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THE UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM

The Cabinet is earnestly and assiduously devoting its attention towards a solution of the unemployment problem, which is an acute one in various centres throughout the country. So pressing indeed was the matter that it will be recalled it formed the subject of a discussion in the House of Commons quite recently, when it was stated that more than half a million of men and women were out of work, and out of that big total about 250,000 ex-Service men. The situation is thus a serious one, and is due to trade depression in one branch or other of industry, and to other causes peculiar to the times through which we are passing. The ex-Service men, and all others concerned, deserve every consideration, with a view to alleviating their lot, and providing them with the means of livelihood. Accordingly, various suggestions are being explored and investigated by the Cabinet. Indeed, the Prime Minister and several of his colleagues may be said to have foregone their Christmas holidays, seeing that they have held during the past week various conferences on the unemployment question, and have evinced the fullest desire to obtain all assistance from employers and labour in evolving some plan that will remedy the distress that at present prevails. They have called to their deliberations Sir Allan Smith, as representing the employers' side, and Mr Arthur Henderson, as representing the Labour Party. Emergency measures have been adopted by the Cabinet, and these, the "Times" says "would appear to hold the field, for it will, in any event, be some time before a new scheme for prompt machinery can be formulated." The fact that the House of Commons unanimously increased the grant to the Unemployment Insurance Fund is an earnest of the sympathy of Parliament with those who cannot find work at a season of the year when it is specially needed. It is hoped that it will come in some form or other ere long. One direction in which it should materialise is in connection with the building trade. The housing question is acute and pressing, and should afford a wide field for employment in the construction of dwellings that are so urgently needed. There are, of course, difficulties in the way, but in view of the Government's proposals there is hope that these will be surmounted without much delay. Again, it would appear that high hopes are placed in the prospect of an Anglo-Russian trading agreement as a means of lessening unemployment by bringing large orders for supplies from Russia to Great Britain, and we hope to Ireland as well. Labour favours the opening up of what would, undoubtedly, be an extensive trade with Russia and thus help to mitigate the evils of unemployment at home, a phase of

THE CAHRIGUILLAMORE TRAGEDY

The remains of the five civilians who lost their lives over the deplorable fatal occurrence at Cahriguillamore on Sunday night were removed to St John's Cathedral, where this morning at 10 o'clock solemn Requiem Mass for the deceased was celebrated. There was a large gathering of clergymen and laity in the Cathedral, and numerous relatives and friends of the deceased were among the congregation. The coffins containing the remains of the deceased, Edward Moloney, Daniel Sheehan, Martin Conway, Henry Wade, and John Quinlan, were placed in front of the high altar, and the proceedings throughout were sad and impressive. The celebrant of the Mass was Rev S J Conolly, Adm, Rev T Hogan, President St Munchin's College, deacon, and Rev Jas O'Carroll, C.C. St John's, sub deacon. Rev T J McNamara, C.C. do, was master of ceremonies. The funeral of the deceased started at one o'clock p.m. for the interment, which, it was stated, were to take place in Grange Cemetery.

FUNERAL OF MISS E SCALES.

The remains of the late Miss Elizabeth Scales, who was shot dead on Sunday night in Alphonson Street, were removed from Barrington's Hospital last evening to St Michael's Church, Barrington Street. A large number of the citizens, as well as a considerable party of the Royal Irish Constabulary, followed the hearse to the church, which during the evening was visited by the public. This morning at 10 o'clock the funeral left for St Mary's Cathedral, where the interment took place. By request of the authorities the business houses and offices in the city were closed for an hour, from ten to eleven o'clock, while the cortege was on its way to the Cathedral. The attendance at the funeral was large and representative of the citizens, who extend their sympathy to the family of the deceased in the tragic occurrence which has cut short a young life.

A number of police under a District Inspector walked in the cortege with reversed arms.

The chief mourners were—Edward Scales (father), Mrs Scales (mother), Frances Scales (sister), Ambrose Scales and Edward Scales (brothers), Frank Scales, Jack Scales, J Winder, and K Winder (relatives).

The clergy present were—Very Rev Dean Hackett, Rev Chancellor Waller, Rev Canon Swain, Rev Canon Robertson, Rev A E Hewetson, and Rev O H Brazier.

The officiating clergy were—Rev Chancellor Waller and Rev Canon Swain.

During the service in the Cathedral the hymns "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," were sung.

Canon Swain read the committal sentences.

MILITARY INQUIRY.

A military inquiry was held at the New Barracks to-day into the case of Elizabeth Scales, who was shot dead in the city on Sunday night with a revolver under circumstances already stated. An inquiry was also held into the Bruff shooting case. The results will be promulgated.

FATALITY AT SHANAGOLDEN.

It was reported yesterday in Limerick that Mr Timothy B Madigan, of Shanagolden, a farmer's son, had been fired at, and died shortly afterwards. To-day the particulars of the occurrence became known in the city. Mr Madigan, who was "on the run," was, it appears, surprised near Shanagolden on Tuesday evening by a party of constabulary, and, as alleged, attempted to escape. Refusing, as stated, to halt, he was fired at and fatally wounded.

CONSTABLE SHOT IN ENNIS.

An official report states that ex-Constable Kemp, R.I.C., was fired at on Tuesday night in Ennis, and received two bullet wounds. He was removed to hospital for treatment of his wounds, which are rather serious. His assailants escaped.

An Ennis correspondent says a member of the police force, named Kemp, was shot in Mill street, Ennis, about six o'clock. He ran for shelter into a shop, and assistance was sent for. It was found on examination that Kemp had received three bullets, causing little more than flesh wounds, in either hip, and another in the back, which was not serious. He was removed to the County Infirmary, where he is doing well.

RECENT CORK FIRES.

Limerick Brigade Thanked.

The Town Clerk has received the following letter from Mr F. W. M'Carthy, Town Clerk,

SHOTS AT A NORTHERN DANCE.

Youth Killed,

Dublin Castle yesterday issued the following report:—Police raided a Sinn Féin dance at Boleran School, near Garvagh, Co. Antrim, last night. The police on arrival were fired on, and returned the fire. Joseph Doherty, of Boleran, was shot dead. All males attending the dance were searched. A motor car was seized. The remains of Joseph Doherty were brought to Garvagh Military Barracks, where an inquiry will be held. There were no police casualties.

MINISTERS AND IRELAND

The Parliamentary Correspondent of "The Times," writing to-day, says:—The Prime Minister presided yesterday over two meetings of the Cabinet at No 10 Downing street. The first was held in the morning, and dealt with departmental matters. The Cabinet met again at 4 o'clock to consider the situation in Ireland, and sat for more than two hours. The presence of General Macready in London affords some indication of the nature of the deliberations, but there is reason to believe that the whole Irish situation in its domestic, Imperial, and international bearings was under review. The consideration that, from a narrowly military standpoint, the outlook has undeniably improved during the last few months was not held to preclude the expediency, or even the necessity, of seeking an agreement by consent, possibly with the representatives of the Irish people. In well-informed quarters it is thought probable that the first propitious opportunity will be taken to phrase the "exploration" of "avenues" to a possible settlement that was begun some weeks ago with the knowledge of the Prime Minister himself.

RAILWAY RATES.

Uniformity as Between Ireland and Britain.

In a unanimous report to Sir Eric Geddes, the Railway Rates Advisory Committee which has been investigating the principles which should govern the fixing of rates and charges for the carriage of merchandise by freight and passenger trains and for other services generally, recommends that the present general scheme of railway rates gives satisfaction, and should be continued.

Regarding Ireland, the Committee state that they were invited by the Railway Companies' Association to recommend that, so far as general principles were concerned, and as regards classifications, scales and distances, and other like matters, it was desirable that there should be uniformity between the two countries, although it was not probable that the actual rates could be the same. They adopted that invitation, and, so far as it was proper for them to deal with the matter, they expressed the opinion that it was desirable that uniformity should prevail wherever possible, particularly on account of the fact that a large amount of traffic was carried at through rates from one country to the other.

The disturbed state of Ireland, which had affected the railways in a special degree, had made it impossible to obtain any statistics which could be taken as a reliable test of the effect of the increased fares and rates, "but," the Committee state, "when it is remembered that the country is mainly agricultural, it must be apparent that there is grave doubt whether, even with those increases, the railway companies will be in a satisfactory position when the benefit of the Government guarantee ceases in August, 1921."

It will be right, they add, that the statistics of the period up to August, 1921, should be very carefully watched to ascertain whether, after that date, revenue and expenditure can be balanced.

THE LIVERPOOL FIRES.

Insurance Companies Agree to Pay.

A Liverpool correspondent says that the insurance companies of the city have arrived at a decision with regard to responsibility for the recent incendiary fires, which is generally commended as fair. Pending a legal decision as to the responsibility of the community, on the ground that the fires were due to civil commotion or riot, the companies will pay their assured. If the responsibility be ultimately declared to be that of the community they will look to the Corporation for repayment of the sum involved, which is still reckoned at about £350,000 for merchandise destroyed, apart from the value of buildings. In coming to the above decision the companies have been actuated by a full sense of the financial inconvenience, or even disaster, which might be entailed upon sufferers by the fires through an indefinite postponement of a

PUBLIC

"The Irish Poems of Dublin: Maunsell 2s 6d net.

Lovers of Gaelic Folk found the world over. Irish race is represented the second edition of "The Poems of Graves," who years been so conspicuous songs and ballads, were searched. One song has named as a song with "Father O'Flynn" its cheery rhythm, and words of the sentiment "Father O'Flynn" is due has lived through more to-day is as popular with day it first saw the light attributes his success other Irish folk songs "Father O'Flynn" down owe their prime impulse Irish airs. That is sung to as a boy, it has had I look to its inexhaustible dearest solaces of age of Mr Graves's popularity pride to Limerick people, of their own, the son of a of this Diocese. Of is quite unnecessary way of commendation of it to remark that this author's Irish poems, with and pathos, faithfully pleasures of the country and native humour. Make to music—"Songs of Old and Ballads," "Irish Folk of Erin." The letterpress general turn-out reflects publishers, Messrs Mann

MR MURRAY

Mr Murray has already standard novels published price of 2s each in the cost of paper. The book and eminent writers, include "Montagu Wy Harker, the well-known perance and Mr Wyche Wards," etc, which have many thousands of readers. "The Thief of Virtue," another eminent writer, of "The Children of provide most entertaining those winter evenings, at which they are reprinted Albermarle-street, London reach of all. The letter be desired. It is enclosed blue cover, artistically decorated.

MARTIAL

Surrender of

The following notice, dated Cork, December 22nd, publication:—

Under Proclamation of 1 with the exception of the Forces of the Crown, who possession, must surrender Military Authorities at once.

The procedure to be adopted rendered will be made in over to the nearest Military label attached giving the owner, also a list of the checked when taken over.

"The Military Authorities possible care of the parcels store until the embargo will be returned to their unable to accept any liability regarding loss or damage." Anyone failing to comply will be liable to punishment.

PRINCE OF WALES

The Prince of Wales tournament organised by Battalion of the Northampton. During the inter in which he paid a tribute the 4th Battalion did in remembered visiting one on Easter Monday 1916.

"I feel," he said, "I am ampton man myself, for I quarters four miles away. you all so keen on box