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ARMY OFFICERS RESIGN WHEN TROOPS ARE RUSHED TO ULSTER

Montreal Civic Official Accused of Grafting—Inquest Into Woodbine Hotel Fire—Murderer of Toronto Man Found Guilty—Toronto Society Leader Dead

Troops Are Rushed Into Ulster War Outbreak is Hourly Feared Orange Forces Well Organized

Regular Soldiers Suddenly Moved to Strategic Points to Suppress Threatened Rising—Ulstermen Notified by Motor-Car Messengers to Be Ready at Instant Notice.

Asquith Ministers Announce Determination to Make Home Rule Effective by Force of Arms if Necessary—Cooler Men Among Ulster Unionists Hope to Avoid Clash.

DUBLIN, March 20.—It is said that as a result of instructions sent by the war office to the Curragh camp today that officers who objected to serving in Ulster must resign or be dismissed from the army, one hundred officers tendered their resignations.

LONDON, March 20.—"War in Ulster" is the startling headline which the sensational London newspapers are displaying in the blackest type. The government began today to dispose of its regular troops in Ireland so that they may be in a position to deal with any situation that arises. The cooler men among the loyalists and the Ulster Unionists, however, believe that nothing resembling war is yet in sight.

The army council some time ago considered the possibilities of home rule strife and instructed Lieut.-Gen. Sir Arthur Henry Pursey, P.C., who commands the Irish garrisons, to take all necessary precautions to maintain order and safeguard property. A general redistribution of the forces in Ireland therefore was begun today.

Moved to New Stations. Two regiments were sent from the north to reinforce the Ulster garrisons, while the troops in Ulster were moved to new stations in conformity with the custom that, in the event of hostilities or rioting, soldiers should not be compelled to encounter people with whom they had formed friendships. In accordance with the same rule some Irish recruits were sent from the Armaagh recruiting station to England.

The possibilities of a collision between the British soldiers and Ulster volunteers, resulting from the superheated political feeling, are recognized, and the leaders on both sides are trying to exert a pacific influence. John Redmond, the Nationalist leader in parliament, today telegraphed the Nationalists in Belfast an urgent appeal to abandon a parade arranged for Sunday in Londonderry, which it was thought would likely result in rioting.

Home Rule is a question mainly for Ireland itself. Three-fourths of the people there have demanded it persistently for years and we have no right to listen to the demand for more concessions or yield to clamor. We have no more desire to yield to lawless lawyers than to lawless laborers.

Thomas McKinnon Wood, secretary of state for Scotland, said: "We will carry home rule by agreement if we possibly can, but without it we must risk immediate coercion."

Mr. John Alabrooke Simon, attorney-general, said the government proposed to go steadily on adding what ever happens we will see that law and order are unflinchingly observed in Ulster.

In view of the partisan claims regarding the number of men, the organization and equipment of the Ulstermen.

FEVERISH PREPARATIONS MADE; TENSION IN ULSTER IS GREAT

Sir Edward Carson, after being received at Belfast yesterday by Gen. Sir George Richardson, commander of Ulster forces, conferred privately with the Orange leaders. It is understood that he counseled a "passive resistance" policy for the present. British troops were reported last night moving along the Ulster border. The men were fully equipped for instant service. Despatch riders in motor cars returned to Belfast yesterday after arranging for prompt mobilization of Orange forces should the need arise.

HUNDRED OFFICERS AT CURRAGH REPORTED TO HAVE RESIGNED

War Office Admits Rumors Are Current and States That Appropriate Measures Will Be Taken—Asquith Ministers Called to Consider Situation in Ulster.

LONDON, March 20.—When inquiry was made at the war office tonight concerning the report that a hundred army officers in the Curragh camp had resigned rather than serve in Ulster, War Secretary Seely's secretary admitted that similar rumors had reached the war office and that appropriate measures would be taken to deal with the situation.

An Emergency Conference. A conference of ministers, urgently summoned, met at Col. Seely's residence tonight, and sat for over two hours discussing the situation in Ireland. Those present included Premier Asquith, Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, and members of the war office staff. Later Mr. Churchill summoned the first sea lord, Prince Louis of Battenberg, to the admiralty house at midnight for a further discussion.

Brig.-Gen. Count Gleichen, commander of the troops in Belfast, has been summoned to London to confer with the war officials. The number of troops now in Ireland is 24,000.

ULSTERMEN READY TO FIGHT BRITISH TROOPS RE-INFORCED

Belfast Astrir Following Conferences of Ulster Leaders and Sudden Shifting of Government Forces Thruout Ulster—Leaders Are Being Closely Guarded.

BELFAST, March 20.—The whole of today was crowded with surprises and suppressed excitement for the people of Belfast. The dramatic entry into Belfast of Sir Edward Carson, the Unionist leader in Ulster, fresh from his defiance of the government in the house of commons, his reception by Gen. Sir George Richardson, retired, commander of the Ulster volunteers and a picked body-guard and a conference which followed with the Ulster leaders, furnished the excitement. The complete shifting of the troops which was in progress thruout Ulster and the arrival of reinforcements from the south furnished the surprise.

Troops Fully Equipped. The Dorsetshire regiment, which had been stationed in Belfast for the past year was transferred to the Holywood Barracks, four miles distant. The men marched with full equipment, taking with them twelve carts loaded with rifle ammunition and also machine guns. It was expected that the Bedfordshire regiment from Mullingar, Westmeath, would take the place of the Dorsetshire in the Victoria Barracks during the night. While the Dorsetshire were passing Craigavon, County Down, the residence of Captain James Smith, one of the volunteer leaders and with whom Sir Edward Carson is staying the guards of the Ulster volunteer force turned out an detour at salute. Many of the Dorsetshire returned the salute.

Troops tonight were moving all along the Ulster border. Messages received from Enniskillen, Newry, Armaagh and Omagh, said that detachments from various regiments from Dublin, Carragh and Mullingar were drafted in. Their expected arrival was made the occasion for enthusiastic demonstrations by the loyalists.

WRONG BODY WAS SHIPPED AWAY FOR BURIAL

Cohan and Levinson Were Found in Ruins of Woodbine Hotel Yesterday and Body Thought to Be Cohan's Will Be Sent Back From New York.

Five bodies have now been removed from the ruins of the Woodbine hotel and only four have been identified. These are those of Cohan, Graham, Wilmet and Levinson. The body next taken out was not Cohan's, and its presence in the building cannot be explained.

The mystery of the unknown body, the first one found, is difficult to solve. When first taken from the hotel it was positively identified as that of Max Cohan, New York, by his own brother, and was sent to New York for burial by the F. W. Matthews Company. Now it has been proven that was all a mistake. Cohan and Levinson's bodies were found yesterday afternoon by the fire department from that of the hotel, and they presumably re-entered the building to rescue. Last night Cohan's brother was wired to stop the funeral today and to ship the remains back to Toronto.

Cohan's body was positively identified yesterday by a gold tooth. Levinson was identified by a signet ring bearing his initials and by letters. There is no doubt of the identity of Graham and Wilmet, but who is the fifth victim? All guests and hotel employees have been accounted for, all missing persons by guests who escaped have been accounted for.

Neither the body first thought to be Cohan's nor that of an unknown guest of the hotel after the fire was discovered, perhaps to lend assistance. First it was suggested the body was that of Harry Brant, a permanent lodger in the hotel, and friend of Coleman Bellise (or Belmont), both names were given. Phillips or Charlie Martin, Brant was not seen by people about town who knew him, since the fire until yesterday when their alarms were always by his reappearance after a trip to Detroit.

Not Graham's Friend. Next the theory was advanced that the dead man might have been Graham, as he had worked in the C.P.R. office here and had friends in Toronto. A message late last night to Graham's employer and friend in London exploded this, however. Graham's only intimate friend here was his former fellow-employee, Finner, who had intended to visit the Woodbine on Tuesday evening, but who is now in London and will be a pall-bearer at the funeral there today. In this connection light was thrown on the failure of Graham to make his escape.

Finner phoned to the Woodbine at 7:30 Tuesday night and asked for his friend. He was told Graham did not answer the call, and after paging him left the call standing and started to the hotel. At 8 o'clock he arrived there. The place was on fire. Club mates of Graham's in London say it is his invariable custom to take a 15-minute sleep after dinner, and while so sleeping it was difficult to awaken him. From the position of Graham's body it is supposed he was awakened from sleep late and died searching for his room door.

KILLED BY FALL FROM A TOWER

Cadet at Royal Military College at Kingston Missed His Footing While Taking Photographs.

SPECIAL TO THE TORONTO WORLD. KINGSTON, March 20.—Cadet Gilbert Fry, Montreal, in his final year at the Royal Military College, met a tragic death on the military grounds this afternoon when he fell off a water tower, a distance of over a hundred feet, and was killed instantly. He went up on the tank to take some photographs. He was 19 years of age, prominent in sports, and a general favorite. This is the first fatal accident to occur at the college. A year ago, May 1, two cadets, Logie and Smith of Hamilton, were upset and drowned in the river while making their way to Wolfe Island and their bodies never were recovered.

Locked Door Cut Off the Escape Lights at Exits Not Easily Seen Say Woodbine Probe Witnesses

Actors Supplied Testimony at the Inquest Into Hotel Disaster—Corner McCollum Learns That Lucky Chance Was Alone Responsible for Lee's Success in Reaching Fire Escape—One Witness Had Been in Chicago Theatre Fire—Jurors Visited the Hotel Ruins and Studied Layout of Corridors.

Actors playing in four local theatres gave all the evidence taken at the second sitting of the Woodbine Hotel inquest yesterday. Roughly their testimony was much alike, but this was established beyond doubt: that there were no fire ropes in any of the rooms, that access to the fire escapes could only be had thru private rooms, one of which was locked. Had not the occupants of the other by the merest chance, been in it, it also would have been locked. Also that the fire exit lights were not so prominently located that their position was impressed upon the minds of the majority of the witnesses.

MONTREAL CIVIC OFFICIALS ACCUSED OF TAKING BRIBE FROM DETECTIVES FOR AID IN SECURING OF CONTRACTS

Beck Charges That Detective-Phone Can Prove Crepeau, Assistant to City Clerk, Pledged Himself to Use Influence With Board of Control and Aldermen.

Alderman O'Connell, One of Three Mentioned, Strongly Asserts Innocence, as Does Crepeau—Action Will Be Taken Against Beck—Great Civic Sensation Caused.

MRS. E. C. JONES DEAD, AGED 94

She Had Been a Leader in Toronto Society for the Past Sixty Years.

SLAYER EVADES DEATH PENALTY

Schaeffer, One of Murderers of Toronto Man, Will Serve Long Term.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Harry Schaeffer, aged 19, was this afternoon found guilty of murder in the second degree in connection with the killing of W. G. Martin, the Toronto milliner, on Aug. 11, last year. Schaeffer was remanded to the Tombs for one week when he will be sentenced. Before the jury returned to the courtroom the mother of the prisoner went out into the corridor of the criminal courts building, and, crouching on her knees, prayed silently. His father, at the same moment, sat in the vacant courtroom with his hands tightly clasped.

When the jury returned and Foreman Robert Bradley was asked by the clerk of the court if the jury had found a verdict, the foreman spoke so low that he had to be again queried by the clerk. The verdict of murder in the second degree carries with it a prison sentence of not less than 20 years. Schaeffer smiled carelessly when he was returned to the courtroom. After the verdict was announced he leaned over and said to his counsel, Frederick A. Ware, "Thanks, old man, much obliged."