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Toronto (noon)—Strong N. W. winds, fair and cold. Thursday:—Winds shifting to E, snow or sleet again by night.

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ESTIMATE OF VOLUNTEERS IS 110,000

About Half Are Equipped With Modern Rifles.—Short of Ammunition. HAVE BEEN WELL TRAINED IN A SHORT PERIOD

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Ulster Well Equipped. Mr. Nevins has clearly great admiration for the volunteer officers, and reports many of them, while determined in preparation, are anxious for a wise settlement.

The Times military correspondent's description runs:

"A recent innovation is the preparation of a special force for the purpose of supporting the frontier units and executing special missions. This corps consists of 2,000 Belfast men and will be supplemented by small contingents of 300 to 500 men apiece from the counties.

Aviator Gained Height of 5200 Feet

Chartres, France, March 31.—Aviator, Garait, today established an altitude record, when he ascended to a height of 5,200 feet with nine passengers.

SIR EDWARD GREY ACTS IN PLACE OF ASQUITH

States That No Written Pledge Was Given John Redmond Regarding Home Rule.

MINISTERS NOT PREPARED FOR MORE CONCESSIONS

Unionists Not Likely to Oppose Asquith But Larkin May Enter East Fife Fight

London, March 31.—Basing their attack on Asquith's resignation the Unionists renewed their assault on the Government today, when the Home Rule Bill came up for its second reading.

The promise of a violent debate had attracted large crowds. When Sir Edward Grey arose, in the place of Asquith, to speak on behalf of the Government, he was cheered by the Liberals.

No Written Pledge

In answer to a question from the floor, he replied that the Government had not given any written guarantee to John Redmond that the Home Rule Bill would be passed without an appeal to the people through the medium of a general election.

Each county must, he said, settle the question at the end of that time. Meanwhile the question of Ulster could not arise until after a general election, but if there were sporadic outbreaks in that province, forces must be used, and if any attempt be made to set up a provisional government to defy the Imperial Parliament, the Army would be called on.

Proposed Federal System

He believed that if the difficulty was not solved by the introduction of a federal system, the country would go under, through the inability of Parliament to transact business.

The Foreign Secretary's suggestion as to a federal system was received by the House with marked attention.

It is reported from Dublin that Mr. Asquith will be opposed in the election at East Fife by James Larkin, who, as head of the Transport Workers' Union, was leader in the Dublin strike last autumn; and in connection with which he was sentenced to seven

months' imprisonment for inciting to riot, last October, but was later released.

Morley Won't Resign

Lord Morley, of Blackburn, President of the Council, has abandoned his intention of resigning, and has so intimated to the House of Lords.

In the House of Commons last night F. E. Smith, one of the chief supporters of Carson, endeavored to take up the pre-arranged plan of the opposition, and attack the Government on the Cabinet meeting the strongest pressure was brought to bear on him not to add to his colleagues' difficulties.

The Unionist party would support Ulster whatever the consequences, civil war or any other cataclysm that might dismember the whole Empire.

Just a Red Herring

The Evening News goes to the length of saying that the cry of the Army or the People, is raised to hide the failure of the Insurance Act.

It seems impossible that the Government can hold on much longer, but it seems equally certain that the opposition will fall in the pit which they have dugged for themselves, and that the campaign will be chiefly fought on the lines as to whether Parliament and King, or Army is to rule, with the election outlook for the Government much better than a fortnight ago.

It has not yet been decided whether the Unionists will contest Asquith's seat. A large section of Unionists is in favor of allowing the Premier's re-election without opposition, which would permit his return to the Commons, a week earlier than if opposed.

The Daily Mail and other Unionist papers accuse the Premier of running away deliberately and taking the course he adopted in order to be able for a fortnight to avoid questions in Parliament.

Prefers to Act Himself

The more general view is that the Premier has taken the war portfolio because, after his experience of Col. Seely and Viscount Morley, he was afraid to intrust it to anybody else, during the present crisis.

The Liberal papers are evidently relieved at the unexpected turn of affairs, admit that Asquith's course is astonishing and unprecedented, and express admiration for his boldness and courage, which, they believe, will touch the imagination of the country, and restore the Government's prestige.

The Daily Chronicle declares that the Premier's assumption of control of the War Office is a plain intima-

1,000,000 WORKMEN MAY STRIKE

Trouble Brewing in Many Departments of English Labor.—One Hundred Thousand Colliers Have Already Gone Out On Strike.

London, March 31.—England faces a strike of almost 1,000,000 workmen; 100,000 colliers have quit work in Yorkshire, 150,000 more declare they will strike this week unless the minimum wage and scale is granted. A great strike of workers on the London subway and street cars is fixed for Wednesday unless an agreement is reached.

Is First English Policewoman

London, March 31.—England's first policewoman was appointed today. She is a widow, named Hughes, 31 years of age; and has been made an Inspector of the Criminal Investigation Department of the Liverpool Police system.

Levant Liner 'Tenedos' Ashore

Hamburg, March 31.—German Lloyd's office has received a despatch that the Levant liner Tenedos is ashore near Euboea, on the Grecian peninsula, that the position of the ship is dangerous, and that she has a big hole in her side.

tion to all concerned that the Government is determined that the civil power must prevail in conflict with the military; and adds: "In Mr. Asquith the imperial sovereignty of parliament, and the outraged sanctity of civil freedom have the strongest champion available."

New Issue Now

The apprehension raised in the minds of the Unionist Party, at the way Liberals and Laborites have seized by the election cry of "Parliament versus Army," is illustrated by an editorial in the Times, warmly praising Asquith for having done the right thing in taking the War Office.

"Now that Asquith is next to the King and at the head of the Army and administration he owes a new and special duty to the Army, namely to shield it from the wanton attempts of his own lieutenants and his allies in the Labour and Nationalist camps, to raise a new electioneering cry of Army against People."

MARCH CAME IN LIKE LAMB OUT LIKE A ROARING LION

Yesterday's Storm Was the Worst For the Season, Although Weather Was Not Frosty.

HURRICANE OF WIND PILED UP BIG DRIFTS.

Tremendous Undertow in Harbor Did Damage to Shipping and Water-front Property.

Yesterday's storm was the worst for the season, and in fact for some years. There was one redeeming feature, however, the frost was not keen.

Had the thermometer been below zero it would have been one of the severest storms in the history of the city.

Those who thought a week ago that the old man winter had left us for this season, were very much mistaken.

The snow appeared about 8 a.m. yesterday, and until well into the night there was very little cessation. The wind blew at hurricane force from the E.N.E., and the drifts were blinding.

Street Cars Tied Up

The street car service was hung up early in the day. The drifts were such that the officials saw the uselessness of attempting to keep the line open.

Shop hands found much difficulty in wending their way home at tea hour and were delighted to be able to remain under cover for the balance of the evening.

Tremendous Undertow

During the afternoon there was a tremendous undertow in the harbor. We never saw the waters look so boisterous as they did about 5.30.

Schooners at anchor were swaying around in all directions, and the wonder is that many were not seriously damaged.

In several places the waves broke over the piers.

At 6 o'clock a crowd collected at Ayre & Sons Cove as the landing stage for the harbor ferry was broken and tossed about by the waves.

On the Higher Levels

Those obliged to travel the higher levels after dark had a most uncomfortable time. Conditions were never so bad before. Three different persons reported to-day that they thought they would be smothered by the drifts.

On LeMarchant Road and Hamilton Avenue the snow drifts were blinding and pedestrians could barely get along. Very few in that section ventured out after tea.

Trains Delayed

The shore train did not arrive until nearly 11 o'clock. There were only five passengers: Mrs. Pike, of St. Lawrence, who is on a visit to Mr. W. J. Clouston; Mr. T. McGrath, who was at Harbor Grace in connection with the painting of the new

public building; Mr. Caul, Setward and two others.

While passing Spaniard's Bay the gale was so fierce that it blew the glass out of the engine window. Several times it seemed that the train would be blown off the track. She reached the city without further mishap, however.

There was only one cab at the station, as the cabman like others preferred the warmth of their homes.

Twenty Feet of Snow

Early this morning there was a bank of snow fully 20 feet high on Harvey Road, near the Parade Ring. A gentleman who has travelled the road for 30 years, informs us that he never saw such a pile of snow before.

Windows Blown Out

In many parts of the city windows were blown out, fences were torn down and the water shoots ripped out. A large pane was blown out at the British Hall and another in the building opposite the East End fire station chimney tops went by the score.

Short Distance—Long Trip

Milkmen had a hard time reaching the city this morning, as the horses were bogged repeatedly. One man from Virginia says he was two hours in trying to reach King's Bridge. He had to shovel a path for the horse for a considerable distance and only a hard work did he get through at all.

Steamer Struck By Lightning Bolt

Boston, March 31.—The steamer Winifredian, which arrived today from Liverpool was struck by lightning, when in mid-ocean, on March 26th. The bolt splintered the foremast and startled the passengers.

Oust Standard Oil From Ohio State

Columbus, Ohio, March 31.—Judge Dillon of the Common Police Court granted an alternative writ ordering Attorney General Logan to institute proceedings to oust the Standard Oil Company with its subsidiaries, including the Imperial Oil Company of Canada, from doing business in Ohio. The case is set for hearing on April 20th.

Lloyd George Has Lost His Voice

London, March 31.—Although the illness of Lloyd George is declared not to be of a serious nature, the London specialist, Dr. William Benn, who was called in to attend him, said that the Chancellor's voice was completely lost, and that all his immediate engagements had consequently been postponed.

A GOVERNMENT THAT THRIVES ON ITS BLUNDERS

Recent Troubles Seem to Have Placed Liberal Ministers in Better Position Than Ever.

GREY ADVOCATES NEW SOLUTION OF PROBLEM.

Suggests Federal System of Government For Whole of the British Isles.

London, Mar. 31.—A Parliamentarian observed a few days ago, "This amazing Government seems to thrive on its blunders, and the net result of a crisis without parallel in modern times has been that the debate on the second reading of the Home Rule Bill has resumed to-day in an atmosphere of unexpected calm with apparently a better prospect of being carried by consent than ever before."

Unionists Alarmed

Unionists are clearly alarmed at the spectre which Carsonite methods have raised of an election fought on the platform of "Parliament vs. Army."

Even moderate Liberals are anxious to avoid such a struggle, which it is foreseen would loose a flood of passion exceeding even that which attended the agitation to abolish the veto of the House of Lords.

Hence the proposal of Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to the House of Commons today of a Federal system government for the British Isles as a solution of the difficulty, which he put forward in a most conciliatory speech, has been received by both sides of the House with great sympathy, and it is believed will lead to a renewal of negotiations between the front benches for the arrangement of an acceptable compromise.

Favor Federal System

Opinion, both inside and outside Parliament, largely supports a settlement on a Federal basis and a meeting of about fifty members of the House, representing both parties, was held to-day to discuss such a settlement.

Viscount Morley's decision not to resign as Lord President of the Council pleases the Liberals, as at his advanced age it would have meant his permanent retirement from politics and the party would regret to see such a veteran statesman retired under a cloud.

Torreon City Is Still Holding Out

Washington, March 31.—The Mexican Embassy to-day received the following message from the Foreign Office in Mexico City:—"Torreon has not fallen, and the Government are quite confident that it will not fall."

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