



FOR AN IRISH COUNCIL. NOTICE OF BIRRELL BILL. Elective Members to Predominate—To Reinstale Evicted Tenants.

London, Feb. 14.—Following closely upon his announcement yesterday of the intention of the government to introduce a measure to improve the government of Ireland, Augustine Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, gave formal notice to-day that a bill to establish an Irish Council, and for other purposes connected therewith, would be introduced. Thus the Liberal government is keeping its promise to the Nationalists to place Irish legislation to the forefront in the present session of Parliament.

The wording of this formal notice caused no surprise, as it had been understood for some time past that the establishment of an Irish Council was contemplated, but the announcement to-day was the first official confirmation thereof. One of the most difficult details which faced the government was whether the council should be elected or nominated. In the original draft of this bill, an entirely nominative body was proposed, but John E. Redmond, the Irish leader, rejected this as useless and as a proposal which he and the other Irish leaders could not support.

The bill of which Mr. Birrell has now given notice, although all the details have not yet been made public, will provide for a council, in which the elective element will predominate. A number of nominative members are retained in order to placate the Liberals, who are opposed to an entirely representative body. It is understood also that this council will have extensive administrative powers, but its right to legislate will be limited.

This feature has been accepted by the Irish leaders. Nothing definite is known as to the amount of financial control to be entrusted to the council, but to satisfy Irishmen this will have to be large. There is no doubt that the powers now centred in numerous boards controlling the administration of Ireland will be handed over to the council.

This proposed measure was a subject of much speculation in the lobbies of the House of Commons to-night. A large majority of the members are ignorant of the intentions of the Cabinet, and the leaders who have been taken into the confidence of the government are pledged to secrecy. Speaking in the House this evening Mr. Birrell said the question of the restoration of evicted tenants to their homes was one of primary importance and one that brooked of no delay. He referred to the action of Lord Clarendon in refusing to reinstate the tenants on his estates, and hinted that it would be quite justifiable to take over the administration of these estates. In conclusion the Chief Secretary for Ireland pledged the government to take effective measures to secure the reinstatement of evicted tenants.

The House then took up the discussion of an amendment in favor of reinstating evicted tenants. Mr. Birrell spoke again, and promised measures satisfactory to the Irish party. He then made the actual announcement of his intention to introduce a bill to deprive Lord Clarendon of the management of his Irish estates on the ground of his lordship's incompetency, and to hand over the management to a commission appointed especially for this purpose, which would act for the best interests of the landlord, the tenants and Ireland itself.

Mr. Birrell used the strongest language in describing Lord Clarendon's mismanagement, declaring it, among other things, to be "shocking." Walter Hume Long, speaking on behalf of the Irish Unionists, expressed the approval of Mr. Birrell's attitude on this matter, and said he hoped it would induce Lord Clarendon to bestir himself and obviate the need of such a special measure.

GOVERNMENT AVOIDED DEFEAT. But Close Vote Showed Spirit of Independence in Liberal Ranks. London, Feb. 14.—Against the advice of the government, the House of Commons to-day decided by 152 to 150 votes to refuse a new writ for the election of a member of Parliament to represent Mr. Williamson, Conservative and tariff reformer, who was unseated as the result of charges of corruption on the part of his agents. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Asquith, and the Attorney General, Sir J. Lawson, supported the motion to grant a new writ, but many Liberals considered that the period of disfranchisement of the constituency should be prolonged, and Mr. Asquith announced that the government would leave the question to the judgment of the House. In this manner the ministry avoided a direct defeat, though the vote indicated a spirit of independence in the Liberal ranks.

MR. LAUTERBACH KNOCKED DOWN. Lawyer Has Narrow Escape When Horse Steps on His Foot in New Street.

Edward Lauterbach, the lawyer, was run down in New street yesterday afternoon and narrowly escaped serious injury. One of a span of horses attached to a coach stepped on his foot, and he was severely shaken up. The careless driver was trotting his horses through New street. Mr. Lauterbach was in a crowd, and did not notice the rapid approach. One horse struck him, stepped on his foot, knocked off his silk hat and sent him to his knees. The crowd "sassed" the driver for his carelessness, and tried to induce the lawyer to make a complaint. Mr. Lauterbach said he was in a great hurry, and refused to take this advice.

POLITICS IN PHILIPPINES. Active Campaign Under Way—Plans of Parties.

Manila, Feb. 14.—The entire archipelago is stirred by the pending political campaign. There is an exodus of politicians from Manila, as the election law requires a residence in the provinces for candidates for the Assembly. The government party has reorganized as the National Progressive. Dominador Gomez and some prominent Filipinos have formed the Union National party out of several immediate independence organizations. The Union Nationalists recognize the present inability of the Filipinos to carry on self-government, but ask that a definite policy be declared toward the Philippines, having in view future absolute independence. Gomez scored a victory in the special election for Governor of Cavite. The campaign is active in every province.

FLORIDA'S FAMOUS TRAINS. 2:30 P. M. 9:25 A. M. and 9:25 P. M. Unexcelled service via Penn & Atlantic Coast Line E. B. Florida Information Bureau, B'way, cor. 20th St.—Adv.

MISSING BANKER CLEW. BUT OFFICIALS ARE MUM.

New Britain's Bank Loss Said To Be \$800,000—Warrant Issued.

New Britain, Conn., Feb. 14.—A clew to the whereabouts of William F. Walker, the missing treasurer of the Savings Bank of New Britain, was received from New York late to-day by the bank directors, but none of them would indicate what it was. No clew as to the missing securities has been found, in spite of a very active search in New York and several other cities. The bank situation apparently rests on the apprehension of Walker, for the run of depositors has ended and the institution practically could resume business without delay.

A report that a portion of the securities had been found resolved itself into the fact that \$45,000 worth of bonds were on deposit in a New York bank, but these were allowed for in striking the balance yesterday to determine the actual shortage, which remains unchanged at \$805,000.

The board of directors of the bank met this evening. Nearly every member feels certain that a large portion of the missing securities will be secured intact. The belief is held that a greater portion of them has been hypotheated and not sold outright. The committee of the directors who went to New York seemed to be convinced that if the bonds had been sent



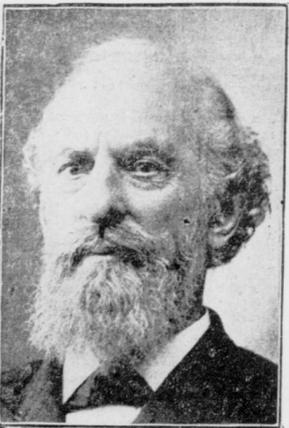
WILLIAM F. WALKER. Missing treasurer of the New Britain (Conn.) Savings Bank.

through the customary channels of exchange some trace of them would have been found before this. Up to the time the message was received from New York this afternoon the directors positively declared that they did not have the least idea of Walker's movements since last Sunday.

The developments of the day were that Prosecuting Attorney Mitchell drew up a warrant for the arrest of Walker on the charge of appropriating to his own use two bonds of \$1000 each belonging to the bank, and sent Chief of Police Rawlings to New York to inform the police there of the fact that the missing treasurer was wanted on a criminal charge. Many persons have asked Mayor Landers why the directors of the bank have not issued a statement covering the entire situation, and it is understood that the Mayor has suggested to the directors that they owed it to the credit of New Britain to make a frank and unqualified report of the situation.

It has been ascertained that Walker had several outside business investments, and that he had some outstanding notes which bear the endorsement of local business men. Recently, in a business transaction in which he was called upon to settle an account, he is said to have asked for further time, owing to the fact that he was pressed for money just then.

With approximately \$40,000 missing from the Baptist Convention funds, the defalcation of



PHILIP CORBIN. President of the wrecked New Britain (Conn.) Savings Bank.

Walker appears to exceed \$600,000. The only reality that he had was his home, which was assessed for \$3,500, and against this an attachment for \$500,000 was levied to-day in favor of the bank.

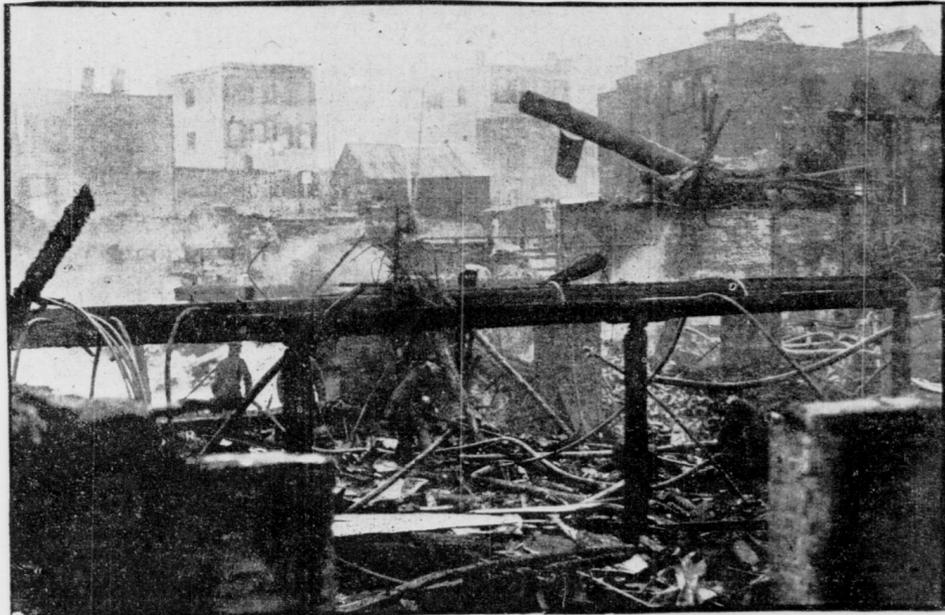
Governor Rollin L. Woodruff said to-day that he has no power to remove Bank Examiner Kendall from office on the ground of negligence, as requested by Mayor Landers. "In common with the people of Connecticut, I feel the misfortune of this New Britain affair keenly, and officially and personally I shall give all the assistance in my power to restore public confidence and give adequate punishment to all who have been guilty of misconduct or neglect," the Governor said. Rumors of Mr. Kendall's probable resignation are in general circulation, although he declared to-day that he "would not resign under fire."

Heart failure, caused, it was said, by excitement over the case, resulted last night in the death of Moses Seymour Austin, a wealthy re-

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TOURS TO FLORIDA. Via Pennsylvania Railroad, February 19 and March 5. Only \$50 to Jacksonville and return. Includes all expenses while travelling on special train. Independent travel in Florida.—Adv.

RUINS OF DAIMLER MOTOR FACTORY, LONG ISLAND CITY, BURNED YESTERDAY.



MOTOR PLANT BURNED.

Daimler Company Loses Many Cars and Designs in Fire.

The Daimler Motor Company's plant in the Steynway section of Long Island City was totally destroyed by fire early yesterday, the loss being \$400,000. Two big racing cars were among the machines destroyed. There were eight completely finished machines in the warehouse at the time the fire broke out, and forty which were unfinished in other parts of the building. All were destroyed. The company also lost many valuable designs of motors and parts of automobiles.

The fire broke out at half-past four o'clock yesterday morning, and before the firemen got there had swept across the entire plant. Battalion Chief Lally and his men fought hard, but the flames had gained such headway that the best they could do was to prevent them from spreading to a row of houses near by. At one time it seemed as if the fire would spread to this row, and the tenants were ordered out of bed. They stood in the street for nearly half an hour before it was thought safe to let them go in again.

The watchman of the plant, William Shelly, is missing. It is supposed he was frightened when the fire broke out and ran home. He lives somewhere in Manhattan. The Daimler company was organized fifteen years ago, and until the automobile rage was principally engaged in turning out motor boats. Three hundred and twenty-five men were employed in the plant. It was announced last night that the company would rebuild.

BURGLARS CROSS ROOFS.

Frightened Away from Scuttle, They Alarm Whole Block.

Two burglars who tried to pry open the scuttle on the roof of the home of J. R. Wolf, No. 31 West 54th street, last night caused a wild scare in the houses of wealthy residents in the vicinity. The thieves escaped over the roofs of adjoining houses. The Wolf family were at dinner when a peculiar noise was heard from the top floor of the house. A servant went up, and reported that a band of men was trying to force open the scuttle.

The police of the East 51st street station were called, and three patrolmen were sent to the house. They ran to the roof and found the scuttle door open. There were no burglars in sight, but the officers saw the footprints of two men leading across the flats toward Sixth avenue. Many heard the men running across their roofs. This gave rise to the rumor that a band of thieves was making a raid.

FOUR CHILDREN DIE IN FLAMES.

Father and One Child Jump from Window—Mother Was Away.

Bridgeville, Del., Feb. 14.—Four of I. Johnson's children, ranging from two to ten years old, were burned to death to-day in a fire which destroyed their home. The family was asleep on the second floor when the fire, which started on the first floor, was discovered. The flames had gained such headway that only Johnson and his oldest child managed to escape by jumping from a second story window. The father made an attempt to rescue the four children, but was driven back by the flames. Mrs. Johnson, the mother of the children, was at the home of a neighbor when the fire started.

BERESFORD TO COMMAND.

Arrangement with the Admiralty Satisfactory to Him.

London, Feb. 14.—It was learned to-day that the semi-official statement of yesterday to the effect that Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, who is at present in the United States, declined to accept the command of the Channel fleet, referred to the time before the admiral left England, and that since then an arrangement with the Admiralty satisfactory to Lord Beresford has been reached.

CHILD ARRAIGNED FOR MURDER.

Gulfport, Miss., Feb. 14.—"Fred" Blankenship, nine years old, who has been in jail twelve months, was arraigned before a jury to-day on an indictment charging him with the murder of George Jenkins, ten years old, whom he killed while at play in Wiggins, near here. Two lawyers were engaged by the boy's parents to defend him.

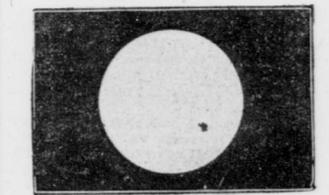
SUMMER DAYS IN CRIPPLE CREEK.

Cripple Creek, Colo., Feb. 14.—The weather here is phenomenal at this time of the year. At noon to-day the thermometer registering 96 degrees above zero in the sun and 67 degrees in the shade. There was just enough breeze from the south to make it like a summer day. There has been little change in temperature since the first of the month, and it has not been necessary to wear winter clothing even at night.

STORM FOLLOWS SPOT.

Pittsburg Visited by Predicted Electrical Disturbances.

Pittsburg, Feb. 14.—The prediction of John Brashear, director of the Allegheny Observatory, that unusual electrical disturbances would follow the spots on the sun, which he discovered yesterday, came true to-day when a heavy blizzard and snowstorm, accompanied by thunder and lightning, broke over Pittsburg. The police and fire telephone systems were rendered useless, the lightning striking the wires.



HOW THE SUN SPOT LOOKS THROUGH SMOKED GLASS.

The United States weather observer, Mr. Pennywit, and Mr. Brashear conferred with each other over the telephones during the storm while their assistants made observations. Both are of the opinion that the phenomenon to-day was due entirely to the sun spots. Mr. Brashear claiming that so soon as the earth came in direct line with the spots the effects would be felt.

Mr. Brashear read the statement made to-day by Professor Verill, of Yale, that seismic disturbances in the West Indies would follow the discovery of the sun spots. When asked to make a statement regarding the disturbances to-day, he said: "There is no man who can predict an earthquake. Scientists have been unable to trace volcanic eruptions and earthquakes to solar storms. I believe the local electrical disturbances to-day were due to the sun spots, but was unable to make any further observations because of the cloudy atmosphere. The temperature was too low, however, for the usual electrical storms. Taking these facts into consideration, it is not hard for one to stretch his imagination and connect the cause of to-day's disturbance with the sun spot. Then again, there is a white line, about 10,000 miles long, running through the spot, and, in my belief, this white line is responsible for conditions to-day, and any additional phenomena which are likely to follow."

The temperature in this city has fallen 23 degrees, with the expectation of zero conditions before midnight.

IT'S A GOOD OLD SUN SPOT SO FAR.

Many Times as Big as the Earth, but Has Not Done Any Damage Here.

Astronomers throughout the country watched with interest the huge sun spot which appeared yesterday and was first observed by Professor John A. Brashear, of the Allegheny Observatory, at Pittsburg. The spot is the largest that has appeared in some years, and it was expected that it would cause some atmospheric disturbances, but none had been heard from in the metropolitan district up to last night. In length the spot is nearly fifteen times the diameter of the earth, and yesterday morning could have been seen with the naked eye. It was computed to be 118,000 miles in length and 30,000 miles wide, covering an area of about 3,540,000,000 square miles.

TO SHOW ICE BOOKS.

Supreme Court Directs American Company to Permit Examination.

Justice Greenbaum, of the Supreme Court, on the application of William Harman Black and Herbert Limberg, representing the Attorney General, signed an order yesterday directing the American Ice Company to permit an examination of all their books and records by February 26 or show cause on February 21 for a refusal. This is the action brought by the Attorney General to annul contracts and agreements of the American Ice Company, said to have been made in violation of the Anti-Trust law.

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HIGHWAYS MEN OUT.

Many Employes of Brooklyn Department Dismissed by Coler.

Borough President Coler of Brooklyn was yesterday responsible for the enforced retirement of 203 employes of the Highway Department, whose superintendent, Frank J. Ulrich, is under arrest on charges of receiving money for placing men in his office. Mr. Coler said that the dismissing had nothing to do with the investigation now in progress. The men received notices of dismissal on February 8, and their time expired yesterday. Their dismissal was determined on by Engineer Tillson and Superintendent Ulrich at the first of the year, and their plans were endorsed by Coler. The men have filled all sorts of positions. District Attorney Clarke appointed Leroy W. Ross yesterday to prosecute the investigation in the department. He is the attorney of the Brooklyn League, and has been at work on the case. The grand jury has suspended its investigation.

FEVER CLOSES COLLEGE.

Amherst Students to Take an Enforced Vacation.

Amherst, Mass., Feb. 14.—On account of the outbreak of scarlet fever among the students of Amherst College the administration committee of the college to-night issued notice that the institution will be closed until March 1. All students who are not residents of the town are expected to start for their homes before 6 o'clock to-morrow evening, at which time the college gates will be locked. There are now five cases of scarlet fever among the students, two cases having developed to-day. All the cases are of a light nature, and no uneasiness is felt regarding the condition of any of the sick ones. It is announced that the present enforced vacation of two weeks will take the place of the usual Easter recess.

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"EL MOCHO" HERE AGAIN.

RUMOR OF INSURRECTION.

Venezuelan General Retient as to Mission in This City.

General José Manuel Hernandez ("El Mocho"), the leader of several insurrections in Venezuela and formerly minister of that republic at Washington on the Royal Mail steamer Trent. A dispatch from the isthmus on the departure of the general announced that he was coming to New York to organize another insurrection against his enemy, President Castro. When asked about this report last night at the Waldorf, where the grizzled warrior is staying, he was rather uncommunicative on that point.

"Everybody who knows me," said the general, "knows my attitude with regard to the political situation in Venezuela."

General Hernandez left this city last July for Barranquilla, Colombia. While his trip was in reality for his health, there were wild stories of his taking a filibustering expedition to Venezuela to begin an uprising, which were, of course, only surmises. In his absence of a little more than seven months from this city he has spent his time about equally between Colombia and Panama.

While General Hernandez declared last night that he might tell later about his intentions in



GENERAL JOSE MANUEL HERNANDEZ, ("EL MOCHO"). The Venezuelan revolutionary leader who arrived here yesterday on the Trent.

connection with his reported revolutionary plans, he did not hesitate to express his views on the existing conditions in Venezuela with considerable vehemence.

"The conditions there," he said, "could not possibly be worse. I am and always have been opposed to the absolute dominance of a country by one man or a clique of men. I believe not only in a change in the political system of Venezuela, but also in a change of men. Without one the other cannot be accomplished. First of all I favor the re-establishment of friendly relations with Venezuela with other countries. That is important. Also I favor the encouragement and proper protection of immigration."

General Hernandez was asked what the effect of President Castro's death would be.

"There would at once be a fight," replied the general, "among Castro's own followers for office." The general added that he had no personal interest in the uprising of General Antonio Parades against the Castro government. He adhered firmly to the statement that he had no immediate plans, but hinted that later he would have something to say. General Hernandez's attention was called to the reports that he had been to Bogota and conferred with President Reyes of Colombia, who, it was said, promised him the necessary war elements for an insurrection. He said:

"Oh, let them go on circulating the rumors."

General Hernandez, who is one of Venezuela's best known military and political characters, is fifty-two years old, and is well preserved. His hair and imperial beard are an iron gray. He said that his trip south had rehabilitated his health, and his clear eye and sunbronzed face upheld his assertion.

General Hernandez has once before led an armed movement against President Castro. He was captured and imprisoned. He was in prison nearly three years, being liberated at the time of the blockade of the Venezuelan coast by England, Germany and Italy. Subsequently he was appointed by Castro as Minister to Washington.

There was a break, however, between the two men over government policy, and General Hernandez, denouncing Castro, retired from office. Although he has not been in Venezuela in a few years, he is said still to retain a large following and considerable prestige.

The sobriquet "El Mocho" (The Maimed) is applied to General Hernandez because of the loss of a finger of his right hand in one of his numerous battles.

PAREDES CAPTURED.

Official Advice from Trinidad to That Effect.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The Venezuelan Legation to-night received official advice from the Venezuelan Consul at Trinidad, stating that President Castro is doing well and that General Parades, the revolutionary leader, has been captured with all his followers.

WEDS DAUGHTER OF W. C. JUTTE.

New Yorker's Bride, Considered Wealthy, Lost Fortune by Court Decision Last Week.

Pittsburg, Feb. 14.—Miss Ida Brokaw Jutte, daughter of the late W. C. Jutte, of this city, and Frank Otto Walther, of No. 9 East 39th street, New York, were married at 5 p. m. to-day at the home of the bride's mother, in Morewood avenue, the Rev. J. J. Smith, pastor of the Shady-side Presbyterian Church, officiating. Mr. Walther was attended by his brother, Charles W. Walther, and his sisters, the Misses Emma and Frieda Walther, were present. By a decision of the local courts last Saturday the bride, who was considered wealthy, was rendered penniless. Her mother lost her suit against James W. Friend and J. N. Hofstad, former business associates of Mr. Jutte, in which over \$100,000 representing almost her entire fortune, was involved.

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