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Heavy Loss at Big Fires---War Spirit Spreads to London Populace

ULSTER SYMPATHIZERS THREATEN THE CABINET; LONDON WAR-INFLAMED

Ministers in Danger When They Proceed to Buckingham to Hold Council With King—Heavy Guard of Police and Troops Thrown About Palace—Lord Roberts to Be Put in Command if Civil War Comes

(Special to The Sunday World)

LONDON, March 21.—The war flame which is sweeping Ireland over the Home Rule question, spread to London tonight. Sympathizers of Ulsterresistants threatened to attack cabinet ministers when they went to Buckingham Palace to hold a council with King George. A heavy guard of police and troops was thrown about the palace.

King George held a long conference with Field Marshal Lord Roberts, the foremost officer of the Imperial army and later it was reported that Lord Roberts will be put in supreme command if civil war comes.

Irish Nationalist leaders in Londonderry tonight, called off the proposed home rule demonstration set for tomorrow, fearing it would furnish the fatal clash which would precipitate war.

Sir Edward Carson, chief of the anti-home rulers, is in Belfast conferring with his lieutenants, and while he says he is trying to placate the radical Unionists, he is preparing for hostilities.

The Orangemen are preparing to mobilize 110,000 volunteers. The British Government has about 30,000 regulars in Ireland, but the reserves are being mobilized. A ring of armed troops has Ulster Province isolated on the south, and warships are watching the north coast for filibusters.

LLOYD GEORGE DENOUNCES TORIES.

LONDON, March 21.—Speaking in London today, Lloyd George charged the Tories with "fighting the battle of the British oligarchy with an Orange army." Referring to the possible use of force in setting up "a great, free and self-governing parliament in Ireland," Mr. George asked: "When did the Orangemen of the North of Ireland acquire their detestation of coercion?" He refused to have anything to do with a referendum, which, he declared, never had secured the object it professed to attain.

Soldier Victim of Excitement.

DUBLIN, March 21.—The first victim of the existing state of excitement in Ireland was a soldier at the Curragh camp, who was late for rollcall. He attempted to scale a wall of the barracks and was shot by a sentry. It is thought the wound will prove fatal.

The commander-in-chief in Ireland, Gen. Sir Arthur Paget, has arrived at the Curragh camp, where conferences are in progress between the officers who have resigned their commissions, and the military authorities.

Movements Precautionary.

LONDON, March 21.—An official communication issued this afternoon says:

"The recent movements of troops in Ulster are purely precautionary, with the object of giving adequate protection to depots of arms and ammunition and other government property against possible risks." It adds:

"There has not been, and is not now, any intention to move troops into Ulster except for these and like purposes."

It was thought that if the government would give the counties of Ulster perpetual local option on the question of whether they should be included in the home rule scheme instead of compelling them to come under the Dublin Parliament at the end of six years, a way out of the present difficulty would be opened.

King George is taking a most active part in the negotiations. He has been in communication with Arthur J. Balfour, and he gave an audience to Field Marshal Lord Roberts after he had seen the secretary of state for war.

Soldiers Mutniy.

A mutiny of two companies of the Dorsetshire Regiment stationed in Belfast is reported by The Pall Mall Gazette.

Disaffection Serious.

The outstanding feature of the news from Ireland today is the disaffection among the officers of the regular army under orders to proceed to Ulster with their regiments. The actual number of resignations among them is

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AID TO C.N.R. IS LIKELY COUNTRY CANNOT AFFORD FALL DOWN ON LAST LAP

Grand Trunk Pacific Also Wants Help — Negotiations Still Under Way at the Capital—What Will Liberals Do in Case of Both Applications.

C. P. R. AND BANK OF MONTREAL ADMIT SITUATION IS SERIOUS

(Special to The Sunday World.)

OTTAWA, March 21.—The tension that has been existing in Ottawa for the past fortnight in regard to the railway situation has been somewhat lessened, partly because of the continued conversations between the government and the Canadian Northern chiefs and partly because the situation has been widened by the appearance of the Grand Trunk Pacific on the scene also with a request for financial assistance for the completion of their line from Edmonton thru British Columbia to the coast.

The best information would indicate that the government is coming to the conclusion that some kind of assistance to both these schemes is necessary in the public interest and to uphold the general credit of the country. The situation in which the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk find themselves is not the creation of the Borden Government but altogether the result of the policy of their predecessors, and was more or less predicted by the Conservatives when they were in opposition. But being in office they must assume responsibility for carrying out the affairs of the country, and as both railways are asking for assistance in order to complete these enormous undertakings, and as both say they cannot get money in any other way, it is up to the government to do something and to do it almost immediately.

What Railways Want.

The Grand Trunk, it is believed, want something like a loan of $15,000,000 and the Canadian Northern, according to current reports, want about $90,000,000 to complete and equip their lines—$50,000,000 of which they have in sight from bonds already arranged for, provided they get $45,000,000 additional, and they hope to raise this latter amount from securities guaranteed by the Dominion. Whatever bonds are guaranteed by the Dominion will be secured by some kind of mortgage on the whole of the system and by deposit with the government controlling shares of the stock of the company and other conditions involv-

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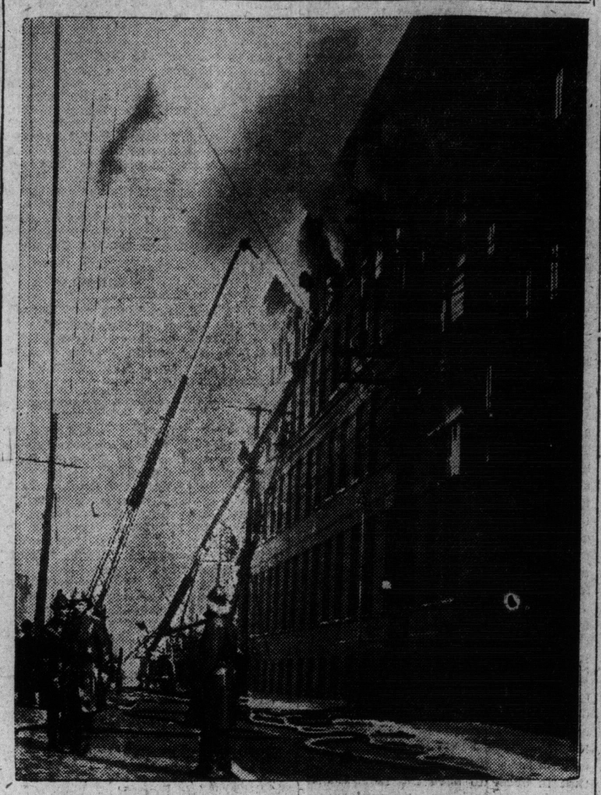
ANOTHER FIRE ON PEARL ST.



Firemen fighting the blaze in the R. D. Fairbairn floors in the Pearl street building at 3.30 Saturday afternoon. The fire was about one block west of the rear part of the Woodbine Hotel, where that conflagration was worst.

IMPROVEMENT IN ALL LINES IS REMARKED BY BUSINESS MEN

Ontario Trade in Many Branches is Normal, But West is Still Showing Reluctance to Buy—Generally Reported That Business is Better Than Anticipated Last Winter — Beginning of Summer Trade Season Finds Commercial Men Hopeful of Good Conditions.

THE SUNDAY WORLD INTERVIEWS MANUFACTURERS AND MERCHANTS

At the beginning of this year of 1914 there were numerous predictions by bankers, and others, that the severe business depression that set in about the middle of 1913 would soon be over; that Canadian industry would soon recover the ground it had lost since the close of 1912, owing to the stringency in themoney market.

What has happened? Spring is here. This is the season when men are naturally optimistic, and look hopefully forward to better things. Now, if ever, there should be evidence of better things in store for the manufacturers, the workmen, and the several millions in general who make up the population of Canada.

In an effort to ascertain exact conditions, The Sunday World has interviewed the men in Toronto who are most in touch with the situation, and their opinions follow:

Mr. John Firstbrook, of the Firstbrook Box Co., is the head of a concern that manufactures boxes for various large companies. When general business is good, many boxes are required, hence the box industry is an excellent index to trade in general.

Steady Improvement.

"Our business is somewhat less than at this period of last year," said Mr. Firstbrook. "It is about the same as at this time in 1912; and I may say that there has been a steady improvement since the first of the year. We are not looking for any quick boom in things, but expect a steady improvement as time goes on. The manufacturers have evidently adopted an atitude of conservative optimism. Everything depends on this year's crop in the west. If that turns out well, business will go forward."

Mr. J. H. Plummer, president of the Dominion Iron and Steel Co., had the following to say regarding conditions in the steel industry.

A Temporary Lull at Present.

"I should call the present situation a temporary lull. Certainly we do not look for it to continue

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SUICIDED WHILE HER HUSBAND LOOKED ON

Mrs. James Mitchell, 23 Vanauley, Took Carbolic Acid in Fit of Despondency

Supposed to have followed a fit of despondency, Mrs. James Mitchell, aged 43, took carbolic acid at her home at 23 Vanauley street in the presence of her husband at noon Saturday. Dr. Yolles of 190 Spadina avenue was called, and on his arrival the unfortunate woman was unconscious. She was removed in the police ambulance to the Western Hospital, but died shortly after her arrival without regaining consciousness. Her husband is an employe of the Toronto Electric Light Company.

WAS CALLED A CHEAT AWARDED DAMAGES

Cheese Factory Manager Gets Judgment Against Milkman

Because William Quinn of Sophiasburg would insist in telling all his friends that James F. Carter tried to cheat his customers he was ordered to pay $200 damages by Judge Britton in the supreme court on Saturday.

Carter operates a cheese factory in his home town, and Quinn was one of his patrons who supplied large quantities of milk to the cheese factory. Quinn stated that shortages occurred in the milk weighed by Carter, and it was only right that he should warn others against him.

That such strong words as rogue, cheat, robber and thief, alleged to have been noised by Quinn, are not usually termed as fit to include in "a warning" was held by Judge Britton in awarding damages.

$90,000 DAMAGE WHEN FIRE DESTROYS LARGE FACTORY ON PEARL STREET; IS NINTH BIG FIRE OF THE YEAR

Top Floor of Allen Building, Occupied by R. D. Fairbain Whitewear Company, is Gutted and 250 Girls Are Thrown Out of Employment—Fireman is Overcome—Desperate Work of Brigade Saves Lower Floors—Only One Block From Woodbine.

Fire starting from unknown origin caused $90,000 damage to the premises of the R. D. Fairbairn Manufacturing Company, Pearl and Simcoe streets, on Saturday afternoon, and threatened at one time to wipe out the large five-storey building owned by the Allan Manufacturing Company.

The fire broke out in the southerly portion of the top floor shortly after 2 o'clock, and had spread over the entire floor before the fire department arrived on the scene.

In order to lose no time the firemen carried the first line of hose up the fire escape, but they could not enter the building owing to the density of the smoke.

Fumes Hindered Firemen.

As the Fairbairn Company manufacture whitewear goods, the fumes played played havoc with the fire department, and while several firemen were forced to come to the windows for air, Daniel Follis of Adelaide street station was so badly overcome that he had to be carried down to the street by his comrades and given artificial respiration.

At one time it looked as if the burning roof would cave in, and the cries of "Look out below" caused the police to drive the spectators back to a safe distance. In spite of the hazardous chances they were taking, the firemen, under Deputy Chief Noble, entered the burning structure.

Over a Dozen Lines of Hose.

More than a dozen lines of hose were played onto the fire, which was fought from all sides of the building, while the aerial ladders were also put into service.

Interviewed by The Sunday World, R. D. Fairbairn, head of the company, said that it was fortunate that the fire had occurred on Saturday afternoon, as two hundred and fifty employes, mostly girls, worked on that floor.

He stated that as the machinery is all located on the upper floor it would mean that all these employes will be thrown out of work and that the operation of the plant will be suspended for some time.

Goods Damaged by Water.

The fire was prevented from spreading to the Allen Manufacturing Co.'s premises on Simcoe street, thru the existence of a water wall between the two buildings. This was erected when the building was remodeled after the disastrous fire which gutted the building two years ago.

Considerable damage was caused by water soaking thru to the floors below, where large quantities of whitewear were stored.

Mr. Fairbairn stated that while it would be impossible to give an accurate estimate of the loss sustained by his company, the damage was fully covered by insurance, carried by a number of insurance firms.

PUBLIC OPINION LIKELY TO BACK GOVERNMENT

Delay of Decisive Action Till Extent of Disaffection in Ulster is Known is Approved in London

(Special to The Sunday World)

LONDON, March 21.—Without warning events in Ireland have developed that have brought the Ulster situation within measurable distance of a crisis. For many months the government has allowed the preparations for armed resistance to the operation of an imperial act of parliament to proceed unmolested. These have been frequently of a character which seems to have been premeditated in order that it might be spectacular. For its exemplarly patience the cabinet has been frequently commended. Now that it is being replaced by movements indicating a determination to maintain order at all costs, ministers are being blamed for not nipping Ulster insurgency in the bud. But the government may prove to hace correctly argued that public opinion will be more inclined to justify decisive action when the extent of organized resistance is fully revealed.

Bonar Law's Offer a Surprise.

No serious observer but has realized that there are strong sections in Ulster to whom the fear of domination by a Roman Catholic majority in an Irish Parliament is very real and serious. The misfortune has been that this prejudice has been used to further the schemes of the Unionist opposition in the imperial parliament and to coerce government into either withdrawing the home rule bill or consenting to a dissolution. Mr. Bonar Law's offer to accept a referendum came to the prime minister as somewhat of a surprise. It represented an unexpected concession on the part of the Unionist leaders, but if Sir Edward Carson maintains the attitude he has hitherto occupied, it would in no way better the situation. For he has repeatedly declared that Ulster would continue to resist, even should the government be sustained at a general election. A referendum could do no more.

Army in Politics.

Resignations from the ranks of the commissioned officers were fully expected. But it is recognized that this has also brought the army into the political field. The opinion is expressed that if officers are given the chance of resigning rather than assist in maintaining order, merely because they do not agree with the policy of a government enjoying the confidence of parliament circumstances may arise that would entitle the rank and file of the army to a similar choice. Suppose there are labor disturbances or a rising of Nationalists, should home rule be defeated by a British majority, are the rank and file to be compelled to shoot down their fellow-countrymen merely because the policy of the government of the day is approved by their officers? This seems to have struck Sir Edward Carson and his colleagues who have been bitterly complaining of delay in bringing on the issue, and now that it is presented, are counselling restraint and passive resistance.

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK SUES BECK

Action for Libel is Outcome of Article Printed in New Montreal Weekly

MONTREAL, March 21.—On behalf of Jules Crepeau, assistant city clerk, the legal firm of Perron, Taschereau & Co. has instituted an action for alleged libel against D. Lorne McGibbon, Edward Beck, La Patrie Publishing Co. and L. J. Tarte, editor of La Parie, in connection with an article published yesterday in Beck's Weekly, printed at La Patrie office, which gave what purported to be detectaphone conversations between plaintiff and the Burns detectives who worked up the case against the Quebec legislators. The weekly stated Mr. Crepeau was on the payroll of the detectives. This Mr. Crepeau denies and claims damages to the extent of $25,000.

Thirty Going to Ulster From London, Ont.

LONDON, Ont., March 21.—Thirty Londoners and possibly more are preparing to go to Ulster to fight for the Carson forces should the threatened civil war break out. Secretary Harry Bennett of the Ulster Defence Fund says that definite action will be taken following a meeting called for Monday evening.

FIVE VICTIMS ARE IDENTIFIED SEARCH OVER

Digging in Ruins of Woodbine Hotel Practically Completed—Police Sure of Victims—Body of Christian Received Jewish Funeral Rites

Very little doubt can now exist as to the identity of all the victims of the Woodbine Hotel fire. The bodies of Wilmot, Levinson, Graham and Cohan have now been identified and everything points to the fifth body being that of Charles Thurston, Brampton, the fifth man missing. The authorities are of the opinion that the body of Thurston can never be positively identified, because all means of telling who the man was were destroyed by the flames.

The search for bodies in the ruins was practically over Saturday afternoon.

The mistake of sending the first body recovered to New York as that Cohan has apparently led to a gruesome mistake, for it is reported here that the funeral was held in New York on Friday and under Hebrew rites. It now appears all too true that this body was that of Thurston, a Christian.

On Friday authorities at the Woodbine Hotel stated positively that every guest had been accounted for.

With the suggestion that Thurston might be the fifth man, they admit of the possibility of this. In fact, the clerk, Arthur Lewis, said on Saturday he had seen Thurston in the act of reentering the blazing building to recover his club bag. Since then Thurston has not been seen. His father came from Brampton on Saturday and visited the morgue. He will inspect the body being returned from New York. He describes his son as a big man, six feet two or three inches in height. Tho Cohan is a much smaller man, the condition of this body was so bad that no measurements can be taken or any marks of identification found. Therefore it is likely the body is Thurston's.

Mistaken Identity.

Cohan's brother, who came from New York, is practically certain a mistake was made. He and Kaufman on Saturday afternoon had a piece of clothing found on the body put under the microscope at the detective department to detect lettering on a part of it.

Friends of a commercial traveler named Patterson were in Toronto Saturday looking for him and fearing the worst, but it is certain Patterson left for Hamilton just before the fire.

Actress Heard Crackling.

Since the ruins have been entirely cleared of debris the remaining contents of the hotel are being appraised. Defective wiring is still the cause generally accepted, but Miss Chester of the Stop Thief Co. and Miss Glynn have made statements worthy of investigation. Miss Chester said that during the entire night and day before the fire she heard a dry, incessant crackling sound within the walls of her room. On touching the spot from where the sound seemed to come from she found it dangerously hot. In fact, the heat made the room unbearable for sleeping. "I was on the point of reporting this to the management," she said, "but once before I had done so and was ridiculed. I wish now I had done so."

Giles in Serious Condition.

Giles, the man who jumped from the top storey of the Woodbine annex, is not making the progress toward health he was a few days ago. Early Saturday morning his condition grew slightly worse and late the same day he was reported in a serious condition, tho there was no immediate danger.

FIRE IN CHURCH.

Wood having been piled too near to the furnace in the basement of the Toronto Christian Church on Bathurst street was responsible for a fire on Saturday afternoon which caused several hundred dollars damage.

ISLAND WIRELESS STATION BURNED LOSS IS $10,000

Fire destroyed the government wireless station at the Island late Saturday afternoon. The building, which was of wood, caught fire a little after 3 o'clock and owing to lack of fire protection quickly went up. It is estimated that the damage to the building itself will be about $5000, while the loss thru damage to apparatus and loss of business will probably bring the total up to at least $10,000.

The fire, which originated thru an overheated stovepipe, quickly burned the partitions and the roof, and but for a garden hose borrowed from the Lakeside Hospital the building would have been entirely destroyed.

Very little commercial business is passing thru the station at present and it is expected that everything will be restored in time for the opening of navigation.

SUNDAY WEATHER

Fair; no change in temperature