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The Witches' Cauldron at Westminster



The Premier Who Becomes an Emergency Minister of War. He Has Staved Off the Immediate Necessity for a General Election by Going Up for Re-election to His Own (East Fife) Constituency.



The Annual Review and Parade of the Grenadier, Irish, Scotch and Coldstream Guards Regiments, With the Three Massed Bands at the Head, is the Greatest Unionist Spectacle in England. The Parade is Here Seen Passing Hyde Park.



Col. Seely, the Secretary of State for War, Who Has Resigned. The Emergency Which Brought it About Has Been Considerably Cleared Up by the Statements of General Sir Arthur Paget to the Government.

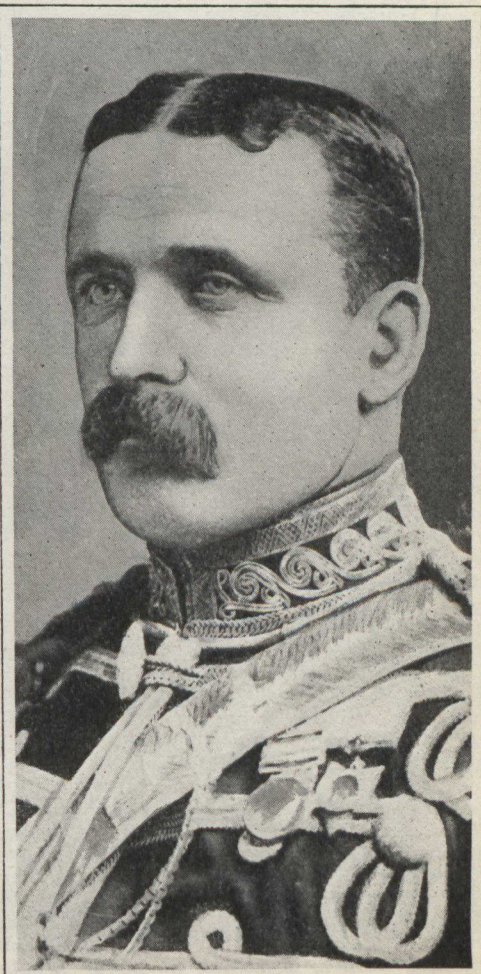


And Just Across the Irish Sea Ulster Youths Are Drilling in the Woods Under Lord Farnham to Resist What They Think is the Enemy of the Great Spectacle of Unionism.



Lord Roberts Being Decorated With a Shamrock at the Parade of the Irish Guards.

THESE few pictures somewhat focus the agitation which, in the minds of some people, seems to threaten the solidarity of the Empire. There is no more inspiring military spectacle in England than the regular review and parade of the four great Guards regiments representing the three peoples of the United Kingdom. It is spectacles such as this that inspire the Britisher with a profound admiration for his King and country. Just at present Ulster is providing a different and much less gorgeous spectacle, of volunteers arming and drilling in the woods to resist Home Rule. The statesmen and generals presented on this page are all inspired by what they consider their highest duty to the Empire and to the United Kingdom. Various opinions may be politically held of Col. Seely, the Minister of War, who resigned because of the Government's imbroglio with the troops of Ulster. Nobody can doubt that the courage of Lord Roberts in the battle-fields of the Empire, or of General French in South Africa, is at least equalled by the courage of Premier Asquith in taking over the portfolio of War in the emergency which his Government has precipitated. Whether Home Rule is right or wrong, the sincerity and courage of Premier Asquith are beyond the shadow of a doubt.



Field-Marshal Sir John French, Who Will Not Withdraw His Resignation.