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London, February 10th.—Mr. Lloyd George today informed the locomotive engineers and firemen union that its implied threat to bring on a general strike in Great Britain over the shooting of railwaymen at Mallow, Ireland, last month, would not influence the Govt. in considering the Union's demand for an investigation. The intimation of the Union in a resolution adopted by its executive at Leeds, yesterday, was that unless the Govt. granted an enquiry into the Mallow affair by Feb. 15th and gave guarantees for the safety of the members of the union a general strike would be called. The Mallow shooting occurred on January 31st. District Inspector King was wounded and his wife murdered by some unknown persons that night and the policemen hearing the shots rushed to the railway station. They were fired upon and they returned the fire, their fusillade killing one railway employee, who ran up the track and wounding several others who accompanied him of these latter dying.

Cambridge, February 10th.—The Cambridge University Golf Club has accepted an invitation to send a team to compete in the United States inter-collegiate championship tournament. Four men will comprise the team and will sail for the United States in the middle of June. They are Mr. Humphries, Trinity Hall, Captain, Mr. Walker, King College, Secretary, Mr. Lebas, Jesus College and Mr. Douglas, Corpus Christi College.

Dublin, Feb. 10th.—A big meeting held today under the auspices of the Dominion League, but including representatives of every section of Irish moderates, placed itself on record with only three dissenting voices as refusing to lend support to the Home Rule Act in Southern Ireland.

London, Feb. 10th.—The Times says that it understands that the Prince of Wales has planned a tour of India in October or November next.

New York, Feb. 11th.—Raw sugar was firmer early today and prices advanced 3/4 cents to 4 1/4 cents for Cuba's cost and freight equal to 5.27 for centrifugal. Reported sales were 2,000 bags of San Domingo's, 15,000 Porto Rico's and 55,000 Cuba's. Refined was firmer with one of the leading refiners advancing list prices fifteen points to the basis of 7 cts. for fine granulated. Others were unchanged at 6.85. Futures opened steadier in sympathy with the advance in raws. Prices at midday were about three to six points higher.

London, Feb. 11th.—The British Govt. may have to pay £150,000,000 in claims as a result of its control of the railways during the war, according to estimates submitted today by a Govt. Committee which investigated the situation.

London, Feb. 11th.—The Times in an

editorial this morning declares that a deadlock has been reached in the Irish situation which, it says, "has become a world problem". It points out that the Irish of the British Dominions present an Irish problem for the Dominion Govt. and refers to eighteen million Irish men in the United States who "have created a very living Irish question for every United States politician". Quite apart from the intrinsic merits of the Irish question in Ireland, continues the Times, we have heretofore questioned the wisdom of the British policy, which, however its authors may seek to justify it, has in fact had the effect of rallying the Irish of the world against this country and daily adding to their animosity. We should be false to our trust, did not we proclaim our profound anxiety over a situation which only wilful blindness and studied affectation hold to be insular.

London, Feb. 11th.—The White Star Line has purchased the steamship Bismarck, the largest vessel in the world, for its New York service. The Bismarck, a vessel of 56,000 tons, was built at Hamburg for the Hamburg-American Line. Last autumn it was reported that fire had badly damaged the vessel while lying at her dock in Hamburg. The Bismarck was to have been delivered to the Allies under terms of the Peace Treaty.

Helsingfors, Feb. 11th.—That the treaty of peace between Soviet Russia and Poland was signed at Riga yesterday, is announced in a wireless despatch received from Moscow.

New York, February 12th.—Commenting on General Smuts recent victory in South Africa, the Wall Street Journal says that the result has been an overwhelming defeat for the secessionists, and points out that at a time when "for various purposes, is for none of them particularly creditable, Great Britain is being repeatedly baited in the United States, it is important to remember that the ties that bind the British Empire are far stronger than her critics pretend. There are good and compelling reasons why the junior partners in the world's greatest going concern do not pull out and set up in business for themselves, the newspaper adds. Continuing, the newspaper says, "South Africa is now completing an election where the plain question of cutting loose from the British Empire was the crux of the campaign. The result has been an overwhelming defeat for the secessionists. There are convincing reasons why Great Britain's self-governing colonies do not 'cut the painter' in all relations with the great foreign powers. Canada, Australia, New Zealand, or South Africa are in an incomparably stronger position now than they would be if they were independent. Every Canadian knows that this true is of our neighbours to the north and Canada is by far the most favourably situated to

set up in business on her own account. The exhilarating sport of twisting the British lion's tail has been lamentably overdone. It is as well to remember that the lion is still a complete and healthy animal with all the attributes of lions plus an astonishing good temper."

Delhi, India, February 12th.—One of the largest audiences ever gathered in India, crowded the famous Mogul Hall in Delhi early in the week for the inauguration ceremonies of the Chamber of Princes. The huge hall was made picturesque by nearly one hundred ruling princes in the gorgeous robes and jewels, and civil and military officials in full state dress. There were many ladies present. Lord Chelmsford and the Duke of Connaught drove to the hall in full state with artillery and cavalry escorts, and upon their arrival occupied a throne on the dais. The ceremonies included the reading of the King's proclamation and a special message from the King, and speeches were made by the viceroy and the Duke of Connaught. The Maharajas of Gwalior moved, and the Maharajas of Bukhar seconded, a resolution of thanks to the King. An informal reception to the princes and chiefs ended the functions.

Berlin, February 14th.—The German Government has informed the Government in London, Paris, Rome and Warsaw that 212,000 Polish troops are concentrated on the Polish German frontier, according to latest information reaching the Government. The communication gives details of the distribution of the troops and maintains the information proves the Polish army is not being demobilized.

Bantry, Ireland, Feb. 12th.—Three hundred armed citizens attacked the Drimoleague police barracks at midnight last night. The garrison offered a fierce resistance, and with the help of a relief force repulsed the attacking party. One sergeant of the defending forces was wounded. The barracks and nearby houses were badly damaged by the firing.

London, Feb. 13th.—The King, accompanied by the Queen, the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York, at noon on Tuesday will open a session of Parliament which promises to be a test of continuance of the coalition government of Mr. Lloyd George. Constructive measures, which head the programme, include the new budget scheme of protection to safeguard key industries against foreign competition and prevent the dumping of foreign goods and also for remedying exchange conditions, a plan for relief of the unemployed, (probably by public works), creation of parliaments under the Home Rule Bill, and reform of the House of Lords.

London, Feb. 12th.—In the Rugby Union International game today England defeated Ireland by 15 points to nil.