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The Military Crisis.

We pointed out a few days ago that the army crisis was of greater moment and involved much graver issues than the Home Rule question which gave it birth. At first the centre of trouble shifted from Ulster to the Curragh and revolved around the attitude of Brigadier General Gough, who is in command of the Third Cavalry Division and the officers whom he commands. The centre of trouble again shifted and this time to the War Council itself and its chief members: the Secretary of War, Colonel Seely, the Chief of the Staff, Field Marshal French, and Lieutenant General Ewart, Adjutant General. The resignation of the Secretary of War, who is the civilian head of the Council and head of the Department of War, has been in the hands of the Prime Minister and not accepted. Now it is stated but not confirmed at the time of writing, but generally accepted as true, that the two most important military members of the Council have resigned. The gravity of this crisis may be gathered from a glance at the constitution of the Council.

Secretary of State for War, Col. the Rt. Hon. J. G. B. Seely, D.S.O., M.P.
Chief of the Imperial General Staff (First Military Member), Field Marshal Sir J. O. P. French, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., K.C.M.G.
Adjutant General to the Forces (Second Military Member), Sir J. S. Ewart, K.C.B., A.D.C.

Quarter-Master-General to the Forces (Third Military member), Major General Sir J. S. Cowans, K.C.B., M.V.O.

Master-General of the Ordnance (Fourth Military Member), Colonel (Local and temporary Major Gen.) S. B. von Danof, C.B.

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Civil Member), H. J. Tennant, M.P.

Financial Secretary (Finance Member), H. T. Baker, M.P.

Secretary, Col. Sir G. W. D. Ward, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., (Permanent Under-Secretary of State)

In the absence of any authoritative statement as to the actual facts, much is left to surmise. The suggestion has been advanced that the resignation of the two chief military

members was due to their refusal to accept the mandate of the Prime Minister that the Army must obey the Government's orders unconditionally. We are inclined to doubt this as most unlikely. It seems to us more probable that the resignations were due to the fact that the Army Council had given a pledge to the Curragh officers, drafted by the Secretary of War and approved of by Lord Morley, and that Prime Minister Asquith and the Cabinet went back on them, after they had given the pledge, in full faith that in concurring with the action of their civil superior and Lord Morley, they were acting in full accord with the Government. Under all the circumstances we do not see how Colonel Seely can be retained as head of the Department, in fairness either to the Cabinet, the War Council, Parliament, or country.

Cabinet Crisis.

This afternoon, the intelligence of the resignations of Sir John French and Sir John Ewart is confirmed. It is also announced that Premier Asquith has again postponed till Tuesday, the statement which he promised yesterday and which was to be given to-day. The belief among Unionists is that Premier Asquith will tender his resignation. The crisis must be graver than is generally suspected, if this belief is well founded, in view of Asquith's pledge to put the Home Rule Bill through Parliament this session, and before a General Election is held. A dissolution would destroy the effect of all the steps that have been taken so far under the Parliament Act towards making the Home Rule Bill law. This aspect of the matter throws a doubt on the belief or it indicates increased gravity in the situation.

"Mavourneen."

Bell Island Dramatic Troupe Presents Bright Irish Play.

At Bell Island, on St. Patrick's Night, St. Joseph's Hall, was filled to its utmost capacity to witness the local amateur players in the high-class three act Irish drama, entitled Mavourneen. It was easily the best show this creditable company of amateurs has yet attempted, while the stage settings—notably the reception scene in Act I. were far above the usual standard. The handsome gowns of the ladies, the evening dress of the gentlemen, the shrubbery, palms and furniture, formed an attractive picture.

THE CAST.

The cast of characters was as follows:—
Larry Dwyer Mr. Leo Murphy
Lady May Miss Nellie Jackman
Lady Caroline Miss G. Lawton
Mrs. Dwyer Miss May O'Brien
Helen Miss Annie Murphy
Capt. Marchmont Mr. Chas. Peddie
Father Maloney Mr. R. Costigan
John Dwyer Mr. R. Newman
Col. Carrington Mr. R. T. Pine
George Master P. Murphy
James Mr. M. Jackman

MUSICAL NUMBERS.

In the intervals between the acts, specialties were given by Mrs. (Dr.) J. B. Lynch and Miss Nellie Jackman.

Reids' Boats.

The Bruce arrived at Port aux Basques at 11.35 a.m. to-day.
The Elbie left Petit Fort at 8.30 a.m. to-day, inward.
The Glencoe left Harbor Breton at 8.30 a.m. to-day, going west.
The Lintrose leaves Port aux Basques after the arrival of Wednesday's express due there at 5 p.m.

Train Notes.

Wednesday's outgoing express is not due at Port aux Basques until about 5 p.m. to-day, being delayed by the derailing of a freight train.
Yesterday's outgoing express left Terra Nova at 5.20 a.m. to-day.
The Trepassey train reached the city at 8 p.m. yesterday bringing about ten passengers.
The local train from Carbonear and Placentia, arrived in the city at 9.30 p.m. yesterday.
The Bruce express arrived in the city at 10.10 p.m. yesterday.

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French's Resignation

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Adjutant General Also Resigns --Rumors of Other Resignations--Asquith Postpones Statement--Seeley Will Probably be Transferred.

Special to Evening Telegram.
LONDON, To-day.

That the Government is still facing a situation of extreme difficulty is proved by the fact that the Premier was not in a position last night to make his promised statement, which was consequently postponed until to-day. The air is full of rumors. Among the most credited being: the report that Seely is to quit the War Office by an exchange of Port-folios with Lewis Harcourt, Secretary of the Colonies. The only new facts in the situation to-day were to be found in the resignation of Field Marshal Sir John French, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Sir John Spencer Ewart, Adjutant General of the Army Council. The rumor persists that other members of the Army Council have resigned, but it cannot be confirmed. Negotiations and conferences between Buckingham Palace, War Office and Downing Street were carried on through yesterday, and it was shown that the strongest efforts were being made to induce French and Ewart to reconsider their action. The Prime Minister called a hurried meeting of the Cabinet at his residence, after it was decided to postpone the statement to Parliament. Later it was announced with a show of auth-

ority that both French and Ewart had at least consented to withdraw their resignation. In Ireland no change has occurred, Belfast remains quite and although it is asserted that officers at Curragh Camp are determined to resign because of the repudiation of Seely's guarantee by the Government, no actual resignation so far as it is known have occurred. At midnight French authorized the statement that his resignation had neither been accepted nor withdrawn. Nothing is likely to be known officially until the Premier makes his statement in the Commons to-day, when it will probably be found that the removal of Seely from the War Office is the price to be paid for the withdrawal of the resignations of French and Ewart, and that the arrangement of this matter was the reason for the postponement of the Premier's statement. Another Cabinet Council will be held to-day before Parliament assembles. It is possible there will be other and perhaps expected changes in the situation. Much interest is being shown in the daily conference between Lloyd George and Jas. Ramsay MacDonald, Independent Labor Members, which is being interpreted in some quarters as meaning a new coalition between the Labor party and the extreme Radicals.

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This Date in History.

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JOHN BRIGHT died 1889, aged 78. English orator and statesman, who devoted himself heart and soul to the movement which led to the repeal of the Corn laws.

JAMES I. died 1625. He was the son of Mary, Queen of Scots and Lord Darnley. He ascended the throne after Elizabeth and was the first sovereign of the Stuart line. During his reign a new translation of the Bible was issued. James was possessed of some amount of learning, and used it in a vain manner as to earn the title of "the wisest fool in Christendom."

Rising merit will buoy up at last. —Pope.

TO-NIGHT'S LECTURE.—To-night Mr. M. A. Devine will deliver a lecture in the B.I.S. Club Rooms. The theme of his discourse is "Stories from the House of Assembly Galleries."



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