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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Belfast, Feb. 9th.—Ulster's frontier was virtually a line of steel today, following the raids yesterday in which many Unionists were kidnapped. From Portadown, County Armagh, Tobelleek on the Fermanagh-Donnegal border, forces of "specials" were on guard as well as heavy contingents of the regular constabulary. It was estimated that five thousand men were engaged in policing the line.

Dublin, Feb. 9th.—Owen Oduffy, chief of staff of the Irish Republican Army, has issued a statement concerning the raids in Ulster, saying in part, "That there should be spontaneous and determined action in Ulster is not surprising, the patience of our people there has been surely tried lately by continued raid arrests and tortures inflicted upon them by the Northern Govt. The majority of those in prison in Belfast and Derry are suffering because they carried out my orders, while I was Liaison officer, to protect the lives and property of Catholic civilians from the ravages of Orange mobs when those who are entrusted with law and order refuse to give protection. The statement conclude let the Northern Government immediately release our prisoners. We have shown by our actions our desire to have peace, let the North show by similar action that they desire to have peace. Granted this, none will believe there would be difficulty in finding a common ground. The forces began to move toward the border yesterday, following news of the raids. The roads leading southwards from Belfast today presented scenes of activity, motor trucks and armoured

CHRISTIANSTED THEATRE

8.15. THIS EVENING 8.15

"The Moonriders"

WITH

"ART ACORD" AND "MILDRED MOORE"

Episode No. 14: "UNMASKED".

Episode No. 15: "THE HOUR OF TORTURE."

Buck, Rosa, Collins and Warpee are captured and taken to the house on the cliffs. Egbert and Snyder cut the main telephone line and race to town to get money on the deed. Baldwin arouses the ranchers in an attempt to intercept Egbert.

Show concludes with a 2 Reel Comedy.

"Moonshines and Jailbirds."

Coming.

Coming.

Coming.

RUTH CLIFFORD

IN

"The Invisible Ray"

15 Episodes.

ADMISSION

Reserved Seats.....30 and 40c

General Entrance.....20c.

Children 20 and 10c

cars bearing the so-called specials towards the border. Accompanying them were other trucks with stores and ammunition. High tension prevails at all points. Strangers travelling through the six counties are subject to the closest scrutiny, and in some cases are halted and interrogated. No communication was possible with Enniskillen today. In consequence of the wires from this City being cut. Col. Wickham, commanding the Ulster specials, has received a communication from Dublin Castle stating that the Provisional Government is sending special officers to investigate the kidnapping.

Belfast, Feb. 9th.—It is stated that the persons kidnapped yesterday aggregate nearly two hundred.

Dublin, Feb. 8th.—A Republican demonstration has been called for next Sunday. The speakers will be Eamon De Valera, Charles Burgess, and Austun Stack. The notice summoning them says. "It is evident by Mr. Lloyd

George's speech before the House of Commons that his policy is to trick the Irish again, and to deal with Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins as he dealt with John Redmond and John Dillon".

Montreal, Feb. 9th.—A terrific outbreak of fire early this morning destroyed the Standard Life Assurance Company building, 157 St. James Street, in the heart of the business district, causing damage estimated to be in the vicinity of \$600,000.

Belfast, Feb. 9th.—The Northern Government yesterday was unable to obtain help from the military to restrain the kidnappers, its sole reliance being special constabulary drafted from various points to cope with the situation. Sir Dawson Bates, the Ulster Home Secretary, sent a message to Viscount Fitzalan the former Viceroy, asking him to take appropriate steps to prevent a recurrence of the raids. Sir Josslyn Gore-Booth and others, kidnapped in Sligo, returned to their homes last evening, but declined to make any statement.