

ton prison where Mr. MacSweeney, the Lord Mayor of Cork, is confined, incident to the assembly of several persons who waved red flags, booed the Government and cried, "Up Sinn Fein, up rebels." The crowd rushed the police guarding the avenue leading to the prison. Several persons were injured and a number arrested. Mr. Howard Redmond, a nephew of the late Mr. John Redmond, has telegraphed the King urging clemency for the Irish hunger strikers. The Lord Mayor was to have been anointed by his Chaplain Father Dominic yesterday afternoon. Mrs. MacSweeney visited her husband yesterday and found him bordering on unconsciousness. Their daughter, Miss Mary MacSweeney, telegraphed Mr. Lloyd George, saying that if the Mayor died "his relatives and the people of Ireland will hold you and your Government responsible for murder."

Berlin, Aug. 25th.—The Lord Mayor of Dublin, through the Freeman's Journal, has issued a plea to the British people for the life of Mr. MacSweeney, "not in the name of Ireland but in the name of all humanity."

London, Aug. 25th.—Results yesterday had an important bearing on the cricket championship. Middlesex have improved their position at the head of the table and Lancashire is now second. Kent is third, Surrey fourth and Yorkshire fifth. Middlesex declared at 420 for six wickets and beat Warwickshire 186 and 283 by nine wickets. Hearne made 215, not out. Surrey won an exciting match at the oval against Yorkshire by 31 runs. Surrey led by 74 on the first innings, the scores being 325 and 251, both sides did badly in the second innings, Surrey making 110 and Yorkshire 153. Kent 455 for seven including 133 by Woolley and 104 not out by Bickmore beat Essex by an innings and 126. Sussex defeated Hampshire by 97 runs, Hampshire making 87 in the second innings. Jupp took seven of their wickets for 38 runs.

London, Aug. 25th.—Poland's reply to the peace terms, presented by the Russian Soviet delegation at Minsk amounts to a flat rejection, says the Minsk correspondent to the Manchester Guardian in a wireless on Monday. Out of 15 Russian demands, only one, (that relative to demobilization), is accepted and that only on condition that Russia will take a similar course. Russia must be demobilized at the same time Poland disbands her forces.

London, Aug. 25th.—An immediate rupture of Russo-Polish peace negotiations at Minsk, will result, if the Poles adhere to their demands for the withdrawal of the main Russian terms, says a message received here today from Tchitcherin, the Russian Soviet Foreign Minister from Moscow.

London, Aug. 25th.—The King has replied to the appeal of Mr. Howard

Redmond, urging clemency for Irish hunger strikers, saying the appeal will receive immediate and careful attention.

Lucerne, Switzerland, Aug. 25th.—Mr. Lloyd George in a statement today concerning the case of Mr. MacSweeney, whose condition is grave because of his hunger strike in Brixton jail, said in substance that whatever the consequences were, the Government could not take the responsibility of releasing him. The Premier declared he regretted Mr. MacSweeney has decided to starve himself, but said that if he were released then the other hunger strikers would have to be released. A law which is a respecter of persons, is no law, said Mr. Lloyd George. If the cabinet therefore departed from its decision, a complete breakdown of the whole machinery of law and Government inevitably will follow. The release some weeks ago of hunger strikers in Ireland, was followed by an outburst of cruel murder and outrage. The Premier cited the crime for which Mr. MacSweeney was convicted and said it indicated he was concerned in a conspiracy against the constabulary who are the defenders of order in Ireland. Mr. Lloyd George declared it was the Government's duty to protect these brave men. He concluded: "I may add that every invitation to discuss with those who are for the moment the spokesmen for the Irish Nationalists, a peaceful settlement for Ireland, has been spurned by them. The latest offer of the Govt., made in Parliament on the date of its adjournment has been scornfully rejected by their leaders and we have been driven to fight against the claim for complete secession of Ireland north and south, from the British Empire. This claim we can never recognize". The Premier also replied to the message sent to him yesterday by the Lord Mayor's sister. He said: "It is with profound regret that I hear of the pain inflicted upon you by the determination of your brother to starve himself. It is impossible for the Govt. to make any exception in his case. Were they to do so, it would break down the administration of the law in the United Kingdom for all prisoners would claim the same privilege".

London, Aug. 25th.—Mr. MacSweeney was still conscious this morning. Apparently however, his condition was considered critical, as his chaplain administered the last sacrament.

Cork, Aug. 25th.—A message from Mr. MacSweeney's sister that he had collapsed this afternoon and that his wife had been urgently summoned to Brixton prison, was read at a meeting of the Cork corporation tonight.

Antwerp, Aug. 25th.—In the Olympic Clay Court tennis championship final rounds Raymond of South Africa defeated Kumagae, Japanese, 5-7-6-47-56-4 in the men's singles. In the men's doubles Farnham and Woosman, England,

defeated Kumagae and Kashio Japan 6-2 5-7 6-5 7-5. In the women's singles Mlle Lenglen, France, won from Miss Holman, England, 6-3 6-0. In the women's doubles Mrs. Mac Nair and Miss McKane, England, defeated Mrs. Beamish and Miss Holman, England, 8-6 6-4. In the mixed doubles Mlle Lenglen and M. Decugis, France, defeated Miss McKane and Mr. Woosman, England, 6-4 6-2.

London, Aug. 26th.—Mr. MacSweeney, despite two serious collapses, last night was brighter this morning, when visited by his private chaplain. He was too weak to speak more than a few words however.

St. Thomas News.

On Sunday night, while the Petersen family, residing in the Garden, were at the Cine, the apartments of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Donald Petersen, situated on the lower floor, were entered and robbed. Suspicion points to their recently discharged servant girl. From authoritative sources we glean that this girl about 16 years of age, and with no very good record, had been often heard to remark what she would do, in the event of her mistress putting down the keys and forgetting them; also, how in the event of her being discharged, her employer would be left in dire distress. Well, on Friday last, she was discharged for breaking "the dishes."

On Sunday, this girl and a pal of hers, it is said, were seen about the premises, the latter even having a good snooze, lasting from 2 p. m. to 5.30 p. m. on one of the marble-paved shelves, under one of the windows of the looted residence. During the afternoon and early evening, the occupants going out visiting, their absence it is believed, afforded the renegades the opportunity they were seeking.

At 8.45 p. m., the entire family were at the theatre, leaving Mrs. Perkins in charge of the house, and baby grandchild, and who at 10 o'clock thought she heard a sound of a press being opened. Upon the return of the family from the Cine, a light was observed in the lower storey, and upon rushing thither, it was discovered that a robbery had been perpetrated. Upon further investigation, it was found \$15.50 in cash, and clothing—female underwear and silk stockings, combs, etc., valued at about \$50.00 had been looted. What tended much to accentuate the notification of the occupants of the looted domicile, was, the discovery of a note lying on one of the tables, and in which was written:—"It is my mother what did told me to do so. 'Tis a boy what done it 'tain't a girl."

The Police authorities were at once communicated with, but up to the present, no arrests have been made.—St. Thomas Mail Notes, Aug. 24th.