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Over 3,000 Soldiers Landed In Ulster; Situation Is Tense—Judgment Reserved In Shooting Charges Against Roco Melie—Ford Co. to Erect Big Factory In London—Building Prospects Bright For 1914—Woman Injured in Fall Still Unidentified—English Aviator Ready to Cross Atlantic

30 LONDONERS READY TO FIGHT FOR ULSTER

That Number at Least Prepared To Go Back to the Old Land.

WILL MEET ON MONDAY

Final Action of the Local Contingent Will Be Decided Then.

FUND IS STILL OPEN

Treasurer Harry Bennett Declares Defence Subscriptions Are Still Being Taken.

Thirty Londoners at least, probably more, who sympathize with the anti-home rule cause in Ulster, are prepared to go to Ireland to fight against the forcing of home rule in Ireland, and a meeting will be held on Monday night to "consider" definitely what action will be taken by the London Ulsterites.

Events in Ulster between now and Monday evening will be of course largely decide what course the local sympathizers will take. If actual warfare breaks out, they are ready to leave at once for the scene of trouble.

"They are not all Orangemen," said Harry Bennett, secretary-treasurer of the local Ulster defence fund, to The Advertiser this morning. "A man may be a Unionist without being an Orangeman."

"But the local organization is working through the Orange lodges, is it not?" asked The Advertiser.

"No, there is not any local organization," said Mr. Bennett. "And I have heard more about it on the street than in the Orange lodges."

Mr. Bennett admitted that there was to be a meeting of local Ulster sympathizers on Monday night. Those who were ready to go back to Ireland to fight were nearly all young unmarried Irishmen. He had heard one military man, who was not an Irishman, say he might yet decide to go over and help old Ulster himself. And a well-known retired citizen, quite an old man, too, who was not an Orangeman, had declared only this morning that it was his intention to go over and help the anti-home rule cause.

"No, I'm not going myself," said Mr. Bennett, "but I'll see that the fund is still open, if you would like to subscribe." "There will also be a number who will likely go from London to fight for Ulster from what I have heard," he added.

Great Local Interest.

A great deal of interest on both sides of the Irish question is being taken by Londoners. There are many Ulstermen in London to whom Ulster is home, their native land. Then there are many from other provinces of the Emerald Isle who have hoped and prayed for home rule for years, and as Mr. Bennett remarked it is not surprising that all should feel inclined to return to Ireland to fight for what they believe to be best for their native country.

SHOT BY SENTRY AS HE SCALED A WALL

First Victim of Ulster Excitement Is Regular, Late for Roll Call.

[Canadian Press.] Dublin, March 21.—The first victim of the existing state of excitement in Ireland was a soldier at the Curragh Camp, who was late for roll call. He attempted to scale a wall of the barracks, and was shot by a sentry. It is thought that the wound will prove fatal. The Commander-in-Chief in Ireland, General Sir Arthur Paget, has arrived at the Curragh, where conferences are in progress between the officers who have resigned their commissions and the military authorities.

ANOTHER CHARGE FACES ALLEGED ABDUCTOR

London Township Farmer Declares He Took Silver Watch After Leaving His Employ.

Wilfred Tragenza, aged 22 who is at present occupying a cell in the County Jail awaiting trial before Magistrate J. C. Judd on Tuesday, March 24 for the alleged abduction of fifteen-year-old May Evelyn, was today notified that there has been a warrant for his arrest in the hands of the police since 1910.

Tragenza, in 1910, hired with Charles Shields, a London Township farmer, but after working in the country for a few weeks he disappeared and the farmer claims that his silver watch went with the young man. Shields, at the time, swore out a warrant for Tragenza's arrest, but until today the county authorities were unable to locate their man.

FORD COMPANY TO ERECT PLANT HERE

Second Canadian Factory, To Employ 400 Men, To Be Located in London.

THREE SITES UNDER BOND

Officials Coming Next Week to Select Location—Plan Four-Story Brick Building.

The Ford Motor Company will erect another Canadian branch factory in London, to employ four hundred men, according to information given The Advertiser today. A Detroit architect has been working on plans for the proposed factory, which is to be a four-story structure and modern in every detail. That the Ford people intend to spend a large sum of money in this city is absolutely certain.

Several of the company heads are expected here next week to look over three sites which have been bonded by a local real estate dealer on behalf of the concern. The proposed sites include a property on William street, near the Grand Trunk tracks, another on Maitland street, and a third on York street, owned by John Mann & Sons.

The company's lease on its present quarters on the to-be Federal Square, owned by the city, will expire next November, and it has secured permission to use one of the Western Fair buildings for storage purposes.

The Ford concern has two large factories at the present time, one in Detroit, to supply the American business, and the other in Walkerville. The Walkerville factory, it is said, cannot keep up with the demand that are being made upon it, and the proposed plant in London will be an auxiliary, where cars may be assembled and repairs kept and made. London at the present time is the distributing centre for this district, and the increasing business here necessitates, for this purpose alone, the securing of much larger quarters.

RESERVES DECISION IN SHOOTING CASE

Judge Elliott Will Render Judgment in Melie Charge on Monday.

EVIDENCE UNSATISFACTORY

Would Acquit the Prisoner if Weapon Had Not Been Used, Declares Judge.

Judge William Elliott this morning reserved judgment until Monday on Rocco Melie, the Italian charged with shooting with intent to kill Hector Miller and William Skingsley, two hydro-electric linemen, in the Hotel Harrison on the night of March 3.

In his charge, Judge Elliott stated that the case had been one of ordinary assault not involving the use of an unlawful weapon, he would have no hesitation in acquitting Melie, because he was satisfied that he received pretty rough handling at the hands of the linemen. The evidence was most unsatisfactory, he said, because all the witnesses have been leading during the evening, and their intellects must have been pretty well clouded.

Little New Evidence.

The evidence revealed little that was not brought out at the preliminary hearing in the police court. For the defence, J. H. Flock, who represented the prisoner, endeavored to show that the shooting was done in self-defence after the prisoner had been assaulted by members of the gang of hydro linemen.

Took Revolver Out to Clean.

In the box in his own defence, Melie testified that he had the revolver in his possession owing to a peculiar circumstance. It had been given to him by a friend two years before, and had lain unused in his trunk ever since until that afternoon, when he took it out to clean it. He took it downstairs to the kitchen and cleaned it, after which he slipped it into his overcoat pocket because he did not intend going upstairs again. He ate his supper with his overcoat on, and later went to the hotel in company with two of his countrymen when the trouble occurred.

Fired After Being Struck.

He claimed that he fired off after being struck on the back of the head by a beer glass thrown by some person unknown, and also on the cheek by a glass thrown by George Nier, one of the linemen. Nier denied doing this in his evidence.

Hector Miller, who was one of the targets for Melie's bullets, was the first witness called. He related the evening when he heard high words at the hotel, and on the night in question had spent the evening in the bar. He saw the prisoner early in the evening, but knew of no trouble between him and any member of the gang.

Seized Melie's Arm.

Was standing at the west end of the bar about 10 o'clock in the evening when he heard high words at the other end, and saw an unknown man grab Melie's arm, after Skingsley had been shot, and later got a grip on both, standing in front of him. The Italian had his hand in the right-hand pocket of his overcoat, and suddenly opened fire with a revolver through

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BUILDING PROSPECT FOR THIS YEAR'S "BRIGHTEST EVER"

Many Structures Planned and General Tone Indicates a Record Construction Year.

INDUSTRIAL PROPOSITION

Industrial Commissioner Has Many Proposals and Expects Good Results.

In 1913, building permits were issued in London totalling close to \$1,800,000, and from the progress that has been made during January, February and part of March which has elapsed this year, the figure in 1914 will pass last year's mark with many thousands of dollars to spare.

Up to today, 65 permits have been issued by Building Inspector A. M. Piper this month, totalling \$101,360, while for the whole of March, 1913, the total was \$82,889. In the first two months of this year correspondingly large increases were shown.

Expects Great Year.

Inspector Piper is looking forward to a great year in the building line. The McCormick Manufacturing Company is to erect 100 workmen's houses in the east end, which will mean a big expenditure, and J. C. Beemer has plans under way for a large auto sales and service building at 121 Queen's avenue. The latter building will be 50x150, of brick construction and modern in every way. The Ford Motor Company will also, it is understood, erect a very large building to be used as a distribution depot for western Ontario. At the present time, the company has a building opposite the Spencer Block under lease from the city, and also has permission to store cars in one of the Western Fair buildings.

The east end industrial district will make rapid strides in the building line. The erection of the new \$300,000 McCormick factory, the most complete institution of its kind in Canada, has given the eastern district a splendid impetus, and great things are expected from it.

Land throughout the entire section has increased in value at a marvelous rate and practically every portion of the annexed district not already built up, is being laid out in surveys for allotment. The Empire Brass Company is making arrangements, it is understood, for a \$25,000 addition to its factory, and other manufacturing firms are also said to be contemplating great improvements and extensions.

Many Industrial Propositions.

Industrial Commissioner Gordon Philip has a number of industrial propositions in sight, and taken on the whole, prospects for a mammoth advancement of London, and the district generally, are never brighter. The progress in this city is only indicative of the great strides being made throughout entire Western Ontario. No district in Canada is going ahead as rapidly as this, and the people have awakened to the needs and possibilities of the country and they are pushing forward with a vim and an enterprise that are attracting the admiration and wonder of the whole Dominion.

CADET HONORED WITH A MILITARY FUNERAL

Gilbert Fry Met Tragic Death at Montreal.

[Canadian Press.] Kingston, March 21.—The flag at the Royal Military College is flying at half-mast today out of respect to the memory of Cadet Gilbert Stuart Fry, of Montreal, who met a tragic death at the college yesterday afternoon by falling off a water tower. This morning a military funeral was held from the college to St. George's Cathedral at 11 o'clock, all the cadets of the college being in line.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London for the 24 hours preceding 8 p.m. yesterday: Highest, 22, above; lowest, 7, above.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Highest, 24, above; lowest, 7 1/2, above.

TOMORROW—SNOW FLURRIES.

Forecast: Today—Moderate winds; fair.

Sunday—Temperature about the same as today; local snow flurries.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Victoria 68 44 Clear

Calgary 32 14 Clear

Winnipeg 28 4 Clear

Port Arthur 28 2 Cloudy

Toronto 20 10 Cloudy

Ottawa 14 2 Cloudy

Montreal 10 8 Clear

Quebec 12 9 Clear

Father Point 20 6 Cloudy

Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.

The Atlantic coast storm is now centred in Newfoundland, and heavy gales prevail to the eastward of Nova Scotia.

The weather continues cold throughout the Dominion, with indications, however, of a change to milder in the Western Provinces.

OFFICERS WHO REFUSE TO PROCEED AGAINST REBELS MUST RESIGN AT ONCE OR THEY WILL BE DISMISSED

It Is Admitted That Some Have Resigned Rather Than Proceed.

OTHERS TO REPLACE THEM

Activity in Both Camps, But It Is Believed That No Hostilities Are Intended.

[Canadian Press.]

London, March 21.—The outstanding feature of the news from Ireland today is the dissatisfaction among the officers of the regular army under orders to proceed to Ulster, with their regiments. The actual number of resignations among them is still problematical, but that it is considerable was evident from the midnight consultations of cabinet ministers regarding the best means of counteracting the movement. The actual fact of this dissatisfaction is the more disconcerting to the military authorities, since the army is already seriously short of commissioned officers.

Threats of a crisis in the army, if a movement of regular troops was undertaken against Ulster, had long been current, and in some quarters it is believed that the sudden hoarding of a limited number of troops was ordered so that the military authorities might gather an idea as to how widespread the threatened dissatisfaction was.

Immediately after Colonel Seely, the secretary of state for war, had been in audience with King George at Buckingham Palace this morning, Colonel Seely called a meeting of the army council, which took the necessary steps to replace officers who had resigned. According to reports, however, the number of vacancies is rapidly increasing, and it seems possible that all the regular troops which have been serving in Ulster may have to be withdrawn and replaced by fresh troops, as both men and officers have openly expressed their determination to take the offensive against men with whom they have been fraternizing.

This momentary shifting of the crisis from Ulster to the army may give the pacemakers the desired opportunity.

The return of Arthur J. Balfour, former Unionist Premier, to London, has given heart to the advocates of a compromise. He and Premier Asquith have served long years side by side in the political field and understand and appreciate one another.

Premier Asquith and Andrew Bonar Law, the official leader, the Opposition in the House of Commons, once the other hand, when they have come into contact have frequently given embittered displays of partisanship.

It was thought in many quarters today that if the Government would consent to give the Counties of Ulster perpetual local option on the question of whether they should be included in the home rule scheme instead of compelling them to come under the Dublin Parliament at the end of six years, a way out of the present difficulty would be opened.

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King George himself is taking a most active part in the negotiations. He is not confining his conferences to those with members of the cabinet, but has been in communication with Arthur J. Balfour and gave an audience to Field Marshal Lord Roberts, after he had seen the secretary of state for war, Lord Roberts subsequently conferred lengthily with Colonel Seely and the war office executive staff, which has been working at high pressure in many instances throughout the night.

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LONDON OLD BOY WHO IS VANDERHOOF, B. C., BOARD OF TRADE HEAD

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CITY FISHERMEN WILL DEFY FARMERS SIGNS

Resent Attempt to Prohibit Fishing in Thames From Byron to Komoka.

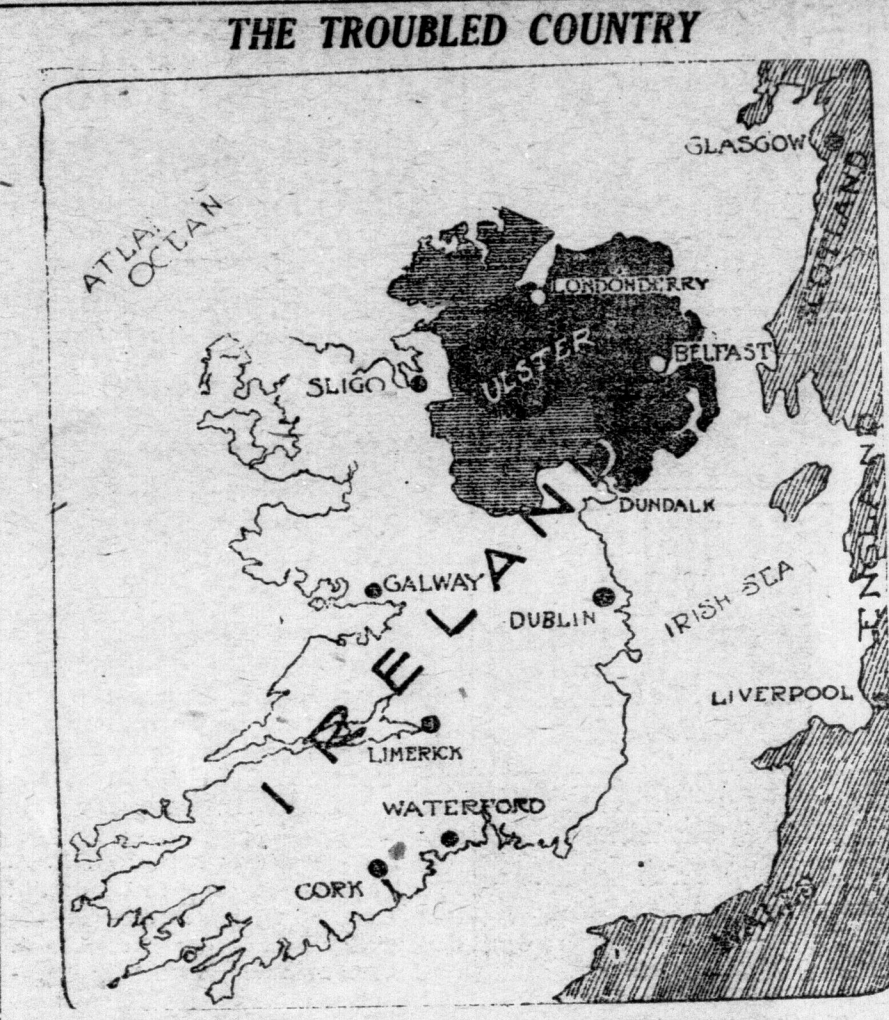
As the result of signs, prohibiting fishing, being placed on the banks of the River Thames from Byron to Komoka, a storm is brewing between city "knights of the rod and reel" and country exponents of the hook and line.

The country fishermen have warned the "sports" from the city and have erected signs along the banks of the Thames prohibiting fishing of any kind in the restricted section.

A group of city fishermen met last night and stated that they were ready for battle, and that the first fine spring day a number of them would head for Byron and fight the question out.

"The farmers will have a fine time keeping us from fishing in the mentioned district," said one of the London Isaac Waltons. "They are sore because we had an inspector stop them from spearing and catching fish with nets. There is a tow along the bank of the Thames from Byron to the lake, and with this the farmers will have a fine time trying to stop us fishing."

WALTER GUNN.



Rumored Mutiny of Two Companies

Dorsetshire Regiment Men Said To Have Thrown Down Arms, Saying "We Will Have No Home Rule Here."

[Canadian Press.]

London, March 21.—A mutiny of two companies of the Dorsetshire Regiment stationed in Belfast is reported by the Pall Mall Gazette.

According to the Pall Mall Gazette's message, when the men of the first battalion of the Dorsetshire regiment were paraded in Belfast today and notified that they were being transferred elsewhere, they threw down their arms.

A sergeant stepped forward, saluted the officers and said: "We will have no home rule here!"

This is thought in some quarters to be an exaggerated version of the reports of unrest among the regular troops in Ulster.

Housekeepers Joyful Eggs Way Down

Happy Smiles of Marketers Betokened Reduction to 27 Cents a Dozen.

Market shoppers who threaded their way through the wagons on the square this morning, all wore a beautiful smile, that just would not come off. Eggs were selling for 27 cents a dozen, which is cheaper by four and five cents than any price heard of so far in 1914. City grocers are offering them at 25 cents, as against 30 and 31 cents of yesterday.

The market this morning was flooded with eggs. Rural hens have become highly industrious, and for the last two days have made a wondrous showing in a quantity record, so that on this, the first day of spring, eggs are cheap. When eggs are cheap on the first day of spring, superstition says that they will be cheap and plentiful all summer, which is a boost for superstition.

With the happy expression of home shoppers was a corresponding gloom-look on the face of grain buyers, for oats have gone a-kiting, and brought higher prices than ever before this season. Several loads sold this morning for \$1.25 a bushel. Dealers account for the increased price by the fact that the grain is becoming scarce, and because it is being fed in large quantities to stock.

The market was small compared to last Saturday's, but that drop in eggs made up for it, and few worried.

UNKNOWN WOMAN STILL UNCONSCIOUS

Injured Alighting From Street Car, She Lies in Hospital, Yet Unidentified.

NAME MAY BE JAMES

Accident at Midnight, Friday, and Victim Is Not Expected To Survive.

Lying in a bed at St. Joseph's Hospital, still unconscious as the result of a street car accident fifteen hours before, a woman of about 60 years of age, has still to be identified.

The car was No. 84 on the Ottawa line, east-bound, was in charge of motorman John McNeil and Conductor Alexander Main. According to the story of the motorman, the woman had attempted to descend when the car was in motion after it had passed the crossing. It is thought that she had become confused and suddenly without warning the conductor of her intention had stepped off the platform onto the street, with what will probably be fatal results.

Rushed to Hospital.

The car was quickly stopped and she was picked up by the crew and carried to the home of William Clarke, 230 Horton street. Calls were sent in for the motor ambulance and for Dr. W. J. Stevenson, and the injured woman was rushed to St. Joseph's Hospital. She was in an unconscious condition and all efforts to determine her identity were of no avail, until after 12 o'clock, when she revived somewhat, and with great difficulty gasped out a name that sounded similar to James. There were no marks on her clothing to lead to establishing her identity.

After being unconscious for fifteen hours the woman's condition had not changed at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

All efforts to determine her identity have yielded no result.

There were no marks on the woman's clothing that would lead to the establishing of her identity. She was dressed in a plain black suit, with a long overcoat of the same color.

INJURIES NOT SERIOUS.

[Canadian Press.]

Tokio, March 21.—The injuries sustained by Frank Alvord Perret, the volcanologist, when he was burned on the hands and legs yesterday by molten lava, were not serious, according to a dispatch from Kagoshima. He has been able to undertake two more ascents of the volcano of Sakurajima since the accident.

Government Declares Movement of Troops Is Only for Protection of Depots.

ULSTERITES KEEP COOL

Leaders Are Anxious That Imperial Troops Shall Give First Provocation.

[Canadian Press.]

Belfast, Ireland, March 21.—Ulster this morning presented a very martial aspect. All the towns were occupied by soldiers of the regular army, and other detachments were marching along the country roads with long trains of baggage and ammunition carts on their way to strengthen the various garrisons. In the meanwhile at all the Unionist centres there was great animation among the "Ulster volunteers."

Throughout the province a feeling of intense excitement prevailed, and everybody seemed waiting in anxious expectation for something to occur, they knew not what.

Troops Landed.

Belfast Lough also displayed considerable activity. Two torpedo-boat destroyers, the Pathfinders and the Attentive, arrived there this morning from Kingstown, and landed five officers and 150 men of the Yorkshire Regiment at Carrick Fergus Castle, where large quantities of arms are stored.

Over 3,000 Troops.

Within 24 hours over 3,000 regular troops, including four battalions of infantry with machine guns and two batteries of field artillery, all equipped for active service, have arrived in the various towns of Ulster. These troops form the advance guard of a large armed force, which the military authorities are sending to the northern province of Ireland, to attempt to prevent the assumption of local government by anti-home rule.

Still more troops were on their way to the north from the great military camp at the Curragh and from other army stations today.

Carrick Fergus Castle, at which some of the troops are stationed, lies fifteen miles below Belfast, and is of historic interest owing to its having been the landing place of William of Orange. Field guns were mounted on the old fortifications there this afternoon.

Orders were issued to other batteries of artillery to occupy strategic positions around the city of Belfast.

Cavalry for Belfast.

It was generally expected here that a cavalry brigade would be concentrated in Belfast during the week-end. The Sixteenth Queen's Lancers and the Fourth Queen's Own Hussars, stationed at the Curragh, were yesterday equipped with carbines and were ready to move northward this afternoon.

These sudden preparations by the war office so far have not created any public demonstration in Belfast. The leaders of the so-called Unionist provisional government, however, are already busy with their over-enthusiastic followers precipitate riots during the two days of idleness at the week-end, and give their opponents the sought-for opportunity for enforcing rigorous repression.

Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster Unionist leader and his lieutenants desire the Government to take the first provocative steps. Sir Edward, realizing the vitalness of preventing an undisciplined outbreak as a protest against all these troops' movements, today again urged the

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HON. WM. PATERSON BURIED AT BRANTFORD

Government and Liberal Party Represented—Large Attendance.

[Canadian Press.]

Brantford, March 21.—The funeral of the late Hon. Wm. Paterson, ex-minister of customs, took place here this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Geo. Kipp, of the Farrington Church, conducted the service, while the pallbearers were C. B. Heyd, Judge C. Hardy, John Muir, E. L. Gould, Dr. Charles Leeming and T. H. Preston.

W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., represented the Premier and Government, Hon. W. S. Fielding the Liberal party of Canada, and Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King the Liberal party of Ontario.

A wealth of floral tributes was received, including wreaths from the local Reform associations, Sir Wilfrid the cabinet and the customs department at Ottawa, and in this city. Large delegations attended from the local Reform associations and the city council.

STREET CAR DELAYS

Yesterday's Records of "Hold-ups" at Level Crossings.

Crossing. Time. Lost.

G.T.R.—Richmond 1:37-1:44 p.m. 7 min.

G.T.R.—Rectory 3:02-3:08 p.m. 6 min.

G.T.R.—Rectory 6:35-6:41 a.m. 6 min.

G.T.R.—Rectory 4:41-4:47 p.m. 6 min.

G.T.R.—Rectory 10:43-10:50 p.m. 7 min.

G.T.R.—Rectory 7:13-7:17 p.m. 4 min.

G.T.R.—Richmond 8:30-8:33 p.m. 3 min.

G.T.R.—Richmond 6:14-6:20 p.m. 6 min.

G.T.R.—Richmond 9:38-9:46 p.m. 8 min.

G.T.R.—Richmond 12:04-12:09 p.m. 5 min.

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