

and received the royal assent. The Emergency Powers Bill virtually gives to the Govt. war-time authority. It was introduced in Parliament with the advent of the miners' strike, and when it seemed probable that the railway and transport workers might also become involved in the strike.

London, Oct. 28th.—Prince Arthur of Connaught leaves to-morrow for Africa to take up his position as Governor-General of the Union of South Africa.

London, October 29th.—The Irish Home Rule Bill passed through committee stage in the House of Commons today without further important amendment. Some important modifications are intended by the Government, which were postponed during the report stage of the Bill. The discussions in committee throughout have been difficult, owing to the fact that the Labour and Liberal members declined to participate in the committee session.

New Port, R. I., Oct. 29th.—The concrete S. S. Cape Fear, a U. S. S. Board vessel was sunk in the deepest part of Narragansett Bay tonight in a collision with the Savannah line S. S. City of Atlanta. At a late hour 19 of the crew of 34 of the sunken vessel were unaccounted for.

New York, Oct. 28th.—More activity developed in the local raw sugar market yesterday and at the close the undertone was steady. The sales included 80 tons of Antigua muscovados in port at 5.26c. duty paid basis 89 test, 40 tons Peru's in port at 7.25 c. cif, 6,200 bags of Porto Rico's early November shipment at 7.125 c. cif 200 tons Brazil centrifs in port at 7.25 cif, 500 tons Peru's afloat at 7.25 cif, and 10,000 bags Cuba's prompt shipment at 7.50c. all to local dealers and 500 tons of Peru's November shipment at 7.25c. cif to an operator. Based on these sales the spot price figures about 8.25c. duty paid.

Paris, Oct. 30th.—Assertion is made by the French Government in its reply to the British note announcing that Great Britain had decided to renounce the right to confiscate German property in the United Kingdom, that the paragraph of the Versailles treaty that Great Britain is prepared to waive, is an integral part of the convention, says the "Petit Parisien". The Government holds therefore that this or any other clause of the treaty cannot be revised without a preliminary agreement between all the signatories of the pact. The note, the newspaper says, is couched in extremely courteous but firm language and expresses the hope that an agreement between the nations on the subject may be reached soon.

New York, October 30th.—While the politicians are becoming prophetic, the betting odds in the New York financial district strongly favour a Republican victory. The prevailing odds today are seven to one in favour of Harding, in spite of the fact that a fund of \$1,000,000

was said to have been offered at 10 to 1. There is considerable doubt in the public mind as to the existence of this fund. The odds of 7 to 1 which were reached today at the Stock Exchange make Cox the greatest long shot in the betting on presidential campaigns since the newspapers began to record such betting, or since 1876.

Cork, Ireland, Oct. 30th.—The body of Mr. MacSweeney arrived here on board an Admiralty tug at four o'clock yesterday afternoon. The tug whose flag was flown at half mast, docked at the customs house quays and the nearby bridges. The government authorities in Cork immediately notified deputy Lord Mayor O'Callahan and the Bishop of Cork that no military display would be permitted at the funeral of Mr. MacSweeney and that neither drilling uniforms, nor republican army badges would be allowed.

Kingston, Oct. 1st.—Between Saturday night and Sunday morning three large city stores in Harbour Street were practically burnt out and the roofs of two others were damaged. The block runs westerly from the Colonial Bank to the army and navy stores. The former being fire proof, was untouched, and the latter escaped, but contents damaged by water. Loss estimated from 150,000 to 200,000 pounds and said to be fairly well covered by insurance. The night was calm. The theory is advanced that the fire was caused by burglars or spontaneous combustion. A store in the centre being fireproof escaped and was one of the most spectacular sights ever seen in Kingston a perfect volcano of flames leaping over it.

London, Oct. 30th.—A despatch to the Central News from Cork reports that the relatives of Lord Mayor MacSweeney were warned that unless the body was removed from the quay nine o'clock on Friday evening it would be taken to Cork and buried there.

London, October 30th.—The London press declare that the orderliness of the funeral of Mr. MacSweeney exposed the hollowness of Sinn Fein claims of ruthless tyranny in the Government of Ireland. Here is a man claiming to be at war with England whose coffin bore the legend "murdered by the foreigner" borne along London streets with sympathizers carrying flags and declaring their enmity towards the people whose tolerance they enjoy, the Morning Post said: In what other country would such tolerance be possible? Would America have tolerated in the streets of New York a demonstration in favour of secession? Would relatives of a murdered British soldier have been permitted a procession with Union Jacks in the streets of Cork or Dublin? It was a most amazing example of British tolerance, The "Daily Graphic" said: Picture thousands of rebels marching openly, guarded by police for their own protection. Such a

procession would be impossible in any other capital. The United States would not have tolerated it. If Debs were to die of self-murder, as Mr. MacSweeney did, and such a procession were attempted, it would have been broken up by the Irish police of New York City.

Cork, Oct. 31st.—In the presence of surpliced church dignitaries scores of his former comrades, volunteers and thousands of his countrymen, the body of Mr. MacSweeney was lowered to its resting place in the republican plot in St. Finbarr's Cemetery just outside Cork this afternoon. Despite the splendour lent the scene by the attendance of the high churchmen there was a simplicity marking the ceremonies that was impressive. Outside the cemetery hidden by the enormous crush of town's people, two armoured cars their machine-guns ready, and half a dozen lorries filled with fully equipped soldiers were drawn up at the roadside, imparting a sinister aspect to the otherwise solemn proceedings. But during the transfer of the body from the City Hall through streets lined with crowds, to St. Mary's Cathedral and during the procession from the cathedral to the cemetery, there was no incident of violence or disturbance.

Charleroi, Belgium, Oct. 29th.—Fifty thousand miners in this region will strike on Monday in consequence of the coal owners' association rejecting their demands for a daily increase in their wages of five francs. The Govt. announces that it will prohibit the export of coal and that the German coal deliveries will be reserved exclusively for public services, vital industries and domestic use. Stocks available at present will be sufficient to run the railways and public services for six weeks.

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