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LABOR CRITIC IS CHEERED

Such a Hostile Criticism of the Throne Not Witnessed in a Century.

LONDON, March 25.—Westminster continues to be a seething cauldron over what the Liberals now denounce as the "mutiny of the army aristocrats" against democratic government. The fact has been established from



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all obtainable evidence that General Hubert Gough and the other officers of the Third Cavalry Brigade demanded and obtained written assurances, which had been drafted by a lawyer, that they would not be ordered to fight Sir Edward Carson's Ulster volunteers, and that these assurances were obtained largely through the personal intervention of the King.

Before they left London yesterday they sent telegraphic messages to their brother officers in Ireland that they had found support "from the highest quarters." On their arrival at Carragh camp yesterday they were welcomed by a guard of honor with cheers, and related the outcome of their summons to the war office.

Criticize the King

The throne, which has traditionally kept out of party controversies, both because of aloofness and as a point of honor with public men and newspapers, is involved in the discussion as it has never been before or during King George's reign or that of his most diplomatic father. The section of the Liberals who opposed what they denounce as a surrender to the military, are criticizing the King with the greatest freedom. They resent his action in summoning to the palace Field Marshal Sir John French, chief of the general staff, and General Sir Arthur Paget, commanding the forces in Ireland, who should have been dealt with by the secretary of state for war, in accordance with the customary official routine.

Will Explain All

The Government has promised to throw more light to-day upon recent history by giving to parliament all the written communications with General Sir Paget and the officers, who refused service, but how far the negotiations were carried on by written communications remains to be seen.

The Government's two spokesmen, Colonel Seely, secretary for war, in the House of Commons, and Viscount Morley of Blackburn, in the House of Lords, were confronted yesterday by persistent demands for explicit information. They were asked as to exactly what assurances the government gave the military officers and whether they were written or verbal. Both refused to answer any questions before the papers were presented to the House.

If these papers disclose that the government surrendered to those who refused duty in Ulster, Premier Asquith's administration will face great danger from rebellion in its own ranks. The most reliable parliamentary writers will make this statement in the morning papers.

The Labor party members who throughout Mr. Asquith's administration have been criticized by many of the rank and file of their party for seeming to be docile chained to his chariot wheels, are in open revolt. They harp upon the fact that Tom Mann was sent to prison for six months for inciting the soldiers to refuse to fire upon strikers when ordered, and demanded to be informed as to whether there is to be one law for aristocrats with commissions and another for plebeians in the ranks when it comes to matters of conscience and obedience to orders.

John Redmond's View

John Redmond, the leader of the Irish Nationalist party, in a statement to the Associated Press, yesterday declared that the question is whether the atmosphere of the aristocratic London drawing rooms or the will of the majority of the people should prevail.

The Commons witnessed a telling

demonstration yesterday afternoon of how the land lies. It showed where not only the Irish home rulers and Laborites, who made Premier Asquith's majority and hold the balance of power in the House, stand, but that many Liberals are opposed to what, from their present information, they consider a surrender to the army officers.

The army appropriation bill was under discussion, and the Unionist, Leopold C. Amery, moved a resolution for the purpose of criticizing the Government on the ground that it was not entitled to use the army for party purposes, which is the basis of the Unionist position in the present crisis.

John Ward, a Laborite, who was a dock laborer and at one time a private in the army, seconded the motion, but from a different point of view. He said that the Conservatives, by approving the rebellion of the officers, had started to "smash the British army." The House, he said, had to decide whether it was going to maintain the discipline of the army as a neutral force, or whether the parliament elected by the people should "absolutely without interference from the King or the army, make the laws of the realm."

When the speaker uttered in stentorian tones "without interference from the King or the army," giving a calculated and dramatic pause after the word King, half the house was on its feet cheering. All the labor members and all the home rule Irishmen, and not only they, but very many of the Liberal members, stood and shouted for a considerable space of time.

Parliament has not witnessed such an obviously hostile criticism of the throne in the memory of the oldest member, nor even in the past century.

General opinion to-day was that the dissolution of the British parliament has been hastened by the events of the last few days.

The Irish Nationalists, it is pointed out will not accept home rule with Ulster permanently excluded, while the government has found it impossible to compel Ulster to come under a Dublin parliament.

It is argued that the only way out of the difficulty is to hold a general election, and none would be surprised if the government during the second reading of the home rule bill, next week should offer to dissolve parliament on condition that the home rule, the Welsh disestablishment and the plural voting bill be passed.

WALTER CADY REFUSED FED. OFFER OF \$17,500

Pittsburg Club Representatives Are Anxious to Sign Boston Red Sox Catcher.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 25.—Cady, the Boston American League catcher announced last night that he had refused a Federal League offer of \$25,000 a year and a bonus of \$5,000 to sign with the Pittsburg club of the new league. Cady already has signed a Boston contract.

No announcement was made yesterday as to whether the temporary injunction obtained yesterday by the Pittsburg National League club management against S. H. Camnitz and another Federal League agent, described as "John Doe" will be contested. The order issued in the Chancery Court restrained Camnitz and John Doe from communicating with any member of the Pittsburg club. It is said several Federal League representatives are at Hot Springs.

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Fight for Lake Erie Island Is Begun in Courts of Ontario

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SANDWICH, March 25.—After hearing the evidence of a number of witnesses in the dispute over ownership of Little Sister Island in Lake Erie, Justice Middleton has reserved his decision.

Wm. Nattress, of Detroit, yesterday testified that the island had been made his property through a deal

made with the heirs of Wm. Ross. The latter it is asserted, obtained the island from the crown for his services during the War of 1812.

Counsel for Robert Goodshild, of Amherstburg, who at present occupies the island as a fishing preserve, admitted the purchase had been made by Nattress, but declared the property is now owned by Goodshild, the latter having been in possession of it for more than 10 years.

The island is located about a mile and a half from mainland and is estimated to be worth \$3,000, although it is but a mere dot on Lake Erie.

OXFORD BEST IN PRACTICE RACE

Dark Blue Crew Rowing in Much Improved Form—Cambridge is Disappointing.

LONDON, March 25.—A rowing expert expressing an opinion on yesterday's boat race practice, says that Oxford showed by far the better form, that of Cambridge being quite disappointing.

Oxford rowed against the Thames R.C., and it was a good performance on the part of the Dark Blue to clear the opposing eight in just over a minute. Oxford were more uniform, and rowed with plenty of life. Pittman is striking the boat with fine dash and vigor.

Cambridge rowed against a mixed Leander and London scratch eight, which took them along over the first half of the row, while a good Leander crew went with them over the second half. Cambridge failed to beat Leander who finished nearly half a length to the good.

The Cambridge form was disappointing. They failed to get good length in their stroke, and there was a lack of "devil" in their rowing.

Saturday's race will likely be a more exciting affair than appeared likely a week ago as Oxford have improved in marked fashion.

CANADIAN LEAGUE IS WELL LIKED BY MACK

McAvoy, Who Caught for Berlin Last Season Has Made an Impression With Tail Leader.

One of the Philadelphia scribes down at Jacksonville with the Athletics has the following to say about Catcher McAvoy "Out of the mass of unknown quantities that always litter up the training camp, a young gentleman has popped into the limelight and has Connie guessing. This young gentleman is James McAvoy, a catcher drafted by Connie from the Berlin (Ont.) club of the Canadian League. Mac appears to possess all the attributes of a big league catcher and has shown too good down here to be turned adrift without a good stout string attached. Hence Connie's little guessing game is picking his catcher. Sturgis has all the prestige of past efforts, but McAvoy is showing the goods."

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MOTHER PASSING SEES BODY OF SON TAKEN FROM WATER

Alvah Laine, Eight-Year-Old Paris Boy, Drowned Near Old Dam.

PARIS, March 25.—While playing with a young companion beside the head race of the old distillery dam yesterday afternoon, Alvah Laine, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Laine, stumbled into the current and was drowned before help could reach him. His mother was passing the bank of the stream by accident when the body was recovered a few minutes later.

The lad had been playing with Ernest Atkins, who, when he saw his companion carried away in the race, ran several blocks to the Laine home, where he was unable to secure assistance. Coming back, he met Mr. Penstock, baker, who hastened with him to the scene of the accident. It was found that the Laine boy had been carried several hundred yards down the race and through the gates.

When Mr. Penstock at last located the boy and dragged him to the shore life was extinct.

DRUNKARDS DISLIKE THEIR PROPER TITLE

Make Stormy Protest Against the Posting of Their Names in New Jersey Saloons.

TENAFLY, N. J., March 25.—Tenafly's list of "common drunks," containing 25 names, which has been tacked up in several saloons as a warning to bartenders to sell no liquor to those named therein is causing trouble.

Two citizens, whose names are on the roll, have protested to the mayor against being classified with "drunkards and bums," and threaten to carry the case into court. On the other hand, Dr. J. M. Keller, head of the protectors, says the list was carefully investigated and had the approval of the mayor. The names on it will have to remain there, he says.

TANK CARS FOR C. P. R. The construction of a couple of tank cars, specially equipped for fire fighting, is a new departure on the part of the C. P. R. They are, in general, of the standard construction. They have been built to the designs of the company by the American Car Company, and the idea is to operate them in pairs. Apart from the end arrangement of the auxiliary equipment, they are of identical construction. Each car carries a tank of 8-438 imperial gallons and on the end of each car there is a 20 by 10 inch duplex fire pump, using steam from the locomotive boiler. The corresponding end of the other car has a rack construction on which can be carried 6,000 feet of fire hose. The car is designed for weight capacity of 100,000 pounds, so standard fifty-ton trucks are employed. These tank cars have done good service in the United States.

GLASGOW, March 25.—Third Lanark defeated Stevenson United in the fourth round of the Scottish Cup by a goal to 0. The winners will meet Celtic in the semi-final.

Celtic and Hearts failed to score in a Scottish League game at Celtic Park.

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