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GOVERNMENT WILL INTRODUCE AN AMENDMENT TO HOME RULE

Asquith Pledges This in Hope of Agreement and Both of the Measures Will Become Law Almost Simultaneously.

[Canadian Press.]

London, May 12.—Premier Asquith in the House of Commons today pledged the Government to introduce an amending bill to the Home Rule for Ireland measure, in the hope of it being passed by agreement between the parties. If this offer is accepted, he said, both the original Home Rule Bill and the amending bill will become law practically simultaneously. This, he continued, was the only proper way of carrying out any agreed settlement which might be reached.

No Change in Bill.

The Prime Minister added that, obviously, in order to take advantage of the provisions of the Parliament Act, no change could be made in the Home Rule for Ireland bill while it was in the committee stage, and therefore any debate during that stage would be pure waste of time.

The Parliament Act provides that if any public bill be passed by the House of Commons in three successive sessions and be rejected or unacceptably amended by the House of Lords in each of these sessions, it may become law by receiving the Royal accent, provided that two years have elapsed between the second reading in the first of the three sessions and the final reading in the third session.

Third Reading Soon.

In announcing that the third reading of the Home Rule Bill on its third passage through the House of Commons would be taken before Whit Sunday, the premier said:

"If, as I hope—and more than hope, I trust—we may bring diverse ideas together with a common object and with concerted discussion—not perhaps on the floor of the House, although ultimately on the floor of the House—we can arrive at a settlement, I am sure as a matter of procedure that that settlement must take the form of a supplementary bill.

Goes Step Farther.

"I have said that I would never close the door on the possibility of any settlement. I am going a step farther now than I have ever done before, when I say on behalf of the Government that, while I shall ask the House of Commons to give the Irish Home Rule Bill its third reading before Whit Sunday, the Government will make itself responsible for introducing amending proposals to that bill in the hope that a settlement by agreement may be arrived at in regard to matters immediately outstanding."

He Drafted Treaty Ending the Spanish And American War

Engenio Montero-Rios, Statesman of Renown, Dies, Aged Eighty-Two Years.

Madrid, May 12.—Eugenio Montero-Rios, one of the best-known Spanish statesmen, and the man who drafted the treaty which brought the Spanish-American war to a close in 1898, died today at the age of 82.

Eugenio Montero-Rios, a deep student of civil and canonical law, and a brilliant orator, exercised immense influence in the Spanish Parliament, of which he was a member either in the Chamber of Deputies or the Senate for 45 years, having been first elected in 1869. For a great part of this period he was also a Government official, chiefly in the department of justice. In 1888 he was president of the Spanish Supreme Court, and in 1904-05 prime minister.

When minister of justice he instituted the civil marriage in Spain. It was Montero-Rios who in 1906 signed the marriage contract between King Alfonso and Princess Ena Victoria of Battelburg.

"U" GOVERNORS MAY DECIDE PRESIDENCY AND SITE THIS WEEK

Definite Action Expected This Week on Important Questions Affecting Future Development of London's Educational Institution—Dr. Hill's Resignation Also Coming Up.

It is expected that the negotiations for the selection of a new president and a new site for the Western University will be crystallized into accomplished facts at the meeting of the board of governors that will be held the latter part of this week. The exact date of the meeting has not yet been fixed, owing to the absence of Judge R. M. Meredith, chancellor of the university, from the city. As soon, however, as it is known when the chancellor will return, Dr. Waugh, secretary of the board, has been instructed to call the governors together.

In a statement to The Advertiser this morning, C. R. Somerville, chairman of the board of governors, declared that it was more than likely that some definite action would be taken on the two important questions now before the board, the selection of a new president and the purchase of a new site for the university.

"Of course, it is impossible to say what the governors will do, but the questions will most certainly be considered, and it is altogether likely that some definite action will be taken," said Mr. Somerville.

Dr. Hill's Resignation.

Another question to come before the governors will be the resignation of Dr. H. W. Hill, director of the Institute of Public Health. Dr. Hill has been offered an important post in the state board of health department of Minnesota, and whether or not he will accept the American offer depends entirely on the action taken by the governors.

This morning both Dr. Hill and Chairman Somerville declined to make any statement on the question.

"There is nothing new," said the chairman.

"The question is up to the governors," said Dr. Hill.

Professor Salmon a Possibility.

Among the possibilities that will be considered for the presidency is Professor Salmon, a former Boston educator, who comes with the highest recommendations. There are, of course, a number of others, but it is said that Professor Salmon is the choice of several of the members of the board, and may be its selection.

BRITISH CRUISER IS ORDERED TO TAMPICO

[Canadian Press.]

LONDON, May 12.—The British cruiser Bristol, now stationed at Portsmouth, was ordered today to proceed to Tampico as speedily as possible.

JOHN R. SILLIMAN, IN SALTILLO JAIL, IS TO BE RELEASED

Demand of U. S. A. Is Promptly Met by the Mexican Government.

LOBOS IS NOT OCCUPIED

Americans Offer Payment for Passports, but Brazilian Minister Gives Them Free.

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, May 12.—Senor Olivera, the Brazilian minister in Mexico City, informed the state department today that the Mexican Government has ordered the immediate release of Vice-Consul John R. Silliman, held a prisoner at Saltillo. The minister added that as soon as Mr. Silliman reached Mexico City he would obtain for him safe conduct to Vera Cruz.

Three Phases.

Washington, May 12.—While Huerta's mediating mission steamer north from Vera Cruz today and the American delegates began plans of organization for the Niagara Falls conference, these three important phases in the Mexican situation stood out, demanding urgent attention:

The fate of John R. Silliman, United States vice-consul at Saltillo, reported held by Huerta's soldiers.

Disposition of five South Americans arrested for sniping operations at Vera Cruz.

Settlement of the "occupation" of Lobos Island, which drew a protest from Huerta's foreign minister.

Silliman's case was among the first of the developments that were to be submitted to President Wilson when he returned today from New York. Secretary Bryan was emphatic in announcing, after a conference with the South American envoys, the Government's determination to have Silliman released.

The Lobos Island incident was taken up by Secretary of the Navy Daniels soon after his return from the memorial ceremonies. He had before him this report from Rear-Admiral Mayo at Tampico:

Lobos Not Occupied.

"Lobos Island has not been occupied. The Dixie and some destroyers anchored there and other vessels have coaled there from a collier. The keepers of Lobos Island light deserted it, and the Dixie is now maintaining it for the benefit of navigation. I understand that the destroyers have had occasional swimming parties ashore."

General belief was expressed that this explanation would amply answer Huerta's protest that the United States, by seizing the island, had violated the armistice, and would make it plain that the Dixie's commander acted only to insure protection to

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SUBWAYS AND CITY MANAGER FOR LONDON

Concensus of Opinion Names These Requirements as the City's Pressing Need.

NO ELEVATED TRACKS

Will Be Years Before Municipality Will Be Financially Able to Handle Proposition.

INTERESTING OPINIONS

Advertiser Reporter Secures Them From Citizens in the Various Walks of Life.

In the length of one city block yesterday an Advertiser reporter talked with six London citizens.

One was a jeweler, one a builder, one a retail merchant, one an insurance man, one a salesman, and the last a retired businessman.

It happened that all of them wanted to talk municipal affairs.

Their ideas on civic matters may be regarded as representative.

They were of all shades of politics, but all of them professed to be without politics as far as the government of the city was concerned. What the ballot box would tell is another story, but it was fair to assume that at the present time they were ready to advance the city's interests independent of party consideration.

There were two outstanding matters on which they all agreed, speaking generally.

One was that London needed a city manager capable of conducting the city's business as a whole, and subservient to no party or special group or individual.

The other was that the city should take some action toward relieving the level crossing situation by the construction of subways.

Give Up Elevated Tracks.

"They'd better give up hope of elevated tracks," said the jeweler. "The city would have to pay such a large share that it will be years before it can tackle it. Subways are solving the problem in most other cities and would solve it here. The Ridout street subway is an absolute necessity, and it should be built at once."

The same man was strong for the city manager idea. He believed that the city should be conducted by a board of directors, made up of the three largest taxpayers, and four elected members, and that an expert on municipal management should be hired and made responsible only to the directors. He should be placed in charge of every department, including public works, hydro, water, hospital and schools.

The other men discussed the same topics. While they all had variations on the ideas they were all convinced that expert civic management and subways were the pressing needs of the city at present.

LOWEST BIDDERS TO BUILD ALL THE STORM SEWERS

Board of Control Recommends Acceptance of Low Tenders On All Sections.

CLOSE TO ESTIMATED COST

Prices Quoted by Bidders Vary Little—$50,000 for Sanitary System.

The board of control this morning recommended to the city council the awarding of contracts for the construction of the Wharncliffe road, the Egerton street, Ridout street and Colborne street storm sewers to the firms making the lowest bids in each case. Engineer Willis Chipman was present and advised that the tenders be accepted.

T. W. Nicholson, Cleveland, will build the Egerton street sewer for $148,160.50, this figure including the laying of sanitary sewers for the eastern section of the city for which part of the work debentures amounting to $50,000 will be issued. The city already holds option on 21 acres of land on the Hamilton Road east of the city at $500 an acre, where a sewerage disposal plant to meet the needs of East London is likely to be established. The construction of the Egerton street storm sewer system will also relieve a large territory included in the Carling's creek storm sewer survey, and will cut down by about $25,000 the original estimate of $103,000 for this section of the new storm sewer system.

Leave Carling Creek Over.

After some deliberation the board of control decided to go ahead with the Egerton street section, leaving the Carling Creek section until the development of that district makes the need of the storm sewer system there more urgent.

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REFUSED WORK, MAN RETURNS TO HOUSE, THREATENS WOMEN

Unknown Man Gains Entrance to a Queen's Avenue Residence.

WALKS IN FRONT DOOR

Discovered as Result of a Draught, He Menaces Woman With Stick and Escapes.

Police today are looking for an unknown man who, last night, threatened Mrs. Ann Hiscox, 353 Queens avenue, and her granddaughter, after gaining entrance to the house. A good description of the man has been secured and an arrest is expected shortly.

As far as can be learned nothing was taken from the Hiscox home but both women are suffering from the shock of the man's visit and threats.

Early yesterday afternoon a short, thick set, burly young fellow, apparently between twenty-five and thirty, applied at the Hiscox home for work. He requested a job of cutting the grass but was informed that the work was done by another man, regularly engaged.

About 8.30 in the evening, the women, who were alone in the house, heard the front door open and close. No-

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ASKS UNSTATED DAMAGES

Widow of William Garside, Killed at Wellington Street Crossing, Sues G.T.R.

Mary A. Garside, widow of William J. Garside, the lay reader of Trinity Church, Chelsea Green, has issued a writ through her solicitors, Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons, against the Grand Trunk Railway for unstated damages as a result of her husband being killed at the Wellington street crossing of the G. T. R. on the evening of May 2nd.

OPTION GRABBERS GIVING TROUBLE

Expecting to Realize Good Profits, They Bond Sites for Western.

EFFORTS FRUITLESS ONES

If Board Can Help It, No One Will Make Anything by These Methods.

"Option grabbers" are the bane of the Western University governors' existence.

No sooner have the governors made any inquiry in regard to property that might be used for university extension than some public-spirited (?) citizen or citizens secures an option on the property expecting to realize a large sum over the price for which the original owners were willing to sell it.

In one case recently a governor was seen looking at some land in the north end of the city. He had been going for a stroll and stopped to glance over a good-sized piece of property. It was not large enough for the purposes of a university, nor was it suitable in any other way. Yet he was informed the next day that some "wise" person had secured an option on the property, because the governor had been seen looking at it. So far the option-getter has not realized much.

In other instances, the governors have been actually in touch with owners of land, to discover that outsiders had secured options or had been endeavoring to secure them.

"It's not a very fine spirit for citizens to display, and you may rest assured that if the governors can help it no one is going to make much by these methods," said one of the governors today. "The people who try to make the university site a matter of speculation are striking a blow at the institution, and should not be considered good citizens.

"The less publicity given to the matter of sites the better," he continued, "although everything that is good for the university should be made public."

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

New York, May 12.—Arrived: Steamers Minnehaha, London; Ryndam, Rotterdam; Finland, Antwerp; President Lincoln, Hamburg.

New York, May 12.—Arrived: Steamer Kron Prinzessin Cecilie, Bremen.

"BALD JACK" ROSE IS STAR WITNESS IN BECKER'S TRIAL

Tells Practically the Same Story as at the First Court of Plot Against Rosenthal's Life.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, May 12.—"Bald Jack" Rose, star witness of the first trial of Charles Becker for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, appeared in that role again today. As hairless as ever, but a trifle stouter than when he appeared before, he took the stand shortly before noon and calmly told of the part he played in the events leading up to the gambler's death. Substantially it was the same story that he told at the first trial. He spoke in a low tone, but with evident calmness, and at times gazed direct at the defendant.

Briefly, Rose recounted how Becker and Rosenthal had entered into partnership in a gambling establishment; how they quarrelled; how exposure for Becker as a police lieutenant was imminent, and how the gambler's death was plotted.

What Becker Said.

Rose recited the story of the relations of Rosenthal and Becker, and told of the gambler's growing bitterness toward the former police lieutenant.

Beckere learned, Rose testified, that Rosenthal was preparing to "squeal," whereupon he said: "That dog; that ingrate; let him go on. I won't budge an inch."

A few days later, after the arrest of "Big Jack" Zelig, Becker said, according to Rose, "Rosenthal is getting very dangerous. Can't you do something with Zelig and these fellows to silence Rosenthal?" Zelig was a notorious gunman.

New York, May 12.—When the trial of Charles Becker for the murder of Herman Rosenthal was resumed today, Dis-

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SEVEN KILLED IN AN EXPLOSION ON BOARD STEAMSHIP

Accident Occurred on "Jefferson" of Old Dominion Line, and Bodies Are Difficult to Identify.

[Canadian Press.]

Norfolk, Va., May 12.—Seven people were killed in an explosion in the engine-room of the Old Dominion ship Jefferson, near Cape Henry, last night. Several were injured. The ship returned to Norfolk, left the dead and injured, and then resumed her interrupted trip to New York.

Vessel Not Damaged.

The dead are members of the Jefferson's engine-room crew, but have not yet been identified. According to local officers of the Old Dominion Line, the vessel was not badly damaged by the explosion, which occurred at 10:30 last night as the Jefferson was passing out from this port for New York.

Injuries Severe.

Mutilation of the bodies of the seven victims, due to the terrific force of the explosion, made the identification difficult. Of the injured who were taken to a local hospital, it was said several were in a serious condition.

First word of the explosion reached Norfolk late last night, but what casualties had occurred was not learned until today. A tug put out to assist the Jefferson, and found the liner able to proceed under her own steam.

Two White Men.

Two of the dead were white firemen, as yet unidentified; five were negro firemen and coal passers, while the injured are chief engineer W. L. Portlock, first assistant engineer H. B. Smith, both of New York City, and M. Olsen, an oiler. These three are in a hospital.

The Jefferson is on her way to New York and should arrive here tomorrow morning. An inspection of the boilers will be made at New York to determine the cause of the explosion.

THOUSANDS OF GIRLS LEARN "FIRST AIDS" BY THE SCOUT MOVEMENT

The scout movement will do as much for the girls of the country in the way of implanting high ideals of honor, courage and obedience as it has already done for the boys, thinks Miss Agnes Baden-Powell.

She is the originator of the "Girl Guides" movement in England, which has spread to many other countries. There are already 12,000 of these handy little people at work and at play in Great Britain. They learn cooking, camping-out methods, nursing, making bandages and splints, saving life from fire, drowning or gas poisoning.

DUKE OF WELLINGTON PICTURE GETS SLASHED

Another Suffragette Vandal Breaks Out in Royal Academy.

[Canadian Press.]

London, May 12.—A militant suffragette, armed with a hatchet, today seriously damaged a portrait of the Duke of Wellington in the Royal Academy.

The woman, who was standing looking at the painting, suddenly drew the hatchet from her muff and slashed the canvas three times before the bystanders could interfere.

An attendant promptly seized her and took her to the police station, where she said her name was Mary Ansell.

The portrait of the Duke of Wellington was by the late Sir Hubert Von Herkomer, who died March 31, this year. It was considered one of his finest works.

Committed for Trial.

Miss Ansell later in the day was arraigned at the police court, where the magistrate committed her for trial at the London sessions.

The prisoner sent to the Women's Social and Political Union a message asserting that her deed was a protest against the present unjust position of women, for which militancy was the only remedy, concluding: "I have done this deed deliberately and rejoice that I have not failed in my duty."

"DEATH TO AMERICANS"

Message Written On U. S. Embassy Doorsteps in Paris.

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, May 12.—"Death to Americans" was written in Spanish in large black characters across the stone doorstep of the United States embassy offices in Paris in the course of last night. The authorities have posted three policemen on permanent duty in the vicinity.

FORECASTS NUMBER OF VIOLENT DEATHS

Chicago Coroner Estimates Murders, Suicides, etc., for the Coming Year.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, May 12.—A special to the Gazette from Chicago says that at the present moment there are some twelve thousand persons in Cook County, which includes the city of Chicago, who are contemplating suicide, and that he can, with a reasonable degree of accuracy, determine the number of Chicagoans who will meet with violent deaths within the next twelve months, is the assertion of Coroner Hoffman in his biennial report for 1913, just completed.

The report gives a record of 10,992 deaths in Chicago, of which Coroner Hoffman asserts "nearly one-half could have been avoided by a comprehensive crusade of education on the lines of public safety."

The coroner believes himself able to foretell, as does a weather forecaster, approximately how many will be murdered this year, and also the number that will be shot, stabbed, poisoned and beaten to death.

CREW OF SCHOONER IS RESCUED JUST IN TIME

[Canadian Press.]

St. Pierre, Miquelon, May 12.—The captain and 41 seamen of the French fishing schooner St. Solens were brought here today on the schooner Marie, which rescued them from their sinking vessel a week after it had been in collision with an iceberg.

The St. Solens crashed into the berg on the East Grand Banks on April 28. The men pumped continually until May 5, when they were sighted by the Marie, bound here from St. Malo. It is believed that the St. Solens sank a short time after the crew abandoned her.

STORM SWEEPS THREE STATES KILLING EIGHT, INJURING MANY

Tremendous Damage Done in Ohio, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

[Canadian Press.]

Columbus, Ohio, May 12.—A severe rain and electrical storm, which swept Northern Ohio last night, caused the death of two women and great damage to property. Mrs. Abram Drake, aged 70, of Vanwert, was struck by lightning and instantly killed. Mrs. Fral Elward, of Findlay, died from exhaustion, while hurrying to her home when the storm broke. Several persons were reported injured by lightning.

Many buildings, set afire by lightning, were destroyed.

And in Wisconsin.

Chicago, May 12.—Four persons in southern and central Wisconsin are reported killed and property damage exceeding $500,000 as a result of a wind and rain storm that struck that state last night.

Tenement House Down.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 12.—During a severe rain and wind storm at Arnold, near here, shortly before midnight last night, a three-story tenement, occupied by five families, numbering 30 persons, was demolished by the wind, and two negroes were killed and at least ten persons were injured. Two of the injured are white, and the rest negroes. The police believe there may be several more dead in the ruins.

IF TAMPICO FALLS, SALTITO IS CUT OFF

Federals Would Have To Fall Back on San Luis Potosi—Rebels Cheerful.

[Canadian Press.]

Torreon, Mexico, May 12.—Should Tampico fall into the hands of the Constitutionalists, and rumors that this already has happened have reached Torreon, military leaders here believe that the Federal forces at Saltillo will not deem it advisable to defend that point. It is thought that the Federals will fall back on San Luis Potosi or some point even further south.

With Tampico occupied by the Constitutionalists under Gen. Gonzales and Cavallero, it is pointed out that the garrison of Saltillo would be absolutely cut off from support. No reinforcements, ammunition or provisions could reach them. To the south, along their only possible line of retreat, is 250 miles of sun-blistered desert, affording sustenance to neither man nor horses.

The Constitutionalist leaders also give considerable weight to the strong influence the reported Tampico defeat would have on the morale of the Huerta soldiers. They say the spirit of the Federal soldier already is shaken, and it is improbable that they will offer strenuous resistance.

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to eight o'clock last night: Highest, 62; lowest, 47.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 48; lowest, 41.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOL.

Toronto, May 12—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Today—Fresh to strong northeast to north winds; cool, with showers.

Wednesday—Fresh north winds, shifting to west; fair and cool.

Temperatures.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	62	46	Clear
Calgary	58	30	Cloudy
Wininpeg	50	24	Clear
Port Arthur	44	30	Clear
Parry Sound	58	44	Cloudy
Toronto	52	46	Rain
Ottawa	60	44	Cloudy
Montreal	56	42	Cloudy
Quebec	58	36	Cloudy
Father Point	42	26	Clear

Weather Notes.

The cool wave is now centred in the Northwest States, while the depression is passing to the southward of the Great Lakes with decreasing energy.

Rain has fallen heavily in the Peninsula of Ontario, and showers have occurred in the eastern portion of the Maritime Provinces.

Heavy frosts were recorded again last night in the West.

KEMP PRESENT AT CARSON MEETING AS AN INDIVIDUAL

Minister Without Portfolio Says He Did Not Represent Government, in Answer to Question From Lemieux.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, May 12.—The presence of a Canadian minister of the crown at a Toronto meeting, where rebellion against the throne was approved, was referred to in Parliament today.

Hon. R. Lemieux, at the opening of the morning sitting, read a press report of a meeting in Toronto, held by Carson sympathizers, and said he noticed that Hon. A. E. Kemp, one of the members of the Government, "was present and spoke."

"His words were moderate, but there are other speakers who were reported and whose speeches did not breathe the same moderation. What I desire to know is whether the honorable gentleman, who is a minister without portfolio, represented himself on the occasion or represented the Government."

"The honorable gentleman must know then that I represent myself, and that the Government knows nothing whatever of my being present. I am glad that the member for Rouville approved my statements, as he says they were very moderate," replied Mr. Kemp.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux: "Hear, hear!"