

IRISH LAND BILL

Measure Introduced That Will Be of Vast Benefit

PROPOSES A LARGE MONEY GRANT.

The Irish Secretary Introduces the Government Land Bill into British House of Commons.

London, By Cable.—The Irish Secretary, Mr. Wyndham, introduced the government's long-anticipated Irish land bill in the House of Commons Wednesday afternoon. It proposes a grant of \$60,000,000 for the purposes of the bill. Tenants are to pay 3 1/2 per cent. interest on loans from the government. Mr. Wyndham said he thought the scheme would not involve over \$500,000,000, but that \$750,000,000 could be safely advanced on Irish land. Advances to tenants are limited to \$2,000 in the congested districts and \$5,000 elsewhere. The bill also provides that untenanted farms and grazing lands shall be sold to neighboring tenants and that three commissioners to be known as estate commissioners shall supervise the sales. The name of the three commissioners are Michael Finlay, secretary to the government's general and statistical department; Frederick S. French, one of the Irish land commissioners, and William Bailey, one of the assistant commissioners on the Irish land commission. They will be under the general control of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. They will become effective November 1st.

The keen interest felt in this new legislation, which it is hoped will promote peace and contentment in Ireland, was shown by the crowded House. The peers' gallery and the distinguished strangers' gallery were filled and there has been no such gathering of members of Parliament since the opening of the session. In the diplomatic gallery sat United States Secretary Bryan White, an interested spectator. He almost every Irish peer listened to Mr. Wyndham's exposition of the bill. From an early hour this morning, the stone benches from the House of Commons entrance to the doors of the lobby were packed with impatient fishermen, among whom were many residents. Most of these went away without even seeing the inside of the legislative chamber, the galleries of which were crowded as has not been the case for many a day. Michael Davitt, the "father" of the Land League, celebrated his 57th birthday by re-entering the House for the first time since he ceased to be a member, in order to hear the Chief Secretary for Ireland unfold his plans.

For the most part the Liberal members sat glum, the applause coming from the Irish benches. A hush of expectation fell on the assembly as John Redmond, the Irish leader, rose to speak. If he refused to countenance the bill, its death and perhaps even the government's downfall, was decreed. When the galleries of the House found him sympathetic and non-committal, a feeling of relief pervaded all sides. What Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader, and the others said had little effect. T. W. Russell, who with others criticized the details and various omissions in Mr. Wyndham's plan, wound up with a natural and reluctant admission that "it is a great bill."

The passage of the first reading of the bill was followed by the rush to the lobby, where ensued scenes that might well make the ghost of Farnell turn in his grave. The tall form of Lord Dudley, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, could be seen amidst a crowd of Nationalists, who scarcely a year ago would rather have suffered anything than discussed with the official head of the Irish party any question. Beside Lord Dudley stood the grizzled little Sir Anthony McDonnell, the First National Assistant Irish Secretary.

Mr. Wyndham, who was heartily cheered when he arose to speak in the House, announced at the outset that the government thought cash aid was necessary for the fulfillment of the proposed scheme, but it attached greater importance to the credit operation than to the cash operation. He then unfolded the scheme, which provides for advances of money for the purchase of land by the tenants. The advances will be in the shape of cash and not of stock, but in order to enable the cash to be raised a new stock is to be floated. It will be called "guaranteed" 2 1/2 per cent. stock and will be redeemable for 30 years. Mr. Wyndham doubted if \$500,000,000 of the stock would be needed. It will be issued at the rate of \$25,000,000 yearly for the first three years and afterwards possibly in larger sums. In addition to this the government proposed a free grant of \$60,000,000 to be raised by additions to the stock, the interest and sinking which will be borne by the treasury, and the maximum annual amount of which will not exceed \$1,000,000. Against this charge on the treasury the Irish government proposes forthwith to commence repaying in the cost of administration \$1,250,000 per annum for

THREE BURNED IN A WRECK

A Fatal Railroad Wreck Occurs Near San Antonio.

San Antonio, Tex., Special.—Three passengers were burned to death and 19 persons were injured in a rear-end collision, at Coste station, 20 miles west of here, on the Southern Pacific Railroad, at 10 o'clock Friday night. The dead are: Guadalupe Canteo, Monterey, Mexico; Antonio Arisepe Sablinas, Mexico; Manuel Trevino, Sanobinas, Mexico. The injured are: Nabor Flores, Monterey; W. P. Morrow, traveling passenger agent Louisville & Nashville Railroad, San Antonio, two ribs broken; Mrs. J. Foster, Houston, Texas, hip dislocated; Robert Harnahan, brakeman, San Antonio, arm broken; Miss A. Kissler, Great Bend, Pa.; Wm. Dobrowski, San Antonio; W. E. Hess, U. S. A., Hospital Corps, Washington, D. C.; John Quinn, engineer, bruised and crushed; J. T. Flowers, New York, back wrenched; Isaac T. Mann, Brownell, Va., bruised; R. Honeyman, fireman, shoulder dislocated; Margaret Fisher, New Orleans, bruised; Mrs. James Fisher, New Orleans, bruises about head; H. Fores, Gobinas, Mexico, bruised; Mrs. H. May, Manchester, Mich., scalds on wrists; Thos. Harper, Chicago, head hurt, leg bruised; F. M. Coins, St. Paul, head hurt; Michael Creston, Fort Worth, arms broken.

The limited crashed into the Eagle Pass express, which was running as the first section of the former train. The Pullman sleeping car and the private car of General Geronimo Trevino, military commander of the Department of the State of Nuevo Novel, Mexico, were splintered and three kinsmen of General Trevino were burned to death before they could be extricated from the burning cars, which were ignited by escaping oil from the tender of the limited engine. General Trevino is a son-in-law of the late General Ord, U. S., and was en route to San Antonio with a sick son.

The Lowell Strike.

Lowell, Mass., Special.—Acting under the law, the State board of arbitration and conciliation formally requested the mill agents and the Textile Council of this city to submit the question of a wage increase in the cotton mills in the city to arbitration, to avoid a strike next Monday. Both sides have the request under consideration. Very slight hope, however, is entertained by the citizens of Lowell that the State board's request will be granted. The mill agents repeatedly have expressed their opinions that a wage increase is impossible and the textile council having in view last year's result of a civic board of arbitration has said since receiving the request that it did not care to be trapped as they say they were last year, when after a strike was declared off nothing was done to advance their interests.

May Be Hanged.

Roanoke, Va., Special.—A special from Bluefield to The Times says: "Harvey Williams, a burly negro, today outraged Mary Jones, the 13-year-old daughter of a respectable white miner and left her for dead on the mountain between Pocahontas, Va., and Cooper, W. Va. After regaining consciousness, the child managed to reach her home, where she told what had happened. The story spread rapidly and posses went in search of Williams. He was located near Pocahontas and taken to Bramwell, where he was lodged in jail. The jail is being heavily guarded tonight, but information from Bramwell points to a lynching and probably a burning before daylight. Williams' victim will die."

Pritchard For the Bench.

Washington, Special.—Chief Justice Bingham, of the District of Columbia Supreme Court, retired Friday, his resignation to take effect April 30th. Associate Justice Henry H. Clabaugh was promoted to be Chief Justice and ex-Senator J. C. Pritchard was appointed Associate Justice, the appointment to become effective with Justice Bingham's retirement. The salary of Justice Pritchard is \$6,000 a year for life. He will qualify May 1st. The appointment was urged by Senators, Representatives and leading lawyers and citizens of the District and gives universal satisfaction.

First Response From Richmond.

Washington, Special.—The first response to the offer of the Secretary of the Treasury to refund 3 and 4 per cent. bonds in 2 per cent. consols, was received Friday. Two national banks in Richmond, Va., announced their readiness to exchange \$380,000 under the Secretary's offer.

News By Wire.

Mrs. Alice Burdick, widow of Edwin L. Burdick, testified at the inquest in Buffalo that she had no knowledge as to who killed her husband.

The trial of Ernest Hayward, at Raleigh, N. C., was postponed to July 13, after he had made a sensational affidavit.

A sale of the late Anthony J. Antello's art collection began in Philadelphia.

The testimony was concluded and argument begun in the case of Elmer Collins, charged with wife murder, at Georgetown, Delaware.

A \$15,000,000 meat packing combine was formed in Chicago.

STORM ON COAST.

High Water and Heavy Winds Sweep Carolina Coast

MATE OF WRECKED BOAT DROWNED

Heavy Damage At Many Coast Points Strewing the Shore With Wreckage.

Wilmington, Special.—The northeast storm predicted by the Weather Bureau reached its greatest intensity along the coast between 1 and 2 o'clock Monday morning, accompanied and followed by a deluge of rain, which, with high tides, inundated much of the low-lands throughout this section. The water came above the street level along the city docks, and Eagle's Island, across the river, was practically submerged, however, without damage except to the turnpike of the Brunswick Bridge and Ferry Company, which crosses it. Further up, in the lowlands between the Northeast and Cape Fear rivers the waters of the two streams met across the tracks of the Atlantic & Yadkin Railroad and undermined the ties for a distance of about 100 yards. An outgoing local freight train at 6:30 this morning ran into the washout and four cars were derailed after the engine had passed over safely. No one was injured and the track will be cleared by morning. The Fayetteville passenger train was sent around by Chadbourn and Elrod.

In the city the damage was of no consequence. The wind reached a maximum velocity of 46 miles. Damage to shipping along the coast must have been heavy and reports are already coming in. The schooner John H. Butrick, Capt. C. W. Sprague, which sailed from Wilmington Saturday morning for New York, with a cargo of something over 500,000 feet of lumber, consigned by the Cape Fear Lumber Company, of this city, went ashore on Frying Pan Shoals during the night and was pounded literally to pieces, causing a total loss. E. H. Sprague, 28 years old, of Tremont, Me., a brother of the captain and first mate of the vessel, was washed overboard at 4 a. m., and drowned. The captain and crew of 70, including the captain's wife and son, were rescued at 8:30 next morning by the Wilmington tug Alexander Jones and were brought to Wilmington in the evening. Mrs. Sprague is suffering from nervous prostration.

Late this afternoon the revenue cutter Tuscarora towed into Southport the Standard Oil bark Conemaugh, bound from Philadelphia to Port Arthur, Tex. She was in tow of the tank steamship Winifred, but broke loose a few miles east of Frying Pan Shoals in the storm, went adrift and was picked up by the cutter. The Winifred is believed to have gone ashore, but nothing had been heard from Brodolket, from Mussel Bay, arrived this evening, but have not yet reached dock. The New York steamer, due to leave last Saturday, did not clear until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Fight at Sea

Norfolk, Special.—Captain Caruthers, of the British steamship Induna, from Pensacola for Grimsby, which put in here for coal, reports a mutiny aboard his vessel which resulted in one of the mutineers getting shot by a mate. While at Pensacola 11 members of the Induna's crew refused to work. Captain Caruthers had them put in jail until the vessel was ready to sail, when they were brought aboard and in the presence of the British Consul, refused to work. The Consul ordered the men put in irons. There was not room enough in the Induna's brig for all of them, as two men were put aboard the British steamship Nith, which is now in this port. Four were placed aboard another vessel and five were kept on the Induna, which then put to sea. Shortly after she sailed from Pensacola the mutineers broke out of the brig, and armed with crews of iron, attacked the captain and crew a number of whom were Pensacola negroes who were shipped to take the mutineers' places. It was then that the mate fired on the prisoners, wounding one of them in the leg. The others, cowed by this display of firearms, were replaced in irons. All will be taken to England for trial.

High Tides at Charleston.

Charleston, S. C., Special.—Abnormally high tides prevailed here Sunday on account of heavy winds. The lights Relief, in Cooper river, dragged her anchor and went aground on Drum Island, about the city, where she stuck fast. The German bark Weisinger was blown from her anchorage and collided with the wharf, but suffered little damage.

A Registration Surprise.

Cincinnati, O., Special.—The registration here for the election April 6, which closed Saturday night, caused a sensation in political circles. The additional registration yesterday was 9,428 and today 8,141, making a total of 17,569, the largest addition to the lists ever known for a municipal election. It is stated that during the contention between the so-called John R. McLean and Tom L. Johnson factions, last autumn, more than 10,000 Democrats did not register and that they are registered now so as to support Mr. Ingalls, the fusion candidate for mayor.

SHOT IN HIS OWN HOME

Another Fatal Tragedy With a Bad Termination.

New York, Special.—Filled with jealous anger at finding another man being entertained by his wife, Wm. J. Peppier, of East One hundred and Nineteenth street, threw the visitor out into the hall, fought him from the third floor to the front door of the apartment house in which he lived, his wife screaming and weeping at his heels, and was then shot dead by the man whom he thought had wronged him.

This man was Wm. Earl Dobson, a cashier in a stock-broker's office. He fled, and the police have sent out a general alarm for him. Peppier was about 36 years old and a clerk. He had not been married long. A policeman, summoned by the cries of the other tenants of the house, who were alarmed by the shooting, rushed into the building and in the hall stumbled over the dead body of Peppier, on which his wife was lying unconscious. Peppier had been shot in the side, the bullet passing clear through the body.

After being revived, Mrs. Peppier said that she and Dobson were together when her husband returned unexpectedly from work and a fight followed, resulting in Dobson being thrown from the room and being pursued down stairs by her husband. In the lower hall the men clinched again and Dobson fired one shot. After that the woman remembered nothing, for she fainted. Dobson is said to be a married man with a wife and two children living somewhere in North Carolina.

Peppier until recently was an expert accountant in the office of the Southern Railway Company, in Washington.

Dobson was arrested tonight in the apartments of friends living on West One Hundred and Eleventh street. He took his arrest very calmly and refused to make any statement. At the police station he said he had a wife and two children in Washington. He was locked up.

Seven Mills Shut Down.

Lowell, Mass., Special.—Organized textile labor showed its strength in the shutting down of the seven largest cotton mills here, and not content with this, the Textile Council, the delegate body of the local unions, considered the advisability of compelling an even wider application of the shut-down ordered, by bringing about a strike in the Lawrence Hosiery Works. The hosiery mill was exempted from the strike order last week, the Knitters' Union being permitted to remain neutral, as it had shown that it had no grievance either in wages or time schedule. The council did not find the proposition well received and the outlook is not favorable for a strike of the knitters. This incident was the chief one of the day. Operatives wore their best clothes and promenaded the streets, no smoke came from the tall mill chimneys and there was an absence of the hum of industry which marks a rushing, bustling New England mill city. No trouble of any kind occurred at the mill gates, through which some operatives passed at different times, and nothing occurred on the streets or meeting places of the strikers to bring forth criticism.

Under Heavy Bail.

Newark, N. J., Special.—A. J. Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania road; John D. Crimmins, E. B. Gaddis, Dr. Leslie D. Ward and J. R. Shanley, directors of the North Jersey Street Railway Company, and E. F. C. Young, president; David Young, vice president and general manager; Arthur W. Pratt, roadmaster; Charles M. Shipman, general superintendent, and James Smith, division superintendent, appeared in the Court of Sessions here, they were present to answer to the indictment for manslaughter in connection with the trolley car wreck of February 19, which resulted in death of 9 children. Each was placed under \$2,000 bail, which was furnished. No date was set for the trial.

Visit to Tuskegee.

Tuskegee, Ala., Special.—A party of delegates returning from the recent convention of the Woman's National Suffragists, in New Orleans, including Susan B. Anthony, spent a day visiting the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute. Exercises were specially held for the visitors. Speeches were delivered by Susan B. Anthony and others.

Training Ship Goes to Norfolk.

Washington, Special.—Action has been taken by the Navy Department to check the spread of diphtheria, which has developed on the training ship at Norfolk. All suspects will be moved at once from the ship and quarantined in tents and the sick will be cared for at the Naval Hospital at Norfolk. A telegram was received at the Department today, stating that no new cases had developed in the last 24 hours. Up to today one death and five cases have been recorded. It is said at the Department that the authorities at Norfolk have the disease well in hand.

LIVE ITEMS OF NEWS.

Many Matters of General Interest in Short Paragraphs.

The Sunny South.

The convention of the National Woman's Suffrage Association came to a close Wednesday night in New Orleans. The next convention will be held in Washington.

A Charleston, W. Va., dispatch says: "The grand jury's report on the miners' riot exonerates the United States deputy marshals. The report criticises the newspapers. It is a lengthy document."

Owing to freight congestion it is reported that fires will be put out in 2,000 or more coke ovens in the New River field, in West Virginia, as it is impossible to secure cars for transportation of products.

Commander Erwin Schaefer, naval attache of the Imperial German embassy, in Washington, has been ordered to Newport News, Va., to arrange for the docking of the German warship Gazelle, which will arrive there in a few days from Venezuelan waters.

It is announced that the Southern Railway is to extensively enlarge the shops at Nashville, Tenn., already one of the largest railroad shops in the South. The enlargement is presumably for the purpose of building locomotives for use on the Southern. No definite plans have been given out officially. About 1,000 men are employed in the shops.

Joe Barrett and Herman Miller, light-weights, both of Baltimore, went on before the Savannah Athletic Club Wednesday night for twenty rounds for a decision under straight Queensbury rules. In the fourth round Barrett fell to the floor in apparent agony and claimed a foul. The referee refused to allow it, and counted him out. Physicians examined Barrett and declared he found no evidence of a foul blow.

At The National Capital.

Secretary Hay has delivered to Signor Mayor Desplanes, the Italian ambassador, an order on the United States Treasury for \$5,000, the sum appropriated by Congress as indemnity to the heirs of Giovanni and Vincenzo Serio, Italian subjects who were killed at Erwin, Miss., July 11, 1901, and to Salvatore Liberto, who was injured at the same time.

The Treasury Department gave notice that on Mondays and Thursdays until further notice offers would be received at the bureau of the mint for the sale to the government of silver bullion to be used in coining pesos under the Philippine coinage act approved March 2, 1903. No offers of less than 5,000 ounces will be entertained. The Department will purchase \$2,000,000 worth of silver bullion for coinage into pesos.

At The North.

St. Joseph, Mo., Special.—The heaviest snow storm of the year began here Sunday and railway traffic is greatly impeded. Telegraph and telephone wires are crippled. The temperature has been falling slowly. The snow covers the northern part of the State to a depth of from 6 to 12 inches.

The American Tobacco Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 per cent. on preferred and a dividend of 3 per cent. on its common stock. This is an increase of 1-2 per cent. on the latter issue.

From Across The Sea.

The second court of the season was held at Buckingham Palace, London.

The anniversary of Louis Kossuth's death was marked by students' riots in Budapest.

Senators who will vote on the ratification of the canal treaty were elected in Colombia.

The North German Gazette, of Berlin, says the Reichstag elections will take place June 16.

Joseph Chamberlain, receiving an address from the city of London, spoke of the Boers in a conciliatory manner.

The Toronto, Ont., opera house was burned Wednesday. The loss is \$150,000. The fire is supposed to have originated from electric wires in the box office. Sullivan, Harris & Woods lost all their scenery and costumes. They place their loss at \$10,000 to \$12,000.

Miscellaneous Matters.

New evidence is being unearthed in the Burdick murder case to put the crime on the late Arthur R. Pennell.

In a collision between the Fall Rivers steamers Plymouth and City of Taunton on Long Island sound six persons were killed.

Ex-Attorney-General John W. Griggs argued for the Northern Securities Company in the anti-merger case in St. Louis.

Harrison Wrotten testified at the trial of Elmer Collins, at Laurel, Del., that he heard a man in Collins' house threaten murder the night before the crime was committed.

The monitor Florida had a successful trial trip, exceeding her speed requirement of 11 1/2 knots an hour.

New breaks in the levees are reported from the lower part of the Mississippi river.

TREATY IS RATIFIED

The Cuban Senate Accepts Without Argument.

ADOPTED WITHOUT CONDITIONS.

Approved By the Senate By a Vote of 12 to 9—The Question of a Time Limit Dispensed With.

Havana, By Cable.—The treaty of reciprocity between Cuba and the United States as amended by the Senate of the United States, was approved at 8 o'clock Saturday night, in the Cuban Senate, by a vote of 12 to 9. This approval is absolute and is not hampered by any conditions, the questionable time limit having been dispensed with through the receipt of the cable message from Secretary Hay, in which it was positively declared that President Roosevelt would call a special session of Congress. The purport of this assurance was transmitted to the Senate by President Palma and read at the beginning of the session, an understanding having been reached previously with Senators Bustamante, Capote and Dolz, composing the majority of the foreign relations committee with the objectionable condition in the report being eliminated. This was done by the offering of amendments by other administration Senators substituting the unconditional adoption of the amendments to the treaty by the Senate.

The final action was delayed for a long time by the discussion of an amendment offered by Senators Sanquilly, Tamayo and Reclio, requiring the public to pass upon the treaty. This was voted down, 5 to 15.

An amendment to substitute for the committee's report was then offered by Senators Frias, Monteaiguado and Betancourt. This approved and ratified all the amendments of the Senate at Washington and recommended that the Cuban executive take action conducive to obtaining effective reciprocity as soon as possible. To this substitute was added the following: "This recommendation must not be taken as an amendment or a modification of the treaty."

Senator Bustamante announced their satisfaction at the outcome. The chief contention of the committee was the action of the American Congress.

Senator Sanguliy, in a long and impassioned speech against the ratification of the treaty, impressively pictured the gradual absorption of Cuba by the United States, in which he said the present action was one step. He argued that it was disgraceful for Cuba to be a party to such a scheme. Senator Bustamante, in a brief and able final speech, cited various incidents of history to show that neither weak or wicked nations make commercial treaties, and predicted with certainty the results in this case. The vote was taken separately in each section of the substitute report. The vote on the unconditional ratification of the treaty was 12 to 9; on the recommendation to the executive it was 11 to 9.

The present session of the Senate then adjourned. The ratification will be exchanged by cable.

Strike Fatalities.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—A great strike riot, accompanied by much bloodshed has occurred at the town of Slatousk, in the government of Oodfa. Twenty-eight persons were killed and 50 others were wounded. The strike started in the State Iron Works, where 500 men walked out, demanding the release of three of their comrades who had been arrested. The governor of the province, who went to inquire into the affair, was mobbed as he was entering the house of the manager of the works. The rioters stormed the house and smashed in the doors and windows. The mayor, with a force of gendarmes and a detachment of troops, then arrived on the scene and ordered the rioters to disperse. The latter, however, stood their ground and the mayor was wounded by a revolver shot. The gendarmes and troops immediately replied with firing volleys at the mob and killed or wounded 78 men.

Safe Robbers at Work.

Gibson, Special.—Safe-blowers visited the town of McColl, Marlboro county, S. C., Saturday night, entered the postoffice and with nitro-glycerine blew open the safe and obtained \$350. A portion of the money belonged to several local depositors, but the majority was postoffice funds. There is no clue, but officers with bloodhounds are pursuing different trails.

News in Paragraphs.

The Kaiserin Augusta Victoria while out riding with her husband and son, Prince Adelbert, was thrown from her horse and her arm was broken.

The Conservative majority in the Chertzy division of Surrey at a by-election was cut about half and the result was considered a blow to the Government.

Peace has been ratified and proclaimed in Uruguay.

The text of the Irish Land bill was given out. John W. Gates, John Skeiton Williams and others testified before the Interstate Commerce Commission in New York concerning the Louisville and Nashville deal and other matters.