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WEATHER REPORT. Toronto (noon)—Moderate winds, fair to-day and on Wednesday, with stationary or a little higher temperature.

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WAS VICTIM OF ACCIDENT AT MOREY'S

Sad Fate of Alexander Kane, of This City Who Was Stunned by Falling From Platform on the Hayco and Then Drowned by Tumbling Overboard.—Heroic Effort of J. Whitten to Save Him.

Another fatal accident occurred yesterday afternoon, the victim being Alexander Kane, 43 year old, married, resident of Sebastian Street, of Bart-er's Hill.

The accident happened at Morey's premises, where the deceased was at work unloading the salt steamer Hav-so.

Mr. Kane had been employed wheeling salt from the steamer to the shed, when he fell off the shed a distance of fifteen feet, between the steamer and the pier.

A tub of salt was being hoisted from the hold and as it rose over Kane's head he looked up and then stepped back over the platform.

As he fell he struck the hawser which moored the steamer and rebounding struck the pier.

Mr. John Whitten caught a rope and jumped overboard to the man's assistance.

Kept Him Afloat.

Catching him by the collar he kept him afloat until a boat with a couple of men in it reached the scene.

He was taken to the office on the wharf in an unconscious state and first aid was rendered but without success.

Dr. Roberts, who was summoned by phone quickly responded, but found life extinct. The doctor says death was due to drowning.

Undertaker Bursell took charge of the body and last night conveyed it to his late home.

Supt. Grimes and Const. Tobin were soon on the scene after the accident. Deceased had formerly been employed as cook at the S. A. Food Depot.

General sympathy has been expressed for the sorrowing family.

Jap. Residents Leave Mexico

Japan Arranges For Her Subjects to Be Given Refuge in the U. S.

Washington, April 28.—The Japanese Ambassador yesterday secured from Secretary of State Bryan permission for the Japs who are in Mexico and who wish to leave the country, to find temporary refuge in the United States.

It will become necessary to suspend the operation of the Immigration laws in order to permit entry of these Japs.

S.S. Shenandoah leaves London on Saturday for St. John's.

Young Lady Has Narrow Escape

Fell Over Wharf at Lawn and Was Rescued by Heroic Young Man.

Wednesday night last a young lady narrowly escaped being drowned at Lawn.

She was getting into a boat from the wharf to join the Ethie, when she slipped and fell in the water.

A young man jumped to her rescue and held her head above water until two others hauled her out.

It was very dark at the time, but the difficult task of rescue was accomplished.

Villa and Carranza At Loggerheads

Said to be Open Rivals For First Place in the Constitutional Cause.

El Paso Texas, April 28.—Relations between Carranza and Villa become the one topic of conversation here yesterday on the dissemination of information brought in by refugees and the sudden departure of Villa for Carranza's headquarters at Chihuahua.

The two leaders were to meet last night to compose their differences over the attitude which the constitutionalists shall hold toward the United States.

Refugees brought word that affairs between them had reached the stage where one or the other must distinctly accept the second place.

Huerta Is Said To Be Agreeable

And That He Will Accept Chile, Brazil and Argentina As Mediators

Washington, April 27.—A journal of acceptance by the Huerta Government of the offer of Argentina, Brazil and Chile to use their good offices to bring about an amicable settlement of the difficulty between the States and Mexico was cabled to the Spanish Ambassador here to-night, by the Foreign Minister in Huerta's Government.

PIRATES BURN STEAMER LOSS OF LIFE 180

Hong Kong, April 28.—Pirates last night attacked the British steamer Jason, bound up the West River, North of Macao, and set fire to the vessel which burned to the water's edge.

An incoming steamer rescued 158 of the crew, but reported 180 passengers and the British chief engineer missing.

ULSTER QUESTION AGAIN OVERSHADOWS EVERYTHING ELSE IN BRITISH POLITICS

Asquith Terms The Outlook in Ulster "Grave and Unprecedented."—Says the Government Will Take Immediate Steps to Vindicate the Authority of the Law.—Over One Hundred Questions Asked the Premier Last Night in the House of Commons.—Warships Mobilised Off Coast of Ulster.

London, April 27.—"This grave and unprecedented outlook" was the term used by Asquith to-day in replying to questions as to the gunning exploit of the Ulster Volunteers who under a strong armed force, landed 40,000 rifles and 500,000 cartridges at various points in Ulster on Friday last.

The Premier said, "The House may rest assured that the Government, without delay, will take proper steps to vindicate the authority of the law and protect the officers and servants of the King, and His Majesty's subjects in the exercise of their loyal rights."

The Premier spoke gravely, as though foreshadowing taking steps which possibly will entail serious sequel.

Hundred Questions

Over one hundred questions were put to Asquith to-day, in his dual capacity as Premier and Secretary of War. All referred to the Ulster situation, but the replies given were mostly bare negatives or colorless reiterations of what have already been established relative to the recent precautionary disposition of troops in Ireland.

The Premier declined to answer several questions with regard to reports of the situation in Ulster, or in connection with orders issued as consequences. He took the ground that the orders given were confidential as to the despatch of troops to Ulster.

Government's Duty

Asquith explained the Government did not share with General Paget's apprehensions that the movement would set the country ablaze, and thought it was the Government's duty to safeguard the stores and arms.

Altogether during the question period the Opposition obtained only a small amount of material for two days' fighting, which begins in the Commons to-morrow.

Carson was only listened to during the interlude, during which the Premier was being catechized, and was greeted as King Carson by the Nationalists, who called out, "Hats off to the King."

Warrants Issued

Immediately after he had finished replying to the questions asked, the Premier left in a motor car for Buckingham Palace to have an audience with the King.

In leading Ulster papers rumors are current that the Government has issued warrants for the arrest of Carson and Capt. James Craig, Ulster leaders, but it is believed these rumors are unfounded.

The Cabinet will hold a meeting to-morrow to reach a final decision as to the course to pursue in Ulster.

In addition to five small cruisers at Larne, there are seven dreadnoughts at Lamlash within three hours' run from Belfast.

The nature of the steps which Asquith announced in Parliament the Government intended to take in Ulster, is not yet known, except that General Mace Reading, of the Adjutant General's staff of the War Department, has taken over the command of the police forces in Belfast district.

No troops have yet been moved, although it is understood certain regiments have been named to hold themselves in readiness.

Five warships anchored off Larne yesterday, and to-night are playing their searchlights on the town.

VOLUNTEERS HAVE LANDED MORE ARMS

Succeeded in Getting Safely Ashore Forty Thousand Rifles and Half a Million Rounds of Ammunition Imported from Germany.—Use Two Hundred Autos for Transportation Purposes.—Police Powerless.

Belfast, April 27.—A consignment of about 40,000 rifles and half a million rounds of ammunition from Germany was landed at points on the coast of Ulster during Friday night and distributed by means of two hundred autos to the various headquarters in Ulster.

Volunteer Ulstermen who declared themselves determined to offer a stern armed resistance to the introduction of Home Rule were mobilized early last night and guarded the landing places and roads until the distribution of the arms had been completed.

The police were powerless to interfere and all communications were interrupted.

Great Powers Ask Huerta To Yield

England, Germany and France Advise Him to Settle With U. S. A.

Washington, April 27.—England, Germany and France have advised Huerta through their Ministers in Mexico City to accede to the demands of the States, according to announcements made here to-day.

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Society Upset By Grave Crisis

Balls and Other Functions Have Been Cut Out.—Parties Grow Estranged

Dublin, April 27.—The Dublin social season is practically wrecked by the political situation. Important members of society, unless officially obliged, do not attend drawing rooms. No balls have been given by Lady Iveagh or Lady Paget, who set the pace for Dublin gaieties.

Dances and dinners are all informal, in order that Unionists can ignore their political opponents.

Except for one charity ball, attended by Earl and Countess Aberdeen, and the vice regal staff, none of the dances expected last week were given.

It is intended to put off the proposed entertainment by Lieut. Col. Sir Arthur and Lady Paget at the Royal Hospital.

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Very Little Chance Now of Liberals and Unionists Arriving at a Mutually Satisfactory Compromise Regarding Home Rule and Ulster.—Wide Divergence of Opinion Shown by Comments of Party Press.

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Mexicans Treated American Horribly

Tortured U. S. Citizen Terribly and Then Burnt Him at the Stake.

El Paso, April 27.—Americans from Torreon confirm the report that Maurice McDonald, an American, caught by the federals in the battle of San Pedro, had the soles of his feet cut off, was marched through the streets, and finally burned at the stake.

American refugees say that reliable Americans who were at San Pedro at the time, verified the report that McDonald was killed and tortured before being shot.

His home was at Berkeley. He was a gunner for Villa.

Mexican Town Menaced By Fire

Mexicans Have Inundated Country With Oil and Tampico May Be Burned.

Washington, April 27.—A thousand gallons of oil are spreading over the land around Tampico, and it is feared will be ignited, turning the entire district into a sea of fire, which would flow Tampico entirely consuming the city. So says a despatch from Admiral Mayo to the Navy Department.

Mexican soldiers demolished the faucets, checking the flow of oil from the wells.

Two enormous gushes are now spouting inflammable substance.

ENQUIRY CONTINUED

The enquiry into the death of Gideon Tucker on the schr. Maud, was continued at noon to-day, when Capt. Jolliffe gave evidence.

That any movement of troops may kindle a spark that will likely burst into the flame of civil war, reducing a province of the United Kingdom to a condition similar to that of Mexico.

The Westminster Gazette exhibits some measure of impatience with the Government, blaming it for being too weak and asks why Naval measures were not taken to intercept the illicit cargo on Friday. It declares that Carson and other members on the front Opposition benches are gambling on the reluctance or inability of the Government to use the force at their command.

STEAMER BLEW UP THIRTY LIVES LOST.

Algeveis, April 28.—The Russian tank steamer Kometa blew up off the coast of Algeveis. Passenger steamers picked up fifteen of the crew. Thirty others perished.

DRIFT ICE

Drift ice extend along the shore to the mouth of the narrows to-day.

HOPE OF U. S. IN THE CRISIS IS IN VILLA

Members of the American House of Representatives Regard Him as the "Strong Man" of Mexico, and Believe That Only by His Help Can a Peaceable Settlement be Arrived At.

Washington, April 28.—"This one strong man, General Villa, stands between us and war," declared Representative Kent of California today in the House. "He is a bandit to be sure, but he has proven himself a great leader, growing not only in power but in understanding of what the world demands. We must choose whether we are willing to accept this man's services or declare war."

"Order prevails at Vera Cruz and things look very much better now," said Secretary Daniels. "We are getting Americans out of Mexico; that is the important thing now."

New Leader Of U.S. Forces

Vera Cruz, April 28.—That Brigadier General Funston will assume supreme command at Vera Cruz this morning was the announcement made here by Rear Admiral Fletcher yesterday.

HAS HUERTA DECIDED TO FIGHT U. S.?

Turns a Deaf Ear to Advances Made by Other South American Republics, Who Offer to Act as Mediators.—Says "Mexico Will Defend Its Rights.—Aspect Has a Grave Outlook.

Mexico City, April 27.—(To the International News service of New York City).—"The Republic of Mexico has always fulfilled international obligations at every crisis and will defend its rights trampled upon by the Government of the United States. Signed HUERTA."

The foregoing despatch from Huerta was in reply to the following despatch sent him on Sunday:—

"Chile, Argentina and Brazil offer mediation between the States and Mexico. Will you accept?"

In his answer Huerta make no direct reply; but his declaration is said to have only this meaning, that Huerta will fight.

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Bringing Up Father.--

By George McManus

