

BRITISH PUBLIC CALM AS POLITICIANS RAGE, ARMY REFORM SURE

Business in England Proceeds Unconcerned as to Talk of Civil War, Sports Continue to Attract—Clamorous Demand for Opening of Commissioned Ranks to Qualified Men, Regardless of Birth

LONDON, March 28.—This has been a tremendously stirring week in political circles and the party press has been setting into columns of conjecture, speculation and prophecy over such meagre facts as are certainly known. No doubt you will have reached the point by this time of believing that the great British public is moved to its depths at the near approach of civil war, that business is generally suspended and that sport has ceased to attract. But nothing could be further from the truth.

ONE SCREAM SETS 1000 GIRLS IN PANIC

Wild Rush to Street in Clothing Factory Could Not Be Stopped

(Special to The Sunday World) NEW YORK, March 28.—A girl screamed in the big workrooms of the Howard Ladies' Apparel Manufacturing Company at Nos. 37 to 45 West Twentieth street this morning. She had caught her finger beneath the needle of her electric sewing machine. Instantly another girl and then another took up the scream. No one stopped to investigate. The cries threw nearly all of the 200 girls in the rooms into a panic. Some one yelled "Fire," and there was a rush for the stairs. In other workrooms 1000 girls heard the cries and also ran for the stairs. Isaac Cohen, in charge of the fire drill, sounded the alarm, while twenty men employed in the place ran among the girls telling them there was no danger and urging them to be calm. In vain the elevator operators and men employed in the various lots assured them there was no fire. The girls were panic stricken and stopped only when they reached the sidewalk, breathless and dishevelled. Several fainted, while others had bruises, but none were seriously injured.

NIAGARA FARMERS AFTER CITY MARKET

Want to Get Better Facilities for Selling Their Fruit Direct

Some of the fruit farmers in the Niagara peninsula are in correspondence with Commissioner Chisholm upon providing market facilities in Toronto during the next season, with a view to bringing consumers and producers together and cutting out the added cost of distribution thru commission men and retail stores.

UPHEAVAL IN ARMY

Out of all the trouble has come however as a consequence of far-reaching character, a clamorous demand for the opening of commissioned ranks to qualified men, regardless of birth.

WOMAN HURT IN FALL FROM LADDER

The danger of women climbing ladders was again shown on Saturday when Mrs. Helen MacDougall, 35 Brock avenue, was rendered unconscious thru falling off one at her home. She was removed in the police ambulance to Grace Hospital, where it was found she had sustained three broken ribs. Her condition is serious.

ULSTER VOLUNTEERS AT SIGHTING PRACTICE MAR. 19



The selected members from the three battalions of the South Antrim Regiment, who are undergoing a special course of training in camp at Langford Lodge, near Gravelin, placed at their disposal by Lieut.-Col. H. A. Pakenham, the commander of the regiment, have not up to the present had favorable weather, but nevertheless, the camp is serving its purpose. There are, altogether, some 130 men, officers, etc., in camp. Each man is equipped with an up-to-date rifle. They carried out a series of attacks commencing at a thousand yards, gradually advancing under cover until a final charge was made.

The Sunday World Comic

The Toronto Sunday World is now giving its readers the best weekly comic features obtainable anywhere. BUSTER BROWN, DIMPLES, SNOOKUMS, and THAT SON-IN-LAW OF PA'S form a constellation of laughter-provoking stars that is unequalled. In addition to being funny, The World Comic Section is absolutely clean and free from any trace of that vulgarity which sometimes mars newspaper comics. A striking tribute to the value of Buster Brown is the fact that the Hearst papers (six of the largest journals in the United States), although they produce, print, and syndicate a four-page comic section of their own, have contracted for the right to use Buster Brown in their papers. This, of course, does not give them the right to sell this feature to any other newspaper. The publishing and selling rights of Buster Brown in Canada are EXCLUSIVELY CONTROLLED by The Toronto Sunday World CANADA'S GREATEST WEEKLY NEWSPAPER.

ALDERMAN NAMED IN BRIBERY CHARGE PROMISES ACTION

Ottawa Has Its Most Sensational Council Meeting at Extra Sitting—Name of Accused Not Given

OTTAWA, March 28.—The most sensational scenes ever enacted in the city council here took place at a special meeting today, called for the purpose of hearing attempted bribery accusations in connection with the pure water campaign. In a statement issued yesterday Alderman Low accused another alderman and the editor of a local paper of offering him money to change his attitude and oppose the Ottawa River scheme. At the council meeting today he named Alderman Thomas Brethour as the man who made the alleged offer but declined to give the name of the newspaper man. Alderman Brethour made a vigorous denial and says he will take action for slander against Alderman Low. Both men represent Rideau Ward in the council.

HEADS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS WANT TO FORM ADVISORY BOARD

Talking Proposal Among Themselves at City Hall—Relieve Aldermen of Extra Work and Salary Increases

The heads of civic departments are expressing every appreciation of Controller McCarthy's policy of placing the expenditure of each non-revenue-bearing department upon the basis of a proportionate part of the tax rate. One department will have the yield of a fraction of a mill, another the yield of a mill and a fraction, and so on. Well in advance of each year the heads of departments will thus have a fair estimate of the amount of money they will be apportioned for the following year, and they can commence each year's operations on the first of January. It has been that they had to wait until the estimates were disposed of, and that took up the first three or four months of the year.

U.S. TO SPEND \$100,000,000 ON ARMY

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The senate passed the annual army appropriation bill today, carrying \$101,750,000, about \$7,500,000 more than the house bill, and about the same amount over the last army appropriation bill.

HARD FIGHTING IS CONTINUED IN BESET CITY

Villa Telegraphs That He Expects to Possess Torreon by Tonight—Meagre Reports Come Thru

REINFORCEMENTS HURRIED BY HUERTA

Desperate Means Taken to Save Torreon From Rebels—Twenty-five Hundred Conscripts Despatched

JUAREZ, March 28.—Heavy fighting continued in Torreon today according to a telegram received at one o'clock from General Villa. Villa expected to have the city by tonight. He gave no details.

Rebel officers were silent today as to the fighting which began yesterday at Torreon and which was reported to be continuing in the night. They said they had no direct information from the front.

With the expectation that Torreon would crumble under the rebel attack today, officers in Juarez awaited news from the battle field. The last reports yesterday were that General Monclovia Herrera had cut his way from the eastern side of Torreon thru the business quarter to the bull ring on the north side; that General Villa had set out with more troops from Gomez Palacio to join him and take command; and that the federals were making a final stand in the defenses on the west side.

An unconfirmed rumor at midnight had it that the rebels had taken the hill known as Cerro De La Cruz, an important defense, but verification was lacking today.

HUERTA HURRIES FORWARD CONSCRIPTS

MEXICO CITY, March 28.—General Huerta took desperate means in his endeavors to save Torreon from the rebels today, when he started 2500 conscript soldiers for the besieged city.

The men were picked up on the streets of the capital, pressed into service, fitted with arms and uniforms, and hurriedly placed aboard trains. They left for Torreon early today.

PROMOTED FOR LOYALTY

VERA CRUZ, Mex., March 28.—Commodore Manuel Ametia of the Mexican navy was today appointed commander-in-chief of the gulf coast fleet, as a mark of appreciation for his loyalty to the Mexican Government during the Felix Diaz uprising. When he hoisted his flag on board the gunboat Zaragoza salutes were fired by all the foreign warships in port.

HURRIED CALL FOR STORES

JUAREZ, Mex., March 28.—A train load of merchandise for Gomez Palacio was made up today. Stocks in that city are depleted, and General Villa instructed that duties on importations be suspended.

THE WORLD MOVES THERE AND HERE

Any man who views today's situation in England as one to be deplored has forgotten history, has not read aright the signs of the times.

England's history is a long, long struggle for the emancipation of the people, for the uplift of the masses, for the right to govern themselves as against privilege, whether centred in king, in lords, in aristocracy, in cavalier control of the army.

The fight is not over, is never over, is on today. The powers of the king were curbed after revolution and revolution; the powers of the commons were strengthened and widened; in our day the powers of the lords have been made secondary to the commons when they were lined up against land reform, fairer taxation, better education and some kind of local self-government for the three kingdoms. Government is only tolerable when it seeks to make life a little better for the masses; and that is all they are trying to do in England.

The Progressives are for such uplift, for reform by way of parliament, as representing the voice of the nation.

The Opposition is for the reform that they will concede by way of the consent of the lords, of an aristocracy—of aristocracy, wealth and landholding combined—and these classes in control of the army.

The struggle that has come to a head in this past week, whether parliament or aristocracy shall control the army, will be one of the most far-reaching in its effect of any of the many of the past. The greatest army England ever had was a parliamentary army and it never hereafter will have any other. That is what England is saying today. Privilege dies hard and it is always able to fight because it nearly always has brains, means, organization, culture, eloquence, writers, an able press. But privilege is surrendering step by step, and the house of commons today is once again the scene of the old struggle in still another ditch, but further back.

When we see Canadian papers like The Mail, The News, The Telegram, The Montreal Star, taking the side of aristocratic and army rule against government by the nation, by the people, we wonder if they think the same struggle that we had in Canada on the same lines was a mistake.

Home rule is but an incident of the struggle; the rising of the people of Britain against the aristocracy of land, of wealth, of army dictation, is what will make today memorable in the progress of freedom and equality of opportunity.

And when we say this do we say that Ulster must be turned over to an intolerant majority if that is in sight? No, that is another question and it must be answered. The newer England is for freedom, for the supremacy of the nation, for the fullest liberty to all. And that will be worked out, will have to be worked out in the old way.

That was a remarkable gathering in the chamber of the Canadian house of commons on Thursday of last week, when the municipalities of Ontario came in their might, representing public ownership, progressive government, and public service in connection with their transportation power and telephone problems. Adam Beck appeared as the champion of a great cause. The representatives of the other provinces who happened to see the gathering must have been impressed by the public opinion which had been created in this province in regard to these matters within the last fifteen years: public service, public ownership, public control means something now, and politicians, who some years ago ignored it, and the money interests who tried to beat it, and the press that ridiculed it, are learning their lesson.

We have referred in the preceding to the struggle now on in England, as between class and people. The same struggle is on in America, only it is between "interests" and the people; and it is on in this province; and the line-up in either country is in substance the same under a different name.

ASSAILS REPEAL AS SURRENDER WITHOUT STRUGGLE TO BRITAIN

Fight Against Sims Bill Proceeds All Day in House, But Wilson Administration Supporters Are Confident Bill Will Pass Before Tuesday or Wednesday

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Debate on the repeal of the Panama tolls exemption continued today in the house and senate. The house was proceeding on the Sims bill under twenty hours debate, as provided in the hard fought battle of yesterday. The senate was debating the subject generally.

In the house, Representative Knowland, controlling the time for the repeal, assailed the repeal in unmeasured terms as "surrendering to Great Britain without a struggle."

"Is the Panama Canal now the price of the elimination of Huerta?" he demanded.

In the senate, resolutions by Senator Lewis and Senator Gallinger were laid aside until Monday. Mr. Lewis' resolution was supplementary to one now pending, declaring for equal tolls, and would empower the president to suspend tolls in his discretion.

Administration supporters are confident the repeal bill will pass the house by Tuesday night or early Wednesday.

Yesterday's victory for the administration in the house has aroused expectations of champions of repeal in the senate that a favorable report will be forthcoming from the canal committee, notwithstanding the influence of Senator O'Gorman.

The alignment of the contending forces in the house remained practically unchanged today. Representative Adamson, leading the fight for

the repeal, declared the Sims bill would pass by a large majority. He predicted that yesterday's vote on the adoption of the special rule for the consideration of the bill to repeal the Panama tolls exemption—207 to 176—would be materially increased in favor of the repeal forces when the bill was finally voted upon.

Representative Underwood, the majority leader, Representative Fitzgerald, minority leader, Mann, and other prominent members leading the revolt against the administration forces, brought every effort to bear. Throughout the day they maintained a continuous attack, interrupting and questioning the speaker's favoring the repeal. Speaker Clark also had announced his intention to speak against the bill Tuesday. A crowd which packed the house galleries was on hand early and remained throughout the day.

Representative Gardner, Republican of Massachusetts, in a brief speech supporting the bill, quoted from the debates on the Hay-Pauncefote treaty in the senate, to show that the spirit of that agreement was opposed to the exemption of American ships. Representative Gray, Democratic of Indiana, supported the bill. Representative Temple, Progressive

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SUNDAY WEATHER

Cold, with east winds.

Montreal Woman Has Been Missing Since Woodbine Fire

MONTREAL, March 28.—Friends of Mrs. Alexander, St. Etienne street, today began inquiries about her, and they expressed the fear that she was burned in the fire at the Woodbine Hotel, Toronto.

Mrs. Alexander left Montreal for Toronto about a month ago and wrote regularly to her friends here, but they expressed the fear that she was burned in the fire at the Woodbine Hotel, when the letters ceased.

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HIZENIN' TH' WELLS.



John: Weel, John, hoo's things syne I've  
big in Ottawa? An' hoo's Hamie's Hamber?

John: We're plannin' to get Billy Gray  
out from this here burg. Our Johnny gins  
Bob Gansy a bill to take Donlan's away  
from him by th' unearned inheritance plan;

We're goin' to take his seat in parliament  
from him, an' th' Tory's got him foul try-  
in' to make John Redmond King of Irelan'  
in place of makin' me or Carson; an' all  
Johnny's scouts is out whelpin' round an'  
pleasin' th' wells in South York where Billy  
might take a drink!

John: An' hoo's it agin'?

John: Not too good. Bob had to pull  
out his bill up at th' legislature; an' the  
Redmond is on th' run, th' R. Co. is lendin'  
Billy th' money to put a half storey hen  
coop on top th' Worl' Bldgin', an' he won't  
take a drink at none ov' th' wells we got  
done. But we keep on yellin' that he's  
pleasin' th' work on Ulster where I was  
bred an' born, an' drainin' off th' water  
from th' Home where I got all my blood  
an' all billed collars washed—

John: God save us frae sic depositions.  
John: Now you're shoutin' Pop.