

### SEES DISASTER TO UNITED STATES

#### Foreign Relations Strained

#### Senator Lewis Declares Move into Mexico is Full of Peril

#### European Powers Would Resist Interference and Uncle Sam Would Likely Have to Fight All of Them—Lively Debate on Panama Tolls Repeal Bill in the House.

(Canadian Press.)  
Washington, March 30.—On the eve of the vote in the house of representatives on the repeal of American tolls exemption in the Panama canal congress today was completely absorbed in the controversy, verbal artillery thundering throughout the day in both house and senate.

While opposing forces were clashing in oratorical flights at the capital, President Wilson took occasion to discuss the all-embracing situation with cabinet members, expressing his regret that what was intended to be a dignified contest over principles had degenerated into a fight against the administration. While on the subject, President Wilson, in a number of instances, in the debate of the declaration of Representative Knowland of California, that the administration had made a deal to repeal the tolls exemption with Sir William Turrell, secretary for Sir Edward Grey, British secretary for foreign affairs.

Little doubt as to the result of the vote on the tolls is entertained by anyone. The majority for the repeal being variously estimated at from thirty to seventy-five votes.

Discussion of the issue in the senate today was enlivened by Senator Lewis of Illinois, who pleaded for the president's cause, urging, however, a compromise, giving the president authority to suspend tolls.

Senator Lewis aroused mingled astonishment and curiosity among his colleagues by discussing the foreign relations of the United States and explaining what he thought the president might have referred to in his message on the tolls issue, asking congress to grant the repeal. He drew a vivid picture of dire things that would happen should the United States interfere in Mexico.

Referring to the president's failure to specify what foreign relations prompted him to appeal for tolls exemption, he said the senator, "I do not hesitate to give what I feel might have been his reasons." He then entered upon a part of acts of aggression on the part of the United States, beginning with the taking of the Philippines.

"You entered in the Philippines upon a system of colonial government," said the senator, and gentlemen who cry "England" from the other side of the chamber will not overlook that it was the influence of those who controlled in England by which this nation was deluged into the colonial policy of an English form of government.

### TWEEDIE HINTS AT RE-ENTERING PUBLIC LIFE

#### Ex-Governor, at Montreal, Says He May Lead Local Opposition

#### HAS BEEN ASKED TO TAKE THE REINS

#### Former Premier Says That Liberals Will Win the Next Election, But Task for New Government Would Be Hard Owing to the Extravagance of the Present Regime.

(Canadian Press.)  
Montreal, March 30.—It is more than probable that Hon. I. J. Tweedie, formerly prime minister of New Brunswick and lieutenant-governor of that province, will re-enter public life and lead the Liberal opposition forces at the coming provincial elections in that province.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie, who was in Montreal today on his way home from Hamilton, accompanied by Mrs. Tweedie, was asked if he did not intend to re-enter active public life. He replied that the party wanted him to do so, but that the way things were going in New Brunswick it might be hard for a man to take charge of affairs and conduct them on an economical and conservative basis, as he would constantly be confronted with the cry, "Look what the other fellows have done."

### FOUR GUNMEN TO DIE APRIL 13 SEEK CLEMENCY

#### Rosenthal's Slavers Ask Reprieve, Till After Becker's New Trial in Any Event.

New York, March 30.—H. Lionel Kringle, of counsel for the four gunmen who were found guilty of the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, left New York for Albany today with a petition asking Governor Glynn to stay the execution of the death sentence, set for April 13, until after the second trial of Charles Becker, the former police lieutenant, whose conviction was set aside by the court of appeals.

The petition is signed by ten of the twelve jurors who convicted the gunmen and contains in addition documentary matter and a prayer signed by the gunman, "Dago Frank" Cirofici, "Lefty" Rosenberg, "Gyp the Blood" Horowitz and "Whitey Lewis" Seidenstein, in which they request, first that the death sentence may be changed to a term of imprisonment, and second that reprieve be granted until after the final determination of the indictment against Becker.

District Attorney Whitman has announced that he will oppose any postponement of the execution of the death sentences.

Both houses today debated the situation at great length, but the debate summed down to mere assertions on the one side of a plot to seduce the army and on the other side of a plot to crush the Ulster covenanters, with denials and counter denials and heated personalities.

No member of the Irish Nationalists (Continued on page 2)

### ASQUITH'S BOLD STROKE MAKES UNIONISTS GASP

#### Takes War Portfolio Himself

#### Colonel Seely Out as Well as Generals—Premier to Seek Re-election in His Old Constituency and May Not Be Opposed—Home Rule Bill to Proceed Without Presence of Leader in House—Tories Alarmed at Result of Their Tampering with the Army.

(Associated Press.)  
London, March 30.—After all the many solutions of the government crisis which have been proposed and discussed, Premier Asquith announced a decision to the house of commons today which none of the prophets had expected or even guessed. The prime minister himself will assume the burden of the war office in addition to his other and almost crushing duties. He will resign from the house at this critical stage, when the second reading of the home rule bill is about to be taken up, and will appeal for re-election to his constituencies in East Fife, Scotland, within a few days.

Field Marshal Sir John French, chief of the imperial general staff, and General Sir John Ewart, adjutant general, declined to withdraw their resignations in spite of the army order issued on Friday, which Viscount Haldane cleverly framed as a platform on which the generals might stand with consistency and honor.

It thus became impossible for Colonel Seely, who was co-singer with them of the assurances to Brig-General Gough on the 24th of March, to remain in the press the Ulster opposition to home rule, to retain the secretaryship of war. His resignation therefore, was accepted after he had been for some days under fire, which resulted in his being appointed to the post of secretary of war.

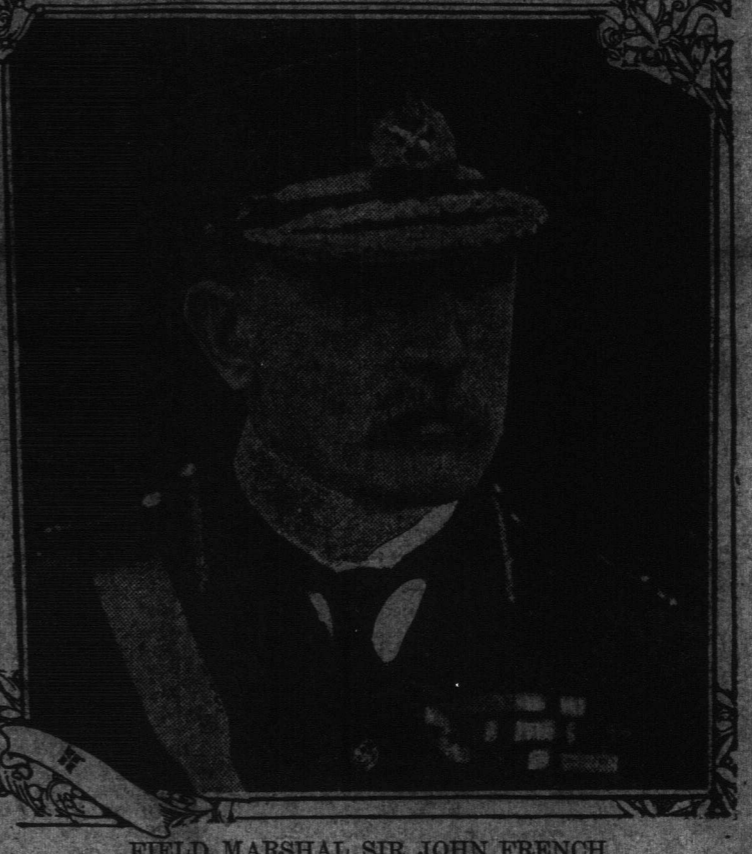
Viscount Morley of Blackburn, lord president of the council, who was partner with Colonel Seely in drafting the offending paragraphs of the document, stands in the same position, and his withdrawal from office is expected tomorrow.

The only practical loss to the party meantime will be the withdrawal of Mr. Asquith's voice from the debates. He will preside over the cabinet meetings and direct manoeuvres in the cabinet, but he will not be present at the house of commons until the by-election for April 13, until after the second trial of Charles Becker, the former police lieutenant, whose conviction was set aside by the court of appeals.

Mr. Asquith is already first lord of the treasury, which office he will continue to hold. It had merely shifted from one office to another the resignation of his seat in the house of commons would not have been necessary, but he had been legally advised that the acceptance of "an office of profit under the crown" in the words of the statute, necessitated a new election, although he will take only one salary, £25,000.

Gladstone took two offices under similar circumstances, accepting the salary of one and half the salary of the other, amounting to £87,000, and did not consider a re-election necessary.

Premier in Fighting Mood.  
The political scene gathered that Mr. Asquith is in fighting mood. They have been saying recently that he has shown the effects in his physical appearance of the heavy strain of his long labor in office and would gladly see the government defeated. But it looks at the present moment as though he had taken a new lease of life and proposes to make the recognition of the army a fighting issue.



FIELD MARSHAL SIR JOHN FRENCH.

### TO PROBE COST OF PINDER'S ROAD

#### Borden Government Appoints R. A. Pringle of Ottawa to Inquire Into Charges of F. R. Carvell and Admissions of H. F. McLeod in Parliament.

(Special to The Telegraph.)  
Ottawa, March 30.—The government has appointed R. A. Pringle, M.C., of Ottawa, to lead an investigation into the charges made some time ago in the commons by Mr. Carvell, in relation to the Southern Railway in New Brunswick, and the allegation that the road had been built out of government subsidies with \$26,000 left over for private profit.

### EPIDEMIC CLOSES NORMAL SCHOOL

#### Outbreak of Scarlet Fever in Fredericton, and Infection of Many Students Causes Authorities to Act—Plan to Re-open After Easter Holidays—Other News of the Capital.

(Special to The Telegraph.)  
Fredericton, N. B., March 30.—The Provincial Normal School was ordered closed this afternoon on account of the discovery of several additional cases of scarlet fever among the students.

### OTTAWA NOTES

#### DOWN A PURE WATER SUPPLY

Over 1300 Majority for Scheme to Filter the Ottawa River Water.  
Ottawa, March 30.—After one of the most bitter contests ever from thirty miles long, a pure water supply for the capital being the issue, ratepayers flocked to the polls today and gave the project to filter mechanically Ottawa river water at an approximate cost of \$2,000,000, a majority of 1308.

In opposition to this plan was a scheme to take the water from thirty miles long, an estimated expenditure of \$3,000,000. This latter scheme was reported on by Sir Alex. Blain, an eminent British engineer, and the victorious project was recommended by Mayor McVety and reported on by Archibald Currie, city engineer of Ottawa.

### GOULD'S POWER CO. SEEKS TO INVAD WOODSTOCK

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Woodstock, N. B., March 30.—A. R. Gould, L. R. Gould and C. A. Austin, of the Maine and New Brunswick Electrical Power Company, appeared before the town council this afternoon to ask permission to enter the town, erect poles, and string wires for an electrical service. Mr. Gould addressed the council on behalf of his company, saying they were anxious to get an auxiliary line to Houlton via Woodstock. His company was not in the retail business, but would sell to a subsidiary company. He could not say what their volts would be.

F. B. Carvell appeared on behalf of the Woodstock Light & Power Company, and said in view of the fact that they were furnishing light and power cheaper than any other concern in New Brunswick, and the vast interests of the company, composed entirely of local men, they felt they were entitled to some protection.

Mr. Carvell asked Mr. Gould what persons wanted the power in Woodstock, as stated in his remarks, but Mr. Gould would not divulge the names of the parties.

### BIG DECREASE IN ONTARIO LUMBER CUT

About 80,000,000 Feet Less Than Last Year—Prices Will Be Lower.  
Toronto, March 30.—The total quantity of lumber cut in the Ontario woods this year, according to the figures of the deputy minister of lands, forests and mines, was 473,500,000 feet, as against 553,528,828 feet last year. Pine will be \$1 to \$2 less per thousand feet this year than last, so a member of a prominent Toronto lumber firm states, and he says the price of hemlock will be \$16.50 as compared with \$17.50 last year.

Ellis, M. L. A. for West Ottawa and may be in 1914, who was defeated for re-election, opposed the mechanical filtration scheme.

### RAILWAY MONOPOLY THE TORRES GALE

#### PENNSYLVANIA ROAD PLANS GREAT ECONOMY

#### Will Discontinue 62 Trains and Lay Off 25,000 Men by April 1.

Philadelphia, March 30.—Higher wages, higher taxes, and recently enacted legislation are given by Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, as the principal causes of decrease in net operating revenue, necessitating the retrenchment policy, announced last week.

In carrying out the retrenchment policy thousands of men have already been suspended and many important passenger trains discontinued. It is planned to increase the number of suspended employees to 25,000 by April 1, the company announces that at least sixty-two trains, curtailing the service over practically the entire system, will be discontinued.

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### OHIO AFTER THE OIL TRUST

#### Suit to Oust the Standard and Its Subsidiary, the Imperial Oil Co. of Canada, From the State.

Columbus, Ohio, March 30.—Judge Dillon, of the common pleas court, today granted an alternative writ ordering Attorney-General Hogan to institute proceedings to oust the Standard Oil Company and its subsidiaries, including the Imperial Oil Company of Canada, from doing business in Ohio. The case is set for hearing April 20.

The suit was instituted several days ago by Geo. H. Phelps, an attorney of Findlay, Ohio. Phelps alleged that the Standard Oil Company and its subsidiaries, including the Imperial Oil Company of Canada, are being operated in this state in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law and the Valentine anti-trust act, an Ohio statute.

### N.T.R.'s. Ruin Sought for the Purpose

#### Hon. Frank Oliver Hands Hard Knocks to Government

#### Declares in Opposition, They Fought the Project, and in Power They are Carrying Out Their Intention to Kill Any Effective Competition in Railway Rates—Other News of Parliament.

(Special to The Telegraph.)  
Ottawa, March 30.—With blunt frankness this afternoon, Hon. Frank Oliver pointed to men for the maintenance of railway monopoly in Canada, as the reason underlying the government's attack upon the Transcontinental.

"The conservative party fought for railway monopoly before," he said, in his speech in the debate upon the Guelph-Staunton report, "and today by the use of this partisan report they indicate the determination of the government now in office to break the back of the only enterprise in sight which can give the four western provinces effective railway competition."

Mr. Oliver broke some new ground in the debate. He showed that in adopting the Transcontinental policy the Liberal government had been largely influenced by the need of increased transportation facilities and by recognition of the fact that railway competition would stimulate western development and lessen the flow of immigration.

"Today he said there are less than 100,000 acres of land under cultivation in the west, and that the number are capable of being made productive. How huge the future crop might be, he surely something to inspire parliament to the importance of our transportation projects.

The report Mr. Oliver declared to be so partisan that it discredited itself, but what was to be said of a government which sought to deliberately ruin this great enterprise by so doing it could only hurt its political opponents.

The government spokes of the day, Messrs. Boyce and Sharpe, followed along the usual lines of conservatism as to the future of the road.

They filed million upon million of supposititious future interest charges, and upon loads of the future development of Canadian trade between east and west. They steered carefully clear of any charges of graft or dishonesty in the past, and the vast interests of the company, composed entirely of local men, they felt they were entitled to some protection.

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### COMMITTEES EXPECT A LARGE ATTENDANCE

#### Are Making Arrangements for the Boys' Work Conference to be Held in This City.

Much interest is being taken in the city and throughout the province in the approaching Boys' Work Conference being organized under the joint management of the Y. M. C. A. and the Provincial Sunday School Association. Committees have been appointed and are actively at work arranging programs, billeting of delegates and other necessary details. Rev. W. A. Ross, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. and secretary of the S. S. Association, and Taylor Slatten and other Y. M. C. A. representatives have been visiting several centres through the province in the interests of the conference.

"Every man this week brings enrollment cards and already forty-four names of delegates have been received from outside St. John representing the Sunday schools in Northumberland, Westland, Charlotte, Queens, Sunbury, York and Carleton counties. It is expected that the enrollment from the province will be one hundred and that this will be duplicated in the city itself.

The special speakers at the conference will include Rev. I. S. Newell, of Toronto; Rev. W. A. Ross, of Moncton; Messrs. A. S. McAllister, of Halifax, and Taylor Slatten, of Toronto.

**FORMER NEW BRUNSWICKER AGAIN REPORTED ENGAGED.**  
A Boston despatch Monday said: Miss Eugene N. Foss, daughter of former Governor and Mrs. Foss, and Albert Hickman, a former New Brunswick man, are engaged to be married, according to report.

Mr. Hickman, who is a graduate of Harvard, 1899, was for some time a lecturer in England for the benefit of the immigration department of New Brunswick and afterwards was a member of the staff of Lord Strathcona, Canadian high commissioner in England. He is an author of note; his novel, "The Sacrifice of the Shannon," his collections of short stories and other works having enjoyed wide circulation. His activities have not been limited in these fields, however, and Mr. Hickman is the inventor of the "Viper" type of motor boat, which is described as a water automobile, with exceptional claims for speed, safety and comfort. A full sized model of one was shown in this city at a recent exhibition.