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SCOUT IDEA OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Nationalists Call the Scheme a Fantastic and Impossible One

INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT ALONE IS ACCEPTABLE

Very Few Amongst Nationalists or Unionists Support This Latest Plan.

London, May 6.—Nationalists with whom I discussed the suggestion, express indignant dissent from the proposal of a group of influential Canadians published anonymously in The Times that the Home Rule Bill will be delayed until a special imperial conference meeting could be held in London, including Premier Borden and other Dominion Premiers, also Gouin, Sifton, McBride and other Provincial Premiers, to elaborate a Federal scheme for the whole Empire, with a common Parliament at Westminster.

Want Own Parliament

One leading Nationalist said: "Fantastic and impossible. We want this and nothing else—our own Parliament in Dublin, and we want it now, not 20 years hence, when the peoples of the Empire may perhaps have evolved enough Empire business in common to make necessary some enlargement of the idea of the present Imperial Defence Committee. This talk of federalism is nine-tenths academic and high falutin, by people who live in the clouds. I don't know a single English, Scotch, or Irish business man who wants to see the United Kingdom covered with local Parliaments and a horde of local politicians each drawing a salary of £400 a year."

Avoid the Clogs

"Surely your Canadian experience proves that a wise people does with fewest possible cogs in the administrative legislative machinery. Unionists and Radical members of Parliament outside the little group of 20 or so avowed federalists on each side seem equally chary of embarking upon a vast unexplored sea of imperial Federalism, when the only question really at issue is whether Ulster be left outside the Home Rule scheme for six years or longer."

WINDERMERE.

WON'T ADJOURN UNTIL PROGRAM IS COMPLETED

House of Commons to Sit Continuously Until All Proposed Legislation is Put Through

TO AVOID THE HOLDING OF AN EXTRA FALL SESSION

The Premier To-day to Outline Plan For Hurrying On the Business Of The House.

London, May 10.—Reynold's newspaper states on the highest authority that the Government has decided to ask the Commons to sit continuously in order to complete the programme of legislation, outlined in the King's speech, and the Budget. "Lloyd George is confident that he will be able to carry all bills necessary in order that the Budget proposals may materialize without an autumn session. A statement from the Premier concerning the course to be adopted in order to secure the passage of bills with as much of an agreement as is possible, is expected on Monday."

Wreckage From South'n Cross?

The Deputy Minister of Customs had the following message from Trepansey, to-day: "Capt. Burton, schooner R. J. Devens, and others, report seeing lots of oil float on water at Hickory's Cove and vicinity 2 1/2 miles S.W. Cape Pine. Thinks Southern Cross went down near this shoal."

\$1,225.00 DAMAGE BY MILITANTS Liverpool, May 9.—At a meeting of the State Assurance Company the chairman stated that the total insurance losses attributed to militants during 1913 was estimated at \$1,225,000.

Says J. A. to P. T. "You're Another"

The Daily News Gets "Hot Under the Collar" at Some Aspersions of The Herald.

The Daily News of this morning has a little fatherly advice to offer "The Herald Man." It seems that our Prescott Street contemporary made some adverse criticisms of The News and its "alarming reports" concerning the Tritonia. In rejoinder The News says: "It will come as a great relief to Newfoundlanders at home and abroad that The Herald man is developing some concern for the Colony's good name, and particularly so as it refers to press messages."

True, o king! But maybe, as far as press messages abroad are concerned, an enemy hath sent them out. For, be it remembered, the good stuff is sent by "the regular correspondent," while that which is questionable emanates from—well, some other chap.

Level Of Caspian Is Getting Lower

Waters Are Receding and the Cause Is Puzzling the Scientists Of Russia

St. Petersburg, May 9.—The scientific world in Russia has for some time been occupied with a curious natural phenomenon. The surface of the Caspian has been continually sinking since June, 1910, without a plausible explanation having hitherto been found. The shrinkage is now even beginning to be inconvenient for navigation, as steamers in many places cannot reach the landing stages.

Technical investigations have failed to find a convincing explanation, though Professor Shokalski, commissioned by the Government to study the subject, has ascertained that the amount of water contributed by the rivers flowing into the Caspian—especially by the Volga—has considerably diminished.

Many Children Morphine Fiends

Terrible Vice Very Prevalent in Many Parts of Russian Empire

St. Petersburg, May 9.—Dr. Starokotitzky has been lecturing before the Medical Society at Blagovestchensk on the spread of the morphia habit in the Amur territory. The vice, he said, was prevalent even in the villages, and children were addicted to it before reaching their teens. In one gaol statistics showed that of every 1,000 prisoners about 300 were morphia victims. The same proportion was remarked among hospital patients. A large number of morphia "clubs" existed at Blagovestchensk, and it was a common sight to see morphia-maniacs making injections in the open streets.

Germany Is Not Expelling French

Berlin, May 11.—The Government has issued a denial of the reports that it intended gradually to expel French residents from Alsace-Lorraine.

The report, it is asserted, emanated from the Alsatian member of the Imperial Parliament and from members of the Alsatian Diet.

The Government declares that it has not adopted any policy of general expulsion of Frenchmen from the conquered provinces but intimates that the permits of certain undesirable persons will not be renewed upon their expiration.

HUNDREDS KILLED AND INJURED AND MUCH PROPERTY DAMAGED BY RUINOUS SICILIAN EARTHQUAKES

RUIN AND DESOLATION IN THE STRICKEN AREA

Number of Dead at Present is Officially Estimated as One Hundred and Forty.

BUT MUCH OF TERRITORY HAS NOT BEEN INSPECTED

One Hundred and Ten Were Killed at Linera, the Centre of the Disturbance.

WHOLE VILLAGES WIPED OUT

Anguished Cries To Be Heard From Unfortunates Buried in The Debris.

For centuries this region has suffered from the activities of Mount Etna, yet it is relatively thickly populated, owing to its fertile soil. Dozens of Bodies Near the central point of disturbance dozens of bodies were observed along the road. Many of them were unrecognizable and were badly crushed. Heart-rending lamentations rose on all sides from the injured as they lay in the open awaiting assistance, which had been sent them. The houses which did not collapse entirely were so broken as to emphasize the completeness of the disaster. The village consisted of about 800 inhabitants, but a majority of the people escaped because the shock occurred when the men and some of the women were working in the fields. From the vineyards they saw their houses falling like a pack of canvas and when they arrived breathless at their homes they found only wreckage with some of their people buried underneath. This accounts for the fact that most of the victims at Linera were women and children.

Calania, Sicily, May 10.—The great earthquake last night brought death and destruction to many villages near Mount Etna. The number of dead up to this evening is officially placed at 139, with about 350 injured. A large portion of the devastated territory has not yet been inspected. The afflicted zone extends from Zafarana, the highest village of Mount Etna, to the sea between Acireale and the south and Giarre on the north, and includes Linera, the centre of the disturbance, and Santa Venenera. In Linera alone 110 persons were killed and 300 injured. In the village of Bongiarda 13 are dead and 27 injured have been taken from their ulns. At Cosentini 16 were killed and many injured.

These villages and many smaller places were practically levelled. Automobiles which made trips through the devastated regions were often forced to make long detours, owing to deep fissures across the roads.

LONDON CITY NOW INVADDED BY CLERGYMEN

Thirty-Four Languages Will Be Spoken at Big S. A. Congress.

SERVICES OF INTERPRETERS WILL HAVE TO BE EMPLOYED

Decennial Congress Representative of Many Different Nationalities.

London, May 9.—London is invaded by clergymen.

Most of them have come to town for the May meetings, which go on merrily till the end of the month. Altogether some 500 gatherings take place.

One of the most wonderful conferences of the season will be housed on the Aldwych site in the Strand, where the Salvation Army will for the second time hold its decennial congress.

No fewer than thirty-four languages will be spoken by the congress members, and the organisers have called in the help of the telephone.

The representatives will be grouped in nations, each with a receiver in their midst will translate in under-tones into the transmitter each sentence.

How thoroughly representative the gathering will be of the Army's world-embracing work will be gathered from the following members:

Cowboys and redskins. Converted "devil dancers." Ex-professional criminals from India.

Half a dozen Dom girls. Negroes from the United States. Zulus and other black-skinned races from South Africa.

Contingents hundreds strong from each of the different countries in Europe are also expected.

ST. ANDREW'S TROPHY NIGHT The members of St. Andrew's Club will hold another smoker Wednesday evening, when the prizes won during the winter will be presented.

NOT FOR ULSTER WEAR

Several of the members of the Nationalist Party in the House of Commons have taken to wearing a green and gold enamelled badge on the lapels of their coats, bearing the legend, "Ireland a Nation—1914." The badge is in the form of a harp.—Daily Graphic.

Moors Murdered French Aviators

Who Were Forced to Land At a Spot In Africa Where a Fight Was On.

Paris, May 8.—A telegram from Rabat states that it is now possible from further information received there to reconstruct the circumstances in which the two military aviators, Captain Gaston Herve and Corporal Roland, were murdered by Moors a short time ago. It seems that the aviators were obliged to land suddenly at a spot where a body of rebel Moors had been fighting with some friendlies.

At first the rebels fled, but while the two Frenchmen were walking in a northerly direction six of the Moors returned and attacked them. The aviators defended themselves heroically, but were finally killed and mutilated.

Baird's Dorothy Baird is 36 days out to Pernambuco.

U.S.A. Appoints Its Representatives

Leading American Jurists to Attend The Mediation Conference At Niagara Falls

Washington, May 11.—Justice Joseph Plamar of the United States Supreme Court and Frederick W. Lehman, St. Louis, former Solicitor General, will be the representatives of the United States to confer with the mediators.

The Governor General of Canada is taking steps to have suitable attention and courtesy extended to the South American mediators and delegates from the United States and Mexico when they assemble at Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Tabernacle Is Damaged By Bomb

Spurgeon's Famous London Church Scene of Latest Suffragette Outrage.

London, May 11.—A bomb placed by suffragettes exploded in the gallery of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, the South London edifice, made famous by the late Rev. Charles H. Spurgeon. Little damage was done. It is believed that the bomb was placed in the gallery during the morning service which ended at half past twelve o'clock.

An hour later the caretaker in the Tabernacle was startled by an explosion. Near the spot where the bomb exploded was a card, on which was written "Put your religion into practice and see that women obtain their freedom."

Lioness Killed A "Moyie" Actor

Los Angeles, May 8.—While the machines were clicking off films in the production of cinema scenes at Universal City, a lioness became enraged and sprang at an actor named Kirby.

It bit his right arm to the bone and otherwise lacerated him before it could be beaten off with iron bars. The actor was at once taken to hospital, but died afterwards.

will gasp at the events of the catastrophe.

Many other refugees confirm Brain's statements that Huerta's end is near at hand, and that he is confronted by these alternatives—fleeing to the Americans who are the only ones who will spare his life, dying in the ruins of his capital, or at the hands of a rebel firing squad.

Most refugees believe Huerta's fate will be determined within a week.

'ACTUAL FACTS' OF PROPOSED COERCION ACT

Unionist Association Issues Statement of the Famous Plan of Invasion.

INTENDED TO EMPLOY 25,000 MEN AGAINST ULSTER.

Belfast Police Were to Begin Operations by Seizing Volunteer Arms and Quarters

London, May 9.—The Council of the Ulster Unionist Association has issued an official statement of "the actual facts connected with the contemplated operations against Ulster."

Lord Londonderry and Sir Edward Carson have put their names to the statement, and, according to the latter, Sir Arthur Paget, Commander-in-Chief in Ireland told the generals on his return from London that:

Use Big Force 25,000 troops were to be employed against Ulster.

Ulster was to be blockaded by land and by sea. The Belfast police would begin the operations. They were to take forcible possession of the old Town Hall (the Unionist headquarters) and of concealed stores of arms of the Ulster Volunteers.

This would "inevitably result in bloodshed."

The Volunteers would attack the police.

The troops all round Belfast would then be called on.

It was not intended, the statement adds, that the Army should begin the fighting.

Plan of Operation The Irish Commander-in-Chief explained the plan of operations in detail to the generals at the meeting about March 20 at headquarters. He also described what would be his conduct during the first "battle."

"With his divisional generals," continues the statement, "he would remain in the firing line to control the firing of the men in the 'enemy.' When the troops had suffered some casualties he would then go forward to the 'enemy' under a flag of truce and demand their surrender, and, failing this, he would order an assault on their position."

CONFERENCES WON'T AFFECT THE SITUATION

General Feeling in England That Events Political Must Now Take Their Course.

TOO LATE TO TALK NOW OF ANY FEDERAL SCHEME

Nationalists Regard It As a 'Red Herring' Plan to Sidetrack Home Rule.

London, May 10.—The feeling that events must take their course during the next few weeks, and that little or nothing will result from alleged conversations, is reflected in nearly all the journalistic contributions on the Home Rule question.

Objections are raised on all sides to the idea that the Ulster spectre can be laid pending the adoption of a general federal legislation.

Too Big a Task It is recognized by experienced parliamentary hands that any federal scheme would prove so stupendous and complicated a task as to require a lengthy period of discussion, during which the Irish party would refuse to wait for the inclusion of Ulster.

Conservative politicians are expressing doubts as to Federalist proposals, whilst Nationalist members are resenting the exploitation of such an excuse for modifying the Home Rule Bill.

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WEATHER REPORT.

Toronto (noon)—Fresh winds, shifting to west and north west. Showery to-day. Tuesday: Generally fair.