

# FIFTY THOUSAND RIFLES ARE LOADED IN ULSTER

### Rifles and Ammunition Brought in During Early Hours Saturday.

### CARSON'S MEN PATROL COAST DURING LANDING

### Authorities Ignored and Too Greatly Outnumbered to Resist Had They Attempted to Stop Unloading.

London, April 27.—The feeling mentioned in my despatch of Friday night that a secret importation of arms into Ulster might be coincident with the sudden mobilization of volunteers at Belfast that day was well founded. In the early hours of Saturday morning over fifty thousand rifles, with three and a half million rounds of ammunition were landed at Larne, Bangor, Donaghadee from the steamer Mountjoy.

From Belfast to Larne harbor, a distance of thirty miles, the coast was patrolled by strong bodies of Carson's pickets, while the streets around Larne were lined with officers and men standing about expectantly. At that time the town was cut off from contact with the outer world by telephone and telegraph, while any attempt at egress, except to those giving the password, was prevented by the pickets.

When the steamer Mountjoy, whose maiden name was the Panny had been covered over, moored at the Larne docks, large gangs of volunteers rushed through the closed guarded dock gates to help the crew unload. With much greater celerity than professional stevedores these volunteers seized the checked packages, dumping them into waiting motor cars.

While the Mountjoy was discharging her cargo a second vessel came alongside, followed by a third, both of which received cargo from the first and then sailed away apparently to distribute arms elsewhere.

The authorities absolutely ignored throughout the proceedings, though in any case they were too hopelessly outnumbered to offer any resistance, and they were also unable to appeal for outside assistance owing to the interrupted communication.

The attitude of the citizens was reflected in brightly burning lamps in all windows throughout the night. That the government has become alarmed was shown by an emergency cabinet meeting being called Saturday afternoon, after which the Prime Minister returned to his country residence for the weekend.

The rumor is current at Belfast to-night that the West Kent and York shires from Dublin and the Marches from Curragh are under orders to proceed there immediately. It is also understood that this movement of troops is the prelude to the proclamation of martial law in the disaffected areas.

The special correspondent of the Daily Express at Belfast states that Ulster gun running began with negotiations between the provisional government and German agents to supply rifles and ammunition, and that the steamer Panny left a Baltic port some weeks ago with two Belfast men, retired sea captains, aboard. Co-operating with her was another steamship registered at a British port with a distinctive name changed to Mountjoy.

The mobilization of the force to ensure the safe arrival of the guns began on Friday evening, the orders being for the men to join their battalions as a test of mobilization, thus the rank and file did not know why they were guarding the harbor or roads.

It was stated at Salisbury last night that troops, probably cavalry, would be sent to Ulster to act as mounted police. It is reported that the government is entirely ready to meet any emergency.

# NEW RULES FOR NAVAL CADETS

### Age Limit 14 to 16 Years—Three Years of Training Instead of Two.

Ottawa, April 25.—An order in council has been passed establishing a new set of regulations governing the entry of naval cadets into the naval college at Halifax. The new regulations provide for a slight tightening up of the original restrictions passed in 1910. The age limit for entrance is fixed at between 14 and 16 years instead of between 14 and 17 years. The period of training in the college is made three years instead of two years as at present and it is further provided that parents must declare in writing that the son or ward will join the Canadian naval reserve on leaving the college.

# IS ARRESTED FOR MURDER, AT YARMOUTH

### Ebinger Hilton, Charged with Killing Wife—Death Alleged Due to Blow Received When Struck by Lamp.

Yarmouth, N. S., April 26.—Ebinger Hilton was arrested yesterday afternoon on a warrant charging him with the murder of his wife, Susan Hilton, at South Ohio, this county, on April 23. Hilton is alleged to have struck his wife with a lamp on Wednesday last causing injuries which resulted in her death twenty-four hours later. He was remanded until May 4, when the preliminary examination will take place.

# ELEVEN POUNDS THE LIMIT FOR PARCELS POST

### Post Office Department Reminds Public that Six Pound Restriction Has Been Removed.

Ottawa, April 26.—The post office department has issued public notice calling attention to the fact that all parcel post restrictions with regard to the weight of parcels up to eleven pounds instead of six pounds as originally provided, have been removed. The department announced some weeks ago that the weight limit had been raised to eleven pounds, but apparently the public is not yet fully apprised of this change and the postal authorities now desire to emphasize it. The additional fee of five cents which was at first charged on parcels mailed for local delivery in places where the letter carried delivery is in operation, has also been abolished and this additional fee is not now charged.

# RAILWAY MAGNATE FALLS DEAD ON STREET

### Geo. F. Baer, President of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Stricken While Walking to His Office.

Philadelphia, April 26.—George F. Baer, president of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway and active in the organization and management of many coal, iron and transportation companies, died at his home here today. He was stricken on his office while walking to his office and never recovered consciousness. He was seventy-two years old.

# MILLION DOLLAR FIRE DESTROYS BIG PLANTS AT BALTIMORE, MD.

### The Atlantic and the United States Fertilizer Companies' Plants Wiped Out—Spontaneous Combustion Cause.

Baltimore, April 26.—Fire tonight totally destroyed the big plants of the Atlantic Fertilizer Company and the United States Fertilizer Company at Curtis Bay, a suburb. The total loss is estimated at \$1,200,000, about equally divided between the two companies. The loss is covered by insurance. The fire is thought to have originated from spontaneous combustion in the contents chamber of the Atlantic plant.

# THE CITY OF VERACRUZ IS UNDER MILITARY LAW

### Conduct of Affairs There Now in Hands of American Troops.

### SCARCITY OF FOOD CAUSING ANXIETY.

### Situation Serious at Tampico and Torpedo Boats Have Been Ordered There—American Business Houses at Mexico City Marked for Destruction.

Veracruz, April 26.—Veracruz is tonight under martial law. Rear Admiral Fletcher, commander of the American naval forces on shore, today issued a proclamation to this effect, and the last opportunity Mexicans had for handling their own affairs in Veracruz under their own laws disappeared.

This proclamation makes Rear Admiral Fletcher absolute ruler ashore. An order that all arms be turned in by the residents by noon today brought to the headquarters of the provost marshal hundreds of small arms and stacks of rifles which had not been discovered by the provost marshal and his previous searches, and of the consular a huge quantity of guns of all makes and sizes was stacked up.

A large number of local Mexican officials have reported their willingness to resume their duties of office under the supervision of the Americans.

Sir Christopher Cradock, the British admiral, through Sir Lionel Carden, who has resumed charge of the British embassy at the capital, is urging President Huerta to permit the departure of all foreigners from Mexico City, and it is considered possible that one or two more trains at least will be permitted to pass through. But there appears a fair chance that those who have fallen under the displacement of Huerta and are in possession of his forces will be held for an indeterminate period.

The food supply problem must be relieved soon, and for this reason plans are now making to open the Alvarado railroad, a short line running south into the garden and poultry district. The restaurants have cut down their list to soup, a piece of meat and coffee and the charges have been increased. The hotels are crowded to their capacity, and the refugees who have succeeded in reaching here are finding difficulty in securing quarters.

### Torpedo Boats Sent to Tampico.

Galveston, Texas, April 25.—The Tampico situation has continued so serious, according to a wireless message reaching here today, that two torpedo boats yesterday were sent up the Panuco river from Tampico to get Americans. Refugees arriving here from Tampico today say they were saved from rioting Mexicans early Wednesday morning by German sailors.

Antwerp, April 25.—Seven hundred tons of ammunition for President Huerta of Mexico, which is awaiting shipment, will probably be stored here until the end of the hostilities, according to reports for Mexican ports declining to carry contraband.

The steamer Cayo Bonito has already received 300 tons of ammunition already shipped. Mexican agents are known to be here and are endeavoring to arrange for the shipment, but money is lacking.

### American Business Houses Marked for Destruction.

Veracruz, April 26.—Circulars enumerating American business houses are being distributed in the streets of Mexico City. The handbills call on the people to destroy the concerns listed. Some of the American stores whose names appeared in the circular already have been looted.

Another list being distributed is that of Mexicans managing some of the American stores. It is declared these men must be killed because of their identification with foreign interests. The newspapers of the capital are publishing stories to the effect that the American forces at Veracruz are slaughtering women and children and the papers call on Mexicans to retaliate in a similar manner.

### Aeroplane from American Fleet Fleets Over Veracruz.

Veracruz, April 25.—An aeroplane from the American fleet made a flight over Veracruz shortly before noon today.

On attaining an altitude of several hundred feet the naval aviator circled the city and then passed over the outskirts and observed the position of the Mexican federal forces.

### Demand for Surrender of Arms Imported from Germany Turned Down.

Veracruz, April 25.—A demand has been made on the German Legation in Mexico City to surrender the arms imported for the protection of the German residents there, according to information reaching here. Admiral Von Hintze, the German minister, replied: "If you get the arms you will have to fight for them."

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# ACCEPTS REPEAL OF SO. BLACK REPUBLICS

### Brazil, Argentina and Chile to Endeavor to Bring About a Friendly Settlement Between U. S. and Mexico.

Washington, April 26.—President Wilson tonight announced he had accepted an offer from Brazil, Argentina and Chile to use their good offices in an attempt to bring about a peaceful and friendly settlement of the difficult situation between the United States and Mexico.

The offer was formally submitted by the three South American envoys to Secretary Bryan and laid before the president.

In the course of his reply the president said: "Conscious of the purpose with which the offer is made this government does not feel at liberty to decline it. Its own chief interest is in the peace of America, the cordial intercourse of her republics and our people, and the happiness and prosperity of the peoples of the world."

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### EXPLANATION HAS ONLY MADE THINGS WORSE

General Opinion that Ministers of British Cabinet Have Blundered by Their Incomplete and Contradictory Explanation of Ulster Affair.

# BUSINESS MEN OF GERMANY TO VISIT CANADA

### Party Being Organized to Spend Five or Six Weeks on Tour of the Dominion.

Ottawa, April 26.—The Minister of Trade and Commerce has received communications from Leipzig informing him that it is proposed to organize a German business men's trip to Canada in the year 1915, spending some five or six weeks in seeing different parts of Canada.

The minister is informed that great interest is being taken by men prominent in financial and social circles in the intended visit. There seems little doubt at present that it will be a very representative and important party of exploration.

### PARLIAMENTARY PRESS GALLERY DINNER

Ottawa, April 26.—The annual dinner of the parliamentary press gallery was held Saturday in the Commons' restaurant which of the guests included the Premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and other leaders and ministers. The speeches were short, snappy and of an unusually high order. The dinner closed at midnight, Vancouver time.

# AN OUTBREAK OF CHOLERA IN WESTMORLAND

### One Death and Several Persons Ill With the Disease—Thought at First it was Asiatic Cholera.

Moncton, April 26.—Something of a panic has been created in Dorchester and vicinity by the outbreak of a sort of cholera, which has so far caused one death, with eight or ten people and two families ill with the malady. It was at first feared that it was Asiatic cholera, but at a consultation of nine doctors at Dorchester today it was decided that the disease was not Asiatic but a cholera of contagious type common among children in summer.

On April 15th a Scotchman and his family arrived at St. John on the steamer Letitia and went to Rockland near Dorchester to work on the farm of a man named Norman McKelvie. Shortly after Fraser's arrival McKelvie's baby took ill and died, and seven other children and three adults of the two families have since contracted the disease. Two of the children are not expected to live.

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While in business in Baring he was united in marriage with Miss Henrietta Foster of Upper Mills, this county, who survives him, with one son, Harold and a daughter, Miss Louise Purves, who have general sympathy in the loss of a devoted husband and father.

In politics, the deceased gentleman was an ardent Liberal, and in religion a member of the Church of England, and was also an active member of the St. Andrew's Society.

### MRS. ISABELLE GOVE DIES AT ST. ANDREWS

Mother-in-law of Judge W. C. H. Grimmer Passed Away Friday—Was Held in High Esteem in the Community.

London, April 25.—Whether the government's plan of military operations against Ulster was to make it blind or to deliberate malevolence, or if the latter, who was really responsible, are now the chief points which engage attention since the issue was revised by the publication of the White Paper. Whatever opinion is held, there is general unanimity of opinion that the military operations must interrupt negotiations and disappoint our hopes of peace.

St. Andrews, N. B., April 26.—Mrs. Isabelle Gove, widow of Charles M. Gove, formerly collector of customs at this port, passed away at her home here on Friday. Mrs. Gove was well known throughout the province. She took a great interest in the social and religious work of this community and was generally loved and respected. She was eighty-two years of age and her whole life had been devoted to good works.

She was survived by four daughters, Mrs. W. C. H. Grimmer, St. Stephens; Mrs. E. M. Wood, Winnipeg; Mrs. Robert A. Breen, St. John's, Newfoundland; and Mrs. J. G. Grimmer, St. Andrews. One brother, Thomas Wheelock, late of Shanghai, China, but now of Boston, also survives.

### LARGEST DAM IN THE WORLD IS OPENED BY SIR THOS. SHAUGHNESSY

Calgary, April 26.—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R., and party including Vice-President Eury, this afternoon arrived on the annual tour of inspection of western lines. On reaching Bassano at 11:30 o'clock today Sir Thomas and party motored out to the great irrigation dam of the C. P. R. The president formally opened the dam by pushing a handle and allowing the water to rush through one of the huge iron sluice gates into the main canal. Bassano dam is the largest in the world and is longer even than the famous Assuan dam of Egypt. The water it contains would cover fourteen thousand acres to a depth of one foot.

In an interview Sir Thomas declared that the slump in C. P. R. stock would cause no lowering of dividends, particularly on the situation, the chief point being to what extent the cabinet, in whole or part, committed itself to plans obviously designed against Ulster.

# W. C. PURVES DIED SUNDAY AT ST. STEPHEN

### For Years Member of Firm of Purves and Warner—Well Known in This City.

St. Stephen, N. B., April 26.—After an illness of a few weeks' duration, William C. Purves, one of the prominent citizens of this town and a man widely known and respected, passed away this afternoon at his home, Westwold on Elm street. Mr. Purves was born at Chamcook, this county, and had reached the advanced age of seventy-six and four months. In early life he engaged in the lumber business at Baring, Maine, for some years, removing to St. John about forty years ago. With the Warner Brothers and under the firm name of Purves and Warner, he was engaged in the lumber business there for some time and later was the senior partner of the lumber firm of Purves and Murdoch, also of St. John. He retired from this business about fifteen years ago. In 1901 he established the wholesale grocery firm of W. C. Purves and Co., buying out the business conducted here for many years by C. M. Clarke, his partner in this business. Walter Graham, retired in a few years and the business has since been conducted by Mr. Purves in his own name, but with the assistance of his son, Harold Purves, and is one of the best known commercial houses of Charlotte county.

Special to The Standard

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### ANOTHER SHIPPING POOL MAY BE RESULT

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### WILL SETTLE IN ABITIBI REGION

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### Forty Per Cent. of Stock Issue in the Government's Custody.

### MUST PLACE 15 P.C. MORE WITH A TRUST COMPANY.

### With 55 Per Cent. of the Stock in Its Hands Government Gets Controlling Interest—Agreement Goes to Conservative Caucus Tuesday.

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