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Toronto (noon)—Moderate to fresh North and West winds, mostly fair and cool to-day and Tuesday.

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President Coaker Scores a Notable Victory For the People By His Success In The Agitation For Commission of Inquiry

Wholesale Smuggling Of Arms Into The Province Of Ulster Reported.

WILL ULSTER BE PUT UNDER MARTIAL LAW?

Reported in London that the Government Has Ordered Several Regiments to the Disaffected Province.—Papers Say That the United Kingdom Is Now on the Slippery Edge of Civil War.

London, April 27.—A rumour is current at Belfast that the West Kents and Yorkshires from Dublin and the Manchester from Curragh are under orders to proceed there immediately. It is understood that this movement of troops is the prelude to the proclamation of martial law in the disaffected territory.

It was stated at Salisbury last night that troops, probably cavalry, will be sent to Ulster to act as mounted police Ready For Emergencies.

It is reported that the Government are entirely ready to meet any emergency.

The Daily Telegraph, editorially, fears the coup may harden the heart of the Pharaoh of the Cabinet. It warns the Minister that any attempt to discover the hiding place of arms will result in their immediate destruction, and asks whether anything but bloodshed will convince the Government that there is no way of dealing with

ASQUITH'S CABINET ACTED IN IRRESPONSIBLE MANNER

And in Their Hotheadedness Embroiled Asquith in the Ulster Army "Plot."—Premier Realises the Necessity of Keeping a Tight Grip on Them.—Tendency to Make Winston Churchill the Scape-goat.

London, April 26.—Whether the Government's plan of military operations against Ulster was due to mere blundering or to deliberate malevolence, and, if the latter, who was really responsible, but by conceding its just demands.

The Morning Post under the caption of the "Slippery Edge of War," refers to it as one of the gravest events since the beginning of the Home Rule conflict and demands that every person should be punished who participated in Friday's rebellion.

The Daily Chronicle says that the Ulster Council set its volunteers to commit a series of violent crimes which show up Carsonism in its full criminal colours and which will cause the democracy of the British Islands not merely to consent but to demand that two-faced treason mongers should no longer be permitted to play with fire. It also demands the immediate punishment of the ringleaders.

UNCLE SAM'S SEA POWER

What Mobilization at Tampico Means in the Present Mexican Crisis. Naval force mobilized at Tampico by President Wilson: 20,000 officers and men. Eighteen battleships. Five torpedo boat destroyers. Two cruisers. Two despatch boats. Two transports.

INCITE THE PEOPLE TO MASSACRE AMERICANS

Newspapers Excite Mexicans With Stories of Slaughter by American Forces. SUGGEST DESTRUCTION OF AMERICAN STORES

Some of the Places Listed Have Already Been Looted.—Outlook Is Very Grave.

Vera Cruz, April 26.—Circulars are being distributed in the streets of Mexico City calling on the people to destroy American business houses and kill the Mexican managers, because of their identification with the foreign interests.

Some of the stores listed have already been looted. Newspapers in the capital are publishing stories to the effect that American forces at Vera Cruz are slaughtering women and children, and call on Mexicans to retaliate in similar manner.

"Then," he says, "these people will call upon the name of the Lord that they may serve him with one shoulder."

"But why with one?" "The shoulders are usually the emblem of burdens squarely and heartily assumed by both. To serve Him with one shoulder."

"Does not the image suggest a divided and half-hearted service? What does the prophet mean?"

"Those who have been privileged to visit the British Museum may have observed fragments of disinterred Egyptian sculptures. Pictures of these fragments are to be seen in the Oxford (Continued on page 4.)"

A PERSISTENT FIGHT; A NOTABLE VICTORY

President Coaker Wins Popular Approval by His Public-Spirited and Eminent Successful Agitation For a Commission of Inquiry Into the Recent Terrible Sealing Tragedies.—The People Demand Immediate Action.

A wave of excitement swept over the whole city when, on Saturday, it was learned through The Daily Mail, that President Coaker had succeeded in his move to secure from the Government the assurance of the appointment of a Commission of Inquiry endowed with the fullest powers to investigate the recent sealing disasters and to make recommendations on which the Assembly can base legislation for the improvement of conditions at the seal-fishery and the elimination from the annual voyage of all possible risks to human life.

The Biggest Thing. "This is the biggest thing that Coaker has ever done," said one citizen. "He has once more been notably successful in championing the cause of the Fishermen. The Government can say what they like about having made up their minds from the first that the appointment should be made. No one will give them credit for any such determination."

Another commentator expressed the opinion that Mr. Coaker's success in this connection is an indication of the wholesome fear that the powers-that-be have of running counter to the wishes of the majority of our Fishermen as expressed through the President of the F.P.U.

Powerful Influence. "If," he said, "the F.P.U. had gained nothing else from entering the campaign last fall than the influence to force such an action as the appointment of a Commission of Inquiry fully into the conditions surrounding the prosecution of the seal-fishery, they would have fully justified the move and the expenditure of money it necessitated."

This notable victory for our Tollers of the Sea is regarded on all hands as an indication of the great and growing strength of the Union. The general consensus of opinion is that it will influence the great majority of the Fishermen now outside the Union to become members and thus absolutely acquire the governing power for the predominant class of our population.

Brook No Delay. There is also a general disposition to agree with the tenor of Saturday's

editorial in The Daily Mail, which argued that there was no good reason for delaying the appointment of the Commission. The people quite understand that there is nothing at all to prevent the initiation of an investigation into the Southern Cross disaster and long before the Commission have finished probing this terrible affair, the magisterial inquiry into the loss of the Newfoundland's men will have been completed and the finding of Judge Knight handed in. The Commissioners can then take up this portion of their duties and can include in their investigation a much wider field of activities than that covered by the present preliminary inquiry.

"The thing has to be done," said a well-known shipping man to The Mail this morning, "and it would well be done quickly."

Must Be Representative. This much is also certain. From the opinions to be heard on all sides, the public will not regard the Commission as thoroughly representative (Continued on page 8.)

THUNDERBOLT DOES DAMAGE TO BURIN HOTEL

Southeast Coast Experiences Electric Storm of Unprecedented Severity.—Bolt Splits the Chimney of a House and Knocks One of the Inmates Senseless.—Others Also Receive Shock.

Passengers from the South East Coast who have just arrived in the city tell The Mail of an awful storm which swept over Burin on the 26th inst. It was at its zenith in the morning and was the fiercest residents ever experienced. The rain, thunder and lightning were never seen as bad before.

While excitement was high a thunderbolt fell, striking the hotel and splitting the chimney in one end of the building.

Fortunately the part of the house damaged was not occupied at the time. Had anyone been there they probably would have been killed. After striking the chimney the current (Continued on page 8.)

MASONS ATTEND DIVINE WORSHIP AT C. OF E. CATHEDRAL SUNDAY

Eloquent and Inspiring Sermon by Rev. Henry Uphill, Who Calls Upon the Craftsmen to Manfully Shoulder the Many and Onerous Burdens of Our Age and of Our Civilization.

The members of the city Masonic Lodges attended service at the C. of E. Cathedral yesterday afternoon where Rev. Bro. H. Uphill, Chaplain of Avalon Lodge, preached the sermon.

Rev. Canon Bolt read the opening prayers, the Lord Bishop read the lessons and the Rev. A. C. Stamp intoned the final prayers.

The service was most impressive. The singing was of an exceptionally high order, particularly the Hallelujah Chorus.

The Rev. H. Uphill occupied the pulpit for more than half an hour and during that time had the closest attention of the congregation.

"It would ill become one of the youngest members of our ancient order to speak to you to-day, upon the great principles of Free Masonry which I trust are very dear to us all," said the speaker. "The burden of such a responsibility is more than I am ready to assume; indeed, I marvel and am not a little dismayed, brethren, that you should have looked to the West for light and inspiration. My plea with you as citizens and fellow Christians will be not so much for greater toleration (for have we not already learned that lesson) as for greater unity of thought and unity of action in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the spirit, soul and body of our Colony."

"Of your clemency, brethren, grant me your sympathetic and patient attention."

Mr. Uphill then announced his text as Zephaniah III.—9: "To serve Him with one shoulder."

One point which has been made clear is that members of the Cabinet have been allowed too much freedom of individual action; consequently the Premier has now realized the necessity of keeping a strong grip on the reins.

The admission made by Sir Arthur Paget as to his misconception of his orders is not now regarded as bearing particularly on the situation, the chief point being to what extent the Cabinet, in whole or in part, committed itself to plans obviously designed against Ulster.

"The prophet is here predicting a time when the paganism of his own day would yield at length to the light and truth of God."

The Snake Just Won Jeff's Heart.

By 'Bud' Fisher

