

LONDON.—Commented on the speeches delivered in the Ulster Parliament yesterday by Sir James Craig. Mr. Collins repudiated the assertion that he had kept Sir James or anybody else in the dark. He referred to clause 12 of the Anglo-Irish treaty, which says that boundaries shall be determined in accordance with the wishes of the inhabitants, as far as is compatible with economic and geographical conditions "I stand by my signature and the treaty", Mr. Collins added.

St. Lucia, March 30th.—The Canadian Manufacturers Association Delegates arrived here yesterday morning by R. M. S. "Chaleur" and attended a meeting of the Agricultural and Commercial Society, at which His Honour, the Acting Administrator, presided. After a motor drive through the Culdesac Valley, they attended an "At Home" at Government House and left for Dominica at 6.30 p. m.

Dominica, March 30th.—Mr. Arthur Welby Solomon, Magistrate of Roseau, Member of the Legislative Council and Roseau Town Board, was killed in a motor car accident on the Pointe Mitchell road, while driving with Mr. P. Noble Colonial Engineer yesterday.

Quebec, March, 29th.—Fire broke out in the sacristy of the Basilica of St. Anne De Beaupre this morning and in a short time the flames had reached the Monastery of the Redemptionist Fathers, who have charge of the historic shrine. At ten thirty there was no hope of saving the building, which is certainly the largest and richest of the whole parish, excepting the cathedral itself. A detachment of the Quebec Fire Brigade was detached to the scene of the blaze and is fighting it assisted by the voluntary brigade of the parish.

Dublin, March 29th.—At the convention of Sunday revolting members of the Irish Republican Army debated the question of declaring a military dictatorship, but deferred action thereon, says the correspondent here of the "London Star" in a despatch to his paper. He gives as his authority a statement issued from the Beggars Bush Barracks this morning, which says the proposal before the convention was to overthrow all government in Ireland opposed to a republic. According to the correspondent, the report of the convention is vouched for by the regular general headquarters of the Irish Republican Army in a statement which says the following resolution was offered by Thos. Barry and Frank Barret "resolved that matters of immediate concern for the executive will include first, maintaining Ireland as an independent republic. Second, appointment of a chief of staff, who will appoint a general headquarters staff. Appointments can be vetoed by the executive. Third, declaration of dictatorship. As for this purpose the executives shall be empowered to secure the services of others, who need not be members of the executive, with a view

to ordering the dissolution of all present Governments in Ireland by the prohibition of Parliamentary elections until such time as an election, without the threat of war by Great Britain, can be held on a franchise". The statement proceeds. "The dictatorship will overthrow the four governments in Ireland opposed to the Republic, namely the Dail Eireann, Provisional, British and Northern Governments."

London, March 29th.—It has just become known that the reason Sir Arthur Balfour, who in the past four years has four times declined the Peerage will nevertheless soon become a Peer, is that the King personally desires it.

Washington, March 29th.—The Arms Conference Naval Treaty limiting the Navies of the great sea powers was ratified today by the Senate.

London, March 29th.—Contrary to expectations, the duel between Lord Carson and Lord Birkenhead in the House of Lords this afternoon was a rather tame affair. Lord Carson declared that if there was any rule against judges taking part in politics he was willing to obey it, but in his 41 years experience at the bar he knew of no such law. He declared there was no reason why a judge of appeal should be more restricted than that of a justice of peace. If I have done anything wrong, or your Lordship thinks I have done anything wrong, I am willing to go. What do I care about the office or the salary, compared with my Honour.

London, March 29th.—The Irish Conference met today at the Colonial Office and after an all day sitting, announced that it would meet again tomorrow. The utmost secrecy is being maintained about the proceedings and the official announcement was only a bare statement of the meeting which took place. It is understood, however, that the relations between the three parties to the conference while somewhat cool at the beginning improved and by lunch time all were on friendly terms. The delegates took lunch together at the Colonial Office and then resumed the sitting until after 7 o'clock. The British representatives were Mr. Winston Churchill, Lord Birkenhead; Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, Sir Hamar Greenwood and Lord Peel. Irish representatives were Messrs. Michael Collins, Arthur Griffith, Duggan O'higgins and Kennedy. Ulster representatives Sir James Craig, Lord Londonderry, Mr. Archdale and Col. Scender. The meeting was opened by Mr. Churchill, who made a special appeal for an agreement between the North and South to maintain order and cooperate for the good of all Ireland. Michael Collins and Arthur Griffith, it is said declared that the anarchy in Belfast and the anti-Catholic programs were playing into the hands of the Southern Republicans and making the position of the Free Staters difficult.

Sir James Craig complained of border raids by the Irish Republican Army, which the provisional Govt. seemed unable to prevent and which he said inflamed the feeling in Belfast. At the close of today's meeting both sides seemed pleased with the progress and were hopeful of a good result of the conference.

London, March 30th.—The King of Belgium, who is visiting Rome injured his right arm in a fall in his room yesterday, says a Central News despatch quoting the newspaper "Tribune".

Sydney, N. S. W. March 30th.—Trade with Germany will be resumed on August 1st it has definitely been decided by the Federal Cabinet. This will end a period of seven years during which the embargo on trade with enemy countries was enforced.

London, March 30th.—A Cork despatch to the Daily Mail reports that nearly all the motor lorries in the city of Cork were commandeered yesterday, and were driven to unknown destination, the drivers being compelled to accompany their cars. It is believed that the seizures were made by the Republicans. Captain Collins, Cork Harbour Commissioner, was kidnapped in the course of the day. He was taken to an unknown place in an automobile.

London, March 30th.—A Central News despatch from Paris says a report that Nikolai Lenine, Russian Soviet Premier, is dead, has been published by the Rome newspapers, who treat it with reserve. Lenine has been reported dead, or seriously ill on several occasions. The latest story was that a German specialist was being rushed to Moscow to treat him for an internal disease, resulting from wounds inflicted three years ago by an assassin. Another version was that he was suffering from a cancer, but a Moscow despatch to the Associated Press told of his appearance on Monday of this week before a meeting of the All Russian Communist Congress in the Krenlin Palace, at which he spoke for two hours.

London, March 30th.—The question of participation by judges in party politics, which early this week brought forth a rebuke of Lord Carson by Lord Birkenhead for delivering political speeches, was firmly debated again in the House of Lords last night, but no decision was reached. Lord Carson said he was quite willing to resign, if he had done anything wrong, but his action must be condemned on solid grounds. Lord Birkenhead, in a reply denied that he meant any reflection on Lord Carson's honour or integrity as a judge, but he questioned the correctness of the precedents quoted by the previous speaker.

Funchal, March 30th.—Ex-emperor Charles of Austria Hungary who is gravely ill here, failed to maintain today the improvement noticed in his condition yesterday afternoon and evening.