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**WEATHER REPORT.**

Toronto (noon)—Fresh to strong south to west winds, generally fair to-day and on Sunday, with a little higher temperature.

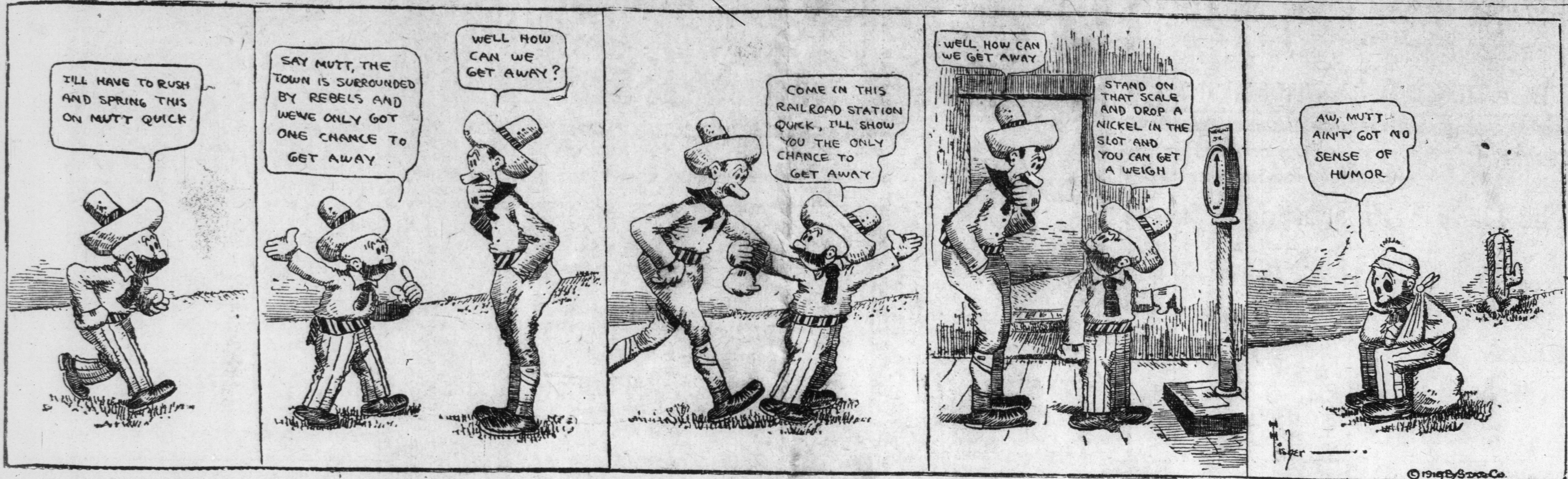
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## Mutt Never Had An Ounce of Humor.

By "Bull" Fisher



### A Project For The Exclusion Of The Four Ulster Counties From The Home Rule Bill.

Report says Down, Antrim, Derry and Armagh will be left out.

#### BITTER OPPOSITION THREATENS THE BILL

Unless the Protestant Counties are Excluded from the Bill.

#### ULSTER DETERMINED.

To take up Arms as a Means of Resisting it, if Necessary.

London, Feb. 27.—It is circumstantially stated that an agreement has been arrived at of the Ulster problem. There will be a partition of the Ulster counties. Down, Antrim, Derry and Armagh, with an area of 74,274 Protestants and 351,272 Roman Catholics, will be excluded from the operations of the Home Rule Bill; whilst Donegal, Tyrone, Fermanagh, Cavan and Managh, with an area of 4,958 square miles and a population of 96,506 Protestants and 203,444 Roman Catholics, will be included in the rest of Ireland under the self-government plan.

**Bitter Opposition Expected**  
The completion of the settlement of the terms depends upon the question of handling the customs and postal duties to the Parliament at Dublin. It is stated that a condition of the Unionist acceptance of the scheme will be a general election immediately the compromise bill is passed. This would kill the Welsh disestablishment and the plural voting bills, and consequently the bitterest opposition is anticipated from the advanced Radicals. This could doubtless be overcome, however, by a promise that these measures would be at once passed upon the return of the Government to power.

**London Weary of Strife**  
London, Feb. 27.—, canvass of the London constituencies in which the by-elections are being held, by a representative of the Sunday Observer, the chief organ of the Ulsterites, reveals the fact that the question of Irish Home Rule is not a live question amongst the people in the north and east of London.

#### PREMIER DECLINES GIFT FROM CZAR

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—M. Kokosov, Premier of Russia, declined a gift of \$150,000 offered him by the Czar in recognition of his services as Premier, President of the Council and Minister of Finance.

#### FATHERS WIPE OUT TWO ENGLISH FAMILIES

London, Feb. 26.—Sudden outbreaks of insanity in two fathers were responsible for the complete obliteration of two families, consisting altogether of nine people at Harlesden, Northwest London, and at Tonbridge, Kent. In the first case, Walter Johnson first strangled his wife and three children and then hanged himself to a gas bracket. In the second case, James Standen shot his three children as they lay in bed, and then sent a bullet through his own head. In both instances neighbors informed the police that the relations of the families were of the happiest character.

The Observer admits that the best card for the Unionists to play is the unpopularity of the Insurance Act amongst the casual laborers. The investigation revealed an entire lack of interest in the possibility of civil war in Ireland, the east and north-landers being more interested in their daily bread than in possible happenings across the Irish Channel.

#### H. W. Lucy's Impression

Mr. J. L. Garvin follows his recent article with another under the heading, "The Way Out," in which he advocates the exclusion of Ulster pending a federal arrangement.

Sir Henry W. Lucy, the well known parliamentary writer, says that the impression left on Parliament by Mr. Asquith's speech was that the Premier was prepared to exclude Ulster.

"Mr. Asquith," he says, "secured the advantage of six weeks before he will be obliged to lay his cards on the table. This leaves full opportunity for further 'conversations' which may be counted upon to overcome Mr. Redmond's scruples."

Although it will be fully six weeks before Mr. Asquith's statement on the Home Rule compromise is made, there are growing signs of revolt in the Liberal ranks.

It is suggested Court influences have made themselves felt, and there will be much suspense in Liberal circles until Mr. Asquith makes his declaration.

He who has no taste for order will be often wrong in his judgment, and seldom considerate or conscientious in his actions.—Lavater.

Whenever nature leaves a hole in a person's mind she generally plasters it over with a thick coat of self-conceit.—Longfellow.

### CITIZEN'S PETITIONS DEBATED.

House of Assembly Considers the Prayer of the Citizens.

#### PREMIER SUPPORTS IT.

But Mr. Coaker thinks that the Council should not be Superseded.

The time of the House was occupied yesterday afternoon with the speech making on the petitions presented to the House by the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition on behalf of the Citizen's Committee.

The prayer of the petition is that the Legislature suspend the Charter of the City for a year and in the meantime hand the management of our civic affairs over to a Citizen's Committee or Commission to be appointed by the Governor-in-Council.

The petitions presented contain in all about three thousand signatures.

The Prime Minister said that he felt sure the petition would find in the Legislature a friendly and sympathetic audience, and then dealt with the

#### INDISCREET SPEECH OF BRITISH OFFICER

Makes Peculiar Reference to the Impending Trouble in Ulster.

London, Feb. 27.—General Sir Arthur Paget made what the Independent calls an amazing speech at a non-political dinner at Dublin last night. He recalled his command of the very distinguished fighting regiment, the Munster Fusiliers, during the South African war.

He said, "I have been here now two years, and have inspected twelve or fourteen regiments of very fine men. It is unthinkable I should ever be asked to concentrate my men to move against forces that are, I believe, in being in the North of Ireland; but, however distasteful it may be to them, men who understand the meaning of work and discipline, will carry out the King's orders."

"It may be, God forbid that it should be, my lot to be ordered to move to the North. I should regret it. Many officers are my friends. You all would hate the idea of moving a mile north of Dublin."

"I don't for a moment believe that there can be any question of such a movement being made, but if an order comes, that order must be obeyed."

The Independent says that the speech is tantamount to this high military officer saying to the King's Government, whose servant he is,—"You had better take care and give to these Ulster men what they want."

### U.S.A. INSISTS ON RETURN OF BODY

Makes Demand of Mexico that It be Delivered to a Widow.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The circumstances surrounding the death of Benton were discussed in the cabinet council to-day. Wilson and Bryan were able to lay before the meeting General Villa's promise that a complete examination of Benton's body would be permitted by a commission consisting of two Americans, two British representatives and the national medical examiner.

To the request to surrender Benton's body no satisfactory reply has been received, Villa asserting that it would be improper to remove the body from Chihuahua, where it had been removed on a special train, the day Benton's death was officially announced at Juarez.

That the States will insist on the delivery of the body to the widow has been clearly emphasized by the President and Mr. Bryan, though for the present it is believed that the opportunity for medical examination will be the most important phase of the investigation.

There is a feeling among some officials that when Carranza and his friends get into closer touch with Villa, they may convince him of the necessity of abandoning what sentimental or religious reasons he may have for retaining the body.

conditions which obtain in the City at the present time. He described the conditions as most undesirable; garbage thrown around and the snow black with filth and dirt—the water supply was known to be inadequate; our system of sewerage in no way met the present requirements and the antiquated system of collecting refuse, &c., were all matters which called for serious consideration.

#### Civic Government.

Sir Edward then briefly outlined the history of the various Councils since 1888, the year St. John's had its first Municipal Board to the present time. He thought all Councillors had done the best they could under the circumstances and the system in vogue; but he felt that the petitions before the House should receive the very best consideration.

His own idea was that a public meeting should appoint a Selecting Committee of fifty or any number to be agreed upon and from the number thus selected, the Commissioners who were to act as City Fathers should be chosen and recommended for appointment to the Governor-in-Council.

In presenting his bunch of petitions, the Leader of the Opposition said that the conditions set forth in them were only too true and the movement inaugurated a little while ago he believed to be genuine and that it was made with a view of making St. John's a better and a more healthy City; but whether the work of carrying on the City Government and finding a remedy by the same body in one year would have the desired result, he held considerable doubt.

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