

MUTINY OF OFFICERS WAS TOLD IN HOUSE OF COMMONS TO-DAY

Correspondence Between War Office and Officers of the Army.

Fifty-seven of Them at Curragh Preferred to Quit Their Jobs.

LONDON, March 25.—The mutiny of a section of the officers of the British regular army in Ireland when they believed they were to be ordered to fight the Ulster men was again to-day the subject of the most profound interest in parliament and among the public.

The correspondence between the war office and the army officers in Ireland which led to the recent whole sale resignations of commissions and reinstatements, was made public to-day in the shape of a white paper or official communication to the Houses of Parliament.

It can be seen from this correspondence that the war office was informed early in December last of the possibility of resignation of officers being presented in case the political situation in regard to Ulster came to a crisis. In consequence of this information, Col. John Seely, the secretary of state for war, interviewed the general officers in command and explained to them that an officer of the British army was entitled to obey orders to shoot only in case the order was a reasonable one under the circumstances. The secretary for war told that no one from the army was to be permitted to use more force than was required to maintain order and the safety of life and property. He pointed out that no soldier could shelter himself from the civil law behind an order given by a superior officer if that order was unreasonable and outrageous. He continued:

"If therefore officers and men of the British army have been led to believe that there is a possibility they might be called upon to take outrageous action—for instance to massacre a demonstration of Orangemen who were causing no danger to the lives of their neighbors—had as were the effects on discipline in the army, nevertheless, it was true that they were in fact and in law justified in a refusal to obey."

"There never has, and is not now any intention, however, of giving out- raged and illegal orders to the troops.

"The law will be respected and must be obeyed. What has now to be faced is the possibility of action being required by troops in supporting the civil power in protecting lives and property which the police is unable to hold its own.

"Attempts have been made to dissuade from obeying lawful orders given to them when acting in support of the civil power. These attempts have amounted to the claim that officers and men of the army could pick and choose between lawful and reasonable orders, saying they would obey in one case and not in another."

"Continuing that there had not been a single case of lack of discipline in this respect in the British army, Col. Seely says:

"At the same time, as views and statements uttered in the press and elsewhere made the position clear, I informed the general officers that I would hold each of them individually responsible to see that there was no conduct in their commands subversive to discipline. I told them they could let it be clearly understood that any such conduct would be dealt with under the King's regulations.

"If any army officer should tender his resignation, I told the generals that they should ask for his reasons and if he indicated that he desired to choose which order he would obey, I would submit to the King that the officer should be removed from the army."

This was followed by a letter dated March 14, from the war office to General Sir Arthur Paget, commander-in-chief in Ireland, in which Sir Arthur was informed.

"In consequence of reports received by the government that attempts may be made in various parts of Ireland by evil disposed persons to obtain possession of arms and ammunition and other government stores, it is considered advisable that you should at once take special precautions for safeguarding the depots and other places where arms and stores are kept as you may think advisable.

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Not One Deed Held Of Grand Valley Property Between Here and Galt

That over the entire route of the Grand Valley radial railway between Brantford and Galt not one deed of the property is held by the railway, or is in reach of the city, was the statement made to the Courier last night by a prominent city solicitor. Moreover, one action against the railway is pending for the recovery of a parcel of land taken years ago, when the railway was first constructed. The Courier made enquiries this morning and found that the statement that there were no deeds held or even registered was authentic. It was presumed that the land had been secured on numerous agreements of sale, and the interesting situation arose whether the original railway promoters or their successors had carried out their part of the agreement. If not, would there be a flood of legal actions on the city to recover? Mayor Spence this morning quieted all fears. "If there are no deeds held of the property," said his Worship, "the courts will give us one. Ten years' possession gives ownership, anyway." However, one legal action is said to be on the tapis, and there may be others which have been held off owing to the fact that judgment against the Grand Valley would have been of little value, if any. But against the city it is a different story.

MYSTERIOUS FIRE CAUGHT AT COLBORNE STREET STORE— THE RIGHT TIME LAST NIGHT

Roberts and Van Lane Shoe Store Found in Smoke by Vigilant Policeman Early This Morning— Some Damage Occasioned.

Through the vigilance of P. C. Blanchard and the quick response of the fire department a serious fire was narrowly averted in the store occupied by Roberts and Van-Lane, Colborne street and owned by Mrs. John Hope.

About 1.30 a.m. P. C. Blanchard while making his rounds on Colborne street noticed smoke issuing from the cracks in the windows and door of the store and upon further investigation he could hear flames crackling on the inside. Running to Box 67 at the corner of Market and Colborne streets, an alarm was turned into the Central Fire Hall and the firemen came exceptionally quick response. Five minutes later and the whole store would have been in flames. Breaking open the front door, the firemen were met with a rush of smoke which poured out in great volumes. They pushed their way through the store carrying a line of hose with them and discovered a room in the rear of the store which is used for a stock room in a mass of flames. On opening the door leading into the room the firemen were met with another volume of dense smoke together with flames. The water was quickly turned on and the fire was confined to the one room. No more water than was absolutely necessary was used so that the stock

in the main part of the store was unharmed. The firemen had taken the chemical tanks in with them, but these were found to be of no use whatever. As yet the origin of the fire is a mystery, but it had evidently started among the pasteboard boxes on the shelves which are made of pine lumber. The second floor of the building is occupied by Dr. Russell, the dentist. The doctor did not know of the fire until aroused by Mr. Bert Young who with his family occupies the third story. Mr. Young was awakened out of his sleep by the smell of smoke and quickly slipping on his clothes he ran down and called Dr. Russell, after calling the rest of his family. Chief Lewis this morning commended P. C. Blanchard on his vigilance and stated that had the fire got five minutes more start on them, the whole building would have gone up in a mass of flames as the ceiling of the store is made of pine lumber. He considered it one of the luckiest discoveries he has ever seen. P. C. Blanchard it will be remembered was the policeman who discovered a fire in the same store about one year ago. The loss to Roberts and Van-Lane is not as yet known as a complete inventory will have to be made before any announcement can be made.

NEW GUN CLUB WAS ORGANIZED

A new gun club was organized last night in the Brant Bowling Alley which will be known as the Eagle Gun Club. Over thirty enthusiasts put in an appearance and before the completion of the meeting, over one hundred names of likely prospects were given.

The club proposes to purchase a small tract of land in the near vicinity on which they will erect a small club house. They will also purchase a new automatic trap shooting device of the latest design. Prospects for a very successful summer look bright and a good season's sport is anticipated.

The following officers were elected: President, Park Mather; Vice-Pres., H. Clark; Sec.-Treas., R. Lambton. Executive committee, Geo. Mathews, Alf. Woods, W. Doherty, R. Fowler, F. Billo, H. L. Wood.

CALLS GOVERNMENT TO RESIGN OFFICE.

MONTREAL, March 25.—A special cable to The Daily Mail from London, says: The Daily News, the chief Liberal newspaper this morning advises the government to at once resign and take the verdict of the country on the issue of 'the army versus the nation'

Cheer Up Spinster, You Live Longer

NEW YORK, March 25.—The spinster lives longer than the married woman and woman who holds an endowment insurance policy, lives longer than the woman who takes out a surfeit life policy. These facts substantiated by statistics gathered last year by experts in the employment of forty-three insurance companies were brought out last night by Arthur Hunter, an actuary, in an address at the monthly meeting of the life underwriters' association in New York. Mr. Hunter also said the business woman lives longer than the married man, but he did not attempt to explain why, except to declare that figures proved his statements to be a fact. Nor did he explain why a married woman survives the matron. He did tell, however, why the woman who takes out an endowment policy lives longer than the woman who has to die to win. "The endowment woman just gets up her spirit and determines to live until the policy matures," he said, "the other woman sighs and says, 'Oh, what's the use.'" Mr. Hunter said there were more fatal accidents in this country than elsewhere, because, of the American "I'll take a chance" spirit. "The mortality rate among engineers and firemen is eight times that of men in other callings," he said; "and among policemen about 40 per cent. higher. With policemen it is on the increase."

GERMANY IS LAUGHING OVER THE BRITISH CRISIS IN ULSTER PROVINCE

William Street Residents Do Not Want Synagog Erected in Their Midst

The proposal to erect a synagogue on vacant property next to 77 William street is being vigorously opposed by residents of that thoroughfare. The result is that petitions are now in circulation, not only among ratepayers of William street, but also along Brant avenue, asking that both these streets be declared residential thoroughfares only by the City Council. The petitions will be presented to the City Council at its next meeting. In order to prevent the erection of a synagogue on William street a by-law would have to be passed declaring the street open for residential purposes only. This would also prevent the erection of any stores or factories along the same street. Such a by-law was passed by the City Council last year in regard to a section on Colborne street east, and it is said to be an effective means of carrying out the wishes of the ratepayers of any particular section. It is understood that the local Hebrews have already paid \$500 down on the William street property, and it was proposed to build a \$15,000 synagogue. It has been discovered, however, that the property is somewhat small for the purpose, and it is said another location in the immediate neighborhood is being sought.

They Say That the Democratic Government Shows Its Failure.

Aristocratic Army Triumphs Over a Democratic House of Commons.

MONTREAL, March 25.—A cable to The Gazette from Berlin says: The liveliest interest in the Ulster situation is taken in Germany, the action of the army officers being, of course, the feature which attracts the most attention in this military Fatherland. Refusal by officers to carry out the government's command is inconceivable in this land of relentless discipline.

"Die Post" the Conservative and war party organ, remarks: "The soldiers trade is hard, and the man who is engaged in it dare not shrink from shooting down his brother if he finds him in the enemy's camp."

The Post also rejoices over what it considers a fiasco of parliamentary government for which the German Liberals and Radicals are clamoring. It says:

"In the twentieth century we may compare the spectacle of the inability of another parliament, either to prevent civil war or even to enforce its expressed wishes."

The Berliner Tageblatt (Radical) says: "The English Liberals are defeated. Home Rule will not be enforced until the people of Great Britain have voted on it at a general election. The aristocracy has overcome the democracy."

"Despite all the formidable efforts in recent times to guarantee the paramountcy of the people's will, the democratic government has forgotten that in the last analysis it had to reckon with an aristocratic army."

"The result of the new election is doubtful. It may come to pass that unrighteousness will triumph, because, as we now see, circumstances may arise even in Liberalized England, where 70 lieutenants count for more than 400 members of parliament."

CLASH AT BELFAST; SEVERAL INJURED

Orange and Nationalist Crowds Collided Early This Morning.

BELFAST, March 25.—There was a clash here between Orange and Irish Nationalist crowds early this morning. Several persons, including two women, were injured by stones. Several shots were fired.

Some arrests were made. Arriving at Curragh camp to-day, General Gough, commander of the Third Cavalry Brigade, had a most enthusiastic reception. Addressing the officers, he said he had a guarantee that they would not be employed to force Home Rule on the Ulstermen, but added that if they were ordered there for the protection of life and property and the preservation of order, it was ordinary duty, and they would undertake it. General Gough confirmed the statement that he had been given a written guarantee.

IS AWAITING HIS SENTENCE.

HAMILTON, Ont., March 25.—Joseph Wyseluk appeared in court to-day charged with assaulting his wife. Doctors told of the woman's injuries. Through an interpreter, the man said "I don't beat my wife every day. I have not time, because I work sometimes. I think she ought to have a trouncing once a month to keep her quiet." The magistrate will sentence him to-morrow.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS OF AN UNUSUALLY QUIET NATURE

Deputation of Citizens From Alfred Street Enters Kick Against Roller Skating License—Minor Matters of Civic Business Dealt With.

One of the quietest sessions of the City Council in many moons was held last night and one of the members remarked at the conclusion that it was the first prayer meeting he had attended in a long while. While no invocations were offered during the proceedings the dealing was doubtless unusually quiet from an aldermanic viewpoint. Only one committee reported, the Board of Works asking for a street flusher, to which will be added in due time a street sweeper and Ald. Bragg remarked, a dustier should also be secured to keep things nice and tidy around the business section.

The feature of the proceedings was a vigorous kick from residents in the vicinity of the Alfred street rink against the granting of a roller skating license. Property, declared Mr. Thomas Logan, had decreased 15 per cent in value already as a result of the city allowing an eye sore of a structure to be put up. In this he was supported by ex-Ald. Levi Fisher and also several members of the council. It did not look last night as if the finance committee of the City Council would grant the license, the chief objection being the noise that will ensue from the giddy whirl of the roller skaters and which was considered a menace to the peace, quiet and health of the residents around. The council put the matter of granting a license in abeyance by sending it on to the finance committee to deal with.

To Enlarge Subway. City Engineer Jones submitted a letter on the request of the Grand Trunk to widen the subway at Bedford street by 13 feet. This would have been alright he said, if the Holmedale switch had been constructed but was not necessary now. Besides if it were carried out, it would increase the cost of the proposed subway at St. Paul's avenue to which the city will probably have to contribute. The matter went to Ald. Charlton's committee with power to act.

The Inventory. The street railway inventory was tabled. The figures have already been published. It was a lengthy affair, which included even the oil cans in use on the railway. J. C. Watt and James Lowe did the work for the city.

House of Refuge. A lengthy report was read from the civic auditors, Messrs. Seago and Thompson in reference to the House of Refuge books, which they found in a muddled state and which they straightened out. Recommendations were made that more care be exercised in the keeping of such books in future. One item they unearthed, \$202, will more than pay both their salaries. As a result of an improper basis of collecting from the different municipalities, the city was found last year to have paid \$202 more than its share to the institution. It was suggested that this may have been going on for years, and Ald. Ward thought the matter should be looked into, as did the Mayor, who believed that if the city had been overcharged the county authorities would make it good. Ald. Ryerson dissented, stating that former efforts in this regard had resulted in no benefits but had caused trouble. However, the matter was referred to the finance committee and the auditors may continue the probe.

Mr. Rowell, leader of the Opposition, took occasion to commend again the principle of the bill, and urged that all haste be used to bring the benefits of the Act into effect. Several other members took part in the debate, and resolutions providing for a provincial contribution to the fund were passed. The resolution to reward the finder of radium in Ontario also passed the House.

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MR. W.S. BREWSTER SPEAKS ON BILL IN HOUSE TUESDAY

Best Workmen's Compensation Act in the World is Framed.

Leader Rowell Commends Principles of the Proposed Legislation.

TORONTO, March 25.—The Workmen's Compensation bill received its second reading yesterday in the Legislature, on the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, Mr. Lucas. In the course of his speech announced a forthcoming amendment to provide that the Act shall be effective not later than January 1 next, or at such earlier date as the government may determine. He said it was the hope of the government to bring the act into operation on November 1, the beginning of the statute year.

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LONDON, March 25.—The resignation of Colonel John Seely, Secretary for War, was followed quickly after the publication to-day of the white paper giving details of the crisis in the British army, whose officers refused to participate in active operations against the inhabitants of Ulster, who had prepared to offer armed resistance to the introduction of home rule.

Col. Seely, in his valedictory address to the House of Commons denied that King George had taken any initiative of any kind in the army crisis. He said:

"The suggestion is absolutely without foundation in the broadest sense. His Majesty took no initiative of any kind."

The correspondence between Col. Seely and the officers in Ireland had surrounded the country, and in the opinion of seasoned politicians demanded one of two courses—the cashiering of the secretary for war

or the resignation of the entire cabinet. The first course was decided on at a protracted cabinet council early this morning. Later in the day in the House of Commons, Premier Asquith, in reply to a question, made it clear that the instructions given to General Sir Arthur Paget to be used in an interview with the officers under him had emanated directly from the war office, and were not submitted to the Prime Minister by the secretary.

Seely's Resignation. Col. Seely, speaking in the House of Commons to-day, asked the indulgence of the House in view of a statement he would have to make before the close of the sitting. This was generally accepted as confirmation of the report of the secretary for war's resignation.

The House of Commons buzzed with excitement, and was crowded to its utmost capacity when Lord Charles Bessford opened the attack

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