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ETS $7,500 A MONTH DURING DIVORCE TRIAL

ounsel Fees $35,000 and $12,500 Expenses

'he Case of Banker James A. Stillman — "Confession" nd Letters Ruled Out—Word of "A Real Franklin f. Leeds."

Poughkepsie, N. Y., April 1—Temporary alimony of $7,500 a month, counsel es of $35,000 and $12,500 for expenses ere fixed today for Mrs. Anne U. Stillan by Supreme Court Judge Morsauser, in the suit for divorce instituted gainst her by James A. Stillman, presient of the National City Bank of New ork. Mrs. Stillman had asked alimony f $10,000 a month, and $75,000 counsel

he justice rules out of the divorce as confidential and privileged a so-d "confession" letter written to Mr. man by his wife. He also ruled out rs alleged to have been written to Stillman by Fred Beauvais, a Canaa Indian guide, who was named in banker's complaint as corespondent accused of being the father of Mrs. man's infant son, Guy.

'he decision set forth that Mrs. Still-a had pleaded recriminations in her wer to the banker's complaint and t both husband and wife made rges "founded upon an allegation of ltery."

husband or wife is not competent estify against the other, on such alitions," so the decision set forth. The ice decided that the affidavits to ch the letters were appended conted matters that Mr. Stillman could testify to, and it was upon this und that the communications were cred.

Justice Morschauser pointed out that inhibition against admitting the alled messages from Beauvais to Mrs. llman applied only to the motion unconsideration, and that they might offered again in connection with trial motions.

e Alleged Letter.

Referring to the alleged letter written Mrs. Stillman by his wife to the adion of which her attorneys objected which it was charged by counsel the banker she wrote "in a moment ysteria, implicating herself," the den said:

Communications, and transactions been husband and wife were early gnized as privileged and neither ld be compelled to disclose what took ce between them and neither was a mpetent witness to testify as to such nsactions of communications of a conential nature or induced by the rital relation."

Referring to Mrs. Stillman's charge at her husband is the father of a thirty onths old son, born to "Mrs. Florence Leds," former musical revue girl, the cision said: "The defendant has ended her answer and charges acts d conduct upon the plaintiff of similar aracter as charged by him against her d such acts are supported by affidavits different persons. She does not seek divorce but pleads recrimination gainst the defendant as defense. If the ts and conduct as charged against each her are sustained, neither will be entled to a decree.'

"Guy Stillman, the infant whose itimacy was attacked by Mr. Stillman d who was named co-defendent with mother will bear a stain that cannot be erased and for which he is not sponsible, if the husband is successful his suit," said the decision.

"The plaintiff seeks to do that which believes is his duty to himself and his ildren," it continues. "The plaintiff aving challenged the paternity of the hild, the defendant comes to its proection and to the defence of its legitiacy. That is her duty and she is right n her claim. She vigorously champions he child's cause and this is expected om any mother."

The three Stillman children, other han the infant whose paternity is atacked, are of sufficient age to determine ith whom they desire to reside during he pendency of the action, Judge Moshauser said.

While the children are with the mother, r in her care, she must provide for their chooling and other necessary expenses, and alimony should be allowed in the um of $7,500 amonth.

New York, April 1—A suggestion that ames A. Stillman, president of the Naional City Bank, plaintiff in a divorce uit against his wife, Mrs. Anne Urquhart Stillman, might be able to proluce a real Franklyn H. Leeds, to reute his wife's charges that he and 'Leeds" were the same person, was an important development in the Stillman ase yesterday.

Attorneys for both sides, it was learned, have been informed that there was n actual F. H. Leeds who was closely associated with Mrs. Florence H. Leeds, the woman named by Mrs. Stillman in her answer to her husband's charge of infidelity with Fred K. Beauvais, guide of Three Rivers, Que. This Leeds is said to have been a professional dancer, or chorus man, and to have appeared in cabaret entertainments and at least one Broadway production.

Leeds, the dancer, was said to have been a friend of Mrs. Leeds before she became a "chicken" in the production of "The Century Girl," and when she was known by her maiden name of Florence Lawlor. Mrs. Leeds appeared a "The Century Girl" chorus under the name of Leeds, and about this time went to live in an apartment in East Sixty-fifth street, just off Fifth avenue.

Leeds the dancer was said to have been slight and active, but soon after Mrs. Leeds moved into the East Sixty-fifth street apartment, another "Mr. Leeds," older and stouter, and known as Leeds of the Secret Service," was seen with Mrs. Leeds.

Nearly 1,200,000 Old Country Miners Strike

No Work Except in Few Districts

Danger of Mines Being Flooded and Volunteers Are Sought—Orders Sent to U. S.—Great Crisis if Other Big Unions Join.

London, April 1.—All work ceased in the coal mines of the United Kingdom at midnight, with the exception of a very few districts, and approximately 1,200,000 miners were idle today as a result of the controversy over the wage issue.

In only two collieries in Yorkshire, one in Northumberland, one in Scotland and one in North Wales, the men have promised to continue at their posts, without prejudice to any terms that may be agreed upon, but all other pit workers, including mechanics, pump men, ventilating men and pony men, came out with the miners.

Danger that the mines may be flooded threatens, and many may be irretrievably ruined from the inrush of water. Strenuous efforts are being made everywhere to enroll volunteers. Yorkshire pump men have decided to remain at work, and hope was expressed today that others would follow their example.

Flood of Orders to U. S.

The first effect of the strike has been the placing of orders with United States coal merchants. Advices from New York state that a flood of orders from European countries which normally have formed the British market have been received there and, although the country's stock of coal is estimated at one million tons, the price of household fuel already has risen two shillings a ton.

London and other urban centres are believed to have several weeks' supply on hand, owing to the fact that export of coal has been completely stopped by the Board of Trade, except where special permits have been issued.

Apprehension is felt that the National Union of Railwaymen and the Transport Workers' Union, partners with the miners in the labor dispute, may be tempted to strike in sympathy with the coal diggers. In such an event, the nation would be confronted by a crisis of unprecedented gravity.

One of the largest wards in London took precautionary steps yesterday and formed a company of special police to protect property. Orders were issued last night to employes of various government departments to "stand by" to report for transport duty, if necessary.

SAY COAL TAKEN IN SCOW LOTS

Story of Night Loading Recounted in Police Court Proceedings.

The charge of stealing coal from the Dominion Coal Company to the value of about $1,000, was taken up against George W. Lord, in the police court this morning. William Batson, a coal handler, told of being engaged by the accused to tow four scows to the Dominion Coal Company's pocket, where they were loaded and taken to wharves in the city. He said that the scows were all loaded after six o'clock in the evening and it took until four o'clock in the morning to load one scow. He said that after the last scow was loaded the accused told him that the coal was stolen and that there were others implicated. The witness said the company's watchman was on the dock while the loading was going on.

Captain Frank Lipsett, of the tugboat Wasson, said that during last December he had towed several scows for the accused, and on December 27 he towed a deck scow loaded with coal from Sayre's Pond to the Public Wharf at Indiantown, where it was unloaded and on December 29 was towed to the Wiggins' slip. He said the accused paid him $15 for towage, while the regular rate was $14.

As this was all the evidence available this morning the case was postponed until Tuesday afternoon. Fred R. Taylor, K. C., conducted the prosecution, and G. Earle Logan appeared for the defence.

One man charged with drunkenness said he did not know whether he was drunk or not. After Policeman Sheehan gave evidence he was remanded.

TO ORGANIZE IT NEXT WEEK

Hon. Mr. Tweeddale Will Be Able to Attend Commission Meeting.

Fredericton, N. B., April 1—The prohibition commission will meet here next week for organization purposes. Today was the date originally set, but a postponement was made necessary by the serious accident to Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, the chairman. This afternoon Premier Foster said he had been advised that Hon. Mr. Tweeddale would be able to be here next week and that the meeting would then be held.

SHUFFLE AT THE CUSTOMS HOUSE

Some Inland Revenue Men Carry on Work

Not Known What is to Be Fate of Some Members of Staff—Shift of Quarters—Office for Minister.

Seven members of the staff of the erstwhile inland revenue department are still unplaced as a result of a shuffle which took place at the local customs house this morning, following orders from Ottawa by which the customs and inland revenue departments were merged. C. B. Lockhart, former collector of customs, who yesterday received word of his appointment as acting collector of customs and excise, said this morning that he had received no orders regarding those of the staff who were not taken on the strength of the new formation. T. H. Belyea, former collector of inland revenue, will remain in the office of the collector of customs.

Of the fourteen members who made up the inland revenue staff, six were delegated by the collector today to carry on the work temporarily under the new order until further orders were received from Ottawa. Those who resumed duties this morning were W. J. Fitzpatrick, O. A. Geldert, W. A. Weeks, R. Y. Ganong, and Miss Ward, who went on duty in the long room, and J. W. Murphy and R. C. Farmer, excisemen, who will continue on excise duty under the surveyor.

No word has been received from headquarters as to the disposal of John McDonald, former inspector of inland revenue, or of A. L. Law, John McGowan, J. C. Ferguson, Wm. Pitt and W. P. Dawes, of this city, and E. J. Clark, who is on duty at Woodstock. The names of those who were retained at duty today were not detailed from Ottawa, so the collector said that he could make their appointment only temporary until definite orders are received.

Changes in Quarters.

The elimination of the inland revenue department will result in the following changes in the offices at the customs house:

Office of the gauger is to be moved to the office formerly used as inland revenue long room. The office vacated by the collector of inland revenue will be fitted as a labaratory for the gauger. The surveyor of customs will move to the office vacated by the gauger and the customs examiners to the room now used as a labaratory.

The rooms on the second floor formerly used by the surveyor and examiners are to be fitted up as an office for the minister of customs and inland revenue, Hon. R. W. Wigmore. The testers of oil and tobacco will move from their present quarters to a room in the upper basement and the room vacated by them will be used as an office for the drawbacks clerks. These changes have been ordered carried out by the public works department.

AGREE TO BILL ABOUT ST. JOHN RESTAURANTS

Would Put Ban on Stalls and Screens — Municipalities Committee of Legislature Meets.

(Official Report.)

Fredericton N. B., April 1—The municipalities committee met this morning and agreed to bills relating to the incorporation of the town of St. Stephen; the issue of debentures by the town of Bathurst; to incorporate the St. John branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses, and relating to the town of Milltown. On a bill relating to the town of Sackville, there was discussion concerning the propriety of including unrelated subjects in the one bill instead of having each a separate bill. The bill was adopted.

In connection with a bill to enable the town of St. Stephen to grant concessions to the Mann Axe Company, Mr. Flewelling said that exemption from taxation and the granting of free site were wrong in principle, but until a dominion act forbidding municipalities to grant such were passed nothing could be done to stop the practice.

In connection with an act to regulate restaurants in the city of St. John, Mr. Estabrooks, speaking to the section concerning the removal of stalls and screens, said that many persons might not wish to eat in the public gaze.

Mr. Hayes explained that the bill was in the interests of public morals and applied particularly to restaurants of the lower class.

After some discussion concerning the definition of a hotel and restaurant, the bill was agreed to.

A bill to amend the schools act and a bill to enable the city of Fredericton to issue debentures in aid of the Victoria Public Hospital stand over until Tuesday.

DRIVERS IN HALIFAX ARE ARRESTED ON THEFT CHARGE.

Halifax, N. S., April 1—Charged with the theft of approximately $800 worth of goods from the Robert Simpson Eastern, Ltd., William Simpson and Arthur Mission, employed by the firm as drivers, were arrested this morning.

TIMES DULL IN NEWFOUNDLAND

C. H. Hayward of Grand Falls, Nfld., the pulp and paper town built by the Harmsworth and the seat of a great industry, is in the city. He and his daughter, who is a student at Mount Allison, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Sterling, King street east.

Mr. Hayward told the Times today that the Ancient Colony is suffering much from depression, and ever steamer is bringing its quota of young men to Canada because they find prospects so poor at home. The great fishing industry is in a bad way. The Fishermen's Protective Union forced up and held up prices with the result that when the outside markets began to decline the merchants were heavily overloaded with high priced fish, and conditions became very bad. Mr. Hayward says there is a great deposit of excellent coal near Cape Race, which awaits development, and the government has been very dilatory in the matter. There is considerable anxiety now as to the seal fisheries, since a poor catch would add greatly to the general depression. Sugar is still retailing in Newfoundland at twenty-eight cents per pound, under government control, and Mr. Hayward says there is probably enough of the high priced sugar to last another three months.

JOHN KILBURN DEAD AT 78

Prominent N. B. Lumberman Passes Away at Home in Fredericton.

(Special to Times.)

Fredericton, N. B., April 1—John Kilburn died a little after three o'clock this morning at his home, 158 Brunswick street. He had been ill with paralysis for two years and five months. About one o'clock this morning he was seized by a sudden attack of weakness, which resulted in his death in a little more than two hours. He was seventy-eight years old last December.

Mr. Kilburn s survived by his wife and one son, Wardlow S. Kilburn. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon. He was a native of the parish of Kingsclear, York county, where he made his home until some eighteen years ago, when he removed to this city. He lumbered on the waters of the St. John River for some forty years. His operations were extensive. Until the time of his illness two years ago, he personally visited the St. John head waters each year and took part in the operations.

At the time of the establishment of the Hartt Boot and Shoe factory in this city about twenty-three years, Mr. Kilburn was associated with his brother-in-law, the late Odbur M. Hartt, in organing the original company. Later he was prominently connected with the reorganization of the John Palmer Company. In religion he was a methodist.

TO DORCHESTER; ONE FOR 10 YEARS

Halifax, N. S., April 1—Ten years in Dorchester penitentiary was the sentence handed out today by Judge Chisholm to Alexander Carvary, recently convicted of robbery with violence at a local butcher store.

Lawrence Boutilier and A. Keeking, convicted of theft, were given seven years in the penitentiary.

Lesser sentences were imposed on other convicted prisoners for minor offences.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The area of low pressure, which was over the Great Lakes yesterday, has passed to the Atlantic coast and the barometer is now high from Ontario southwestward. The weather is showery in the maritime provinces and fair in other parts of the Dominion.

Fair and Cooler.

Maritime—Strong winds, shifting to northwest, showery. Saturday fresh west and northwest winds, fair and cooler.

Gulf and North Shore—Decreasing northwest winds, fair and rather cold. Saturday fair and somewhat milder.

New England—Fair tonight and Saturday; colder tonight, warmer Saturday; fresh northerly winds becoming southerly Saturday.

Toronto, April 1—Temperatures:

Stations.	8 a. m.	Highest Yesterday.	Lowest during Night.
Prince Rupert	..	40	..
Victoria	44	54	44
Kamloops	46	64	44
Calgary	38	58	36
Edmonton	58	54	38
Prince Albert	40	44	30
Winnipeg	36	34	32
White River	10	20	*8
Sault Ste. Marie	22	30	18
Toronto	26	46	26
Kingston	24	44	22
Ottawa	20	46	18
Montreal	26	44	24
Quebec	22	44	20
St. John, N. B.	36	40	36
Halifax	46	44	40
St. John's, Nfld.	36	30	24
Detroit	30	48	28
New York	38	60	36

*Below zero.

SINN FEINERS GET COMRADE FROM HOSPITAL

Sensational Coup Engineered in County Monaghan

Fitzpatrick Taken Away, Though Armed Military Guard Had Him in Charge—Statement re Peace by de Valera.

Belfast, April 1.—The mystery of two blood-stained motor cars found by a police patrol on Wednesday night at Rock Curry, near Ballybay, County Monaghan, was explained today, when it was discovered that the vehicles played a part in the most sensational coup thus far engineered by Sinn Feiners in South Ulster.

Last evening an important Sinn Fein prisoner, Matthew Fitzpatrick, who was under treatment in the Monaghan Infirmary, was removed by friends despite the fact that a fully armed military guard had been placed in the infirmary to prevent his escape. Fitzpatrick's friends secured all the rifles and ammunition of the guards. One of the Sinn Feiners was wounded, which accounted for the blood on the car.

A Belfast despatch of Thursday night told of the police patrol finding two small automobiles, with the engines still running, near Rock Curry. The machines bore splashes of fresh human blood, but no trace could be found of the former occupants.

Dublin, April 1—Eamonn De Valera replying yesterday to a questionarie in the Freeman's Journal was vague concerning the question of peace in Ireland. He said definitely, however, that the Dail Eirenn had decided not to place a ban on the coming Irish elections, but on the contrary would contest every constituency.

De Velera declared that negotiations with the British government on the basis of the partition act were altogether out of the question. He reiterated that Premier Lloyd George could have peace tomorrow if he desired it on the basis of right and justice. "But," he added, "we will never admit that England may dictate to us any alliance or partnership suiting her interests."

Dublin, April 1—Search of the ruins of the Rosscarbery police barracks, destroyed yesterday during an attack by Sinn Feiners, is as yet impossible owing to explosions in the debris.

Confirmation has been received, however, that but two officers, Sergt. Shea and Constable Borlas, were killed. They were buried under the walls of the building. Head Constable Neary and eight privates were wounded during the fight.

N. S. LEGISLATURE

Bill for Assessment System Revision — Bill re Labor Matter Dies.

Halifax, N. S., April 1.—In the House of Assembly, yesterday, a government measure was presented providing for an assessment commission to look into the assessment system of the province, with a view of revision and improvement. A bill to consolidate and amend the Mines Act was introduced by Hon. E. H. Armstrong.

There was a brief discussion on a bill presented by Mr. Morrison (Cape Breton) for the appointment to every royal commission of one member from the ranks of labor. Hon. E. H. Armstrong, leader of the government, pointed out that the bill was indefinite and difficult of interpretation, and he advised Mr. Morrison to withdraw it for the present and put it in different form. This Mr. Morrison declined to do. While the discussion was in progress, Mr. McGillivray (Cape Breton) moved the adjournment of the debate, which carried, and as a result the bill passed into oblivion.

STATEMENT BY GUDMUNDSON ON "WIFE SACRIFICE"

Salt Lake City, Utah, April 1—Moses S. Gudmundson, formerly a presiding elder in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and who with his followers was ex-communicated for the alleged practice of "wife sacrifice," which provided for the men taking the wives of others, issued a statement yesterday refending his actions.

Gudmundson said he and his followers founded a colony in Western Utah, as a result of dreams which he claimed formed God's way of telling man of His will. The colony was supposed to till the soil, which it was thought would provide sufficient food for its needs. The irrigation was poor and the colony failed.

The statement signed by Gudmundson and several followers said: "Ye know that as God's truth stands, we are not guilty of sin."

ELECTION FOR THE RECALL OF A GOVERNOR

Devil's Lake, N. D., April 1.—Political factions opposed to the non-partisan league in North Dakota, in convention here, yesterday, ordered that a recall election aimed at certain state officials be held on or before November 8. It is directed against Governor Frazier, Attorney-General Wm. Lemke and Commissioner of Agriculture John N. Hagan. This is the first time in the history of the U. S. that a recall election has been ordered against a governor or high state officials, so delegates to the convention asserted.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "how is my old friend Miss Birdie McWhat? I have not seen her for a long time."

"Oh, she's still lookin' fer a man," said Hiram. "Her Easter hat is the goldarndest contraption you ever seen. An' she's got a noo suit like a gal fourteen 'ud wear. Oh, Birdie's all right. The's a noo feller come out to the Settlement to work in the store an' post-office, an' Birdie goes down every day to ask fer letters an' tell the young feller how she can't understand what's got into the people that orto be writin' to her. The boys hes christened the noo feller as No. 47, reckonin' back to the time Birdie set her cap fer the fust one. But I want to tell you I'd give a lot more fer Birdie than fer a heap o' the gals I see goin' round. She kin cook, an' sew, an' keep the house shinin" an' still hev time to think about them there heroes she reads about in the story papers. Mister, you never kin tell about young wimmin nowadays. Good looks an' fine clo'es don't make a home. Now look at Hanner. She never took no beauty prize—no more'n I did—but when it comes to real noss-sense you can't beat'er—no, sir. An' Hanner says if Birdie ever gits a good man an' settles down in her own home she'll be the kind of wife to make a man think he got fust prize in the lottery—By Hen!"

STEAMER RAMS FREIGHTER AND GOES TO BOTTOM

Seattle, April 1. — The passenger steamer Governor of the Admiral Line, en route from San Pedro, Cal., to Seattle, rammed the freighter West Hartland, bound from Seattle to Bombay, and sank off Point Wilson, near Port Townsend, Washington, a little before last midnight, according to messages received by the port warden's wireless operator here. A later report said all passengers were saved.

No details are available as to the cause of the collision.

LATER.

Ten Missing.

Seattle, April 1.—Seven passengers and three members of the crew of the steamship Governor, sunk off Point Wilson, are missing, according to a wireless message at 7.15 a. m. from the steamer West Hartland, which is bringing the survivors to Seattle.

DEFICIT $92,708 IN N. S. FOR YEAR

Provincial Secretary's Statement Presented to House of Assembly — Receipts and Expenses Grow.

Halifax, N. S., April 1.—The statement of revenue and expenditure for the provincial fiscal year ended September 30, 1920, brought down in the house of assembly by Hon. O. T. Daniels shows a deficit of $92,708.50. For the year ended September 30, 1919, there was a surplus of $29,507.23.

The expenditure for 1920 was $3,893,724.56, an increase of $658,830.02 over 1919. The total revenue was $3,801,016.06, an increase of $657,831.70. The revenue from the mines increased $68,097.88, and the total revenue in that respect was $690,517.72.

The provincial secretary's report shows a revenue of $779,501 for that department. Among the items contributing to this revenue were the motor vehicle fees, totalling $266,214.56; companies' corporation fees, totalling $97,974.02, and taxation of insurance companies, totalling $123,197.85.

GIVE GRAMME OF RADIUM TO MME. CURIE

Washington, April 1—President and Mrs. Harding will receive Mme. Curie in the White House on May 20, and present to her a gramme of radium, valued at $100,000 in behalf of the women of the U. S. who have contributed to a fund for this purpose in recognition of her scientific services, particularly the discovery of radium.

Mme. Curie will come to the United States especially for the presentation.

HAVE ABANDONED FUEL CONTROL

Ottawa, April 1—Yesterday was the last day of the coal year 1920-21, and owing to the plentiful supply of coal at present in the country and the great improvement of the fuel situation generally the board of railway commissioners have disbanded their fuel control organization and in this are being followed by the various provinces.

CANADIAN SQUADRON ON PACIFIC IN WINTER; ATLANTIC IN SUMMER

Victoria, B. C., April 1—Both the Pacific and Atlantic coasts share the presence of the Canadian naval squadron, according to J. C. McIntosh, M. P., Nanaimo, who just returned from Ottawa. He says that it is proposed by the government to station the Canadian fleet on the Pacific coast during the winter months and on the Atlantic in the summer.

It is reported here that the fleet may remain on this coast during the coming season.

HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT IS GIVEN WARNING

Allied Ambassadors on Matter of Ex-Emperor

Budapest Denies That Charles is Moving Towards That City With Troops—Varied Reports on the Situation.

Paris, April 1.—Resolutions protesting against the restoration of former Emperor Charles in Hungary, and warning the Hungarian government that the consequences of such an event would be disastrous, were adopted by the council of ambassadors here today. They were presented by Jules Cambon, acting in the name of the French government.

"The events of which Hungary is the theatre," the resolutions read, "place the principal allied powers under obligation to recall to the government and the people of Hungary the terms of their declaration of February 4, 1920.

"In this declaration the council of ambassadors declared the principal allied powers considered that restoration of the Hapsburg dynasty would not be consistent with the principles for which the war had been fought and at variance with the whole basis of the peace settlement, and that such restoration would be neither recognized nor tolerated by them.

"Faithful to the principles enunciated in that declaration," continue the resolutions, "the Allies have the duty to repeat that the restoration of the Hapsburgs would imperil the very foundation of the peace, and that it could be neither recognized nor tolerated.

"The Allied powers count upon the Hungarian government, conscious of the gravity of the situation that would be created by the return to the throne of the former sovereign, to take efficacious measures to suppress the attempts whose success, even momentarily, could not but have disastrous consequences for Hungary.

"This declaration will be telegraphed to the Allied high commissioner in Budapest and communicated officially to the Hungarian delegation in Paris and the representatives of the bordering states of Czecho-Slovakia, Jugo-Slavia, Roumania and Poland."

Count Teleky said the charge d'affaires' message was at present in conference with ex-Emperor Charles, for whom a safe conduct had been demanded of the Austrian government.

The foreign office has failed to receive any confirmation of the reports that Charles was heading an army marching upon Budapest.

Its latest despatches declare that calm prevails at Steinamanger, where the ex-emperor now is, except among a certain portion of the troops.

Charles, the advices state, is to be taken some distance from the camp to the castle of Prince Batthyani at Kormand, to the south of Steinamanger, with Count Teleky accompanying him.

Budapest, April 1.—Startling reports that former Emperor Charles was moving with troops towards this city were officially denied last night. It was declared Charles was safely guarded at Steinamanger.

Perfect order prevails in Budapest during the evening.

Paris, April 1.—The French charge d'affaires in Budapest telegraphed to the foreign office here today that he was unable to confirm the various press reports of Hungarian troops movement, adding that absolute calm prevailed in the Hungarian capital.

Berne, April 1. — Request has been made to the Swiss government by the Hungarian legation here to allow former Emperor Charles to return to this country from Hungary.

Paris, April 1—Two authentic facts appear to stand out of the mass of sensational rumors relative to the attempt of former Emperor Charles to re-instate himself as head of the Hungarian government, the first is that Charles is still in Hungary and the second is that the "little Entente" comprising Czecho-Slovakia, Roumania and Jugo-Slavia, and even the "big entente" are ready to strike if the former emperor succeeds in his enterprise.

Premier Briand's newspaper, the Eclair, understands the entente governments are considering the steps that they will take in the event that the Hungarian situation is not rapidly cleared up. Among these measures, it is declared, the blockade of Hungary is considered.

A Berlin despatch announces that troops which left Steinamanger for Budapest have arrived at Raab, about seventy-five miles from the Hungarian capital.

A newspaper report from Vienna states that General Lehar, governor of West Hungary, has informed the Hungarian legation at the Austrian capital that Charles has decided to return to Budapest at the head of his troops. The former emperor was said to take the view that allied opposition would be aimed only at him, and that in case his return to Budapest was resisted he would abdicate in favor of his son.

Advices from Belgrade declare the Jugo-Slav council of ministers has declared that the restoration of the Hapsburgs in Hungary would be considered a cause for war.

OUR RAILWAYS.

Ottawa, March 31.—A preliminary report on railway statistics for the year ended December 31, 1919, shows that passengers carried during the twelve months increased nearly ten per cent. over the previous year. Single track mileage increased only 162 miles. Freight carried decreased 5,211,792 tons, or 4.5 per cent. The average number of employes increase 14,951 or 9.4 per cent., and salaries and wages increased $24,383,079, or 11.7 per cent. The average wage per hour increased 8.4 per cent. The total capital expenditure on government railways is shown as $413,590,678.