in store at this time of the year. The situation might have been improved and losses lessened by judicious unloading of stocks, even now, if a central creamery marketing organisation were in existence. Unfortunately, that is not in being, and the creameries, which total over 190 separate selling organisations, are now

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