

Roco Melie Pleads Not Guilty to Shooting Linemen—Lord Charles Beresford Wants Imperial Defence Council—T. P. O'Connor Says Tories Will Accept Government Offer On Home Rule—Threatened C.P.R. Strike Averted.

IMPERIAL DEFENCE COUNCIL ESSENTIAL, CLAIMS BERESFORD

British Politicians and Representatives of the Dominions Hear His Message.

BRITAIN'S "DECADENCE"

Mid Enchanting Scenery, Big Crowd Hears of Weakness of Imperial Defence.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, March 14.—The London correspondent of the Montreal Gazette says: Home politicians, together with representatives from the dominions, sat amid the enchanting scenery of the "Daring of the Gods," in His Majesty's Theatre, yesterday, while the auditorium and galleries were crowded to hear warnings concerning the deficiencies of Imperial defence.

Lord Charles Beresford was expected to be among the star performers, but was prevented by an attack of influenza, and Sir Herbert Tree, who presided, received a letter from him of pungent criticism on the present public apathetic attitude regarding Imperial defence. Lord Charles called attention to the shortages recently reported in the regular army and the territorial, also referring to the naval weakness. A decade ago, he said, Britain was supreme over all the seas on naval basis properly manned and armed. Now there was discussion as to whether there was even a margin of one or two ships over the standard laid down. It appeared to him that the first necessity was to call immediately an imperial council of defence, all the dominions being represented, without which it was impossible to dream of a businesslike and common sense foundation of empire defence.

This morning's appeal for Imperial unity was followed by Digby Dinnman, premier of Queensland, who boasted of Australia's compulsory military service.

Mr. Page-Croft, M.P., depicted England demoralized, football and tango teas excluding the visions of empire defence.

The meeting was organized as an imperial mission, and the agents-general of Nova Scotia and British Columbia were on the platform.

MRS. PANKHURST WINS RELEASE FROM JAIL

"Hunger and Thirst Strike" Is Successful—Brutal Treatment Alleged.

[Canadian Press.]

London, March 14.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the militant suffragette leader, was again released from Holloway Jail today. She had started a "hunger and thirst" strike immediately after her arrest on Sunday last at a Glasgow, and is reported to be in a very weak and exhausted condition.

A demonstration had been arranged by the militant suffragettes outside of the prison, but this failed owing to the secrecy with which Mrs. Pankhurst was removed from the building. She was driven in a taxicab to a nursing home.

Suffragists charge the police with brutal treatment of the militant leader at the time of her arrest in Scotland. Mrs. Pankhurst fell during the scuffle, and the militant newspaper says the police threw her bodily into a cab, where they allowed her to lie on the floor, while they sat on the seats insulting her. An investigation of the incident is demanded.

SYLVIA TOO.
Miss Pankhurst also was liberated from Holloway Jail today. She had been in prison since March 8.

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURE

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London for the 24 hours preceding 8 p.m. yesterday:

Highest, 40 above; lowest, 20 above.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Highest, 35 above; lowest, 28 above.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD.
Toronto, March 14—8 a.m.

Fresh southerly to westerly winds; fair and mild today and on Sunday.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria 56 46 Rain.
Calgary 54 34 Clear.
Winnipeg 40 14 Clear.
Perry Sound 52 18 Cloudy.
Toronto 52 30 Cloudy.
Ottawa 50 14 Cloudy.
Montreal 50 16 Cloudy.
Quebec 28 14 Cloudy.
Father Point 28 18 Cloudy.

Weather Notes.
Pressure is generally low over the northern portion of the continent and high over the southern portion.

VILLA WOULD BE PRESIDENT The London Advertiser

ILLUSTRATIONS THAT SHOW NATURAL LOCATION FOR RIDOUT STREET SUBWAY

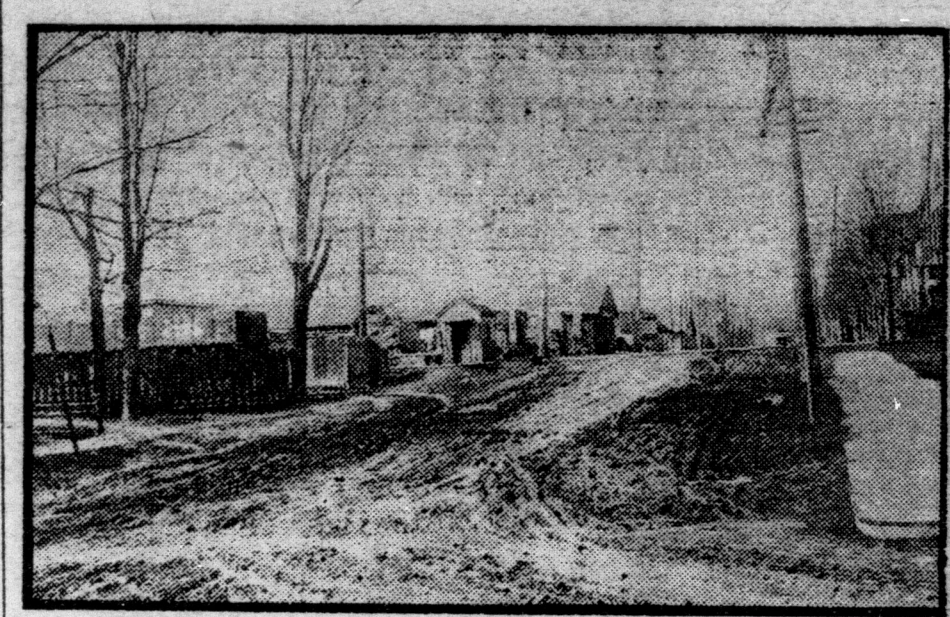


Photo by Hines for The Advertiser.

Ridout Street, Looking North to the Tracks.

Low construction charges, because of the natural slope of the land from the north side of the railway right-of-way, is one of the principal arguments for the Ridout street subway under the Grand Trunk. The two cuts illustrate this in no better manner than the level of Horton street there is a slope that precludes Grand Trunk engineers who have gone over the situation have expressed themselves as being satisfied that Ridout street is the logical location for a subway. The pictures of the two approaches to the present level crossing at Ridout street are regarded as the best possible arguments that could be used for the Ridout street subway.

In the photograph "looking north," the height of the present tracks above the level of York street is indicated by the small portion of the street car, turning at York street, that is visible. The view looking south illustrates, by the Gas Company's property, the slope of the Ridout street hill that could easily be used to make an ideal subway location.

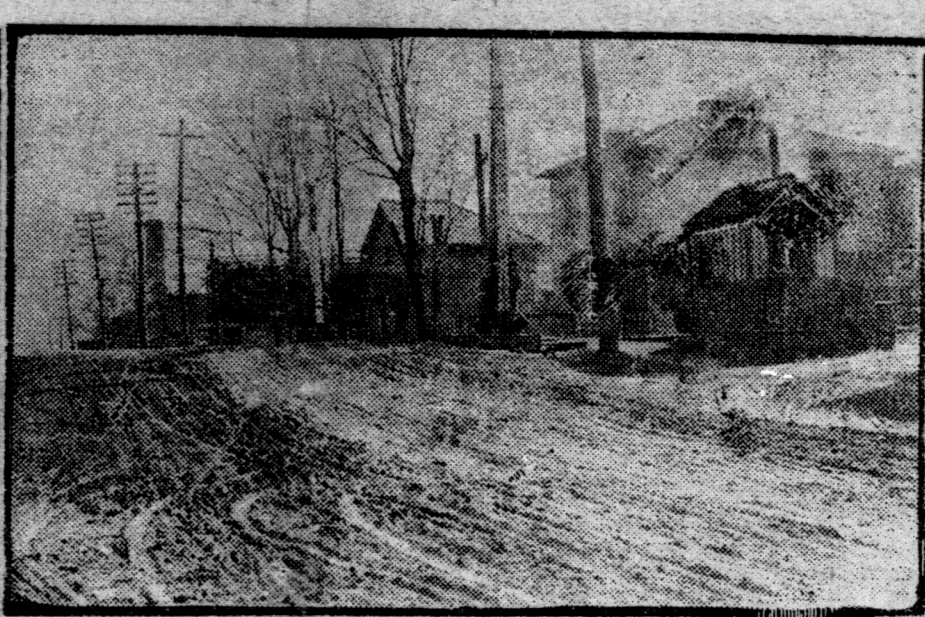


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Wild Geese Herald Approach of Spring

Signs of spring there are many, but none surer than the northward flight of the Canadian wild geese. When their peculiar cries of "honk, honk, honk" sound through the gray March atmosphere and the V-shaped phalanx in which they always fly, led by their tribal leader, gleams faintly against the early morning sky, then, indeed, does the Canadian heart feel gladdened, for spring cannot be very far off.

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VILLA DETERMINED ON THE PRESIDENCY

Nothing Less Will Satisfy the One-Time Bandit, Says Close Friend.

IS REALLY THE DICTATOR

Coming of Carranza to Chihuahua Not to Lessen His General's Power in Any Way.

[Canadian Press.]

Chihuahua, Mexico, March 14.—"Villa, the one-time bandit, will be the next president of Mexico. That is his ambition, and, despite all reports to the contrary, it will remain his ambition until he is dead or president." This declaration was made today by a friend so close to Gen. Villa as to give authority to the assertion. It was prompted by reports that the coming of Carranza to Chihuahua, recognized as the civil head of the revolution, was to bring about conditions more satisfactory to foreign governments and to place in the seat of authority better advisers than Gen. Villa appears to have in handling complications growing out of the killing of Wm. S. Benton, a British subject.

Likely To Embrace.
That Villa and Carranza might meet, and that they might publicly embrace as an evidence of their perfect harmony was given out as a possibility.

Gen. Carranza is now on his way overland from Sonora and a magnificent marble building has been prepared as the official residence or capital, in which he is to perfect the details of government.

It was stated emphatically that the coming of Carranza is not to lessen in any way the power now wielded by Villa, who for months has been dictator.

City Is Resigned.
In the absence of any indication that Gen. Villa intended to move southward immediately, this city, the largest in rebel territory, apparently has resigned itself to an indefinite state of revolution.

Outwardly conditions are almost normal. The military band discourses operatic music on the plaza, crowds promenade in the gay lights, a wandering Tansamare Indian, garbed only in a blanket, a pair of boots and a silk hat, joins the parade, and an enterprising merchant opens a soda water fountain.

Power Is Villa's.
The silent disappearance of "suspects," the reports of executions and the general knowledge that the people for months have been hiding in the basements of buildings, form another aspect of life little mentioned. The "man on the spot," Gen. Villa, who resides on an elevated few blocks from the United States consulate, is the one man who can pronounce life or death for any of those who stroll in the plaza or hide in the basements.

Cruiser Returns.
Vera Cruz, Mexico, March 14.—The British cruiser Essex returned here today from New Orleans. She recently took Sir Lionel Carden, British minister to Mexico to Galveston on his way to Washington and L. Land.

SMASH WINDOWS OF McKENNA'S RESIDENCE

Militants Surprise Police, But Are Arrested After Damage Done.

[Canadian Press.]

London, March 14.—A detachment of militant suffragettes, armed with hatchets and hammers, smashed every pane of glass on the ground floor of the residence of Reginald McKenna, home secretary, in Smith Square, Westminster, today. The six women arrived in the square in an automobile, and took by surprise the policemen who kept continued guard over the homes of the state ministers. All of those who took part in the attack were arrested, however, as they were leaving. McKenna left town for the week-end yesterday.

Two Months Each.
The six women, who mostly gave false names, were later in the day charged at Westminster police court and each sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labor.

"Boadicea" Threatens.
One of the prisoners, who gave the name of Boadicea, said in court: "I wouldn't have given much for him—Mr. McKenna—if we had got inside."

Another of the women said: "Lucky thing for you, we do not shoot." All the women pleaded guilty, and said they had been driven to break Mr. McKenna's windows by "the great brutality shown to our beloved leader."

The magistrate, in passing sentence, said he had never heard a sadder or more deplorable story than that which had been told to the court.

"But," ejaculated one of the women, who were then led away to the cells.

Burn Pavilion.
Birmingham, Eng., March 14.—A militant suffragette "arson squad" set the torch to the tennis pavilion of the Olton Club, five miles from this city, in the night. The building was burned to the ground.

POLICE FIND MAN HIDING IN STORE

On Owner's Complaint, Officers Visit East End Grocery and Arrest Edward Arnold.

As he was about to retire shortly after midnight Friday, Robert Tremaine, grocer, of Dundas street, London Junction, thought he heard someone moving about in his grocery store. Walking stealthily to an outside window and peering through the glass he saw a man crouching on the floor. Tremaine quietly slipped over to a neighbor's and summoned the police. When the officers arrived in the motor patrol a man, who gave his name as Edward Arnold, was found in the store and placed under arrest.

In court today Edward Arnold appeared before Magistrate Judd to answer a charge of breaking into and unlawfully entering Tremaine's store. He elected summary trial and pleaded not guilty. The police was not ready to go on, and the case was adjourned until Monday, March 15.

MELIE ENTERS PLEA OF "NOT GUILTY" TO SHOOTING CHARGES

Man Accused of Shooting Linemen Denies Accusations and Elects Summary Trial.

COMES UP NEXT SATURDAY

Will Appear Then Before Judge Maobeth—An Interpreter Needed This Morning.

Rocco Melie, the foreigner charged with the shooting of William Skingley and Hector Miller, two Hydro-electric linemen, in the Hotel Harrison bar on the night of March 3, will come up for trial before Judge Maobeth at 11 o'clock next Saturday morning. He appeared before the judge this morning and elected summary trial. He pleaded not guilty to all charges laid against him.

His counsel, J. H. Plock, stated that he was ready to go on with the trial at any time, and the date was fixed for Saturday next.

Four charges are preferred against him by the crown. He is charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm on each of the linemen, and also with shooting with intent to do bodily harm. Melie does not know sufficient English to understand the questions put to him by the court, and the proceedings were carried on by the aid of an interpreter.

TEN PEOPLE KILLED IN N. S. W. TRAIN WRECK

One Family Practically Wiped Out While on Sorrowful Mission.

[Canadian Press.]

Temora, New South Wales, March 14.—Ten passengers were killed and fifteen others injured, three of them seriously, in a collision today between a mail train and a freight locomotive, which was shunting at Exeter station, near Moss Vale. The accident occurred during a dense fog.

Among the ten killed were a man and his two daughters, who were taking home the body of the man's wife, who had died previously in a hospital. A son of the same family was seriously hurt. The train was proceeding from Sydney to Melbourne.

STREET CAR DELAYS

Yesterday's Records of "Hold-ups" at Level Crossings.

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