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IRELAND CANNOT IMPORT ARMS ASQUITH TO PREVENT BLOODSHED WILL AGREE TO CARSON'S TERMS

Premier Almost Simultaneously With Publication of Royal Proclamation Restraining Importation of War Munitions, Announces at Manchester Acceptance of Carson's Basis of Compromise—Ulster to Be Treated as Other Parts of United Kingdom and Retain Full Protection of Imperial Parliament.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—(Can. Press)—The British cabinet, by a royal proclamation promulgated tonight, prohibiting the importation of arms and ammunition into Ireland, for the first time grasped the nettle of the revolution in Ulster, which it had hitherto ignored, altho the followers of Sir Edward Carson for months had been advertising their military preparations in every possible way, and daring interference with them.

Almost simultaneously with the publication of the proclamation, Premier Asquith made the longest step towards the conciliation of the Ulsterites that the government has taken by announcing his acceptance of the principles for a basis of agreement which Sir Edward Carson suggested in his last speech.

CONCESSIONS TO ULSTER.

These principles are:

First, that the settlement must not be humiliating or degrading to Ulster.

Second, Ulster's treatment must not be different or exceptional from that meted out to the other parts of the United Kingdom.

Third, Ulster must retain full protection of the imperial parliament.

Fourth, the home rule bill must not be such as to lead to ultimate separation of Ulster from Great Britain.

Thus the government extends to the signers of the Ulster covenant the olive branch.

PROCLAMATION CONCILIATORY.

The proclamation prohibiting the importation of arms and ammunition into Ireland, which King George signed at a meeting of the privy council Thursday, and which is published in The Royal Gazette tonight, was milder than rumors had anticipated it would be. Instead of reviving the Irish Crimes Act, which was so odious to the old-time home rulers, against whom it was directed, which prohibited the carrying of arms and gave drastic power of search for arms, it invoked the Customs Consolidation Act of 1876. The only reason given in the proclamation for taking the step is the statement: "Whereas it is expedient that the importation into Ireland of arms and ammunition and other goods hereinafter mentioned should be prohibited, therefore," and the proclamation proceeds to specify all articles intended for or capable of being used for military purposes as being under the ban. It exempts, however, arms and explosives designed solely for sporting or mine uses.

Premier Asquith's pronouncement was made as many of his most important declarations on British politics have been in the course of an after-dinner speech. The premier was the guest of honor of the Reform Club of Manchester. It was in this same city and on a similar occasion that Sir Edward Carson's overtures were made, so that it would appear that the negotiations for a settlement of the Irish controversy were taking the course of informal public debate.

Dealing with Sir Edward Carson's basis of settlement categorically, Premier Asquith said he was sure Sir Edward must agree that the statement that there could be no settlement worthy the name that would be humiliating or degrading to those for whom Sir Edward spoke should apply to all sections of the Irish people. On the second point Mr. Asquith said he supposed Sir Edward referred to what formerly was called "home rule all round." Ireland's case, he added, was a case of urgency and must come first. It could not be delayed until the government had gone thru the complicated process of adapting the principle of home rule to all the different parts of the United Kingdom.

Must Be No Separation.

The premier said he agreed there must be no ultimate separation of Ireland from Great Britain, but with the modification that there were peculiar conditions making the application of a castiron or standardized system of home rule to different parts of the United Kingdom not practical. He added that the real and effective au-

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Ulster's Big Army.

NOTTINGHAM, Eng., Dec. 5.—(Can. Press.)—S'r Edward Carson in a speech here tonight said that Ulster volunteers who a year ago numbered 19,000 now aggregated 90,000. He added that they were perfectly determined and awaiting orders.

TANGOED WITH CHORUS GIRLS

Five Medical Students Will Face University Caput to Answer for Escapade in Residence Rooms.

For inviting five chorus girls from one of the burlesque houses to partake in a dinner and tango party in the north residence a night or two ago, five medical students of the University of Toronto will appear before the caput this morning. One of the students is a fourth-year man, and the others are younger. It is said that they took the girls for a joy ride, took them to the residence for dinner, and then tangoed till the early hours of the morning.

Word of the party reached the ears of President Falconer, and the young men will be given a chance to explain their conduct to the caput this morning.

GRAND TRUNK TO MAKE NEW ISSUE OF STOCK

Amount Will Not Exceed Two and One Half Million Dollars.

Special to The Toronto World.

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—The Grand Trunk will apply to parliament next session for power to issue for the general purposes of the company additional Grand Trunk consolidated debenture stock, bearing interest at 4 per cent., to an aggregate amount the annual interest upon which will not exceed $100,000 per annum. This limits the issue to $2,500,000.

The London & Lake Erie Co. will apply for authority to construct branches from Sparta and St. Thomas thru the Townships of Yarmouth and Malahide and the Town of Aylmer to Port Burwell.

RAGS—BONES—OLE CLOES?

Sir William Meredith May Be New Lieut.-Governor

Rumors at Ottawa That R. M. Meredith Will Succeed to Chief Justiceship of Ontario and That T. G. Meredith Will Become an Appeal Court Justice.

(Special to The Toronto World).

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—It is persistently stated in Ottawa today that Sir William Meredith, Chief Justice of Ontario, will succeed Sir John Gibson as lieutenant-governor of the province when the latter's extended term of office expires in September next. Sir William will shortly be superannuated. No official confirmation of course is forthcoming at this early date, but The World's informant states that Sir William has been offered and has accepted the appointment.

It is also reported that Hon. Richard M. Meredith, justice of the court of appeal, will succeed his brother as chief justice, and that another brother, T. G. Meredith, K.C., of London will go to the appeal court.

C.P.R. ARGUMENT A BOOMERANG, SAYS COWAN

Prominent Officials, Including Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, Shown to Have Argued That Operating Cost and Traffic Density Should Determine Freight Rates.

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—(Can. Press).—From the moment M. K. Cowan, K. C., counsel for the governments of Saskatchewan and Alberta, in the western freight rates case, began his argument before the railway commission today, the atmosphere was not one bit depressing.

He did not pay much attention to the stack of figures at his disposal, but used a few to back up his argument, which was given in a style which one member of his profession classifies as "Cowanesque." It was a forceful argument which promises to be hard for counsel for the railways to contradict. Flashes of effective satire illumined his remarks. He told the board that such prominent railway men as Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, W. R. McInnes, of the C. P. R.; George H. Shaw, of the C. N. R., and others, had given evidence on other rate cases before the board that the determining factors for the fixing of freight rates are the cost of operation and the density of traffic.

Real Determining Factors.

A rate based on the density of traffic coupled with the cost of operation should be the ruling factor in fixing rates declared, Mr. Cowan, who proceeded to explain that from experience when comparisons were made between the Canadian and American freight rates the Canadian railways had taken as a defence that traffic was denser and cost of operation consequently less in the United States.

Now the C. P. R. had used a similar argument in the present case to justify the difference between freight rates in the east and west. On this basis Mr. Cowan argued that the rates should

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STEFANSSON PARTY ARE SAFE IN WINTER CAMP

CORDOVA, Alaska, Dec. 5.—(Can. Press)—Captain Pederson of the lost schooner Elvira, and Olaf Swenson, a member of the crew of Stefansson's ship, Belvedere, arrived here overland from the Arctic Ocean today, and reported that Explorer Ernest Dekoven Leffingwell is safe in winter camp at Flaxman Island with members of the Stefansson expedition.

PROTEST FILED AGAINST R. E. TRUAX

Charges of Bribery and Corruption Made in Petition to Upset South Bruce Election and Some Sensational Evidence is Promised When Case Goes to Trial.

Based on the charges usually made in such cases, a petition to unseat Reuben E. Truax, recently elected Liberal member of the house of commons for South Bruce, was filed at Osgoode Hall yesterday afternoon by W. H. Price of Price, Garvey & Co. As many as 150 charges of bribery and corruption are made, and it is said that some sensational evidence will be produced when the case goes to trial.

The petition is signed by James T. Crawford, a prosperous farmer living within a short distance of Walkerton, and James A. Garland, also a prosperous farmer, and a councilman of the Township of Brant. They ask that the election be adjudged void.

When Mr. Price appeared at Osgoode Hall to file the petition he took from his inside pocket one of the ordinary envelopes of his firm and produced from it three or four bills, one of which was a Dominion of Canada $1000 denomination, which he handed to the registrar with the minor fees. Even at Osgoode Hall $1000 bills are a bit of curiosity. This money is security for the payment of all costs, charges and expenses that may become payable by the petitioners pursuant to the provisions of the "Dominion Controverted Elections Act."

"DEBBY" AND HER SON BOTH IN THE CELLS

Two Members of Spice Family Arrested on Different Counts.

Once more the Spice family are in police toils. Yesterday afternoon Robert Spice, 10 Macdonell avenue, was arrested, charged with stealing a set of harness from Jacob Miller, 657 West Richmond street, and shortly after his mother, the famous "Debby" Spice, was arrested on a charge of stealing a stove also from Miller.

EXPECT BALDERSON TO RETIRE FROM SOUTH LANARK CONTEST

As Liberals Are Being Lined Up to Support Hawkes, Independent Conservative Likely to Withdraw at Today's Nominations — No Acclamation in Macdonald.

(Special to The Toronto World).

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—J. C. Walsh, a leading Montreal Liberal newspaper man, who has been campaigning in South Lanark in the interests of Arthur Hawkes, who has announced himself as an independent candidate, was in Ottawa today and spent an hour with Sir Wilfrid Laurier in his office in the parliament buildings. The Liberal machinery is working in the interests of Mr. Hawkes while the government is behind Dr. Hanna, the official Conservative candidate.

The third candidate in the field in South Lanark, Col. Balderson, announces himself as an independent Conservative, but in view of the fact that the Liberals are supporting Hawkes it is expected that he will retire.

Nominations will take place in both Macdonald and South Lanark tomorrow. In Macdonald there would have been no Liberal candidate, but Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Frank Oliver insisted that there should be a contest.

C.P.R. MUST CHANGE SUBWAY CITY IS ENABLED TO WIDEN YONGE STREET ON EAST SIDE,

Railway is to Be Compensated for Alteration of North End Plans and Necessary Land Supplied by City, According to Order at Ottawa.

(Special to The Toronto World).

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—Judgment on the application of the City of Toronto heard by the railway commission last Tuesday in regard to widening the Yonge street C.P.R. subway in North Toronto, was handed out today by Assistant Chief Commissioner Scott. The judgment grants the application on the condition that the city pay the C. P. R. full compensation for the change of plans.

The judgment is as follows: "At a sitting in Toronto on the 6th of February last, the board granted the application of the City of Toronto for an alteration in the plans of the subway providing for a separation of grade at the C. P. R. Company's crossing of Yonge street in North Toronto, to allow for the widening of the said subway by including a 20-foot strip of land along the west side of the street, thus making the subway 86 feet in width.

Will Be Great Benefit.

"The city now comes back to the board and says it has changed its mind, and that it wants to take the 20 feet on the east, instead of the west side of the street. It is quite clear that its object is doing this is to save money in the cost of construction, and very serious inconveniences to landowners on the west side of Yonge st. The widening of Yonge st. is a very important undertaking and will be a great benefit to the locality.

"If the land is taken for the widening on the east side, it will interfere more or less with the passenger yard which the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has laid out on the east side of Yonge street. The construction of the subway has been commenced, but no permanent structure will have to be moved to provide the additional width on the east side of the street. The injury to the C.P.R. will be the taking of the 20 foot strip of land and the disarranging of its station layout. As far as the taking of land is concerned, we are satisfied that justice will be done to the C.P.R. in any arbitration proceedings which may be necessary to determine the value of the property taken in the event of an agreement as to price not being arrived at.

Slight Changes Necessary.

"With regard to the station layout, Mr. Mountain, our chief engineer, assures us that, no work having been done on the ground, the company can by slight changes in its plan, secure for its passenger yard and station a layout as satisfactory as that shown on the plan submitted at the hearing. It will be necessary, however, for the company to have two small pieces of land south of its present property to enable it to have a suitable approach to its station. These two pieces of land are shown on a plan prepared by Mr. Mountain marked 'A' and attached thereto

Must Convey Land.

"An order should go granting the city's application to take the strip of land on the east side of Yonge street twenty feet in width from the Canadian Pacific Railway Company on condition that full compensation be paid the railway company by the city for the same land, on condition that the city acquire and convey to the company without cost to the company the two pieces of land shown on the said plan 'A.'

"The condition attached to the widening on the west side in the judgment of the board of February last, that all cost in the subway construction due to the extra 20 feet in width should be paid by the city, will of course apply to the widening on the east, as it would have applied had the original intention of widening on the west been carried out."

MOVING PICTURE FIRM HIGHLY CAPITALIZED

Two Million Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars—Head Office in Toronto.

Several companies with share capital mounting into millions are recorded in the current issue of The Ontario Gazette. The first of these concerns the United Motion Picture Theatres, Limited, with a capital of $2,750,000, to operate from a head office in Toronto. The Canadian Bartlett Automobile Company Limited, with one million capitalization also makes headquarters in this city. The Cleary Mines Limited, follows suit with one million shares at one dollar.

The students of the Ontario Agricultural College have banded together in part to form a co-operative association to publish a magazine and organize affairs of college interest in a business-like fashion.

FIFTY DROWNED MANY IN PERIL

Thousands Marooned and Suffering Privation as Result of Floods in Texas.

BRYAN, Tex., Dec. 5.—(Can. Press)—A death roll of more than fifty persons, with scores of flood refugees spending tonight in imminent peril, and possibly a thousand others marooned and suffering from prolonged hunger and cold, was indicated by tonight's reports from the flooded Brazos River bottoms in this section of south central Texas. For over fifty miles the Brazos was three to five miles wide and running with mill-race speed.

The known dead in Texas floods numbered 58 before reports from the inundated territory in this district began coming in late today. The late reports were brought by men on horseback, and indicated at least twenty more persons had been drowned. About two-thirds of the dead were negroes.

LEGISLATION TO BAR OUT HINDUS

Borden Cabinet Decides on Immediate Steps to Remedy Defects in Wording of Statute.

(Special to The Toronto World).

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—Again to day as for several days past, the Hindu question occupied the greater part of attention at the meeting of the cabinet. While not yet in the possession of the full text of Justice Hunter's judgment, the government thru the exchange of messages with Sir Richard McBride, is fully aware of the gravity of the situation, and an important announcement of policy to meet the new condition of affairs can be expected in a few days. The question takes an additional delicate aspect in the light of the present troubles in India and South Africa, and also because of its imperial phase, but the government realizes that to be dealt with effectively, it must be dealt with firmly and immediately.

At the close of today's cabinet session there was no official statement forthcoming but The World is reliably informed that immediate steps will be taken to adequately meet the spirit and purpose of the order in council, declared ultra vires by Justice Hunter.

Dineen's Big Hat Day.

Just at this season it is possible to get hat values at Dineen's—140 Yonge street—that have no equal in the Dominion. It is a practice of this house to have a drastic clearance each season, making it possible for buyers to get values that are not approached elsewhere. Today is just about the climax as far as bargain-giving goes, and you would do well to pay Dineen's a visit some time during the day.

Belasco and Stage Mounting.

When it comes to mounting plays, few producing managers compare with David Belasco, whose play, "Years of Discretion," closes a week's engagement today with a matinee and evening performance at the Princess Theatre.

DEATH FOLLOWED HIS BLINDNESS

Captain Varcoe Was Seized With Acute Apoplexy at Home and Passed Away.

Capt. J. D. Varcoe, of 854 Manning avenue, died at his home early yesterday morning from acute apoplexy. Just prior to his death the captain was taken stone blind. Wednesday evening he came in the house and went upstairs to his room. Shortly afterwards his wife was startled by a cry and she went up to find him crawling on the floor, stone blind.

The captain was well known in marine circles around Lindsay, where, in the neighboring rivers, he for years piloted his little steamer "The Maple Leaf." He is survived by a widow, two brothers and a sister. He was born in Mariposa township 66 years ago.