ENTIRELY DIFFERENT SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT FOR IRELAND

Premier Asquith to Frame a Proposal to Lay Before the British Cabinet.

A despatch from Dublin says: Premier Asquith has reached the conclusion from impressions gathered during his Irish visit that the old form of government in Ireland has had its day. The Associated Press learns from sources in closest touch with the Premier that Mr. Asquith's conversations and conferences have convinced him that the future government must be conducted on an entirely different system.

The Prime Minister has taken care to learn the ideas and views of many persons other than those in purely official circles, and these persons have offered greatly varied suggestions. None of these, it is believed, could be adopted in its entirety, but it is thought they might be welded together to form a proposal to lay before the Cabinet.

His Belfast visit gave a good hint to the Premier that the Ulsterites would not accept a direct proposal implying home rule. But it is believed that they might be induced to enter into a concerted plan which could possibly be arranged to meet their most serious objections.

GERMAN SOLDIERS ASK FOOD FROM SWISS ON THE FRONTIER

Food Situation in Rhine Towns Becoming Intolerable — Kaiser's Men Deserting.

A despatch from Geneva says: German soldiers along the Swiss-Alsatian frontier, chiefly elderly men of the Landsturm, have begun to ask food from the Swiss soldiers. The Germans say they have not eaten meat for weeks.

Five German soldiers in uniform, although fired upon, escaped across the Swiss frontier at Rodesdorf, near Basel on Tuesday. They were interned at Berne.

The Neue Stuttgarter Zeitung says the food situation in Rhine towns is becoming intolerable. The newspaper advises the Government to take drastic measures to change the mode of living of the people. It suggests that cooking in private families be prohibited, and that the population be ordered to eat in common at restaurants, where meat would be served once daily, at noon, and only vegetables in the evening.

Eighteen German cattle dealers arrived in Basel on Tuesday hoping to buy cattle, which are becoming scarce.

From the Middle West

NOTES OF INTEREST FROM HER BANKS AND BRAES.

What Is Going On in the Highlands and Lowlands of Auld Scotia.

John McArthur, Prince Albert, died suddenly in a cafe.

The Government may drain low lands east of Winnipeg.

A Red Cross tag day in Lethbridge recently netted $900.

All Alberta school teachers are required to take the oath of allegiance now.

Ross Finnicum, of Des Moines, Iowa, committed suicide in Winnipeg.

Pte. J. S. Serymgeour, one of Winnipeg's finest cricketers, has been killed in action.

Deputy-Mayor McArthur's $10,000 home was completely destroyed by fire at Edmonton.

Capt. James Morrison, of Company 8, C.A.S.C., of Winnipeg, has been awarded the military cross.

Corp. C. W. Hodges, of Calgary City's Engineering Department, has been wounded a second time.

While in barracks, Lance-Corp. J. C. Fryer, 100th Battalion, Winnipeg, dropped dead of heart disease.

British Columbia Indians are complaining about violation of their native rights by B. C. Government.

Fire wiped out half the business section of Bentley, Alta., recently. The loss is estimated at $15,000.

W. H. McVicar, manager of the Union Bank, Moose Jaw, accidentally shot himself, dying in a few minutes.

Calgary will have another manufactory. Vancouver men intend to build automobile threshing machines.

B. W. Coffin, principal of Calgary Normal School, is new President of the Educational Association of Alberta.

Falling off the pilot of an engine, Harold Thompson, brakeman on the G.T.P., was instantly killed at Melville, Sask.

Action against the G.T.P. for $30,000 over the death of Clifford Milne, Edmonton, has been dismissed by the court.

Ex Ivey, a bachelor farmer of Dummer, was found dead in his barn; the body hanging half-way out of his buggy.

Lieut. C. H. Collinson, a well-known MacLeod rancher, has been placed in command of the 61st Battery at Kingston.

BRITISH PENSIONS SCHEME ANNOUNCED.

A despatch from London says: A scheme of war pensions was announced in the Commons on Wednesday by William Hayes Fisher, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Local Government Board. It provides for grants of $520 yearly to married and unmarried men called to the colors where financial hardships result. This is irrespective of the allowances already given soldiers' wives. It was announced that the assistance would be extended to include rents, insurance premiums, taxes, loans, and interest installments.

OFFERS 6,000 PORTABLE HOUSES

Great Aid for French and Belgian Refugees.

A despatch from Paris says: Frank J. Gould has taken the first practical step toward helping the homeless war sufferers by ordering 6,000 portable houses, which are about to arrive from the United States and will be given to French and Belgian refugees whose homes were destroyed by gunfire. The Cri de Paris declares that "more charity is dispensed in Frank Jay Gould's chateau than anywhere else in France," and that "no war sufferer is ever refused help, though hundreds call."

BRITAIN CONTROLS 3,577 WAR FACTORIES.

A despatch from London says: David Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions, on Thursday night announced that 131 factories have been added to the establishments under Government control. The total is now 3,577.

MANITOBA ACREAGE IN WHEAT REDUCED.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: The wheat acreage in Manitoba is five per cent. less than last year, according to the estimate of J. H. Evans, Acting Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

Alberta Crops Look Good.

A despatch from Calgary says: Reports received here from all parts of the province declare that despite the lateness of the season everything promises a splendid crop.

Some people seem by intuition to see only truth and right; others must needs work out their faith by failure and sorrow.

CAMPS OF ENEMY IN EGYPT DESTROYED BY AUSTRALIANS

Successful Enterprise Carried Out Against the Turks at Bayoud and Mageibra.

A despatch from London says: The following official communication concerning the operations in Egypt was made public Thursday night:

"The general officer commanding-in-chief in Egypt reports a successful enterprise against the enemy at Bayoud and Mageibra, which was carried out by a column of Australian and New Zealand mounted troops May 16. The enemy made no resistance and fled at once, pursued by us. The very great heat and the bad going over the deep sand made it impossible for the pursuit to be carried very far.

"Thirty-six camels, a quantity of Turkish ammunition and one Turkish soldier were captured at Bayoud, and the enemy camp there was entirely destroyed."

RUSSIAN TROOPS MARCH IN MARSEILLES

The delighted French populace showered blossoms on Russian soldiers who had travelled thousands of miles to fight on the Western front. The photograph depicts a scene in Marseilles on the recent arrival of the Czar's troops.

ALLIED SUBMARINES IN BALTIC SUNK THREE GERMAN SHIPS

Sea is Now Ice Free and Activity on Part of Underwater Craft is Renewed.

A despatch from London says: A large number of Russian and British submarines are operating in the eastern and southern portions of the Baltic Sea, which is now ice-free.

The German steamer Hera, 4,750 tons, was sunk on Thursday morning off Landsort, in the Baltic. Reports conflict as to whether a British or Russian submarine sank the vessel. The Hera left Stockholm on Tuesday to take iron ore to Oxloesund, carrying a cargo of 2,000 tons. Her captain was ordered on board the submarine with the ship's papers, and made prisoner. Sufficient time was given the crew to leave the ship. Although the weather was rough, all on board were saved.

The sinking of two other German steamships by a submarine, believed to be a Russian, is reported in a Reuter despatch from Stockholm. The steamships were the Kolga, Hamburg for Stockholm, and the Bianca.

The Leading Markets

Breadstuffs.

Toronto, May 23.—Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, $1.26; No. 2, $1.24½; No. 3, $1.18½, on track, Bay ports.

Manitoba oats—No. 2 C.W. 53½c; No. 3, do., 51½c; extra No. 1 feed 51½c; No. 1 feed, 50½c, on track, Bay ports.

American corn—No. 3 yellow, 83c, on track, Toronto.

Canadian corn—Feed, 76 to 77c nominal, on track, Toronto.

Ontario oats—No. 3 white, 45c outside.

Ontario wheat—No. 1 commercial, $1.05 to $1.06; No. 2, do., $1.03 to $1.04; No. 3, do., $1 to $1.02; No. 1 wheat, 92 to 93c, according to freights outside.

Peas—No. 2, $1.70, according to sample, $1.25 to $1.50, according to freights outside.

Barley—Malting, 65 to 66c; feed, 63 to 64c, according to freights outside.

Buckwheat—70 to 71c, according to freights outside.

Rye—No. 1 commercial, 93 to 94c, according to freights outside.

Manitoba flour—First patents, in jute bags, $6.70; second patents, in jute bags, $6.20; strong bakers', in jute bags, $6, Toronto.

Ontario flour—Winter, according to sample, $4.50 to $4.60, in bags, on track, Toronto; $4.55 to $4.65, in bulk, seaboard, prompt shipment.

Millfeed—Car lots, delivered Montreal freights—Bran, per ton, $24; shorts, per ton, $26; middlings, per ton, $26 to $27; good feed flour, per bag, $1.70 to $1.75.

Country Produce.

Butter—Fresh dairy, choice, 26 to 27c; inferior, 23 to 24c; creamery prints, 32 to 33c; inferior, 28 to 29c.

Eggs—New-laid, 22 to 23c; cartons, 25 to 24c.

Beans—$4 to $4.50, the latter for hand-picked.

Cheese—Large, 19½ to 19½c; twins, 19½ to 20c, for new cheese; old, 29½ to 29½c.

Maple syrup—$1.40 to $1.50 per imperial gallon.

Honey—Prices in 10 to 60-lb. tins, 13½ to 14c. Combs—No. 1, $2.75 to $3; No. 2, $2.35 to $2.40.

Dressed poultry—Chickens, 24 to 26c; fowls, 19 to 20c; ducks, 24 to 25c; turkeys, 25c.

Potatoes—Ontario $1.60 to $1.70, and New Brunswicks at $1.80 to $1.85 per bag.

Provisions.

Bacon, long clear, 18½c per lb.; Hams—Medium, 23½ to 24½c; do., heavy, 20½ to 21½c; rolls, 19 to 19½c; breakfast bacon, 24½ to 26½c; backs, plain, 26½ to 27½c; boneless backs, 29½ to 30½c.

Lard—Pure lard, tierces, 17½c, and pails, 17½c; compound, 13½ to 14½c.

Montreal Markets.

Montreal, May 23.—Oats—Canadian Western, No. 2, 55½c; do., No. 3, 53½c; extra No. 1 feed, 53½c; No. 2 local white, 52½c; No. 3, do., 51½c; No. 4, do., 50½c. Barley—Manitoba feed, 68 to 72c; malting, 74 to 75c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, $6.80; do., seconds, $6.30; strong bakers', $6.10. Winter patents, choice, $6; straight rollers, $5.30 to $5.40; do., in bags, $2.45 to $2.50. Rolled oats—Barrels, $5.25 to $5.50; bag of 90 lbs., $2.50 to $2.60. Millfeed—Bran, $24; shorts, $26; middlings, $28 to $30; mouillie, $30 to $35. Hay—No. 2, per ton, car lots, $20.50 to $21.50. Cheese—Finest westerns, 19½ to 19¾c; do., easterns, 18½ to 19¼c. Butter—choicest creamery, 29 to 29½c; seconds, 28 to 28½c. Eggs—Fresh, 25c; selected, 27c; No. 1 stock, 24c; No. 2, do., 23c. Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, $1.70 to $1.75.

Winnipeg Grain.

Winnipeg, May 23.—Cash quotations: —Wheat—No. 1 Northern, $1.18¾; No. 2, Northern, $1.16¾; No. 3 Northern, $1.13¾; No. 4, $1.09¾; No. 5, $1.01¾; No. 6, 93¾c; feed, 89¼c. Oats—No. 2 C.W., 47¾c; No. 3 C.W., 46c; extra No. 1 feed, 46½c; No. 1 feed, 45½c; No. 3 feed, 44½c. Barley—No. 3, 68¾c; No. 4, 63c; rejected, 58c; feed, 58c. Flax—No. 1 N.W.C., $1.70½; No. 2 C.W., $1.67½.

United States Markets.

Minneapolis, May 23.—Wheat, May, $1.20¼; July, $1.20¾; No. 1 hard, $1.27¼; No. 1 Northern, $1.21½ to $1.24½; No. 2 Northern, $1.17¾ to $1.21¾. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 76½ to 78c. Oats—No. 3 white, 42½ to 42¾c. Flour unchanged. Shipments, 46,592 barrels. Bran, $19.00 to $19.50.

Duluth, May 23.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, $1.22½; No. 1 Northern, $1.21½ to $1.22½; No. 2 Northern, $1.18¾ to $1.19¾. Linseed cash, $1.95½; May, $1.94½; July, $1.96½.

Live Stock Markets.

Toronto, May 23.—Choice heavy steers, $9.25 to $9.50; butchers' cattle, choice, $9.00 to $9.25; do., good, $8.75 to $8.85; do., medium, $8.25 to $8.40; do., common, $7.50 to $7.75; butchers' bulls, choice, $7.75 to $8.25; do., good bulls, $7.25 to $7.50; do., rough bulls, $4.75 to $5.25; butchers' cows, choice, $7.75 to $8.10; do., good, $7.25 to $7.50; do., common, $5.25 to $5.75; canners, 200 to 350 lbs., $3 to $3.25; do., 350 to 850 lbs., $3.75 to $4.25; do., 950 to 1,000 lbs., $4.25 to $4.50; canners and cutters, $3.75 to $4.25; milkers, choice, each, $75.00 to $100.00; do., common and med., each, $40.00 to $65.00; springers, $50.00 to $100.00; feeding steers, $7.00 to $10.10; sheep, heavy, $6.50 to $7.50; yearlings, $[illegible]; choice lambs, $6.00 to $[illegible]; common lambs, $4.50 to $5.50; hogs, fed and watered, $11.50 to $11.75; hogs, f.o.b., $11.25; hogs, weighed off cars, $11.65 to $11.85; calves, $[illegible] to $[illegible].

Montreal, May 23.—Choice steers, $[illegible]; fair to good, $[illegible]; canners, $[illegible]; bulls, $[illegible]; choice calves, $[illegible]; common, $[illegible]; milk cows, $[illegible]; choice lambs, $[illegible]; common, $[illegible]; spring lambs, $[illegible]; sheep, $[illegible]; choice hogs, $[illegible]; fair to good, $[illegible]; selects, $[illegible]; sows, $[illegible] to $[illegible].

ASK DOMINION PREMIERS TO SETTLE IRISH TROUBLE.

A despatch from London says: One of the suggestions for dealing with the Irish problem which has gained many supporters in the past few days is for the appointment of a Commission to arrange a settlement, the members of which will include Premier Borden of Canada, Premier Hughes of Australia, and Premier Botha of South Africa. Discussing this proposal The Chronicle says editorially: "The settlement of the Irish question is not only a matter of great moment, but also a condition precedent to any scheme of Imperial federation. There is thus a double reason for the co-operation of the Dominion Premiers."

FOES OF COMPULSION FINED IN LONDON

Members of No Conscription Fellowship Punished by Court.

A despatch from London says:—Eight members of the National Committee of the No Conscription Fellowship were arraigned in the Mansion House Police Court on Wednesday under the defence of the realm act in connection with the publication of a pamphlet demanding the repeal of the compulsory military service act. This pamphlet affirmed the determination of the committee to resist the act, saying: "We cannot assist in a war which to us is wrong, which the peoples do not seek, which will be impossible only when men who so believe remain steadfast to their convictions." Each defendant was fined the maximum penalty, $500, with $50 costs.

BRITAIN'S NEW BEER ONLY KEEPS ONE DAY.

A despatch from London says: The Daily Mail says that the non-alcoholic beer recently approved by the Government has been put on sale in several London saloons and has met with astonishing demand during the hours when the sale of alcoholic drinks is prohibited. One saloon drew forty gallons of the new beer before 11 o'clock on Thursday morning. The trouble is, the Daily Mail adds, that the beer won't keep and the supply must be made fresh daily.

BRITISH BLOCKADE WILL NOT BE RELAXED.

A despatch from London says: Replying to the German suggestion that Great Britain, in response to the change in the German submarine campaign, should modify the food blockade, Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of War Trade, informed the Associated Press on Thursday there was not the remotest possibility that British economic pressure on the central powers would be relaxed. He said: "We maintain that the blockade is fully legal under international law. Its reprisal character is merely incidental, called forth by German use of submarines, but the rigid enforcement of the blockade is merely an extension of our rights which we had not hitherto found it expedient to use."

37,000 TURK PRISONERS TAKEN BY RUSSIANS.

A despatch from London says: More than 37,000 Turkish troops have been captured by the advancing forces of Grand Duke Nicholas in Asia Minor during the last three weeks. The Russians have also captured vast quantities of munitions, which had been sent from German factories and conveyed to the Ottoman front by prodigious effort. On every hand the Russian troops as they advance find evidence of Turkish cruelty. The Ottoman soldiers are massacring all Christians. Whole villages are left in flames as the Turks fall back. The Russian soldiers are feeding thousands of refugees, sharing their daily rations with starving women and children.

COMPULSION BILL PASSES IN BRITISH COMMONS.

A despatch from London says: The compulsion bill passed its third reading in the House of Commons on Tuesday by a vote of 250 to 35.

The compulsion bill was introduced by Premier Asquith in the House of Commons on May 2 last. It becomes [illegible] after its passage. It [illegible] authorized by the [illegible] all to the colors all males, [illegible] married or single, between [illegible] of eighteen and forty-one. [illegible] provides for the establishment of an army reserve for industrial work, to which the Government may assign as many men as industrial conditions demand.

FAIL TO BREAK VERDUN LINE

Germans Make Another Attempt on Hill 304 Front.

A despatch from Paris says: Another attempt was made by the Germans on Thursday afternoon to break through the French line on the Bois d'Avocourt-Hill 304 front, on the west bank of the Meuse. The French trenches were subjected to the usual violent preparatory bombardment before the German infantry left its trenches, but the moment the attack was launched the French fire-curtain was thrown out and the mitrailleuses were brought into action, checking the Germans, apparently with heavy losses before they had reached the French positions. The German artillery is still continuing its bombardment in this sector, indicating a probability that further attacks are to be launched. The French guns are replying.

ALLIES TAKE STEPS TO FEED THE POLES.

A despatch from London says: Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of War Trade and Blockade, in an interview on Wednesday night announces that the allies have taken steps to feed the Belgians, Poles and Serbs. "It is unquestionably the duty of Germany to do this," said he, "but as it has been neglected, the allies have undertaken steps, although the task is not obligatory on their part. The German militarists will regard contemptuously the allies' proceedings, but the latter are not prepared, even for military reasons, to see the Poles starved to death by the Germans. We hear of women and children perishing by the wholesale, and even of grown men dropping dead of hunger in the streets."

BIG AUSTRIAN ARMY BOUND FOR ALBANIA.

A despatch from Paris says: One hundred and fifty steamers have been assembled at the Hungarian seaport of Fiume to transport troops, munitions and supplies under protection of the Austro-Hungarian fleet to Durazzo, Albania. This information was received here on Thursday in advices from Innsbrueck. It is supposed here that the Austrians intend to make a strong attack on the Albanian town of Avlona, which is occupied by the Italians.

BERLIN DECIDES TO CHANGE NAME.

3,000 Votes Cast and the Majority in Favor Was 81.

A despatch from Berlin, Ont., says: "Electors of Berlin have decided to change its name," was the cablegram forwarded to King George on Thursday evening by Ald. J. A. Hallman, chairman of the Central Committee, after the result of the vote was known, and the change was favored by a majority of 81.

POPE ASKS GERMANY TO STOP U-BOAT WAR.

A despatch from London says: Sir Edward Grey, the Foreign Secretary, announced in the House of Commons on Thursday that the Government had been informed by Sir Henry Howard, British Minister at the Vatican, that representations have been made to Germany by the Vatican with a view to inducing Germany to abandon submarine warfare.

FOOD SHORTAGE IN AUSTRIA SAID TO BE VERGING ON FAMINE

The Pope Has Received Confidential Information to This Effect From Vienna.

A despatch from Rome says: The Vatican has received confidential information that the shortage of food in the central empires is verging on famine, especially in Austria, where conditions are described as worse than in Germany. It is said that the Emperor Francis Joseph will protest to the Pope against the "inhumane attempt of the allies to starve non-combatants."

A correspondent is informed from diplomatic sources that in case such a protest is made the Pope is not likely to take any action beyond sugesting peace as a remedy for existing conditions.

SON OF LADYSMITH DEFENDER TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

Tried to Induce Aberdare Miners to Strike if Rebel Leader Connolly Was Executed.

A despatch from London says: James White, son of the late Field Marshal, and formerly a captain in the army, was remanded to custody at Aberdare on Wednesday on the charge of making statements likely to cause disaffection and prejudice in connection with recruiting.

The prosecution describes White as a "dangerous character," and claimed that it was able to prove that he went to Aberdare to induce miners to strike if John Connolly, the rebel leader, was executed. Documents found in the possession of the prisoner proved, it is charged, that he was consorting with the enemies of Great Britain. White has figured previously in connection with the agitation carried on by Jim Larkin, who organized the street car strike of 1913.