

OUR LONDON LETTER.

Friday Night. Ulster Special Constables. No date is fixed yet for starting the enrolment of special constables in Ireland under the new scheme...

Further Conference With Miners. Sir Robert Hornsby held a confidentially today in London...

Opportunity For Peace. All these things look like portents of conflict. But there are other signs which show that peace may be achieved next week...

Blow To Trade. A coal strike will upset every conceivable calculation about this country's foreign trade...

Notes For Prisoners. It seems as though the last horse has passed through the London streets. I think the London Fire Brigades send out no horse fire engines now...

THE SPEAKER AND THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS. Speaking at Woodbridge last night at a meeting held under the auspices of the League of Nations...

LANCASHIRE COTTON STRIKE. The Central News Oldham correspondent telegraphs that over seventy cotton spindles have been idle in consequence of the piece's strike...

FRENCH PRESIDENCY.

DESCHANEL'S SUCCESSOR. The Premier Refuses Nomination for the Position. "IMPERATIVE REASONS." Paris, Friday. M. Millerand informed the Cabinet this morning that M. Deschanel insisted upon the immediate acceptance of his resignation...

POLICY IN MESOPOTAMIA.

Setting Up of an Arab State. TRIBES' DEMEANOUR IMPROVED. The India Office announces that in his capacity as High Commissioner Sir Percy Cox will be the chief British representative in Mesopotamia...

CORK COURTS-MARTIAL.

Another batch of civilians were tried by court-martial at Cork Barracks yesterday. Denis Spillane, Trake, County Kerry, was charged with being concerned in an attack on a military patrol at Tralee Station on 20th July...

Patrick Hegarty, of Carrowkeel, County Mayo, appeared before a district court-martial held at Cork Barracks, Belfast on 23rd August, charged with being in possession, contrary to an order of the competent military authority...

John Collins, of Inchiger, Co. Cork, was tried by court-martial held at Victoria Barracks, Cork, on 22nd September. The charges against him related to the military authorities at Dún Laoghaire...

THE AMERICAN LEGION.

French Officers to be Present at Convention. Paris, Friday. In spite of his great desire to accept the invitation of the American Legion...

TYPHUS EPIDEMIC.

Cossack Army Annihilated by the Disease. Will Western Europe be visited by a plague of typhus this winter? Dr. Haden Guest, the physician to the Labour delegation to Soviet Russia...

NEW UNDER SECRETARY.

SIR E. CLARKE IN BELFAST. Gratified at Peaceful State of City. "NO POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE." The appointment of Sir Ernest Clarke as Assistant Under Secretary for the six Ulster counties...

Interviewed by a "Belfast News-Letter" representative last night Sir Ernest stated that his appointment was not to be considered in any way as a political statement...

As a purely temporary measure, until suitable offices can be found, the Lord Mayor has been good enough to place a chamber in the City Hall at the disposal of Sir Ernest...

THE PUNJAB DISORDERS. Effect of the Hunter Commission's Findings. Simla, Thursday. The Punjab controversy was finally concluded today by Sir William Vincent, a member of the Viceroy's Council...

OFFICIALS PUNISHED.

John Cottrill, of Craughnagh, County Kilkenny, was charged with having in his possession a document likely to cause disaffection among His Majesty's subjects...

Michael Murphy, John Harle, and Raymond Gillman, of Clonsilla, County Cork, were charged with being an active party to a certain person by force. Mr. J. P. Bourke, B.L.S., instructed by Mr. O'Donovan, solicitor, appeared for the other two accused...

THE LORD MAYOR OF CORK.

No Change in His Condition. The Lord Mayor of Cork was visited at Brixton Prison yesterday morning by Father Dominic and Miss Mary MacSwiney...

AMUNDSEN'S EXPEDITION.

Caught in the Polar Ice. Nomb (Alaska), Thursday. A fishing boat has brought news of Captain Amundsen's expedition, which is gazing about twenty miles off Cape Sergey on the Siberian coast...

CORK UNIVERSITY RAIDED.

A new form of hold up took place at Cork University College on Thursday night. Several armed men forced their way into the room of Professor Swaine, Supervisor of Examinations...

GENERAL WRANGLES CAMPAIGN.

"Making Excellent Progress." Constantinople, Wednesday. In accordance with directions received from General Wrangel's Government, several authorities here have been enrolling the Russians staying here...

DONEGAL AND THE BELFAST BANKS.

A "proclamation" has been issued in Donegal directing the suspension of all accounts with the Northern, Ulster, and Belfast Banks...

RECENT RAIDS IN NEWRY.

Five Sinn Fein Arrested. In connection with recent Sinn Fein raids for arms in the Newry district three young men were early yesterday morning arrested by the police...

PROCLAMATION!

WHEREAS, on account of the disturbed state of the County of the City of Belfast, I was compelled, on the 30th day of August, 1920, to issue Orders that the inhabitants should remain indoors between certain specified hours, AND WHEREAS, the disturbances have now ceased...

NOW THEREFORE I, Major-General Sir E. G. T. Bainbridge, K.C.B., Commanding 1st Division, Competent Military Authority, DO HEREBY CANCEL MY SAID PROCLAMATION of the 30th day of August, 1920...

GIVEN under my hand at Belfast this 16th day of September, 1920. (Signed) E. G. T. BAINBRIDGE, Major-General, Commanding 1st Division, Competent Military Authority.

SINN FEIN ACTIVITIES.

Police Cipher Captured. Military Action in the South. A SURPRISE FOR SINN FEIN. Official details reached Dublin yesterday of the capture of a police cipher from a police-sergeant...

WEST DOWN RAIDS.

Sinn Fein Activity near Banbridge. LADY WOUNDED DURING ATTACK. On Thursday morning a series of raids were carried out by masked and armed Sinn Feiners about three miles distant from Banbridge...

LIMERICK LETTERS SEIZED.

On the arrival of the goods train in Limerick yesterday morning military were in waiting, and at once took possession of all letters, etc., from home, cross-country, and foreign...

SINN FEIN AND THE R.I.C.

A Dall Eirinn Order. Thomas Hales, of Knocknacarra, County Cork, and Patrick Hart, of Clonsilla, County Cork, were tried by a court-martial at Cork on 20th August...

COURT-MARTIAL SENTENCES.

Possession of Arms and Seditious Documents. Michael Carroll, of Cork, was tried by court-martial at Cork on 12th August. Evidence showed that on being searched by the military authorities at the South Mall, Cork, on 17th July accused was found in possession...

DERRY MILITARY RAIDS.

On Thursday military raided houses in the Mountjoy Street and Alder Street, Derry, but no seizures are reported. Early yesterday morning the military searched the premises of Samuel Sherrard and Patrick McGafferty, William Street, Derry...

COUNTY MONAGHAN MAIL RAIDS.

Yesterday morning, at three o'clock, the letters arriving at Monaghan Station were being conveyed to the post office, when on the North Road the mail van was stopped by a party of masked men. The mail was seized and the police correspondence abstracted...

SINN FEINERS AT METHODIST MEETING.

During the proceedings of the Limerick Methodist District Synod, which met on 10th inst., at Cloughjordan, some perturbation was caused by the entrance of four Sinn Fein police at the home missionary meeting in the evening. However, they remained quietly observing in a back seat until the meeting concluded...

DUBLIN GUNSMITHS VISITED BY MILITARY.

A Dublin telegram says—The principal gunsmiths' shops were yesterday evening visited by military, who were accompanied by armoured cars and motor lorries. The entire stocks of sporting guns and all gunpowder and sporting cartridges were taken away.

COUNTY LIMERICK MURDER.

"Execution" of Alleged Spy. With reference to the murder of an unknown man at Drumclogher, Newcastle West, County Limerick, on 1st inst., the body has now been found from a photograph and the name of Patrick Daly, farm labourer, Daly, it is stated, was kidnapped on 30th ult., tried and executed. There were bullet wounds in the body, which also bore the word "Spy."

THE COAL CONFERENCE.

SIR R. HORNE'S PROPOSAL. Mr. Smillie Insists on 2/- Increase MINERS' EXECUTIVE MEETS. An official report of yesterday's conference between Sir Robert Horns and the miners' representatives was issued yesterday afternoon by the Board of Trade...

Sir Robert Horns opened the conference by repeating his suggestion that the Industrial Court was the best body to deal with the claim for increased wages. Any increased output would necessarily entail a review of the whole situation, and he was prepared to take a totally different view of any wage claim which was based upon output...

Mr. Smillie replied that Sir Robert's mind seemed to have taken a remarkable turn. The miners' representatives, having given up their claims that the increase in wages and production in the price of domestic coal were indivisible, put forward yesterday what they thought were reasonable and fair proposals. Now Sir Robert was suggesting that they should give up their second August proposals...

SEIZURE OF MAILS.

When the mail train from Dublin arrived at 2.25 yesterday morning at Cork a party of military in waiting proceeded to the mail van, and removed the entire letter mail from cross-country and other centres for the South of Ireland, and placing the bags in a motor lorry conveyed them to Victoria Barracks, Cork, presumably for censorship...

MEETING OF MINERS' EXECUTIVE.

Following the conference with Sir Robert Horns, the Executive of the Miners' Federation held a meeting on Wednesday night, when the proposals made by Sir Robert during the morning were further discussed. The meeting lasted an hour. At the close no statement was issued to the press...

TRIPLE ALLIANCE AND THE CRISIS.

The committee of the Triple Alliance met yesterday afternoon, and after a long and half a sitting the following statement was communicated to the Press:— A meeting of the sub-committee of the Triple Alliance was held on Tuesday night at the offices of the Miners' Federation to receive the report of the interviews between the Executive Committee of the Miners' Federation and the Board of Trade...

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MINERS WHO GET £1,000 A YEAR.

The Coal Association has issued a statement of the miners' earnings in the fortnight ended June 15. The average weekly payment was £5 4s 6d. The list is headed by thirty-one men who averaged £20 a week each. The Coal Association says that in the latest week of the year production is still 137,000 tons behind the last increase of wages was granted.

WELL-ARMED SHIP.

Norwegian Discovery on Yessel Bringing Russian Delegation. Stockholm, Friday. A Gotenborg telegram reports that the steamer "Sulot" which sailed the evening, aboard which is the Russian trade union delegation, has been observed flying off Koster, not far from Stromstad, in it in which an ox could easily be roasted. This vessel has 22 delegates aboard, with a crew of 20, which is more than double the number needed for the navigation of the ship. The Norwegian police, who have been provided with arms and ammunition, and also one and a half million roubles in gold on board.—Reuter.

LORD SHAFTESBURY'S GIFT TO A DORSET CHURCH.

The Earl of Shaftesbury has restored to the church at Hooton (Dorset), a fine stone paragon, the seat of Lord Shaftesbury, which had been immediately adjoining it. The house, which at one time formed part of a Benedictine abbey, possesses a large kitchen with an open fireplace and a large hall with a bay window. An apartment has been prepared for use as a parish hall or village institute.—Reuter.

AMALGAMATION OF EX-SERVICEMEN.

The announcement is made from the Midland divisional headquarters of the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Soldiers and Sailors that the Federation is in touch with the Comrades of the Great War and the Officers' Union, have amalgamated into one organization. The secretary will be Mr. W. Griffin, of the Federation.

THE NEW YORK OUTRAGE.

DEATH-ROLL INCREASED. All Public Buildings in America Guarded by Troops. RIGOROUS POLICE SEARCH.

New York, Friday. The death-roll in the explosion now totals 33. The Fire Department reported this morning to Mr. Hylan, the Mayor of New York, that the explosion was evidently caused by a bomb. As a result of the explosion, the financial centres in all the American big cities from the Atlantic to the Pacific are veritable armed camps to-day, every bank and public office being heavily picketed with police and soldiers, while the private homes of millionaires are also being closely guarded.

A TIME BOMB.

Cause of the Explosion Definitely Established. New York, Friday. Mr. Flynn, Director of the Bureau of Investigation, who is in charge of the inquiries into the Wall Street disaster, stated this afternoon that he had definitely established the fact that the explosion was caused by a time bomb, which had been brought to the locality in a vehicle driven by a man who was seen four blocks away at the time of the explosion.

Mr. Flynn said he could not say yet divulge any further details, but he hoped within a day or two to be able to make additional details public. Mr. Mitchell Palmer, the Attorney-General, has left Washington to take charge personally, it is understood, of the inquiries into the cause of the explosion.

LUNATIC'S POSTCARD.

"Get Out of Wall Street when the Gong Strikes." Buffalo, Friday. In connection with a postcard received by a New York broker dated Toronto, September 14th, and reading "Greetings. Get out of Wall Street when the gong strikes three on Wednesday. Good luck," signed, "E.D.," a telephone message from Hamilton (Ontario) says that the sender of the card was Edward Fischer, an admitted being recently in Toronto, has been detained by the police for examination as to his insanity.

LOUTH MURDER CHARGE.

Methods of Military Court Criticized. At a special Court in Dundalk on Thursday night, before Mr. A. Waters, J.P., Edward McKewen, charged with the murder of an old man named Patrick Rochford, Dr. Connolly, Louth, deposed to attending the injured man on Friday last. He was then in a semi-conscious state, and was taken to a hospital where he would over the right ear and a punctured wound on the skull. As the result of a post-mortem examination it was found that the man had died from fracture of the skull and acute meningitis.

DELUDED INDIAN PILGRIMS.

Afghan Cruelty. Pitiful scenes attended the return to India of the Mahajirs, who at the bidding of the Mullahs, left their homes and made the trek into Afghanistan. The Central News correspondent at Kabul says that a message just received, states that some 2,000 of them have come through the Khyber. The Pass for them has been closed for some time, and they are being stripped of most of their possessions. The emigrants tell bitter stories of the callous indifference of the British Government to their suffering. The Mullahs and the British have been accused of the most inhuman treatment of the emigrants.

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