

DEPOSITORS IN FARMERS' BANK TO GET MONEY. U. S. COULD NOT TRONGLY ON P. E. I. FOX COMPANY. GEN. VILLA'S ASSURANCES MEETS WITH BIG LOSS.

Will be Paid Out of Consolidated Revenue Fund.

HON. MR. WHITE GIVES NOTICE OF RESOLUTION.

Another Legacy Saddled on the Country by Grits—Fielding Turned Deaf Ear to Admonitions.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, April 24.—Depositors in the defunct Farmers' Bank who lost their money are going to have it refunded to them. This is the bank to which Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance in the Laurier cabinet, granted a certificate in spite of the warnings by leading financiers and members of parliament as to the dangerous character of the undertaking.

Hon. W. T. White, Minister of Finance, will move the following resolution, notice of which has been given: "Resolved, that it is expedient to provide that there may be paid and applied for out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada, a sum not exceeding one million two hundred thousand dollars to pay to persons who are creditors for money on deposit in the Farmers' Bank of Canada, the respective amounts standing to their credit in the books of the bank when the bank suspended payments."

EXCLUSION OF ULSTER ONLY SOLUTION

Major Gen. Sir Alfred Turner Says Public Have Right to Expect Settlement Once and for All.

London, April 24.—In next week's debate, initiated by Austin Chamberlain, and demanding a judicial inquiry into the so-called government's "Ulster plot," back bench members are likely to figure prominently. As the vote, which will certainly follow, will be a strictly party one, neither side appears to think any real result will eventuate.

Major General Sir Alfred Turner, in writing to the London Times, says both sides are credited with credit, truth and honor. What the public have the right to expect is that private members on both sides will continue to put pressure on the benches to settle the Irish question once and for all by federalisation, excluding Ulster altogether from the operations of home rule. If the present abortive bill, which pleases nobody, must be placed on the statute books, matters have come too far to secure peace in any other way. The time has come for action. It does not appear as if anything but talk and angry recriminations, which do not lead us one inch further towards a settlement and will not for one moment alter the fact of the standing menace of Carson's army to the north.

"I write as a Liberal and a Home Ruler," he continues, "but I admit home rule is impossible so long as an agreement between North and South is wanting. I believe home rule or federalism must surely come, but surely it must be patent that it cannot be enforced by coercion any more than decades of coercion have succeeded in killing Nationalist aspirations."

GUARDER TO STOP AT HALIFAX THIS TRIP

Halifax, April 24.—R. Cunard & Company today received a wireless from the French liner La Touraine, bound from Havre to Quebec, to the effect that she would call at Halifax on this trip, owing to the uncertainty of ice conditions in the St. Lawrence, and that she would land 100 passengers, 300 passengers and load 1,200 tons of coal.

JUDGMENTS AWARDED IN APPEALS CASES

Investigation of Recent Mayoralty Election in Fredericton—Important Decision Affecting Northumberland Co. Residents.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, April 24.—The Court of Appeal this afternoon delivered judgments in a number of cases including the Fredericton mayoralty election case.

In this case Judge White read judgment granting rules absolute for investigation by city council into mayoralty election of March 9th last, but confining the investigation to allegations in the protest filed with the city clerk on the day of the election by Ex-Ald. W. E. Farrell, candidate who was declared defeated by Moses Mitchell, to the effect that some ballots counted in the election were improperly marked. No costs were allowed in the judgment.

Other judgments were: Messersault vs. Swin, verdict for defendant set aside. In this case the defendant claimed, falling a base a prescriptive title of over sixty years against the crown of land in Northumberland County. Judgment in this case will affect about fifty settlers in the Parish of Laddow, Northumberland County, who have been making the same claim.

The court adjourned till May 5.

MOBILIZATION OF ULSTER'S VOLUNTEERS

Thirty Thousand Men Parade in Belfast—Disquieting Rumors About Raid on Post Office.

London, April 25.—A vast mobilization of Ulster volunteers in Belfast this morning filled many nervous citizens with apprehension. The parade of nearly thirty thousand men created great excitement and many rumors were spread. It was recalled that the last general mobilization took place on Thursday, March 19th, which was the date of the so-called government plot, but this, however, was a mere coincidence. The men were summoned for last night's mobilization on very short notice, and were also instructed to carry arms, but despite this fact, extraordinary rumors were afloat concerning an intended raid upon the post office. Another rumor was that the heaviest consignment of war material since its importation was banned was to be landed.

CLAIMS THAT ASQUITH PREFERRED TO DEFEND HIS COLLEAGUES

London, April 25.—The Morning Post, which is seeking to prove Asquith guilty of complicity in the Ulster plot, says: "It has been universally assumed that the premier was not wholly aware of the operations of the government, but that when he learned of them, he had only two courses open as the head of the government, which were to defend his colleagues or to insist upon their resignations, and that he preferred the former. It is now stated in well informed quarters that that assumption was based upon an error, and that as a matter of fact, Asquith was present at the meeting of the committee of the cabinet on March 19th when Sir Arthur Paget received his further instructions previous to returning to Ireland."

Mexican Town in Ruins After Attack by Federals.

AMERICAN PRISONERS THREATENED WITH DEATH

Reinforcements Going to Aid of Marines—Monterey Reported Captured by Rebels—Wilson to Sign Volunteer Army Bill Today.

Special to The Standard.

Nogales, Arizona, April 24.—Formal overtures from the Huerta forces to the constitutionalists to make common cause against the United States have been rejected by the constitutionalists. The communications were exchanged today between General Villa, one of Huerta's intimate friends, and General Oberon, constitutionalist commander in the state of Sonora.

Washington, April 24.—While the attention of the American government for the most part today was concentrated on restoring order at Vera Cruz and expediting the departure of Americans from all parts of Mexico, a watchful eye was trained on the transcontinental boundary between Mexico and the United States for any signs of hostilities from the Mexican constitutionalists.

President Wilson and his cabinet had a long meeting after which optimism was conspicuously apparent both in their demeanor and informal discussion of the situation. There was no particular development to which the feeling of hopefulness that the real war would be averted could be traced, but General Villa's friendly pronouncement, it was admitted, had impressed many officials, here with the possibility that the constitutionalists after all would remain neutral until the American government sought separation from Huerta.

Other officials were not so sanguine and the army moved with precision and swiftness to protect the American boundary and reinforce the consular force of marines and blue-jackets at Vera Cruz.

Conferees at the state department between Secretary Bryan and representatives of the Mexican Constitutionalists resulted in the dispatch to General Carranza of the telegram by the latter advising him to remain neutral and assuring him that the American government intended to withdraw its forces from Mexico just as soon as satisfactory reparations had been made for offenses committed by Huerta. The advice given Carranza here was that by assuming other than a neutral attitude he would draw all Mexico into a war; Huerta would be perpetuated and the Constitutional cause lost in the melee.

No interference with Commerce. Cabinet officials said no attempt would be made to interfere with the regular channels of commerce. American cargoes being allowed to land at all points. Munitions of war alone will be held at Vera Cruz.

Congress still talks about Mexico. Senator Lodge reads a long telegram from many prominent persons urging an investigation into the Mexican situation before war was declared. Representative Fitzgibbon, chairman of the house committee on appropriations, asked the President if he wanted "any more preparations," and Mr. Wilson said, "Not as yet."

Mr. Wilson will affix his signature probably tomorrow to the volunteer army bill, providing the machinery for raising a volunteer army force in any time of emergency. Estimates by army officers as to the number of men engaged in the military force in case of war range from fifty to one hundred thousand.

The German vessel which carried the big shipment of arms which it was feared might reach Huerta has landed its commercial cargo, but the captain here last night, intended to have not put the ammunition ashore. There has been no effort on the part of the United States forces at Vera Cruz to prevent its landing.

Vera Cruz, April 24.—Seven American prisoners of Mexican soldiers, are being held at Orizaba, on the line of the Mexican Railway between here and the capital, four of whom, at least, are threatened with execution, according to authentic information received here tonight.

Thomas B. Hohler, the British charge, who had charge of the train which brought the refugees from the capital here last night, intended to return to the capital tonight.

The British cruiser Heracles which, although a neutral vessel, has been engaged in the removal of Americans from Tampico, reports that only a few are now there.

The cable office here is being taxed to its fullest capacity with official, commercial and press despatches. C. Mitchell, manager of the operating force, is working day and night to move the business. In some cases his men have had no sleep for more than thirty-six hours.

If Federals and Rebels Combine Forces

Federal army of Mexico, according to President Huerta's last message to Congress, 42,000. Rebel army, northern Mexico, according to General Carranza's figures, 42,500. Rebel army, southern Mexico, under command of Emiliano Zapata, Genovevo De Lao and Feras Mora, who probably will be thrown into the common defence of the republic, 19,500. Volunteer forces in twenty-two loyal States to be used to repel foreign invasion as announced by Minister of War Blanquet in El Diario, official organ of the Mexican government, 900,000. Total land forces, 1,044,000.

LET HUERTA FIGHT IT OUT, VILLA SAYS

Repeats His Declaration That He Won't Get Mixed Up in War With States—Would Like to Take Advantage of Present Trouble and Seize Mexico City.

El Paso, Texas, April 24.—The international political situation cleared greatly today as affecting the status of the rebel government and that of the United States.

Francisco Villa, who arrived at Juarez yesterday, repeated his declaration that he would not be drawn into a war with the United States, particularly as that would serve to draw the Huerta chestnuts out of the fire. He repeated these assertions to Gen. C. Carothers, special agent of the state department and to newspapermen and many other visitors.

NOT PROBABLE BEFORE NEXT WEEK

Personnel of Royal Commission Not Expected to be Announced Until Next Week—St. John Man Gets Contract.

Special to The Standard: Fredericton, April 24.—The Board of School Trustees this afternoon settled the matter of awarding the contract for the new school building on Smythe street by awarding the job to R. A. Corbett of St. John, second lowest tender, whose bid was \$29,182. The board also decided to return the deposit of \$1,600 to Mayor Mitchell who was the lowest tender and declined to accept the contract at his own figures.

Premier Fleming arrived here tonight from St. John en route to his home in Woodstock. The provincial government concluded their session here this afternoon and now the members of the executive left for their homes this evening.

An announcement as to the personal of the royal commission to investigate Dugal's charges is not expected before next week. Lieut. Gov. Wood is still here.

FOUND WIFE DEAD ON HIS RETURN HOME

Wife of Fireman on P. E. I. Railway Dies Suddenly from Heart Failure.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., April 24.—Owen McQuaid, fireman on the P. E. I. Railway, on arriving here this forenoon after his train had come in from the morning's run, was shocked to find his wife lying dead on the floor. She had prepared breakfast as usual for her nephew who left the house early in the morning leaving her alone. Death was declared by the doctor to be due to heart disease and there was no inquest.

A ST. JOHN COMPANY.

Ottawa, April 24.—Federal company incorporations this week: The Keirstead and Messersault Fox and Fur Company, of St. John, N. B., capital stock of one million dollars. The incorporators include Jacob W. Keirstead and Chalmers J. Messersault, financial brokers, of St. John.

CHANGES IN BILL RELATING TO TRUST CO'S.

Not More than 20 p. c. Stock of Bank or Similarly Incorporated Concern Can be Acquired as Investment.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, April 24.—Changes in the Trust Company bill made in the banking and commerce committee were outlined to the Commons this afternoon by Mr. White, who submitted the measure for further legislative progress. The original draft proposed that a company could invest forty per cent of the stock of any bank or similar institution. This had been amended to thirty-five per cent of its paid up capital and reserve.

Another amendment was to the effect that not more than twenty per cent of the stock of any bank or similar incorporated concern could be acquired as an investment. The minister in the amendments, Mr. White said, were merely designed to strengthen the act. The bill was considered in committee of the whole yesterday. Mr. J. G. Tarriff asked if the minister had taken up with the provinces the question of the incorporation of trust companies. Many companies in the West had secured provincial charters with exceedingly small capital and without proper safeguards. He instance one company which had only \$5,000 capital. He thought this was a question which should be taken up by the minister.

Mr. White argued that the Dominion and provincial governments both had jurisdiction. He was afraid to make a move lest it should be interpreted as interference and resented.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier feared there would never be complete satisfaction to these forces and the management of the ranch was minutely inquired into and not a flaw was found. It was provided by catching the females of the young had been sucking their mothers and by the conditions of the females it is surmised that the young had been lost at one time, and it is thought that one of the many storms, either snow or thunder which have occurred since the pups were born, may have frightened and excited the parents as to cause them to carry the pups and bury them. But this is only a surmise, as nothing definite is known except that the pups were born and have disappeared since.

There are still some pens to be examined and the company expect to pay five to fifteen per cent dividend this year.

The measure was reported as amended. The government bill to amend the Sales and Inspection act in relation to binder twine, was given a third reading and the house then went into committee of supply on the estimates of the Trade and Commerce Department.

ANOTHER TRIUMPH FOR SURGERY

Doctors Penetrate to Boy's Heart and Attach Tube—Patient Looks on During the Operation.

Montreal, April 24.—Death was approaching a nineteen year old boy last night when the surgeons penetrated to his heart in an almost unprecedented operation and saved his life. As the boy, Bruce Moffatt, of 240 DeLisle street, felt his strength returning at the conclusion of the operation he spoke up from the operating table with the words, "I'm feeling good."

He is now lying at the Royal Victoria Hospital with a tube attached to his heart and there is every hope that the single operation will have done away for ever with the pericarditis, or heart strangulation, from which he suffered.

Details of his condition had been forwarded to the hospital by telephone. As the ambulance was dashing through the streets at top speed with him, the operating table was being prepared. So weak was the boy when laid on the table that it was impossible to administer ether, and a local anesthetic was injected into his body about the heart. In consequence he was able to watch the surgeons cutting into his breast.

KILLED WHILE WORKING A GRAIN CHOPPER.

Listowel, Ont., April 24.—Adam Reidt, a widower forty-four years of

Twelve Litters of Young Foxes Disappear from Dalton Ranch.

BIGGEST LOSS BUSINESS IN ISLAND EVER MET

Nothing Known Definitely as to Manner of Disappearance—Means Loss of About Three Hundred Thousand.

Special to The Standard.

Charlottetown, April 24.—There was a big sensation in fox circles today when it became known that the Charles Dalton Company lost twelve litters within a short time. As the litters average about four each the total loss is about three hundred thousand dollars, the worst individual loss in the history of the industry in this province.

The directors in publishing a statement of the occurrence state that everything was going along perfectly and a record year was expected.

On April 20th a litter of pups showed up and as these were not the first expected, it was wondered why they should appear before the others. On investigating a den in which pups over a month old should have been, it was found empty. On looking into three other dens in which pups were known to have been previous to the first litter, the same results were found. The general manager, Hon. Charles Dalton, was then consulted and it was decided that every den in which pups were known to have been born should be overhauled. Being sure of fourteen litters, this number of boxes was opened and only one litter besides the first litter was found.

The directors were immediately called together and it was unanimously agreed that for the interests of the shareholders and other interests connected with the company the losses should be made public without delay.

Every care possible has been given to these boxes and the management of the ranch was minutely inquired into and not a flaw was found. It was provided by catching the females of the young had been sucking their mothers and by the conditions of the females it is surmised that the young had been lost at one time, and it is thought that one of the many storms, either snow or thunder which have occurred since the pups were born, may have frightened and excited the parents as to cause them to carry the pups and bury them. But this is only a surmise, as nothing definite is known except that the pups were born and have disappeared since.

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WILSON'S ACTION IS CONDEMNED

The Nation Calls it a Lapse Into Barbaric Morals Unworthy of President of Civilized Republic.

London, April 24.—While acknowledging that on broad grounds the action of the United States government toward Mexico is justified the Nation today severely criticizes President Wilson for what it terms his giving as a pretext for such action the refusal by President Huerta to apologize in act and form as prescribed for the brief detention of American blue-jackets in Tampico.

"By stinging out this incident," says the Nation, "as a nucleus for an action which amounts to war, President Wilson has done more to lower the standard of international morality than all his fine utterances in the past have done to raise it. A statesman who interferes to restore order may argue that at some cost in lives and treasure he is putting an end to intolerable violence and cruelty, but the statesman who sacrifices lives because some ceremonial duty is lacking in the ritual of an apology is behaving with levity unworthy of a civilized ruler. This deliberate and needless raising of a point of honor is a lapse into barbaric morals which would be more natural in some Prussian colonel in an Alsatian garrison than in a humanitarian president of a civilized republic."

age, was killed yesterday while operating a gasoline grain chopper in his barn, near here. His mangled body was found by a neighbor. It is supposed that in attempting to throw off the belt his arm was caught in the pulley.