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"VERY HOPEFUL," SAYS COLLINS

That is London View, Too, of Irish Situation.

Visit of Free State Leader to Downing Street Said to Mean Final Phase in Understanding— Prof. Stockley a Candidate.

(Canadian Press Cable)

London, June 13—The enquanimity with which both parliament and press received the postponment of Colonial Secretary Churchill's statement on the Irish situation until Thursday is taken as an indication of general confidence that, after the successive crises, practically all difficulties have been smoothed away and the draft of the Irish constitution has been brought into harmony with the Anglo-Irish treaty.

Michael Collins' arrival in London today was expected to mark the sealing of the final understanding. His presence is necessary in such an event, as he is the head of the provisional free state government. Arthur Griffith, who has been conducting the negotiations, here is merely president of the Dail and not empowered to complete an agreement.

The significance of the attendance of the southern Unionists representatives at the colonial office yesterday is everywhere emphasized and it is believed they were satisfied with the assurance they received as to the status of their party under the settlement.

The Times' parliamentary correspondent, referring to the pact between the political factions headed by Collins and Eamonn De Valera, announcement of which caused the summoning of the present conference, says the doubts raised by the existence of the pact may not have been finally dissipated, but the agreement does not stand in the way of a settlement.

The newspaper adds that the full significance of the pact will be disclosed on or before July 1, when reconstituted provisional free state government may be expected to assume office. At that time also new members of the provisional government will, like their predecessors, be required to signify in writing their acceptance of the treaty.

Upon his arrival, Mr. Collins declined to discuss the situation other than to express the opinion that it was "very hopeful." He proceeded to his hotel, where he was greeted by his colleagues. All the Irish delegates were expected to confer with Colonial Secretary Churchill during the morning.

Interview With Collins.

London, June 13—Interviewed by the Daily Mail's Dublin correspondent, prior to his departure for London, Michael Collins said he did not expect he would have to stay in London more than twenty-four hours, because "things are well enough and I trust we will bring matters to a satisfactory conclusion with the British government."

Mr. Collins declared he intended while in London to push for a closer examination into the situation between the south and Great Britain and the north. The situation arising from the recent fighting at Pettigoe and Belleek was awkward. British troops had advanced some positions into the Free State, and if irresponsibles began sniping it would be enough to start them advancing again. He hoped to discuss in London a plan for the British troops to cordon the Ulster side of the frontier with southern troops, the northern specials to be withdrawn, but that could not be a permanent settlement.

Mr. Collins emphasized that there was no real frontier trouble at all. Everything that had happened on the frontier was a result and not a cause. The cause was Belfast, where there were men using the border situation to destroy the situation created by the treaty.

Belfast, June 13—Rival mobs clashed in the York street area last night, using stones as missiles. A bomb was also thrown and a woman wounded.

Prof. Stockley a Candidate.

Dublin, June 13—Polling for the four seats in the southern parliament accredited to the national university began yesterday and will continue until Friday, when the votes will be cast in all the contested constituencies.

There are six candidates for the university seats, two independents having entered the field against the four designated on the Sinn Fein coalition panel. Of the panel candidates Professors MacNeill and Hayes support the treaty and Professor Stockley and Dr. Ada English oppose it. Both the independents, Professors Magennis and Conway favor the treaty.

DARRELL FIGGIS SHORN OF BEARD

Dublin, June 13.—Three armed young men knocked at the door of the apartment of Darrell Figgis last midnight. Mrs. Figgis opened the door and the men pushed past her and rushed Figgis into his study. Figgis was told that the men had instructions to cut off his whiskers. Notwithstanding the pleas of Mrs. Figgis, the raiders seized her husband and clipped off the greater part of his beard and moustache.

Figgis, who is chairman of the Irish constitution drafting committee, and an independent candidate for parliament for Dublin county, says he would easily recognize the miscreants.

Churchill's Statement.

London, June 13—Michael Collins had an hour's conversation with Mr. Churchill at the colonial office during the forenoon. The colonial secretary afterward went to the cabinet meeting at which Premier Lloyd George presided. Mr. Collins would not talk regarding what passed between him and Mr. Churchill at the colonial office but said he would return there this afternoon and continue the negotiations. From this the decision was drawn that Mr. Churchill would make his full statement in the House of Commons on Thursday on the passage of the negotiations.

Dublin, June 13.—The national executive of the farmers' union yesterday adopted a resolution "strongly protesting against intimidatory measures against candidates contesting the election in the farmers' interests." Many cases were cited, in some of which it was said "even violent measures were adopted and deliberate attempts were made against life itself." Great indignation was aroused at the recital of an alleged attack against one of the candidates, Godfrey Greene, who was seriously wounded in a fight with about sixty assailants, lasting four hours.

HIKERS AWAY BUT MARCH HALTED

Riley Returns to Toronto on Word from Ottawa

Hon. Mr. Murdock Wires the "General" That He is Advised There is Work for His Men in Toronto, and D. S. C. R. Would Look After Those Who Cannot Work.

(Canadian Press)

Toronto, June 13—Riley's army of unemployed veterans numbering at present about 125, who started yesterday on a second hike to Ottawa to demand aid from the government, camped outside West Hill last night, twelve miles from the city on the Kingston road and will return to Toronto today.

The change of plan is said to be due to a telegram received from James Murdock, minister of labor, by "General" Riley, as the army was moving eastward. Riley immediately returned to the city after giving his followers instructions to camp at West Hill and return in the morning.

Ottawa, June 13—The minister of labor last night sent the following telegram to "General" Riley, of the Toronto unemployed "army."

"Your telegram to prime minister of date referred to undersigned. Advice received from Toronto office of employment service indicates that there is work available for some 500 or 600 able bodied men and no doubt a considerable number of those who with you marched from Toronto to Ottawa could fill the requirements necessary to secure such work. Advice before me also indicates that the department of soldiers' civil reestablishment at Toronto has offered to have the men with you examined and to endeavor to look after those who are not fit to work but that the men with you had refused to be examined or to give their names and regimental numbers. You will surely agree that men who can be placed in employment can hardly be considered as unemployed men deserving of special consideration because they will not accept employment or because they refuse to submit to an examination. It will answer no useful purpose for you and your associates to commence another hike to Ottawa. Will you please convey this information to all concerned and cooperate in the matter of starting your physically fit unempoyed associates to work and in suggesting to those who are physically unable to work the necessity of submitting to an examination that will clearly indicate such condition."

SAY 500 IN NEW BRUNSWICK UNEMPLOYED

Estimates of Eight Provinces by Labor Department on June 10.

Ottawa, June 13—(Canadian Press)—Estimates on unemployment covering eight of the nine provinces in the dominion to June 10, show what labor department officials consider a remarkable decrease in the number of men out of work.

Ontario had the greatest number of unemployed with 10,811.

The figures for the other provinces were:—New Brunswick, 500; Nova Scotia, 7,800; Quebec, 9,500; Manitoba, 1,865; Alberta, 4,225; British Columbia, 7,368; Saskatchewan, 1,772. P. E. I. figures were not available.

This brings the total estimated unemployment in the eight provinces to 43,141 which is considered by the department to be a most satisfactory showing at the present time.

In regard to Nova Scotia, Alberta and British Columbia it was pointed out also that some of the unemployment was due to strikes and labor difficulties in the coal mining sections where it was hoped conditions would soon improve.

INDIANS HAVE SEIZED PARK

Authorities Awaitng Arrival of Chief of the Petawabas at Point Pelee.

Leamington, Ont., June 13—Holding that they have a claim extending back into by-gone years, twenty-five families of Petawaba Indians, the advance guard of an invading army of upwards of 300 yesterday seized the twelve square miles of government park land on Point Pelee and refuse to move therefrom.

Three mounted police officers arrived there yesterday to look over the situation and Indians and police are now apparently both awaiting reinforcements.

At the present time on the road between Walpole Island reserve and Leamington, march the main body of the Petawabas, led by their chief, for whom the police at Leamington are waiting.

TEN HITS IN A SINGLE INNING

St. Louis National Batsmen on a Rampage.

Williams, Hornsby and Miller Forge Further Ahead of Ruth for Home Run Honors — Features of Major League Play.

(Canadian Press)

New York, June 13—Three of Babe Ruth's home run rivals had forged still further ahead of the Yankee slugger today as a result of a simultaneous skirmish yesterday.

Ken Williams of the St. Louis Browns cracked out his fifteenth circuit drive. Rogers Hornsby, his National League fellow townsman, drove out his fourteenth and Bing Milled of the Athletics collected his thirteenth.

The St. Louis Nationals went on a swatting rampage against three Philadelphia pitchers and tied their own major league record of ten consecutive hits in a single inning. Trailing the Phillies six to three, in the sixth, the westerners opened a barrage against Meadows and Winters that brought seven runs across the plate. Fournier began and ended the hitting streak in this inning with a single. Altogether the Cardinals gathered twenty-three hits, five by Lavan and four each by Hornsby and Jack Smith. The score was fourteen to eight.

William's clout with one on in the first inning gave St. Louis enough runs to check the Yankees winning streak, although the Browns continued to pummel Joe Bush and made the count seven to one, while their college recruit Pruett, had the New York bats silenced.

Three Athletic pitchers were easy for the Indians, who won eleven to three.

The Tigers' four run rally in the ninth fell one short and Washington strengthened its hold on third place by winning seven to six, while Chicago took an uphill game from Boston, seven to six, after Schupp's wildness handed the Red Sox an early lead.

Irish Meusel's triple and homer helped the Giants to their third straight over the Reds nine to three, while Vic Aldridge held the Dodgers to five bingles and the Cubs turned the tables on the Dodgers eight to nothing.

Frank Miller hung up his fifth straight for the Braves, who profited by Pittsburg's misplays and won easily eleven to two.

CAPITAL'S NEW PITCHER THERE

Blanchard May Go Against Moncton Tomorrow— Big Deal in Hockey.

Fredericton, N. B., June 13 — Jack Banchard, a pitcher signed by Bob Gauley for the Fredericton Club has arrived here from Lowell, Mass. He is a big rangy fellow and was the star hurler of the Lowell Textile school team of which Ganley was the coach this season.

Blanchard is expected to work against the Moncton Independents here on Wednesday evening which will leave McLean and Paynter for Thursday's game. Moncton comes here under an arrangement whereby Fredericton is to play two games at Moncton on Saturday.

New Orleans, June 13—Pal Moran of New Orleans knocked out Phil Salvatore of New York in the thirteenth round of a scheduled 15-round bout here last night.

Hockey Deal.

Ottawa, June 13—A mid-summer transaction which has the earmarks of an important bearing on the future destiny of hockey in Ottawa, has been completed.

Allen Lewis, of the legal firm of Smellie and Lewis, has purchased the Ottawa rights of the Ottawa Hockey Association, Limited, at a price said to be around $50,000. The holders of the charter were L. N. Bates, T. D. Magee, P. M. Baskerville, Charles A. Irvine and Martin Rosenthal, who for years have been known as the hockey magnates of Ottawa.

The purchase will likely lead to a new hockey war and lead either to the disruption of the National Hockey League, or the formation of a new international circuit, as the plans of the new purchaser, who is backed by at least one millionaire and to play their games at the new Ottawa stadium instead of the arena as soon as ice can be provided.

GUTHRO, BOXER, KILLED IN MINE IN CAPE BRETON

Sydney, N. S., June 13 — Charles Guthro, 29 years old, one of Cape Breton's best known boxers, was killed in No. 2 mine, New Aberdeen, yesterday. A runaway string of coal boxes which broke away from their cable is believed to have been the cause of Guthro's death. His body was badly mangled.

New Glasgow, N. S., June 13—Joseph Bordon, 45 years old, of New Glasgow, was killed by a fall of coal in Allan mine, Stellarton, this morning. He is survived by a wife and eight children.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "will you need a man in the hayfield this summer?"

"I could do with two of 'em," said Hiram. "We're a-gointo hev a great crop out to the Settlement this year—an' I alwus aim to git mine in afore it hes time to spile. That's somethin' I owe to the critters that hes to eat it. Yes, sir—I aim to hev two men if I kin git 'em."

"Would I do?" queried the reporter. "They say around the office that I need a month or two to find out whether I'm alive or just saving the funeral director's bill. I thought if I could mingle with the new-mown grass in the field and in those big bays in your barn it might stimulate me somewhat and get me ready for the big turnip and other vegetables that will be coming this way in the fall."

"No," said Hiram, "you won't do. I kin see you makin' fer the pantry an' showin' your blisters to Hanner about every half hour. I've hed some fellers like you come out from town in hayin' time an' start in to swing a scythe in the fence corners an' blow about what they could do. That 'ud be the fust day. The second day they'd hev some important bizness back in town. If I need any ornaments I might give you one chance—if nobody else turned up. I'd be hopin' they would—yes, sir."

BLAZE TRAIL IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Young People's Work Taken Up at the General Assembly.

Winnipeg, June 13—Work of the Sunday schools and young people's societies was discussed at last evening's sederunt of the Presbyterian General Assembly.

Submitting the report of the board controlling the work, Rev. R. B. Cochrane, D. D., Toronto, declared that the advance movement in religious education was a national movement.

"Whether church union," he said, "comes tomorrow or the next day, or the day after, it will come some day, (applause), in religious education among the young. We are blazing the trail in co-operative, united work, and we are showing the church something of how the work can be done, not to advance Presbyterianism, not to advance Methodism but to advance the Kingdom of God in the hearts of growing boys and girls."

Dr. J. C. Robertson of Toronto, moved adoption of the report, in which there are two recommendations. One is that the programme of the board be linked up with the programme of the Forward Movement along three lines, Bible study, mission tudy and training for leadership. The other is that the name of the board be changed to the board of religious education.

The moderator subsequently ruled that the report be held over for consideration today.

LENINE'S CONDITION.

Moscow, June 13.—"Lenine has not lost any of his faculties, and is progressing satisfactorily," so his elder brother told a correspondent today. At least two months will be required for a full cure, and then he will need a few months of rest.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The disturbance which was the Gulf of St. Lawrence yesterday has remained stationary and is filling up as pressure is also low to the northwest of Superior and over the southwestern states and high over the southeastern states. The weather has been mostly fair and warm in the west, fair and cool in Ontario and cool with scattered showers in Quebec and the maritime provinces.

Fair.

Maritime—Fresh to strong southwest and northwest winds, a few showers, but generaly fair today. Wednesday, moderate winds, fair.

Gulf and North Share—Fresh to strong northeast to northwest winds, some showers, but partly fair and cool today. Wednesday, moderate winds, fair and cool.

New England—Showers late tonight tonight and Wednesday; moderate temperatures, light westerly winds, becoming variible.

Toronto, June 13—Temperatures:

	8 a.m.	Highest yesterday.	Lowest during night.
Prince Rupert	58	54	48
Victoria	50	62	50
Kamloops	..	86	..
Calgary	..	82	..
Edmonton	..	78	..
Prince Albert	..	74	..
Winnipeg	68	76	54
White River	44	60	30
Sault Ste. Marie	50	54	40
Toronto	53	67	45
Kingston	50	64	42
Ottawa	48	60	42
Montreal	52	60	42
Quebec	50	60	42
St. John, N. B.	48	64	44
Halifax	52	68	46
St. John's, Nfld.	62	68	54
Detroit	58	74	54
New York	36	76	52

FEARFUL JUMP IN TERRIFIC GALE

Stevens' First Parachute Drop a World Record.

More Than 4½ Miles With Wind 120 Miles an Hour—Nearly Suffocated But He Lands 25 Miles Away in Half an Hour.

(Canadian Press.)

Dayton, Ohio, June 13.—Lashed and whipped about a gale of 120 miles an hour, more than four and a half miles above earth, on the verge of suffocation through loss of his oxygen tank, and compelled to cling to ropes and straps attached to a parachute, for fear that a whirling cross-current might weaken and cause them to break, are several of the "mere" details related today by Captain A. W. Stevens, aerial photographer, McCook Field, who yesterday broke the world's parachute jumping record, when he descended 24,206 feet.

The fact that it was Captain Stevens' first "drop" tends to make his feat one of the most remarkable in the history of aviation. He suffered no ill effects from his hazardous trip.

The plane in which Captain Stevens ascended, a twin motored Martin bomber piloted by Lt. L. Wade, broke the world's altitude record for this particular type of ship, carrying three passengers up 24,206 feet.

"When the plane reached the ceiling," he said, "I made ready to jump. As near as I could judge, we were over Springfield, Ohio. Bidding my pals good-bye, I jumped.

"The opening of the parachute caused the oxygen tank to become loose from its fastenings on the front of my clothing. Grasping it with both hands, I endeavored to retain it.

"The wind, which was traveling at a speed of 120 miles an hour, whipped the parachute around like a jackstraw. I was forced to use both hands on the ropes and straps which held me to the chute, in an effort to check oscillation, which threatened to weaken the supports. It was then that I lost the tank. I think it fell somewhere near Springfield. It was an experience I shall never forget. Before settling down to a lower altitude I thought my time had come, as I was nearly suffocated due to the rareness of the atmosphere, but dropping out of the gale into calmer atmosphere below, I quickly recovered.

"I landed at Jamestown, approximately twenty-five miles from where I left the plane. The descent took just thirty minutes."

IN PARLIAMENT

Ottawa, June 13—(Canadian Press)—Today in the commons the budget debate will be continued.

The senate will sit at 8 p. m.

Yesterday in the commons, answering a question by Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, Premier King said that negotiations were in progress between Canada and Australia in regard to tariff reciprocity.

A bill to amend the animal contagious diseases act was given third reading.

Senate amendments to the act respecting the department of national defence were concurred in.

Amendments to the Canada shipping act in regard to the payment of pilotage dues given third reading. First reading was given a bill amending the air board act. It provides for the establishment of regulations prescribing the compensation to be paid for death or injury resulting from a flight taken while in the public service of Canada.

Bills amending the Vancouver harbor commissioners act, and the admiralty act were reported from committee. First reading was given an amendment to the opium and narcotic drug act, placing further restrictions round the sale of narcotics to druggists and others.

MORE REPAIRS TO THE WATER MAINS

Commissioner Wigmore to Continue Work at Loch Lomond on Saturday Afternoon.

Commissioner Wigmore announced this morning that he would resume his operations in connection with the repair of leaks in the Loch Lomond main during the coming week-end. Last week about six defects were repaired and the commissioner hopes to complete the job this week.

It is his intention to turn the water off the main line into the Little River main on Saturday at noon and work through Saturday afternoon and Saturday night, repairing the leaks. The work will then be allowed to stand over Sunday and should be well set when the regular service is resumed on Monday morning.

Although all parts of the city will receive a supply of water, the pressure on the heights will be low from Saturday noon onward, the commissioner said, and it would be wise for those living on the higher levels to lay in a supply over the week-end.

DEMPSEY'S VAUDEVILLE TOUR IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN CANCELLED

Los Angeles, June 13—Jack Kearns, manager of Jack Dempsey, has cancelled the latter's contract for a seven week's vaudeville tour, according to reports here. The champion will remain to train here for several weeks, it was said, but no reason was given for the reported cancellation.

BELYEA HOME; NOT OUT OF GAME

Plans to Defend Title and Row Again in States.

Regrets That He Did Not Have One More Week for Training, as He was Gaining Fast — A Suggestion for Future Contests—Welcome to be Given Him Tonight.

Hilton Belyea, Canadian champion single sculler, who made such a remarkable showing in the Gold Challenge Cup race held on the Schuylkill river, Philadelphia, recently, arrived home this morning on the S. S. Governor Dingley from Boston. He was met by J. A. Gregory, president of the St. John Amateur Rowing Club; his wife and two daughters, Audrey and Florence, Commissioner R. W. Wigmore, J. C. Chesley, Elmer Ingraham, Frank White and others, and after being warmly congratulated was escorted to an automobile and driven to his home in Middle street, West St. John. He was given a surprise as he neared his destination to find a large and beautifully decorated arch, made of spruce boughs and trimmed with red, white and blue bunting, Canadian and United States flags, and cut flowers, across the street in front of his home.

Has Not Retired

His relatives and friends were delighted to hear that he has reconsidered his decision to retire from rowing and has decided that if he is in a position to do so he will defend his title of Canadian champion at Toronto in July and may also return to the States and again meet Walter Hoover, Costello, Rooney and others in an effort to win the American championship.

In an interview with a representative of the Times, Hilton said his only regret is that he did not have a week's more training. He is making no excuses for his defeat, and gives full credit to Hoover, who won the championship, and Costello, who defeated him by a scant two feet. However, he feels that he would have made a far better showing and stood a chance to win the magnificent trophy emblematic of the championship, had he been in a little better condition.

Speaking of the race, he said it was one of the best conducted that he ever had been in. He gives credit for this largely to Referee Newland and the other officials.

The Race

The referee, he said, wasted no time in getting them away. After giving them instructions individually, he ordered them to his mark and as they lined up each man placed an oar in the water to steady their shells as a current was setting down river eastward. When the shot was fired all went away like one man. For three boat lengths he was slightly in the lead due to the extra pull he was getting on his large oars. Gilmore then went into the lead and remained in that position until after passing the three-quarter-mile mark, when he began to weaken. At that time he was ahead about seven lengths, but Hoover started to cut down the distance and Costello and Hilton followed suit. It was a case of one watching the other, waiting for the crucial moment when the big test would come.

Hilton said he was content to remain close to his dangerous adversaries until towards the end, when he would have to make his greatest effort. When the mile mark was reached, Hoover, Costello and himself let out, Hoover leading, with himself and Costello following about half a length behind. All were pulling over towards Gilmour's side of the course, as it was the shortest to the end. Hoover, however, was taking their water and rowing in such a position that they were both getting his backwash. On four occasions the referee warned Hoover that if Belyea tagged him or touched his boat, he (Hoover) would be disqualified.

Hilton said during the first minute they rowed he was pulling thirty-five to minutes dropped back to thirty strokes the minute and for the next two or three and then settled down to twenty-eight. He increased this in the drive for the line and was hitting about thirty-two when he finished. Had he been in proper condition, he maintains that he would have been able to continue thirty-five strokes to the minute until the end, as he had done on many occasions.

When he first went to Philadelphia, he said, he was able to make only from twenty-four to twenty-five strokes, and was distanced by Rooney, with whom he trained, on every occasion when they went over the course. However, as time went on and he increased his training, going on an average of twenty-five miles daily, he increased his stroke to an average from twenty-eight to thirty. During the last few days he brought it up to thirty-five for the last minute and was daily increasing his speed and acquiring strength. He had a stop watch placed in his shell, and in this manner was able to watch his own progress. Although he does not wish to take any credit from the victors, he feels that had the race been held on Saturday or even on Sunday there might have been a different story, as weather conditions were more favorable for him, accustomed as he is to the rough water and currents in the harbor.

The Earlier Contest.

Speaking of the race he entered in the regatta held at Philadelphia one week prior to the big event, he said he was kept waiting in his shell until he was purple with the cold, and during the entire race was not able to shake off the numbed feeling. He considers the experience did more harm than good, especially as he was suffering from a severe cold.

In a trial on Sunday he went over the course in seven minutes and twenty seconds, and started and stopped his own watch. During this spin he was paced by a four-oared crew, and Hilton says "they certainly did make me travel."

Asked about the new shell "St. John," Hilton said it proved satisfactory in every way. He decided to leave it in Philadelphia, so as to have it there in the event of going to compete in the American championships. He sent his second shell, the "Mildred W.," home, and it arrived on the Boston boat a few days ago.

When Hoover left for England he was authorized to bring back with him the Australian champion, and if he comes there may be another race for the gold cup. This would give Hilton and others another chance to challenge the champion.

Before leaving Philadelphia, Hilton suggested to officials that a rule should be adopted forcing every contestant to stay in a designated lane and thus do away with any chance of jockeying. He feels that this is a fairer way and will make cleaner and better competition and bring out the real ability of all. He said that his suggestion is being considered.

He said that after the race he decided to quit racing, but George Malloy of the Undine Club, Hoover and other persuaded him not to do so. The contended that he was the big surprise of the day, as they did not think it possible for a man to get into condition in such a short space of time and were sure he would be distanced. Hilton still has a wholesome respect for Rooney and feels that he is the man he will have to beat if he enters the championships in August.

His brother, Harry, who accompanied him to Philadelphia, remained in the States and is expected home in a few days.

This evening a reception will be tendered Hilton at his home in Middle street by friends and officials of the St. John Amateur Rowing Club.

TRUE CASE GETS INTO COMMONS

Major Who was Convicted of Slaying Girl

Home Secretary Replies to Inferences of Favor Because of Relationship in High Circles—Speculation on Possible Resignation.

(Canadian Press Cable)

London, June 13—A statement by Home Secretary Shortt in the House of Commons today concerning the reprieve of Major Ronald True, convicted slayer of Gertrude Yates, is expected to follow the lines of an interview which he granted to the Times on his return late last night.

There have been intimations that True was declared an insane criminal and thus saved from the gallows because his mother was the wife of a personage high in British public life.

Secretary Shortt in the Times interview said:

"I do not know who True is, or who his relations are. I was not approached by any of his relations, and received no letters from them. I will inquire tomorrow whether any such communications were received at the home office, but I am personally unaware of any.

It is apparently suggested that there is one law for the rich and another for the poor. It will be my business to show in the Commons that this is not so and that all are treated alike. I am bound by the law which says that no insane person shall be hanged, and was compelled, on the facts before me, to have an inquiry made into True's sanity, and to act on the report of the specialists.

"The prison doctor testified at the trial that True was insane when in prison. The jury found he was sane when he committed the crime; they did not decide whether he is sane now, and that is what I had to consider."

Mr. Shortt will meet much hostility in the Commons and the question is canvassed whether, if the sense of the house is overwhelmingly against him, he will resign. It is well known that he has long been anxious to quit the home office but according to common reports he wished to be removed from there into a judgeship. At the moment there is no vacancy on the bench and whether or not this fact will affect his attitude is only conjectural.

According to the Daily Mail, Premier Lloyd George has asked Mr. Shortt to confer with him today before he makes his statement, and from this the newspaper infers that the secretary's action is embarrassing the government.

AUTO CASE IN RENFORTH COURT

Another automobile case was cleared up in a few minutes in the Renforth court before Magistrate H. J. Anderson last night when E. A. Jamieson of Sussex was fined for exceeding the speed limit on the Rothesay road. He also agreed to make good damage caused to another car by his alleged speeding.

A car belonging to George Wetmore and occupied by Mrs. Wetmore, Miss Mildred Wetmore and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fowler stopped in front of the store of George Colby, near Renforth station, when the car belonging to Mr. Jamieson, who was driving the car and was accompanied by Edward Totter, tried to pass another car in front of the store, and collided with Mr. Wetmore's car. The damage to Mr. Wetmore's car included a bent fender, running board and axle, while Mr. Jamieson's car had the front fender and the rim of one of the front wheels damaged. Provincial Constable J. H. Pitt heard of the accident and was on the scene before the cars could be straightened away. Mr. Jamieson was assessed a nominal fine and agreed to pay for the damage done to Mr. Wetmore's car.