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Asquith's Grip Is Stronger Than Ever Firm Stand Brings Rally of Liberals, Irish and Labor Members

FIELD MARSHAL FRENCH MAY GO

Resignation and That of General Ewart Talked of—Seely Stays at Head of War Office—Rumor of Election Not Later Than June

(Canadian Press) London, March 26—Premier Asquith was generally conceded today to have regained the support not only of the Liberals, but of the Irish and Labor members of parliament by the stand he took in the House of Commons yesterday in repudiating the guarantee given to the mutinous army officers in Ireland that they might decide whether or not they would serve against the Ulster Unionists.

The government, however, is not considered as being altogether out of trouble yet. It has still to deal with the army officers under the new conditions established by the premier's speech. It is believed that as soon as the government formally withdraws the guarantee given by Colonel Seely, secretary for war, and Field Marshal Sir John French, the officers will again resign their commissions. One of them said:—"This time in earnest."

There is also to be settled the question of what the army council will do. Brigadier General Gough, commander of the Third Cavalry Brigade, in an interview, said:—"If Premier Asquith withdraws the guarantee, he will have to have over the army council, and the government will be faced practically with the disruption of the army."

The Liberal press in the provinces, while endorsing what Premier Asquith has already done, insists that he must go further and actually withdraw the guarantee given to the officers. These newspapers say the premier must make it quite plain to all officers of the army and navy that they must, under all circumstances, obey the orders given them. Many Liberals, however, think that Premier Asquith should have accepted the resignation of Colonel Seely for his alleged part in the Ulster question, and that a general election should follow.

Further Talk of Resignation London, Eng., March 26—The opinion prevailed in military circles today that the resignations of Field Marshal, Sir John French, chief of the imperial general staff, and Lieutenant-General Sir John Spencer Ewart, adjutant-general to the forces, were imminent. This was regarded as a likely consequence of the government's repudiation of the memorandum to General Hibern Gough, commander of the Third Cavalry brigade in Ireland, which the two generals had been led to believe was approved by the cabinet.

Field Marshal French and General Ewart were joint signatories with Colonel Seely, secretary for war, of the two repudiated paragraphs that brought about the resignation of Colonel Seely, which was declined by Premier Asquith.

Much comment was aroused today at a conference at the War Office, in which the principal commanding generals of the British army took part, including Field Marshal French, Lieutenant-General Ewart, General Sir Horace Lockwood Smith-Dorrien, aide-de-camp general to the king, and Lieutenant-General Sir James Moncrieff, general in chief.

There is only one solution of the trouble, in my opinion," said Sir Robert Perks, "and that is to allow Ulster to remain an independent province, associated with Great Britain as she is today and represented in the British parliament."

It is expected that a consistory will be held in Rome either at the end of April or beginning of May.

HAVE FORCES UNDER VILLA BEEN ROUTED? BEATEN, IS ONE STORY

Report Says Federalists Have Inflicted Heavy Losses at Gomez Palacio—Torture and Massacre of Prisoners is Recounted

(Canadian Press) Washington, D. C., March 26—This message sent from Mexico City last night was received at the embassy here today: Rebels once more routed and repulsed at Gomez Palacio with heavy losses while trying to approach Tepic.

Rebels once more routed and repulsed at Gomez Palacio with heavy losses while trying to approach Tepic. A new and perhaps more dangerous crisis which may lead to further resignations of ministers, was created last night by Lord Morley of Blackburn who, during a speech in the House of Lords, made admission that two unauthorized paragraphs added to the Gough letter were drafted by Colonel Seely in consultation with himself.

Conservative morning papers contend that Lord Morley, who is lord president of council, ought also to resign.

Seely to Stay The Colonel Seely will retain his post in the cabinet, was indicated by the fact that he held a long conference with Field Marshal Sir John French, chief of the general staff of the army, and Lieutenant General Sir J. S. Ewart, adjutant general, had resigned rather than accept the mandate of Asquith that the army must obey the government's orders unconditionally. The war office refused to deny or affirm the reports of the resignations, but they were generally accepted as true and formed the basis of interpellations directed at the government by Unionist members. After the members of the cabinet had awaited the arrival of the premier for some time, Mr. Churchill made this announcement:—"The premier will make a statement later, regarding the reported resignation."

In response to sharp questions as to what the policy of the army really is, Colonel Seely, the secretary for war, replied:—"The accepted policy is that troops shall not be employed in aid of the civil power in districts with which they are territorially connected."

The statement was pronounced "rueful" by Unionists, who then turned their questions to Mr. Churchill. The latter replied:—"Naval officers and men are expected to obey, without question, the order of the lawfully constituted authority."

Mr. Churchill's truculent statement was cheered by the Liberals, who waved hats and handkerchiefs, while Unionists sat silent.

One evening newspaper says definitely that Field Marshal French has resigned, and a news agency adds that Adjutant-General Ewart also has handed in his resignation.

NO DANGER OF WHARF SLIDING INTO HARBOR IS MR. DOHERTY'S VIEW

THAT THERE NEED BE NO CAUSE FOR WORRY about the possibility of the old C. P. R. wharf at Sand Point slipping into the harbor is the opinion of Manning W. Doherty, managing director of the Maritime Dredging Company, who are carrying on the work of wharf building at the point.

The affair came to the knowledge of officers of the general staff, who thereupon to mark their disgust, threatened to resign in a body, unless General Gough and his comrades were unconditionally reinstated.

House May Prorogue Next Friday Bulk Sales Act Goes Over For Next Year's Session of N. B. Legislature

Fredericton, March 26—(Special)—The Bulk Sales Act asked for by St. John merchants and opposed by Fredericton business men has gone over for a year.

Fredericton Flemming expects the house to prorogue on Friday of next week. The plumbing bill has not yet been introduced, and a member of the government says it will probably not come up this session.

The bill providing for the adoption of "The Bulk Sales Act" was to make it impossible for merchants to dispose of their entire stock in order to evade their creditors. It was promoted at Fredericton by the Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association. T. H. Somerville, who was in Fredericton yesterday on behalf of the bill, said that the government had asked that the bill should be held over until the public was more thoroughly familiar with it and it will be brought up again next year.

SENTENCES ON THOSE CAPTURED IN RAID ON ERIN STREET HOUSE

Three of the four prisoners taken in the raid on a house in Erin street were sentenced to six months' imprisonment with an additional sentence of either three months or \$50 fine. She was allowed to go on condition that she keep away from that district.

THE CITY ELECTIONS The definite announcement by John W. Vanvar that he will be a candidate for the office of mayor at the election for the office at the coming election, as Mayor Frink is standing for re-election.

ALLEGED ADVOCATE OF SEDITION; LEARNED EAST INDIAN MAY BE DEPORTED

San Francisco, Cal., March 26—Hart Dyal, former lecturer on Hindu philosophy, at Leland Stanford University, was charged with sedition by immigration authorities, charged with being illegally a resident of the United States.

GERMAN PLANS FOR BIG MANOEUVRES; 300,000 TROOPS

Berlin, March 26—Count Von Moltke, a nephew of the famous strategist during the Franco-Prussian War of 1870, and the general staff of the army, are planning the largest military manoeuvre the world has ever seen in time of peace.

TWO FIREMEN KILLED IN QUARTER MILLION FIRE

Sioux City, March 26—Two firemen were crushed to death under a falling wall and several persons narrowly escaped, early today, when fire burned a quarter of a block containing Frank Limerick. The damage was \$250,000.

THE GLASS HOUSE PEOPLE. Beacon: The wreck of the steamer City of Sydney off the entrance to Halifax harbor last week, showed even matters as between St. John and Halifax. St. John chose the incident without the loss of a single life, while the Halifax wreck led to the loss of two lives. The episode demonstrates the impudence of people throwing stones who live in glass houses.

SIGNS OF STIRRING TIME IN COMMONS OVER QUESTIONS

Queries Prompted By Article In Orange Sentinel

OTTAWA, March 26—Two questions prompted by an article in the Orange Sentinel caused a flurry when parliament met yesterday afternoon. The question had been handed in for publication on the order paper by Mr. Wilson, K. C., of Laval, Montreal. They asked concerning the government's receipt of a protest from Orange lodges against the use of the French language on government stationery and the answer given thereto, and also if a protest had been received against the recitation of prayers in parliament every second day by Mr. Speaker Sproles in the French language.

STEAMER REPORTED LOST WITH 30 OR 40; THE STORY DOUBTED

Honolulu, March 26—Reports of the destruction of the inter-island steaming Maui, with the loss of thirty or forty lives, was said today to be untrue. A search of several hours failed to discover any wreckage of the steamer, which was said to have blown up off Peahi Harbor. It is not believed that the vessel reported safely.

THREE FOUND GUILTY IN DE LUXE BOOK CASE

Boston, Mass., March 26—The jury in the house today prepared to draw upon their resources to the limit to carry the bill to repeal the provision of the Panama Canal act granting free passage to American vessels. A sharp and vigorous debate extending over the rest of the week and possibly into next week, was expected by those in charge of both sides of the controversy.

LOSE THEIR PLACES LADIES-WAITING Forget Duty When Fire Breaks Out

Berlin, March 26—Failure to remember their duty at a moment of danger has resulted in the dismissal of Countess Sophie von Bernstorff and Countess Elisabeth von Kanitz, ladies-in-waiting to the Grand Duchess Alexandra of Mecklenburg-Schwerin.

AMATEURS AND "PROS" TOGETHER IN SOCCER

Montreal, March 26—It begins to look now as if the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada will take the pointer thrown out by the Canadian Soccer people last autumn, and will adopt the principle of allowing amateurs to play with and against professionals in all team games.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND WATERWAYS

Ottawa, March 26—Sir Richard McBride, premier of British Columbia, this morning addressed the house committee on forests and waterways. He spoke mainly of the need of conserving the natural resources of the country.

SIR PERCY SCOTT AND MRS. WELMAN ARE MARRIED

British Admiral Wels in London the Third Daughter of Ramsey Dennis

London, March 26—Admiral Sir Percy Scott and Mrs. Welman, Susan Gata Dennis, third daughter of Ramsey Dennis, were married at the Registry office this week.

Phelix and Ferdinand WEATHER BULLETIN Issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

GRAIN CONVEYORS NOT LIKELY TO BE IN USE THIS SEASON Although the new grain conveyors to Nos. 5 and 6 berths are now complete and will be all ready to put into operation just as soon as the power is connected, it was said yesterday that it is not expected there will be any grain put through them this winter.

ANOTHER DISCOVERY BY ROCKEFELLER INSTITUTE New York, March 26—Rockefeller Institute doctors announce discovery of a specific serum for treatment of lobar pneumonia. In a statement sent to physicians, the institute announces that it is prepared to treat patients suffering from the disease in acute form.

THREE KILLED AS AUTO PLUNGES INTO RAVINE IN TEXAS Dallas, Texas, March 26—Three persons were killed and three seriously injured when an automobile plunged forty feet into a ravine near here today.

WATER WORK BEGUN TODAY Employees of the water and sewerage department made a start today on the work of inspecting, testing and repairing the stop-cocks on the water mains throughout the city.

NOVA STEEL AND COAL COMPANY ANNUAL MEETING New Glasgow, March 26—The fourteenth annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company held here yesterday, was attended by a majority of the directors and a large number of stockholders.

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