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#### PUBLIC SERVANTS.

This paper takes the position that paid officials of the Government are servants of the people.

As such they are responsible to the people for the fulfillment of certain obligations and any voter has a right, absolute and indisputable to criticise their public actions favorably or otherwise.

Any public official who is too thinskinned to stand fair criticism of his record as a public servant should step out of the limelight.

It is in this spirit we are dealing with Dr. Rendell and Dr. Keegan.

Whatever their opinions of their own personal dignity and value to the country, they must both submit to public criticism of their acts. We, on our part, are disposed to do full jusarguments in favor of the lines of action they pursue, we have confidence enough in the intelligence of our people to believe that they will receive public approbation.

If they cannot absolutely justify themselves then the penalty is public condemnation

But there is absolutely nothing to be gained by any public official garbing himself in unapproachable dignity and mounting his "high horse."

He who does this is merely "riding for a fall."

### OUR POSITION.

We publish herewith a letter written by Dr. Rendell in reply to Dr. Kee-

Dr. Rendell appears to have taken somewhat peculiar stand on this question, if we read the right meaning into his latest letter.

Because The Daily Mail published the letters of Dr. Keegan and "Equal Rights" in its editorial umns, Dr. Rendell proceeds to draw therefrom the inference that we endorse all these correspondents have

But what inference does Dr. Rendell draw from the fact that his former communication and this more recent letter are given equal prominence in The Daily Mail?

Meanwhile we submit Dr. Rendell's

on Hospital matters which you endorsed, it is therefore a fair inference Keegan's standpoint, an inference Home Rulers and of protection to rewhich is strengthened by Dr. Keegan's volting officers. The scene was made acceptance of "Equal Rights" cham- by Home Rulers and Labor members, pionship. In this letter "Equal my position to strengthen his stand. I Premier Asquith said yesterday, in the started out to prove that in so doing most emphatic language, that there he was both illogical and incorrect. no attempt has been made to reply to | flection upon the King.

affairs, a perusal of my letter will Ed. Carson said that the Government yond what was necessary to refute ning the country, with which most personal references to myself by persons will agree, our morning con-

I was entirely successful. With reference to your leading arous impression to the public and there | Premier Asquith, although the latter present content myself with saying that our plan of campaign was subthorities upon tuberculosis on both sides of the Atlantic.

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## A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

What I must do is all that concerns me, not what the people think.-Eming to their conscience, they offered to sacrifice their worldly interests ra-

### KINDLY EXPLAIN.

A cable message in this mrning's News under date of March 25, reads: "There was a clash here between Car-

'sonites and Nationalist crowds." On this page of this issue of The Daily Mail is a cable message from the same place and bearing the same date line but it reads: "There was a "clash here between Orange and Irish "Nationalists."

The wording of the message received from the Postal Telegraphs is as given by us and we understand The Daily News uses the same cable ser-

If the message used by The Daily istocrats necessarily a stupid lot. News came from the Postal Telegraphs office how and why was the alteration made?

message have anything to do with that editorial of this morning's News headed "The Crisis?"

Reading the editorial in connection with the cable message we get the following remarkable pronouncement: "The tactics adopted by his (Mr. As-

'quith's) enemies (Orange Irishmen) 'are of such a nature as to force loyal From which we are further forced

Daily News is supporter of Home Rule despite Ulster's protests

Where's the sense of cloaking sentiment in virbiage? Ulster protestants-Ulster Orange-

men, if you will-oppose Home Rule as applied to their own province and they are backed up by Orange sentiment the world over. There's nothing to be shamed faced about in that-An Orangeman has

perfect right to declare for or against any particular form of government. And in the case of the protests of the Ulster Orange men against the application of Irish Home Rule to their own province there is nothing at all to justify the implication that Orange-

men are disloyal to the Throne. But how is it that the cable referring to the riots as used by The Daily News differs so particularly from the version published by us to-day?

#### THE ARMY CRISIS.

Out of the welter of misrepresenting telegrams, the facts regarding the recent Army Crisis in Ireland appear reasonably clear.

An important military and naval demonstration upon Ulster was planned. The Military Commander in Ireland gave an ultimatum to the officers of the Cavalry Brigade to say whether they would take active service in Ulster or accept dismissal. They dered their resignations. The Minister of War gave a written assurance to General Gough, in command Curragh, that the forces would not be used offensively against the oppon-

have been fully informed of what had taken place, and to a certain extent wrong? was informed of it. He said that to assurance had been given to General Gough, but in the meantime the General had told the officers concern ed that they would not be employed to force Home Rule on Ulstermen. Yeserday Premier Asquith said that he had recently learned of what had been done by his Minister, but he would not accept the Minister's resignation although he did not endorse his con-

In the House of Commons there Sir,-"Equal Rights" wrote a letter | were demonstrations against the revolting officers, and there was a scene which may be regarded as an attack upon His Majesty King George, who is accused of sympathy with Antiand was not joined in by the rank and file of the Liberals or by the Unionists. was no reason whatever for any re-

ments upon these happenings in the 'disloyal? local press of this city. Because Sir were not making a good show in runtemporary says "that Sir Edward has

General Gough is compared to Jack | question or care? Falstaff, and his assertion at Curragh to his brother officers discredited, because it conflicted with that made by was evidently a mistake and has been withdrawn; and finally, it is said that the question at issue now is, not shall

It is obvious that the officers who cause and quotes an American poet to bought it from a traitor. have tendered their resignation have point its contention

ty of the Legislature. the commanding officer of serving or following lines: resigning, they choose to resign. Given an opportunity to act accord-

ther than to take part in a warface of which they did not approve. They did what' very few men are

prepared to do,-stake their worldly prospects upon their faith. They have not dictated to Parlia-

ment. They have not attempted to offensively interfere with Parliament. They have simply refused to dip their hands in the blood of their fellowmen with those with whose resistance they sympathise.

An evening contemporary in this city referring to the same matter, speaks of the action of the officers as though they were all aristocrats, acting upon class motives, and being ar-

There is nothing whatever to show that the rank and file of the Army does not sympathise with its officers. In-Would the different rendering of the deed, the fair presumption is that the resignation by a few officers alone could not have such a marked effectunless it were known that they represented the men in the ranks.

> In the next place, it does not follow -as the night the day-that an officer is a stupid man, or that even because a man is well-to-do or in a good position, he is without brains or conscience. It is a mistake to suppose that the same officer is stupid. It is certainly a mistake to suppose that the same number of officers drawn from the ranks would be abler men. In fact, it is a mistake to resort to denunciation of men who stake their all upon a question of conscience.

> The real fact of the matter is this that the party in power in England is endeavoring to force upon a very large number of the people in North of Ireland a form of government which they do not want, and the consequences of which they fear. They may be either right or wrong, but on what principle can it be disputed that they have a right to resist a change in the form of government which they

fear will be oppressive to themselves? It is obvious that the change is not being forced with good faith. It is being bought by the Home Rulers in exchange for their support to the Lib eral Government on other questions. They keep that government in power for their pledge to give them Home Rule. That pledge will be performed if at all, by the aid of men who have no regard for Home Rule itself, but who have a desire to see the disestablishment of the Welsh Church or some other policy in view. One promise is being exchanged for another, and the people of Ulster fear they will be crushed between the upper and nether

The proper battle ground for Home Rule is the hustings. It should be of ballots not bullets. Unionites have agreed to submit to the of a general election. They have said let the ballots decide. The Government prefer the bullets to ballots, or prefer to threaten the bullets and under these circumstances, given an opportunity, a number of officers have said that they prefer not to use Premier Asquith does not appear to the last argument to their fellowmen Who shall fairly say that they are

### SPOKESMAN OF ULSTER

pokesman for Ulster has drawn muc ostile criticism upon himself.

One section of the public press persisted in presenting him to readers as an opportunist and a mere self-inter ested politician.

He has also been termed a "lawless lawyer" and we notice that this term was adopted by an evening contemporary yesterday.

The same local newspaper yesterday made reference to the great crisis in the reign of James II. From this same reference a few

pertinent questions arise. How comes it that the actions of the protesting Bishops of that time was 'loyal' and the action of Carson and the Ulsterites of to-day 'disloyal.'

If the army of that day was 'loyal' in supporting William of Orange against King James, by what species of reasoning is the action of the army It is curious to note the unfair com- officers of the other day construed as

If the Army is free to use its mind

same prerogative in another? Or do, Home Rulers take the absurd position that on some occasions the military may question orders and under others must obey them without

As to terming Carson a "lawless lawyer," the attempted stigma of his sired than a patent of nobility from

The Daily News, which, by the way, a party-policy prevail, but shall the persistently speaks of Ulster Orangeson is championing and leading a poor book useless to the power which

made no attempt to usurp the author- The editor considers the verse of Well, if championing the cause of James Russell Lowell as applicable to the thousands of Ulstermen who, on was promised. The suit will come up Replying to an ultimatum given by the Ulster leader's case and quotes the considerations of conscience and Im- for trial at the assizes which opens

cause ain't st g,

#### CLASH BETWEEN PARTIES ON BELFAST STREETS.

Belfast, March 25 .- There was a clash here between Orange and Irish Nationalist crowds this morning, several persons being injured by stones. Several shots were fired, and some arrests made. Arriving at the Curragh Camp to-day General Gough, Commander of the Third Cavalry Brigade, had a most en-

thusiastic reception. Addressing the officers, he said he had a written guarantee that they would not be employed to force Home Rule on Ulstermen, but added that if they were ordered there for the protection of life or on a property preservation order, it was ordinary duty and they would undertake it.

# GOVERNMENT HAS REGAINED

Liberal Newspapers Take an Optimistic View of the Officer Incident.

SAY THAT ASQUITH STANDS TO WIN OUT.

urragh Incident Has Recoiled on Its Organisers the Unionists.

London, March 26 .- The view of the Liberal morning papers is that, though resterday was the blackest day the Government had experienced in its whole existence, now the air has cleared, the Government is rehabila-

tated in a stronger position than ever. The Daily News says it may be that the Curragh incident by which the Opposition hoped to destroy the Government Parliament Act and popular liberties at one blow will be found to have been one of the most fortunate episodes for the Government in this prolonged struggle.

The Express asserts that all the general officers commanding divisions throughout England are under orders to report to the war office today.

The Morning Post is still insisting on the existence of a plot and urging the Unionists in Parliament to compel the Government to divulge the nature of the verbal instructions given to Paget, and argues that Seely's read motive and only reason for adding two clauses to the guarantee given to Gough was to prevent any disclosure

The Post believes that Asquith refused to accept Seely's resignation because Lord Morley was also invoiced. The Labor papers are dissatisfied at the official exoneration of the King.

The Lobby correspondent of The London Daily News says that Seely added the two offending paragraphs just after he had been in conference with the King at Buckingham Palace

# WITH REGARD TO ARMY OFFICERS

Government Have Entirely Withdrawn Colonel Seeley's Offer and Will Later Notify General Gough as to Their Decision.

London, March 26 .- The Govern ment has withdrawn General Seely's guarantee, which was announced in the Lords by Viscount Morley; while Sir Edward Grey told the Commons yesterday afternoon that the Government's decision would be made known

to General Gough to-day. Thus the situation with regard to General Gough and his fifty-nine comrades who sent in resignations, is still in a state of suspense.

NEW NAVAL CODE BOOK

One Recently Stolen by Foreign Spy Rendered Useless.

London, March 24.—As a result of many thousand pounds, thus render-Army usurp the authority of the Leg- men as "Carsonites," claims that Car- ing the possession of the stolen code

> perialism, are opposing the type of in Sarnia on March 24th. Rev. Fr. "He's riled jes' now-lain proof his Home Rule that is offered them be Gnam claims that 98 per cent of his wrong, then we had much rather be parishioners asked for his restora-The one that first gets mad's most "wrong" with Carson than "right" tion at the time of his trouble with with the editor of The Daily News, the Bishop.

## PUBLISHED A STATEMENT OF SITUATION

And Commons Have Heated Session During the Discussing of the Report.

COLONEL SEELEY SHOULDERS THE ENTIRE RESPONSIBILITY.

Says He Made a Big Mistake in Giving Assurances to the Officers.

London, March 26.-The Government published yesterday, as promised, a statement of its dealings with revolting officers of the Third Cavalry Brigade, and the Commons held another heated disorderly session.

Between the documents presented and the various statements drawn from Cabinet Ministers, the vital facts make clear and reveal a comedy or tragedy of errors perpetrated by Col Seely and Sir Arthur Paget, command ing the troops in Ireland.

Col. Seely took all the blame upon his own shoulders, and frankly declared he had made a great mistake by giving his written assurance to Gough that the Government must retain its right to use all the force of the Crown in Ireland or elsewhere to maintain order and to support the civil powers in the ordinary execution of their duty, but had no intention whatever of taking advantage of this right in order to crush political opposition to the policy or principles of the Home Rule Bill, without the knowledge of the Cabinet and contrary to its policy

#### **\$0\$0\$0\$0\$0\$0\$0\$0\$0\$0\$0\$** PLANNED COUP

AGAINST ULSTER. London, Mar. 26 .- The most startling revelation yesterday was the confirmation of the re-

port that the Government did plan an important military naval demonstration upon Ulster. The First Lord confirmed the reports and said he had ordered the third battleship squadron and torpedo flotilla to Irish waters, but explained that when military arrangements had been successfully carried out he countermanded orders

by wireless. The explanation was received with jeers by Unionists.

### <del>§</del> Asquith Not Yet Out of the Woods

London, March 26 .- The Government are not yet considered out trouble and has still to deal with the Army officers under the new conditions established by the Premier's

It is believed that as soon as the Government formally withdraws the guarantees given by Seely and Field Marshall French, the officers will again resign their commissions, and as one said, this time in earnest.

Brigadiers General Gough, in an interview said, "If the Premier withdraws the guarantees he will have to throw over Army Council, and the Government will be faced practically

with a disruption of the Army." The Liverpool Post says, the month of June is given as the latest date for general election. It intimates that as a result of the intervention of the King, an agreement has been reached between Unionists and Liberals under the terms of which the Home Rule and Welsh disestablishment Bills shall be passed with the understanding that a general election shall follow

### ARCHBISHOP SUED

BY FATHER GNAM.

Sarnia, Ont., March 20 .- A suit for \$50,000.00 damages for alleged breach of agreement was entered yesterday for trial at springs assizes agains Archbishop McNeil of Toronto, on be half of Rev. Fr. P. J. Gram, of Pe-

The action, which was entered against Bishop Fallen last year, was arranged at the time, the brief states the archbishop agreeing to assume the court action, to support Father Gnam during the interim, and to restore him to his parish which included Wyoming, Petrolia and Oil Springs The plaintiff, who still occupies the

rectory at Wyoming, alleges that the agreement has not been kept in part. He claims that he has not been restored to his parish, as he claims

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