

BATTLESHIPS ARE WATCHING OVER IRLAND--GRAVE SITUATION ARISES

A Civil War Outbreak is Feared by Government.

Gravest Concern is Held as to What Outcome Will be.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] LONDON, April 28.—Notwithstanding yesterday's emphatic and apparently well based statements that not a single fresh soldier has as yet moved towards Ulster, reports from Dublin persist that three regiments are under orders and can start on brief notice. The fact seems to be that as yet the government is as yet undecided what course to take.

Major-General C. F. N. Macready, of the Adjutant-General's staff of the war department, has taken over the command of the police forces in the Belfast district.

Premier Asquith spoke in a grave tone yesterday when he promised that proper steps would be taken to vindicate the authority of the government and the Ministerial papers to-day say the Cabinet is unanimous in the determination that strong measures will be taken to suppress the parties implicated in the gun-running.

The Daily News and Leader hints that the arrest of Sir Edward Carson and other Ulster leaders is contemplated. Sir Edward and Capt. James Craig, another prominent Ulster Unionist, say they are quite ready to be arrested. They say it would not affect the Ulster organization, which is now complete.

It is declared that no obstacles will be placed in the way of arresting the Unionist leaders. The men arrested will have their initial arraignment at Belfast, and their appearance there as prisoners is likely to cause serious trouble.

Belfast was very quiet yesterday. The Unionists confess complete unconcern about the threats of the Government to punish everybody connected with the gun-running. The only measure which the Government has taken up to the present is to order the Royal Irish Constabulary throughout Ulster to hold up all automobiles and search them for arms. If any are found in the cars they are to arrest the occupants.

Warships Off Lorne. A despatch from Belfast says five warships arrived off Lorne last night and flashed their searchlights in all directions.

ASTOR'S WEDDING SET FOR THURSDAY

Some Changes in Plans Are Necessitated by Illness of the Groom.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] NEW YORK, April 28.—The wedding of Miss Helen Dinsmore Huntington and Vincent Astor is to take place on Thursday, the date originally set, although the illness of Mr. Astor necessitated a change in the plans and the ceremony will be performed at Hopedale house, the Huntington home instead of in St. Margaret's Church, Staatsburgh, N. Y.

The ceremony will be performed at 12:30 o'clock and will be attended by a small assembly of relatives and friends, not exceeding fifty in number. Miss Huntington's only attendant will be her sister, Miss Alice Huntington, and Herman Oelrich will serve as best man. No arrangements for the honeymoon have been made by Mr. Astor, but it is expected that he and his bride will remain for some time at his estate at Fernaldville, until his health improves sufficiently to undertake carrying out his original plans for a trip aboard his yacht.

He Demanded the Salute



Rear Admiral Henry T. Mayo, who first demanded that Huerta salute the flag of the United States as an apology for the arrest of a party of marines.

Cannot Supply Demand For Men For Work On Farms Of The County

Mr. T. Y. Thompson of the Ontario Government's Labor Bureau in this city, announced to-day that it was nearly impossible to secure sufficient help for the farmers, the demand in all directions being greater than the supply. Already this month he had placed 37 at work on farms in every direction, many farmers coming here from Drumbo and Ayr to ask the assistance of the Government office. Eight men were wanted to-day, Mr. Thompson said, by farmers who would be in, but the men were not available for them.

PLUCKY GIRLS AT ALMA COLLEGE

They Arrested Man Marauder in Early Hours of the Morning.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] ST. THOMAS, Ont., April 28.—A young lady student at Alma Ladies College here was awakened by a noise about 2 o'clock this morning, and quietly investigating, discovered a man in the corridor. The other girls were aroused, and while some stood guard at the windows and exits from the corridor, others flew to arouse the principal, his son and the janitor. These three arrived and took the man, who was still surrounded by the determined girls into custody. The police were called by telephone and the fellow was lodged in the cells. He gave his name as Thomas, and pretended to be intoxicated or dozy. He had climbed a fire escape to the second story and gained entrance through a window. Before he had time to secure any plunder, if that were his object, the plucky young lady students nabbed him.

PROMINENT IN HAMILTON

HAMILTON, Ont., April 28.—Jas. A. Publow, a prominent citizen and one of the original members and founders of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, died here to-day. Born in Perth, Ontario, 59 years ago, he spent the greater part of his life in Brockville, where for many years he was associated with the J. W. Man, Manufacturing Co., as superintendent. In Hamilton he was engaged in the real estate business. Deceased was a member of the Royal Arcanum. He is survived by a widow and daughter. Niagara district growers fear that the peach crop this year will be decidedly small.

Irish Nationalists Get Ammunition in as Well

[By Special Wire to The Courier] LONDONDERRY, Ireland, April 28.—The Irish Nationalist volunteers, a body similar in organization to the Ulster Unionist volunteers, made matters even with their political opponents in the course of last night by successfully landing a large consignment of arms. The weapons, which are said to have been brought from America, were taken ashore at a remote spot on the coast of the County of Donegal, in the far west of Ulster. A strange steamer had been seen off the coast for three successive nights. Late last night a number of fishing craft approached, took off the cargo and succeeded in evading the coastguards and landing the rifles, which were quickly distributed. The size of the consignment is unknown, but it is believed to have been considerable, although not equalling the 40,000 rifles and 500,000 rounds of ammunition the Unionists received on April 25.

PROPERTY OF BRITISH FIRM SEIZED BY U.S.

Admiral Believed it Was Necessary to Facilitate Business. [By Special Wire to The Courier] VERA CRUZ, April 28.—Rear Admiral Fletcher last evening seized the piers, yards and buildings of the Terminal Company, a British owned concern, control over which he regarded as necessary in order to facilitate the resumption of the normal business activity of the city. The admiral had been endeavoring to rent the property, but could not come to an agreement with the managers as to the price to be paid. The management quoted a figure which the naval authorities considered exorbitant, and Admiral Fletcher ended the controversy by taking advantage of his powers under martial law and assuming possession of the property. The seizure was made with no order formality than the announcement that Admiral Fletcher was in control of the property. Prior to the seizure a high official of the company had a British flag raised over the water station far out in the yards in the belief that such action might prevent the Americans from taking over the property. It availed him nothing however, W. Morcom, manager of the Mexican railway, and president of the Terminal Company, called on Rear Admiral Craddock of the British Cruiser, Egess, and related the circumstances to him. The admiral advised Mr. Morcom to present his claims to the British foreign office.

STRIKE MOST SERIOUS TODAY IN COLORADO

Seven Mine Guards Killed in Clash With the Strikers. [By Special Wire to The Courier] DENVER, Colo., April 28.—Conditions in the Colorado coal fields this morning became more serious than at any time since the inception of the strike last September. Violence spread from the southern fields to those of the extreme north, continuing with vigor in the southern zone which probably cost the lives of seven mine guards at the Walsen mine here Wednesday and being inaugurated in the northern field by simultaneous attack on the mines of Louisville, Lafayette and Marshall with an unknown casualty list. The conflicts between strikers and mine guards at Walsen and at the Hecla mine at Louisville continued throughout the night. The arrival of the militia from Ludlow at Walsen mine apparently had no effect upon the many strikers who kept up their fire at the mine from long range even after the troopers reinforced the defenders. At midnight the militia reached Walsenburg and its force of fifty men was divided, half remaining in Walsen and the other half going to the Walsen mine by a round about route to avoid contact with the strikers. Upon their arrival they determined to do nothing more than aid in the defence of the mine property until the developments of the day more clearly defined the work that may be needed of them.

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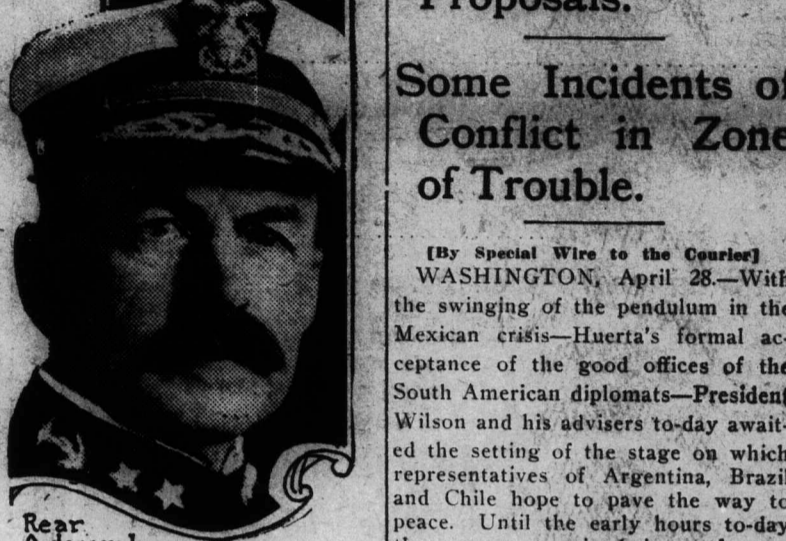
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Mr. Chester Walters, an expert accountant, who is on the investigating committee, said that as much as \$250,000 worth of material might have been missing in the last five years as there was no way of accounting for it. He did not say, however, that 250 cents worth was missing. The investigation will be continued.

QUIET AT VERA CRUZ, YANKS IN POSSESSION

Officer Who Seized British Property



Rear Admiral Fletcher to-day seized British-owned property at Vera Cruz.

AMERICANS IN SORRY PLIGHT AT CORDOBA MEXICO

In Constant Danger of Assassination by Drunken Keepers. [By Special Wire to The Courier] VERA CRUZ, April 28.—Sleeping on the stone flagging of the jail with insufficient food, no sanitation and threatened every night with assassination by drunken jailors, is the experience of the Americans and other foreigners, including women and children, confined at Cordoba. Their release to-day has been promised by General Maas, in reply to a request from United States Consul Canada, through a messenger who returned to Vera Cruz to-day.

W. H. Mechling, of the geological survey of Canada, who has been for some time in Mexico, in behalf of the Universities of Harvard, Pennsylvania and Columbia, spent two days at Cordoba. He was detained but not put in jail and finally was permitted to proceed here as an Englishman though he is in reality an American. Mr. Mechling went to the jail in Cordoba Sunday afternoon and talked to the prisoners among whom are several he is acquainted with. They begged him to communicate their plight to Counsel Canada and Rear Admiral Fletcher in an endeavor to secure their release. The prisoners are herded like cattle and jeered at most constantly either by the keepers or the Mexican inmates of the jail. They are permitted to have food and drink only when the whim suits the jailors and are kept in a state of terror by frequent threats of death. The total number of prisoners of all nationalities, according to Mr. Mechling, is 85. One of the imprisoned men is Superintendent Henry of the Vista Hermosa sugar plantation at Vera Cruz, who entertains John Lind, President Wilson's representative, a few months ago. Mr. Mechling says there are 87 persons, chiefly Americans, held at Tuxtepec, state of Vera Cruz, from surrounding plantations, and that Consular Agent Wite is in jail at El Hule near Tuxtepec.

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President Wilson is Pleased at Peace Proposals.

Some Incidents of Conflict in Zone of Trouble. [By Special Wire to The Courier] WASHINGTON, April 28.—With the swinging of the pendulum in the Mexican crisis—Huerta's formal acceptance of the good offices of the South American diplomats—President Wilson and his advisors to-day awaited the setting of the stage on which representatives of Argentina, Brazil and Chile hope to pave the way to peace. Until the early hours to-day the envoys remained in conference completing preliminary plans of proposed mediation. Their next move expected to-day, it was suggested, would be a request to the Washington and Huerta Governments for arrangements of probable demands each would make, preliminary to any attempt at formal mediation. The next step would depend upon the nature of those replies. Upon them probably would be based the proposals intended for submission to the Washington Government and Huerta.

Huerta's reply, conveyed through his Minister for Foreign Affairs to Mr. Riano, Spanish ambassador in Washington, was received late last night. Its tenor was expected, because Mr. Riano had received private advices the night before that Huerta would accept, and the South American envoys had been at work all day on that assumption. The text of the acceptance was not made public, but Huerta's minister was said to have thanked the South American envoys, and the Spanish ambassador for their good offices and to have referred to the "real spirit of solidarity between peoples of the same race."

To what lengths the "good offices" of the South American might reach was an absorbing topic in official Washington and the entire diplomatic corps to-day. Other features in the situation largely were lost sight of except among army and navy officials charged with execution of preparations for eventualities. Taut nerves and the anxiety of the last few days were relieved by news that Americans were leaving danger zones in the southern republic, while reports of tranquility along the border were encouraging. "Things look very much better now," Secretary Daniels said. "We're getting Americans out of Mexico. That's the important thing now."

When news of Huerta's acceptance was taken to President Wilson he declared himself greatly pleased. However, he made no further comment, and White House officials let it be known that no announcement of points to be insisted upon in proposed mediation would be made that might embarrass the representatives of the South American countries. In official and diplomatic circles expressions were heard that whatever had been accomplished by the peace-makers up to this point must have a good effect in the situation.

BAPTISTS ARE CELEBRATING

Sum of \$750,000 Raised to Increase Stipends of Ministers. [By Special Wire to The Courier] MONTREAL, April 28.—The Baptists of Great Britain last night celebrated by a great mass meeting in Albert Hall the completion of the fund of \$750,000 to provide more adequate stipends for the ministers of the church, says a London cable to the Daily Mail. At present 100 ministers receive less than \$375 yearly; whilst 700 are paid less than \$750. There is some heart burning amongst the more strict members of the denomination, because it is claimed that participation in the benefits of the fund means control of the individual minister by the board of trustees.

GOES TO SASKATOON.

SASKATOON, Sask., April 28.—H. Archibald of St. Catharines, Ont., has been appointed city engineer by the city council at a salary of \$3,600 per annum.

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