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## ULSTER IS PREPARING FOR STIFF STRUGGLE

People Up to Their Eyes in Fight Plan Demonstration and Counter Demonstration—Bonar Law to Speak.  
Orangemen Apoint Drill Masters and Make Preparations to Forcibly Resist Measure—Alternative Proposed.

London, Jan. 28.—Ulster is now the political storm centre of the United Kingdom. Home Rule has been discussed in England and Scotland by Nationalists and Unionists, but no great enthusiasm has been aroused either for or against. In Ireland, outside of Ulster, the people are firmly convinced they are to have Home Rule. The Ulsterites, however, are up to their eyes in fight.

Several big demonstrations have been held in various parts of Ulster to protest against any change in the form of government of the country. One of the demonstrations in Belfast was of the industrial workers; another in Omagh comprised mostly farmers, small holders and farm laborers, who showed just as strong opposition to Home Rule as did their city brothers.

In the latter place again the Ulsterites pledged themselves to form a provisional government if the bill is passed. Every voter in Ulster, however, is not a Unionist. There is, in fact, a fairly large sprinkling of Nationalists. In many cases the Unionist members were only returned by the last election by narrow majorities, the Marguerite of Hamilton, for instance, winning by only 100 votes in Londonderry.

One division of Belfast is represented by Joseph Devlin, one of the Nationalist leaders. Into this district the battle ground of Home Rule for the present at least, the government and Nationalists are to carry their banner. Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, is to be the spokesman of the government for Home Rule, and he is to be accompanied by John Redmond, the Irish Nationalist leader, and other Irish politicians.

The date selected for the meeting is February 8, and Unionist and Nationalist leaders of Belfast are predicting a lively night, no matter where the meeting is held. Elaborate police protection of Mr. Churchill. Should he be joined by Mr. Redmond in the drive from the residence of Lord Pierrie, where he is to be a guest to the place of meeting, will be the world's usual escort of Nationalists; there is almost certain to be rioting.

Except for a visit of Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer in 1906, another by Mr. Merril, secretary for Ireland in 1907, and Mr. Redmond, who has spoken in Belfast in eighteen years, and when Mr. Churchill and Mr. Redmond appear it will be the first time a Liberal cabinet minister and the Nationalist leader have spoken from the same platform in the city.

Unionists are organizing a counter demonstration, but the first Lord of the Admiralty, in advocating a policy which his father with equal vehemence denounced, will be the centre of attraction. It will be an interesting moment in the interesting life of Mr. Churchill.

## IS NOT TO BLAME FOR LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

In Second Letter to Lord Londonderry, First Lord of Admiralty Reminds Him that Home Rule Meetings Have Been Held in Ulster Hall Recently—Only Wants Fair Discussion of Matter.  
London, Jan. 28.—The correspondence between Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the Admiralty and Lord Londonderry regarding the home rule meeting which is to be held in Belfast on Feb. 8, has not yet ended. Mr. Churchill sending a second letter to the ex-viceroy, in which he explains that he had nothing to do with the local arrangements for the Belfast meeting, and reminds him that no rule meetings had been held in Ulster hall recently.

## MORMONS FOR UTAH REACH HALIFAX ON STEAMER GRAMPIAN

Special to The Standard.  
Halifax, Jan. 28.—The Grampian, of the Allan Line, put in this morning from Liverpool pretty badly iced from the zero weather. Among her 346 passengers were 76 Mormons who are going to Salt Lake City. They were gathered together in Sweden and Norway by missionaries who went after them from the United States. They made the usual declaration to the United States officials that they were not polygamous. They go to Salt Lake City via Montreal and Chicago, and are escorted by an elder named Parker. Most of them are young and half of the number are men and the other half women.

## ZERO WEATHER GIVES FIREMEN TROUBLE IN CONQUERING BLAZE

Pittsfield, Mass., Jan. 28.—Flames that raged for three hours during a blizzard early today, destroyed three buildings in the business section of this city at a loss estimated at \$250,000. The academy of music building which contained the oldest playhouse in the city, the Miller building, which adjoins it on North street, and a storage building in the rear were the structures burned. The fire started about midnight in the rear of the Oglet Clothing store, which was on the first floor of the academy building. The police regard the origin of the fire as suspicious and State Officer Thomas E. Blight began an investigation.

A high wind with zero temperature hindered the firemen who worked for several hours in the ice. One fireman who had stood over a hose for a long time, was frozen so severely that he could not move and was carried to a nearby hotel to be thawed out. A fireman who was slightly injured by falling bricks. Policeman Patrick Colbert was cut in the leg and taken to the House of Mercy hospital, but later was sent to his home. Among the losses, most of which were partially covered by insurance, were: Academy of music building, \$85,000; Miller building, owned by Mayor Kenyon E. Miller, valued at \$25,000; storage building, owned by J. Quackerbush, valued at \$15,000.

## BIG REAL ESTATE DEAL INVOLVES A MILLION AND HALF

Winnipeg, Jan. 27.—Davidson and McEae closed a deal today on behalf of the Canadian Northern Lands Development involving a million and half acres. This being the price paid by a British syndicate for 100,000 acres of land in the Humboldt district. The purchasers will colonize with English and Scottish farmers.

## ITALIANS LIKELY TO BECOME FURTHER INVOLVED SHORTLY

Perim, Arabia, Jan. 25.—The British Consul at Hodeida, has sent a request to his government for the dispatch of a warship to that port. His action was due to the threats by the Italian vessels to bombard the town.

## ATTACK THE HOME RULE MOVEMENT

Ontario Liberal Conservative Association Condemns Proposal of British Government.  
UNJUST TO MINORITY.  
Application of Ne Temere Decree in Canada Also Meets With Disapprobation of Its Members.

Scottsville, Ont., Jan. 28.—At the annual business meeting of the members of the County of Carleton Liberal-Conservative Association held here Saturday a resolution of more than ordinary interest was adopted. In the very plainest of language, the members of the association, in this resolution express their disapproval of the present steps being taken towards securing Home Rule for Ireland by the government in power in Great Britain and also in no uncertain language denounce the now famous Ne Temere decree.

The resolution which was adopted, in part as follows: "We, the members of the Liberal-Conservative Association of the County of Carleton, Province of Ontario, in conference assembled, do declare: "This association views with deep concern and disapprobation the attempt now being made by the present British government at the dictation of the Irish Roman priesthood and the Roman Catholic hierarchy to demoralize the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and to place the Protestant minority in Ireland under the yoke of Rome.

"Realizing as we do the autocratic, ambitious and intolerant spirit of the Roman hierarchy in Canada as instanced in the infamous Ne Temere decree now causing such trouble here, the late assumption of the eucharistic congress with its gratuitous insults to Protestants as a heathen religion, and the general aggressions and demands of the papacy in defiance of our British liberties, we feel that if the people of England, Scotland and Wales at the dictation of the Papist Nationalist agitators betray their fellow Protestants in Ulster by passing home rule, they will be committing a grave crime, not only against Protestant and Papist Ireland, but against the welfare of the United Kingdom and the whole of the British Empire."

## LABOR TROUBLES IN WINNIPEG RESULT IN LOCK OUT OF 250

Winnipeg, Jan. 27.—Winnipeg master builders today locked out two hundred and fifty plasterers and the union threatens suit under the Lameux Conciliation Act to recover from \$100 to \$1,000 per day, because the union refused to permit of Lameux legislation being set in motion. The trouble arose from the strike of four plasterers engaged in the new building of the Winnipeg Industrial Bureau. These men objecting to carpenters nailing up the ornamental plaster cornices manufactured by a local firm. The Builders' Exchange refused to arbitrate this point, the carpenters union supporting them apparently, and the lockout followed.

## SUDDEN DEATH OF JOHN M'LAGGAN NEAR CHATHAM

Special to The Standard.  
Chatham, Jan. 28.—The death took place suddenly last night of John M'Laggan, an elderly man, who resided in Chatham. Deceased was 72 years of age, and death was due to heart failure. He had retired in apparently good health but passed away during the night.

## TO URGE EXTENSION OF BOUNDARIES BY THE GOVERNMENT

Winnipeg, Jan. 28.—Premier Roblin and Hon. Colin R. Campbell, Minister of Public Works, left last night for Ottawa in connection with the extension of boundaries of this province. It is expected that the bill dealing with the same will be presented to the House at Ottawa and it is for the purpose of working out the final details of the bill that the ministers are going to Ottawa.

## DETECTIVE FACES CHARGE OF ATTEMPT TO MURDER ONE RYAN

Indianapolis, Jan. 27.—Charges that he assaulted and attempted to kill Frank M. Ryan, president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, were made in warrants issued tonight against Robert J. Foster, a detective.

Foster, a former captain of police at Louisville, Ky., who is employed by the National Electric Association in gathering evidence for the federal grand jury's investigation of the dynamite conspiracy, asserted he visited the iron workers' headquarters today to inquire about a report that Mr. Ryan was being shadowed after he had refused to discuss the subject and had forced the detective out the door, he was struck by Foster with a revolver. One of the warrants charges that Foster struck Ryan "with premeditated malice to kill and murder."

## SAYS ROOSEVELT WILL BE ELECTED

IS NO ONE TO FIGHT IN CHINA  
Dr. Wu, Republican Minister of Justice Says All Are Friends Now.  
ARMISTICE HAS EXPIRED.  
Believed Yuan is Postponing Abdication Till Chinese in Peking are Sufficiently Strong to Control Manchus.

New York, Jan. 27.—Theodore Roosevelt is not a candidate for the presidency but, nevertheless, will be nominated and elected, according to a statement issued tonight by Walter R. Stubbs, Governor of Kansas, who lunched with the former president today at Oyster Bay.

"There is no doubt whatever that Col. Theodore Roosevelt will be nominated by the Republican convention in Chicago and elected the President," was Governor Stubbs' statement. "I say this, knowing from his personal statements to me repeated during a personal conversation today, that he is not a candidate and will not be a candidate for the nomination. I am fully convinced he means exactly what he says and that he honestly and sincerely feels that he personally has nothing to gain by another term as President."

"But Col. Roosevelt never has said to me nor to any other living human being to my knowledge that he will refuse that nomination if it came to him as the result of a genuine demand on the part of the American people. There is such a demand at this time. All the information I have been able to gather from all parts of the country indicates that that demand will persist and grow and force the convention to offer him the nomination. His patriotic spirit, his courage and his keen sense of the duties and obligations of a citizen will forbid him to set his back against a task which the people demand he should perform."

## TAFT BALKS AT EFFORTS OF SOME REFORMERS

Objects to Making Judiciary Respond to Every Whim of the People, in Impassioned Speech Before Ohio Society of New York—Conservative Elements Must Get Together.  
New York, Jan. 28.—On the eve of his three days' visit to Ohio, his home state, President Taft spoke tonight at the Waldorf Astoria, to the Ohio society of New York, delivering probably the most impassioned speech he has made in many months, directed again the "nostrums of reform" and particularly aimed at the recall of judges.

## FREDERICTON MAN DIES—ADDRESS ON RAISING OF SHEEP

Special to The Standard.  
Fredericton, Jan. 28.—John Hughes, a respected resident, died on Saturday afternoon after a long illness of paralysis. He is survived by his wife, three sons, Peter, of the provincial board of works office, Gregory and Lawrence, of Boston, and one daughter, Margaret at home. The funeral will take place on Monday morning.

## BAHIA IS IN STATE OF ANARCHY—TROOPS TO RESTORE ORDER

Rio De Janeiro, Jan. 27.—Anarchy prevails at Bahia. The Governor, Aurelio Vianna, who recently withdrew from office, has taken refuge in the French consulate, which is guarded by federal troops. His successor has also withdrawn and the town, deprived of control, has been abandoned to the soldiers and populace. Business is entirely suspended.

The foreign consuls held a meeting here today and drew up a protest against the conditions of affairs. The federal government has sent General Vespassiano to Bahia on a special mission to restore order. The Minister of Public Works, Dr. J. I. Seabra, has resigned and the Minister of Agriculture, Pedro Toledo, has assumed that office temporarily.

## PACKERS LAY THE BLAME ON RETAIL DEALERS IN BEEF

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Efforts to show that the retailers were largely responsible for the high price of dressed beef were made by counsel for the defense at the Packers' trial today.

## FOUR DIE IN FLAMES—FIVE OTHERS ARE IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Butler, Pa., Jan. 28.—Four persons were burned to death or suffocated and five others are in a serious condition as a result of a fire early today at the home of Curtis Hale, at Clayton, a mining town ten miles from here.

## MERCURY DROPS TO 19 BELOW ZERO

Special to The Standard.  
Moncton, Jan. 28.—The thermometer registered 19 below zero Saturday morning and 17 below this morning. Tonight again it was very cold.

## HON. B. F. PEARSON IS NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE

Special to The Standard.  
Halifax, Jan. 28.—The death is expected to occur tonight of Hon. B. F. Pearson, K. C., formerly a member of the Nova Scotia government and present proprietor of the Morning Chronicle newspaper of this city. Mr. Pearson who has been ill for some time, was extremely low today and his doctor expresses the fear that he will not live till morning. Hon. Mr. Pearson was the promoter of the Dominion Coal Co., Dominion Steel Co. and other large enterprises. He is in the 57th year of his age.

## FISHERMEN ADRIFT ON GIANTIC FLOE

Helsingfors, Finland, Jan. 25.—Nine hundred fishermen are drifting on a gigantic ice floe between Narva and the Pikkapasa Islands. The danger to the men is not imminent unless a storm breaks from the north.

less than one cent a pound and that while consumers were paying from 14 to 25 cents a pound for beef, it was really sold by the packers at prices ranging from five to eight and three quarter cents a pound.