

GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE OVER THE GRAND TRUNK

Probable Outcome of Situation Says Sir Thomas White

POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES

Criticism of the Government and Answer to Critic—Finance Minister Speaks of Credit of Canada in Motherland

Ottawa, April 4—That acquisition of the Grand Trunk Railway by the government will be the probable outcome of the present railway situation was a statement by Sir Thomas White, when the bill confirming the appointment of a receiver for the Grand Trunk Pacific was being considered in committee of the House of Commons yesterday. Sir Thomas said he could not make this statement definitely, and suggested as possible alternatives that the government might resort to suit or foreclosure.

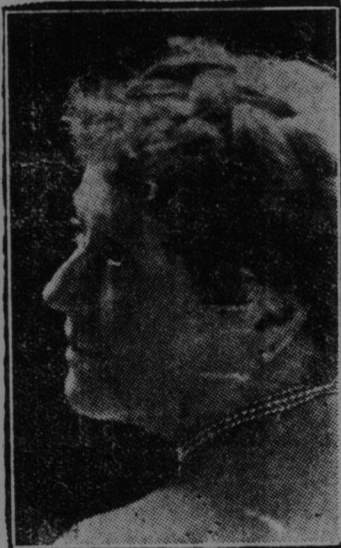
When pressed by F. S. Cahill for a more definite statement Sir Thomas said that it was impossible for him to say more, as negotiations are proceeding. Hon. Charles Murphy asserted that under such circumstances it was not reasonable to expect the house to proceed with the bill.

There was some criticism of the action of the government by Major Thomas A. Vieu, who regretted that an order-in-council appointing a receiver had been passed before the government had declared its railway policy. He maintained that the government had relieved the Grand Trunk of its liability in respect of the G. T. P. and that it has done just what it wished to avoid.

R. L. Richardson of Springfield was critical of the attitude of the previous speaker. He declared that there appeared to be a conspiracy on the part of certain newspapers to help the Grand Trunk, and resented the suggestion that the Grand Trunk Company should be treated with generosity. It would be useless, he said, to pour more money into the railways, and there was nothing left but public ownership. "The babies," he said, "had been left on our doorstep and we had to nurse them."

Sir Thomas White explained that under the receivership the government will not pay interest guaranteed by any of the provinces. The government would pay only enough to operate the system. He denied that the action of the government in regard to the Grand Trunk would hurt the credit of Canada in London and read a cable from Sir George Perley to the effect that the credit of the dominion was good in the mother country.

MRS. W. G. OBERNIER.



Prominent Toronto musician and widely known in the musical circles of the United States and Canada, who died in Toronto at the age of 52 years.



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POST TOASTIES

A food all boys like Bobby

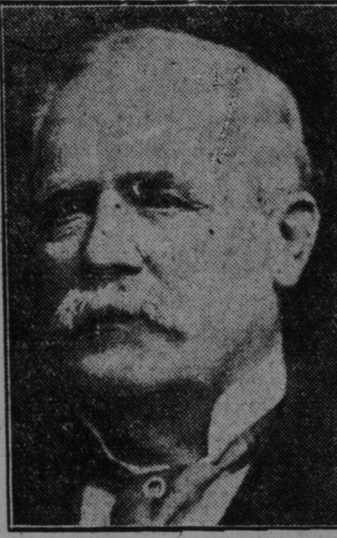
GOES TO RUSSIA IN COMMAND OF ENGINEERS

An interesting letter was received from Lieutenant-Colonel J. Carleton Brown, R. E., this week, written in February before he left for Batum, Southern Russia, with the 273rd Railway Company of the British Saloniki force, which has been re-fitted and reinforced to form part of the army of occupation in the Middle East. In an extract from his letter, he says:

"It is with great satisfaction I am to take with me intact my old company, the 273rd Royal Engineers. They are all picked men, fine soldiers and well trained in railway construction. We go by the way of Constantinople to Batum a port on the Black Sea, where I will be in charge of railway work, in all its branches, for the army of occupation. A railway of 300 miles runs across the country to Baku, a town on the Caspian Sea. Some of the fiercest battles were fought by the Russians and Turks in this vicinity consequently, much has been destroyed. We expect to camp in or near the Caucasus Mountains."

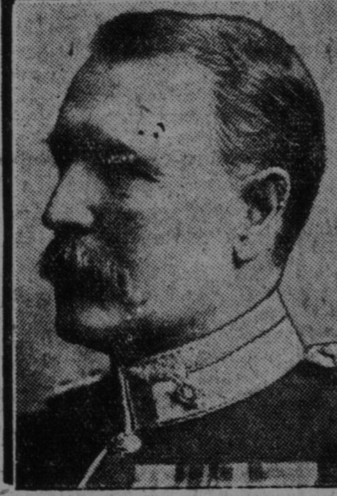
Lieutenant-Colonel Brown, in 1915 went overseas with the 55th Battalion as a lieutenant. Shortly after arriving in England he became attached to the 273rd Railway Company of the Royal Engineers and was sent with a draft of men to Saloniki where he has been since that time. His career has been a fine one and his capabilities as a soldier and in engineering have been fully recognized by those in authority or he never would have been given command of such an important expedition. He is a New Brunswick man and St. Stephen in his birthplace. He expects to remain in the Middle East for a year or more.

SENATOR GEORGE TAYLOR.



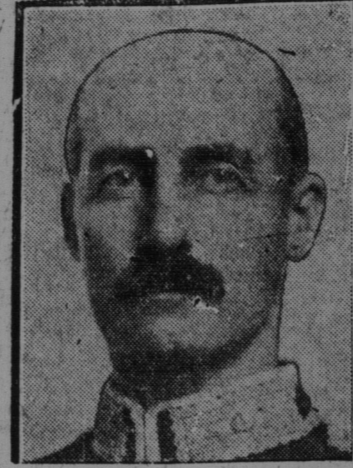
Former chief whip of the Conservative party, who died in Ottawa on Tuesday.

IN IRELAND.



Lieut-General Sir Frederick C. Shaw, who directed the military operations in the Belfast strikes.

MAJOR W. T. LAWLESS, D. S. O.

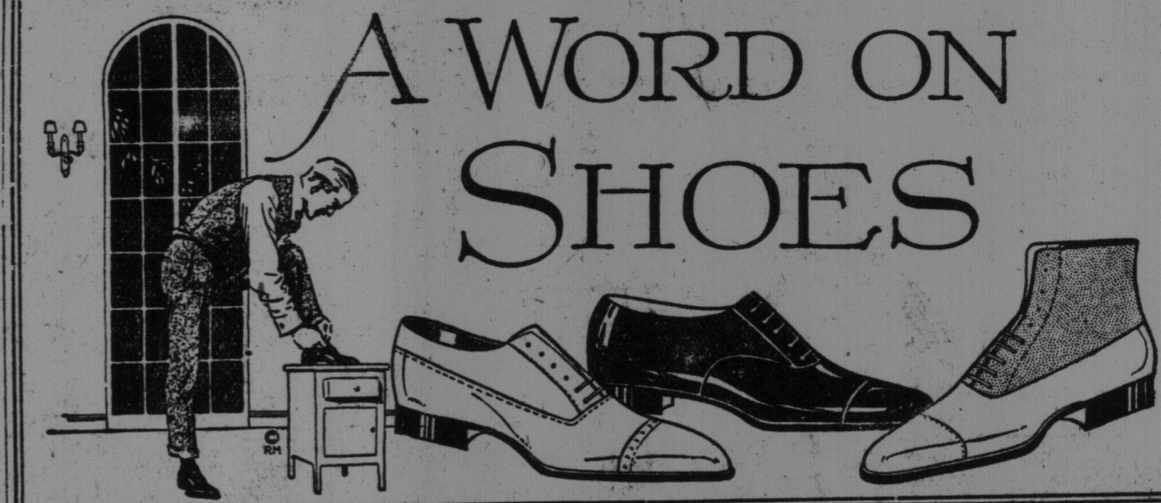


"Fighting Lawless" a veteran of South Africa and the big war, returned recently on the Olympic. He was formerly attached to the Canadian Regulars.

GENERAL SIR EDMUND ALLENBY



The General commanding the British forces in Egypt.



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