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FOLLS EXEMPTION

Should Vote For

Repeal.

of Many Insuits

dent Wilson declared today that on ac-

the Baltimore platform, Democrats should

have no hesitation on voting for the re-

tion. The President emphatically char-

acterized the exemption as a subsidy,

and pointed out that one plank in the

crats as to which should take precedence

The President reiterated that the exemp

voting against it on the ground that i

Against Doctrine.

The President explained that, even i

the international situation to which he

eferred to his message, had not arisen,

exemption as against democratic doc-

trine, but, he indicated, that if it were

not for the international situation he

Mr. Wilson talked frankly about

Contest Degenerating.

A "Convalescence."

over any political friction in the !.emo

cratic party over the result, and referred

to the repeal contest as not a "capital

Mr. Wilson let it be known dat he

was unqualifedly opposed to any com-

promise or amendments such as have

Final Vote Soon.

on the repeal of the Panama tolls exemp-

tion continued today in the House and

leaders of both factions busily engaged

when the measure comes to a final vote.

tolls controversy were discussed.

In the Senate the various phases of the

That the Sims bill, providing for the

repeal, in accordance with the President's

request, is virtually assured of adoption

so far as the House is concerned, was the

not receive more than a 35 majority.

Senate May Take Time.

mentary procedure of the two Houses,

senators said today they did not expect

vote in the Senate within six weeks. Senator Owen and others of the Ad-

ninistration leaders today reiterated the

hope that the interoceanic canals com-mittee would begin consideration of the

by the House. Senator O'Gorman, chair-

man of the committee, and declared op-

ms bill immediately upon its passage

Because of the differences in the parlia-

Washington, D. C., March 30.-Debate

straight repeal without equivocation.

peration," but just a "convilescence."

revious administration.

congressional debate.

e would have been opposed to the tolls

was a subsidy

peal of the Panama Canal tolls exemp-

ASQUITH TAKES UP POSITION

Premier's Action Comes as Surprise. But He Is Frantically Cheered as He Leaves House, Until His Re-election — Generals Definitely Resign.

DRAMATIC SCENE IN THE HOUSE

[Canadian Press.] London, March 30 .- Col. John Seely, secretary for war, resigned his portfolio in

the British cabinet today, and his resignation was accepted by the Premier. Premier Asquith himself decided to take the secretaryship of war in place of Col Sir John French, chief of the imperial general staff of the British army, and Sii

John Ewart, adjutant-general to the forces, definitely resigned from the service today. The first intimation received by members of Parliament that Col. Seely had definitely retired from the cabinet was when he entered the House and took a seat in the back benches instead of among his late colleagues. The Cause.

"The paragraphs which caused the crisis were contained in a memorandum written to Brig.-Gen. Hubert Gough and contained the following:

"The Government must retain its right to use all the forces of the crown in Ireland or elsewhere to maintain order and support the civil power in the ordinary execution of their duty, but it has no intention whatever of taking advantage of this right in order to crush political opposition to the policy or the principles of the home rule bill."

These guarantees were afterwards repudiated by the cabinet, and this was taken as a rebuff by Field Marshal Sir John French, who, as head of the imperial general staff, was virtual commander-in-chief of the army, and by Sir John Ewart, the adjutant-general to the forces

Generals Resign The two generals immediately resigned, and all efforts made by the King, the Premier, and the other ministers failed to induce them to change their minds. Their resignations were made definite today.

Premier Takes Position Premier Asquith's further announcement that he himself would take up the portfolio of secretary for war came in the nature of a surprise. Having announced his intention to take up the office, he declared he would retire from the House of Commons in accordance with the law "until it pleases my constituents to sanction my re

The Premier then dramatically walked out of the chamber amid frantic cheers from the Liberals, the Nationalists and the Labor members, the whole body of whom rose to their feet and waved handkerchiefs and papers as he left. Mr. Asquith having accepted "an office of profit under the crown" must now return to his constituency of East Fife, Scotland, for re-election. On the last occa-

returned by a majority of 1,799. When Premier Asquith entered the regret, that he felt bound to take the House today he was greeted with a great same course and resign from the secreovation from the members on the Minis- taryship for war.

terial side. He shortly afterward rose before the crowded chamber to make his Mr. Asquith then sprang his sensation nised statement on the army crisis. Statement Given

eration Field Marshal French and Adjt .-Gen. Ewart had persisted in their desire to be relieved of their offices, and in the reluctance in what I believe to be a great the city of Forreon, it is thought, have public interest he "deeply deplored the de- public emergency." cision of these gallant officers, and I cannot speak too warmly or gratefully of the a complete surprise was evident on every vanguard ran into a trap at Gomez ability, loyalty and devotion with which hand. The members on the Ministerial and will, I hope, continue to serve." The Prime Minister told the House that their seats and broke out in wild hurrahs. Col. Seely had informed him to his great

sion he received 5,149 votes against the 3,350 of his Unionist opponent, and was thus

Very Reluctant.

louse. He said The Premier said that after full consid-ration Field Marshal French and Adjt.- of secretary of state for war, although I days of almost constant aggressive have taken the step only with the greatest warfare at Gomez Palacio and within

have served the state and the army, side of the House were momentarily and ammunition. But spurred by the struck dumb, but then they jumped onto

GUELPH FIRMS SUE BRITAIN IS FACING BAD COAL STRIKE KLOEPHER ESTATE

Enter Actions to Recover \$100,000 Advanced to Late Christian Kloepher.

BIG ASSIZE DOCKET

Calendar Already Larger Than Usual With Several Criminal Actions.

Cases continue to be entered for trial at the April assizes, to be held at the local court house, and the indications local court house, and the indications are that the coming session of the court will be an unusually lengthy one. The are that the coming session of the court list of civil cases is already above the usual number, and there are a number of suits yet to be entered. Besides this, there will be several criminal cases, including the trial of Thomas Riley for the murder of George Blackburn, a case not more.

Suits involving nearly \$100,000 were entered this morning. The Guelph Carpet Mills Company, Limited, of Guelph, is suing the Trust and Guarantee Company of that place for \$75,688.94 and interest. The trust company is the administrator of the estate of the late Christian Kloepher, who in his lifetime, was a director of the Carpet Mills Company. The plaintiffs charge that he induced the Carpet ly Mills Company to advance out of its 688.94, some for his own accommodation and some for the purposes of the Domin- ent time, there is little chance of any ion Linen Mills, another company in danger. which he was interested. As security he gave a certain form of guarantee, the Blackfriar's dam in the north branch The defence involves a numper of technical points in commercial

Practically the same causes are at issue in a suit entered by the Guelph Worsted Spinning Company, Limited, against the Since Sunday. Trust and Guarantee Company, as administrators of the estate of Christian Kloepfer. The sum involved is \$18,-

Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons, of this city, will fight the case for the plaintiffs in both cases, and McDonnell & Boland, of Toronto, are appearing for the de-

STREET CAR DELAYS

Continued on Page Eleven.

Thirty-five Thousand Miners Down Tools-More to Follow Suit-Minimum Wage Scale Demanded.

[Canadian Press.] Eng., March 30.—Thirty-five thousand coal miners in the Yorkshire pits laid down their tools today, demanding the introduction of a minimum rate of wages. Notices have been handed in by a further 135,000, and these expire at the latest on Thursday, which will bring the total to 170,000.

The Miners' Federation of Great Britain has given its support to the strike and a long struggle is expected.

INCHES SINCE SUNDAY

which will probably occupy two days, if All Fear of Flood Vanishes With Lowering of Waters of the Thames.

For once the River Thames is not ausing any anxlety to residents of West London at this season. Flowing smoothly along ten feet or more below it's usual level at this time of the year, and entirefree from floating ice, it looks though it would not even make a bluff funds monies amounting in all to \$75,- at a flood this year. A heavy rain might result in a sudden freshet but at the pre-

The fact that both Dexter"s dam and viladity of which the defendants call in have been broken through, is an added factor in allowing the surplus water to flow away freely, and with no floating ice, the danger of a "jam" such as has frequently spread destruction over a large

FOR THE INSANE

Squire Chittick Favors the Idea of Reception Hespitals

Squire W. H. Chittick is of the opinic that the proposal now before the Ontario Legislature to establish reception hospitals for the care of insane persons be-

SILENCE OF VILLA CAUSE OF ANXIETY TO SYMPATHIZERS

Rumors of Reinforcements For Torreon Defender Received With Misgiving.

ARE REBELS IN DANGER?

Magnificent Federal Defence Surprises Rebels-Is Mystery to All.

[Canadian Press.] Chihuahua, Mexico, March 30 .- For seven days Francisco Villa, military eader of the Constitutionalist revolu tion, has waged his battle against Torreon. For six days the fight has been the bitterest and the loss of life the heaviest in the recent history of Mexico, judging from the meager press dispatches received from the front, and the stories of slaughter told today by many of the 588 wounded veterans of Torreon, who are interned in hospitals

Constitutionalist sympathizers and rebel officers in Chihuahua again have become anxious as to the fate of their military leader and the remnants of the 12,000 men who marched to Torreon with him to engage in the revolution's first decisive battle. No word from Villa came early today to re-lieve the anxiety which obtained throughout Chihuahua. Reports that heavy reinforcements were hastening to relieve General Refugio Velasco, the Federal commander at Torreon, who had made such a resourceful resistance against the rebels, were received here with misgivings. But it is the fact that no news of General Villa's progress has come through for many hours, that is responsible for the greatest anxiety as to the fate. When advantage has been with the rebel leader in the past, free access to telegraphic communication was given newspaper correspondents at the front, but when he met reverses Villa would allow no news sent over the wires.

Fear For Villa Army officers here fear that Villa and stances and after much consideration I his army are in a difficult and perexhausted both men and supplies. From That the Premier's announcement was stories told by the wounded, the rebel Palacio which cost them dearly in men seemingly irresistable energy of General Villa, the soldiers wrested victory ried their fight to the very heart of

Splendid Defence. Those familiar with the geography f Torreon and its vicinity cannot understand how General Velasco has been able to withstand the vigorous attack numerical superior force as long as he has, he having been driven, ac cording to report, to the very southern edge of the city. The only solu-tion which presented itself was that General Velasco and his men had succeeded in holding the roundhouse and railroad buildings in spite of the artillery fire which Villa might have been able to direct against them. Some Optimists.

There are those optimistic enough o believe that General Villa has driven the Federals from the stronghold and is pursuing them down the valley to the south, with the intention of demoralizing the Federal forces that his possession of Torreon might be undisturbed until he can reorganize his own army. This theory is discounted, however, because of the fact that no news of any character from the front has been received since Villa's message | ised to be a dignified contest with genu-Saturday night.

SIR EDWARD GREY DENIES THE RUMOR

That Britain Had Uundertaken to Assist U. S. A. Mexican Policy. [Canadian Press.]

London, March 30 .- Sir Edward Grey, British foreign secretary, in the House of Commons today denied the published allegations that the action of President Wilson in regard to the question of Panama Canal tolls was the result of an understanding between the Governments of the United States and Great Britain. It had een asserted, he said, that under the terms of the understanding Great Britain Senate. In the former the Sims bill was had undertaken to assist President Wil. son's policy in regard to Mexico. added: "There is no foundation whatever in preparing for the closing scenes, exfor these reports, and I am glad to be able pected on Tuesday night or Wednesday, to take as early an opportunity as possible

BODY OF FOREIGNER FOUND NEAR HAVELOCK consensus of opinion. Some predicted for it a majority of 75, while the more conservative prophets said the bill would

[Canadian Press.]

Havelock, March 30 .- The body of oreigner, believed to b that of N. Dufound in a small pond near here late Sunday afternoon.

Before his disappearance, Duloff had withdrawn a considerable sum of money pitals for the care of insane persons before their commitment to the asylum, is a
good one. He does not altogether agree
with the opinion recently expressed by Dr.
McArthur, the jail physician, that the
present system of confining them in the
county jail until their cases are investi5 min.
gated, meets the case well enough.

withdrawn a considerable sum of money,
and it was thought that he had been a
victim of foul play. Parts of his clothing found, showed traces of blood. A
fellow countryman of Duloff's disappeared about the same time. It is reported
that he returned to Bulgaria, and that
he has since been arrested.

TAKES RESPONSIBILITY OF WAR SECRETARYSHIP ON HIS OWN SHOULDERS POLICE STATION

Will Take Up Question of It on Courthouse Site With County.

CRITICIZES POLICE FORCE

Controller Coles, Referring to Stopping Fire Truck, Says Officers Are Over Officious.

The board of control will meet the jail committee of the Middlesex county council on Tuesday evening of next week, to discuss the proposed removal of the city's old workshops from the county property, and also the proposal to erect a new joint city and county registry office, and new city police station, on the courthouse grounds. Controller W. G. Coles favored a joint registry office, build on the court house lines of architecture, and the new police station to be constructed in.

conformity with the same idea. When a bill for \$71,25 for tires for Assistant City Engineer H. A. Brazier's SAYS PRES. WILSON auto was sent this morning, troller J. P. Moore demanded a detailed statement of how much money had been spent on the machine.

The mayor explained that he had authorized the purchase of the tires for On That Ground All Democrats the reason that Mr. Brazier had been able to secure three for the price of two and he thought it was good business to make the purchase Brazier An Aviator?

"It might be a good idea to give Mr. Brazier some lessons in running a car," AGAINST THEIR DOCTRINE said Controller Moore, "he sails over the bumps as if he was driving an Says Story of Entering Into

Jarvis and Vining, on behalf of the Township of Westminster, sent in a tax bill of \$184.60 for taxes on the city's Bargain With Britain One sewage farm. The communication was referred to the city solicitor for a [Canadian Press.] Washington, D. C., March 30.—Presi-

National Drug and Chemical Com-D. H. Howden & Co. the Can. adian Consolidated Rubber Co and McMahen, Granger & Co, York street wrote the issue an wholesalers. injunction against the city if the draymen were given permision to replace Continued on Page Eleven.

Baltimore platform expressed opposition to any subsidy, direct of indirect, while LLOYD GEORGE ILL; another plank declared for tolls exemp-The President asserted there should be no doubt among the Demo-UNABLE TO DEBATE COURTS TO DECIDE TWO MILLIONS FOR ARMY tion was not a policy of the Democratic House, because it had passed through a coalition of Republicaus and a minority of Democrats, the majority of Democrats

Chancellor Suddenly Stricken -Serious Handicap to Government During Critical

did no feel that it would have been [Canadian Press.] proper for him to question the acts of a colls controversy in Congress, Saying that he passed the week-end playing golf. the story that he had entered into a The chancellor, it was stated, would be bargain with Great Britain, through Sir unable to participate in the critical dis-William Tyrell, private secretary to Sir cussion in the House of Commons today Edward Grey, was one of a number of on the situation brought about by the insults that had been introduced in the resignations of army officers. The debatng power of Lloyd. George had been greatly relied upon by the Government. The President declared he wanted to

express his regret that what had prom-TWO FOUND GUILTY ine difference of opinion, seemed to be degenerating into an attempt to discredit the administration. He remarked that, while it made all the more certain the result in favor of the administration, he thought it a great pity that public af-

fairs should be handled in that way. He did not think all the opponents of the Man and Woman Receive Susrepeal felt that way, but such color had pended Sentence for Taking been interjected in the controversy and ne did not understand the motives for it. 15-year-old Girl. The President said he had no anxiety

Finding them, he said, guilty of abduction, but believing there was no criminal intent, Police Magistrate J. C. Judd today allowed Wilfred Tragenzo and Mrs. John McNernie to go on sus pended sentence. The two were charged with the abduction of 15-year-old May been proposed in the Smate. He is for a Eveland.

"I have come to the conclusion," said the judge, "that the circumstances surrounding the case indicate that the young girl was induced to leave her ome and that the male and female parties were involved in the arrangement. But from the evidence I also find that there was no intention of immorality or marriage. Mrs. McNernie evidently thought she was doing the girl a kindness, as did Tragenzo.

-Tragenzo and Mrs. McNernie, on finding that they were not to be punished, hurriedly left the courtroom.

A STRANGE STORY

Vancouver, Dec. 30. - Becoming hy sterical, after administration of gas for a dental operation, Miss Etta Lucy, aged 20, daughter of Louis Lucy, ran from found this morning at Kitsel on the

COUNTY'S APPEAL DISMISSED.

[Canadian Press.] March 30.-George Weston a Middlesex farmer, was awarded \$1,000 damages against the county of Middlesex, following the upsetting of his cutter through a pit of gravel on the roadside. ponent of the repeal, has announced that there would be no meeting of the com-mittee until after the bill is received from was dismissed at Osgoode Hall this morn-ing. The county's appeal against this award

BRILLIANT REVIEW OF THE BRITISH NAVAL SITUATION

Churchill Says Offensive Power of Modern Battleships
Out of Proportion to Defensive — A Fine Flying Fleet — Oil Supply Secret.

London, March 30,-William Ewart Gladstone was the last British statesman thing for the naval estimates. The First work. Lord of the Admiralty compelled the House of Commons to listen for two and a half hours, while he gave a review of the latest achievements in naval science. so interesting that even the "little navy" men kept their seats to the end. Battle between great modern iron-

[Canadian Press.]

clads the First Lord described as "more to their defensive power. Never was the disproportion so marked. In the light of that illustration the awful importance of are being built. good gunnery must come home to usthe importance of hitting first and hitting hard, and keeping on hitting, and the necessity of spending money in arriving at the highest possible efficiency." Leads in Flying.

Mr. Churchill believes that the British navy leads the world in flying. His personal exploits in that direction have been criticised as foolhardy for one of his position. He promised to give his fellownembers a unique exhibition later in the 'in order to remove the doubts which lurk in some breasts as to the existence of to say. or military services." The Admiralty now possesses fifteen of supply.

airships, ten of which are large vessels

of over forty-five miles an hour speed, with 62 seaplanes and 41 ordinary areoplanes. Mr. Churchill declared his belief in the future of the aeroplane, but; who could make popular reading with a admitted that the airship had advantages. speech expounding the annual budget of in the greater radius of action, being Government appropriations. Winston able to remain aloft 48 hours; in greater Spencer Churchill has done the same carrying capacity and efficiency of night

There are 20 officers and 120 pilots who have received certificates of proficiency from the Aero Club. Attached to the flying service altogether are 125 officers and 500 men, and he predicted that the numbers would reach 180 officers and 1,400 men before the end of the year. like a battle between two eggshells When he came to the Admiralty two and striking each other with hammers," than a half years ago there were nine matwo men in armor striking at each other chines. Five stations have been equipped with heavy swords. "The offensive power along the coast, with full arrangements of modern battleships is out of proportion for housing machines and quarters for officers and men, and two more are under construction. Special seaplane vessels

Wireless on Seaplanes. "Of course, the heavy seaplanes which we are developing now." the First Lord "will carry formidable explosives, which could be dropped on transports. They carry wireless telegraphy, which enables them to signal 120 miles effectually, and they have been quite recently able even to receive a message while in the air."

Where Does Oll Come From? On the vital topic of the British navy's session by bringing a fleet of airships steps to introduce oil as fuel for warships over the Parliament buildings, "if the and to secure sufficient supplies thereof, House will take it kindly," he remarked, the First Lord's explanations were noteworthy, principally for what he refused The Government maintains the air craft in possession either of the naval greatest secrecy concerning the location of the oil reserves, as well as the sources The sum of \$7.700,000 was Continued on Page Nine.

HAS DEMANDED

New Schedule, Supposed To Controller Coles Interviews Start April 1, Cannot Go

Present Indications Forecast Londoner Finds Money Tight Appeal to Judiciary to Settle Dispute.

There is no possibility of the street railway schedule passed by the council at its last meeting, being put into effect on April 1, the date, stipulated London, March 30 .- David Lloyd George, in the bylaw. Manager C. B. King hancellor of the exchequer, was taken stated today that to place the improvill at Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, where ed service in operation on Wednesday would be quite impossible, and C. H. Ivey, street railway counsel said that the company had not yet decided on its line of action. The company has been officially noti-

fied of the passing of the service bylaw, sure that everything will be all right and has been sent an official copy of as far as the government's share of the the schedule suggested by City Engineer W. N. Ashplant and approved by the council. The enforcement of the city's demands would mean the purchase of four extra cars and the reconstruction of west half of the "Y"

At Adelaide and Dundas streets at a lit was expected that the \$130,000 would have been included in the supplementary cost of approximately \$2,000, according estimates brought down in the house to the company's estimates. The street railway magnates have

learly stated that they will refuse to submit to the city's demands for the ncreased service, and there is little doubt but that the courts will be asked to decide the matter. The company has said so and the city has intimated that it is quite prepared to fight the thing through to a finish.

ON WOMEN'S FASHIONS

To Be Consulted as Regard of Protest by Modistes Against Strictures.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, March 30 .- A London cable t the Gazette says: The Rome correspondent of the Sunday Observer states that the directress of La Mode Illustre has interviewed Cardinal Merry Del Val on behalf of Parisian modistes, and complained that business was suffering as a result of the strictures of the church or modern fashions, especially with South America, where rigorous instructions on dress were issued. Promising to confer her father's house and her body was with the Pope, the cardinal said it was impossible to keep a corps of artists at the vatican to decide such points, but when dress became too outre the church must intervene.

THREE NEW JUDGES

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Ont., March 7).—Three county court judges have been named by the Government in Ontario. They are Harry Ward, Ex M.P., appointed for Durham; L. M. Hayes, for Peterboro, and Anson Spotton, for Wellington.

MINISTERS SAY

Heads of Militia and Public Works.

With Government at Ottawa.

Controller W. G. Coles, who went to Ottawa with the radial deputation, remained in the Capital over Friday, and interviewed Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of public works, and Hon. Sam Hughes, minister of Militia, in regard to the government's \$130,000 share of the proposed Federal Square cost.

Received Promise.

"I was given a most fovorable hearing" said Controller Coles, "and I am sure that everything will be all right expense is concerned. I was told that an appropriation of two million dollars for militia land and buildings was to be made, and that London's share would be included in this amount.'

nade no mention of the inclusion. troller Coles intimated that money was very tight in Ottawa, with the railway subdidies and other large expenditures staring the government in the face.

THE WEATHER.



TEMPERATURES The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London for the 24 hours preceding 8 a.m. yesterday: Highest, 53 above; lowest, 34 above. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Highest, 45 above; lowest, 40

TOMORROW-FAIR AND COOL Forecasts. Today-Northwest winds, with rain. Tuesday-Northerly winds; fair and

Temperatures. The following were the highest and owest temperatures during the 24 hours

previous to 8 a.m. today ictoria 54 Cloudy Cloudy Clear Clear algary Port Arthru..... Parry Sound Montreal

The pressure continues his Northern Ontario, and shallow

ances are passing quickly eastward across the Middle States.

The weather has become much milder in the Western Provinces, and continues rather cool from Ontario eastward.

Weather Notes.