

# SEELEY'S Guarantee Repudiated.

**Was Given Without Consent of Cabinet---Asquith and Grey Refuse to Make Terms With Officers---King Criticised in Commons---Defended by Ministry.**

Special to Evening Telegram.

LONDON, March 25. The Daily Citizen, labor organ, openly ascribes the crisis to the interference of the King and Court, adding that the King has been interfering all through. For months the Court has been a Conservative Committee, in the activities of which many titled women, headed by Lady Londonderry, have taken an active part, and who know an Army officer, knows his susceptibilities to feminine influence. Fortunately distinguished officers like Field Marshal French and General Paget have no part in the conspiracy, and can be relied upon to do a soldier's duty, should the necessity arise. The Government has displayed weakness, continues the Citizen, apparently because it is trying to cover up somebody's blunder. The Citizen hinted yesterday that Lady Londonderry had actually visited Curragh Camp to influence the officers.

The Times says that evidence has accumulated to confirm reports that the Government's intended coup in Ulster was on a larger scale than the public is aware of, and that a large force was ordered to support the military movement, the order being countermanded only when the officers refused to serve. In an editorial the Times acquits Premier Asquith and his more responsible colleagues of any effective share either in the conspiracy or mishandling of the Ulster plot.

The Labor Party members, who throughout the Asquith administration have been criticized by many of the rank and file of their party for seeming to be docilely chained to his chariot wheels, are in open revolt. They lay on the fact that Tom Mann was sent to prison for six months for directing soldiers to refuse to fire upon strikers when ordered, and demand to be informed as to whether there is one law for aristocrats with commissions, and another for plebeians.

John Redmond, in a statement, declared that the question now is whether the atmosphere of aristocratic London drawing rooms, or the will of the majority of the people should prevail.

The Commons witnessed yesterday afternoon a telling demonstration of how the land lies. It showed where not only Irish Home Rulers and Laborites who made Asquith's majority and hold the balance of power in the House. Stand, but that many Liberals are opposed to what, from their present information, they consider a surrender to Army officers. The Army appropriation Bill was under discussion.

cussion, and Leopold C. Amery moved a resolution for the purpose of criticizing the Government on the ground that it was not entitled to use the Army for party purposes, which is the basis of the Unionist position in the present crisis. A Laborite, John Ward, who was once a dock laborer and at one time a private in the Army, seconded the motion, but from a different point of view. He said that the Conservatives, by approving the rebellion of the officers, have started to smash the British Army. The House, he said, had to decide whether it was going to maintain the discipline of the Army as a neutral force, or whether Parliament, elected by the people, should absolutely, without interference from King or Army, make the rules of the realm. When the speaker uttered in stentorian tones "without interference of King or Army," giving a dramatic pause on the word "King," half the members in the House were on their feet cheering not alone Labour members and Nationalists, but many official members stood and shouted for a considerable time. Parliament has not witnessed such an obviously hostile criticism of the throne in the memory of the oldest member, nor even in the past century.

DUBLIN, March 25. Arriving at Curragh Camp to-day, General Gough, Commander of the Third Cavalry Brigade, had an enthusiastic reception. Addressing the officers he said that 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 and property, or the preservation of order, it was their ordinary duty and they would undertake it.

LONDON, March 25. The refusal to-day of Premier Asquith to accept the proffered resignation of Colonel Seeley, Secretary of State for War, was followed by a strong speech by the head of the Cabinet, who told the Commons that the Government had taken a firm stand in regard to the position of public servants. He said he would never assent to the claim of any body of men in the service of the Crown to demand from the Government assurances of a hypothetical character as to what should be done in circumstances which had not arisen. It would, he said, be a new claim and would put the Government at the mercy of the military and naval authorities. The Premier's announcement sent the supporters of the Government wild. They climbed on benches, waving papers and handkerchiefs, to the accompaniment of cheers, which lasted for several minutes.

Premier Asquith indicated in the Commons this afternoon, that he had chosen to have the entire cabinet stand or fall together, when he announced that he would not accept Col. Seeley's resignation. Asquith and other Liberal leaders endeavored in every way possible to answer the charge that King George had interfered in the administration of the Government. The Prime Minister deprecated the "improper attempt to drag the King into conflict." His Majesty has observed at all times every rule that comported with the dignity of his position as a constitutional monarch, said the Premier; and he reprehended the "most unfair, improper and inconsiderate attempts to draw the King's name into the controversy." Premier Asquith stated that in their reply to General Gough, Cabinet Ministers had carefully abstained from giving officers any assurances.

BELFAST, March 25. "Ulster is entirely indifferent as to the resignation of the Secretary of War, or whether any other member of the discredited Asquith Government resign," said Carson here to-day. "The actions of the Government have proved that any half dozen school boys, picked at random, could make a better show at running a country."

There was a clash here between Conservatives and Nationalist crowds early this morning. Several persons, including two women, were injured by stones. Several shots were fired and some arrests were made.

## THIS MORNING'S MESSAGES.

LONDON, This Morning. 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. Seeley and Sir Arthur Paget, commanding the troops in Ireland. Col. Seeley 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 politics or opposition to the policy or principle of the Home Rule Bill, without the knowledge of the Cabinet and contrary to its policy.

LONDON, This Morning. The Government has withdrawn General Seeley'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.

LONDON, This Morning. The most startling revelation yesterday was the confirmation of the report that the Government did plan an important 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.

LONDON, This Morning. The blunder General Paget made appears to have been in giving a practical ultimatum to the officers of the cavalry brigade to say whether they would take active service in Ulster or accept dismissal.

LONDON, This Morning. Premier Asquith said his statements that the officers should return to duty unconditionally were in good faith, since he only learned of Seeley's amendment to the Cabinet's memorandum only yesterday afternoon. The Prime Minister made clear the Government's position regarding the Army, declaring he would not assent to the claim of any body of men in the service of the Crown to demand assurances of what they should be required to do in circumstances which had not arisen.

LONDON, This Morning. Sir Edward Grey spoke even more strongly than the Premier. He said the Government was prepared at any moment to use force to whatever extent it is required to make the will of the people prevail. He continued: "This is a contingency which cannot arise for a long time and we will labor to avoid it."

Much of the oratory in the debate yesterday, consisted of denunciations of the military aristocracy. The Government members were pelted by

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to-day's revelations, but there remains very strong and outspoken dissatisfaction with the whole affair among the radicals and laborites, and many think the matter would have been allowed to rest, except for the almost unanimous attack by the Liberal press and the howlings of the Conservative press over what they speak of as a "Gough victory." All talk of a compromise on the Home Rule Bill is for a time suspended. Conservatives hold that recent events have shown that no compromise is possible except the unconditional exclusion of Ulster; and Liberals say that would not be a compromise, but a surrender.

LONDON, This Morning. Colonel Seeley's transfer to another Cabinet post is predicted, and the announcement and acceptance of General Paget's and Gough's resignations would be no surprise.

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## Bruce Report.

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Repairs to the S. S. Parthenia are now nearing completion and the ship will likely be discharged from the dry dock on Thursday next. Besides having a new rudder and stern post placed in position, the ship has had repainting.

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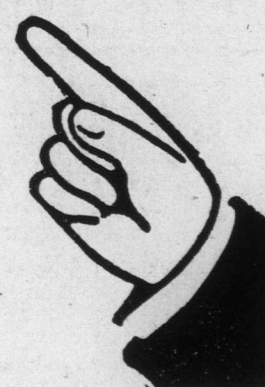
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HOSPITAL FILLED.—There are now twenty-six patients waiting for admission to the General Hospital at present, fifteen females and 11 males. Besides these several applications for admission are received from the outports daily. Every available cot is now filled.

AT GOWER STREET.—Devotional exercises were held last night at Gower Street Church. All the Methodist Ministers were present. Mr. J. Bowden read the lesson, Miss Hall sang a solo, and Mr. F. Chislett made the address. The Rev. Dr. Curtis also gave an address.

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