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Field Marshal French Resigns Position as Chief of Staff, Because of Asquith's Statement---Villa Sympathizers Anxiously Await Message From Him---Lady Holder Arrives in London---City Hall Real Deserted Village Today---Immigration Officers Search for Chinese Smugglers. OTTAWA IN THE HANDS OF 2,000 RADIAL---

WATERWAYS DELEGATES WHO PRESS CLAIMS

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Inside Political Information Names Him as Whitney's Successor.

CONFIRM ELECTION RUMORS

Story of Provincial Campaign in September Borne Out by Latest Developments.

NEXT "JUSTICE" FOY.

High Court Judgeship for the Present Attorney-General Seems Certain.

Inside information from Conservative headquarters at Ottawa confirms the report published in The Advertiser last week of a Provincial election in vertiser's exclusive story, some days after its rublication was substantiated by Canadian the imminent possibilities of a Provincial election in Septem-

as direct confirmation from the ple. "Enfranchisement of Australian inside of the Federal machine Woman; a Success of a Failure." that the Ontario section has requested an election in Septem-Park, Toronto.

Since the illness of Sir James nouncement that the Premier must forsake public life, specu- will speak. lation has been rife as to who his successor would be.

the Provincial cabinet has been an open secret for years. The differences of the Beck-Hanna factions have been well known, and consequently gave rise to all manner of rumors.

Attorney-General J. J. Foy was boomed by one wing of the Tory party as the next leader, but the ultra Orange wing opposed him on religious grounds. The definite announcement is now made that Premier Whitney will retire immediately after the September election, and

will be succeeded by Hanna. Foy, it is declared, will leave the cabinet, presumably to take a judgeship. It is understood that he has been promised elevation to the bench for some

AUSTRALIAN SUFFRAGIST WHO WILL SPEAK HERE ON "VOTES FOR WOMEN"



LADY HOLDER.

Frederick Holder, K. C. M. G., of Aus- to the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission tralia, and who was for many years for the people the use of all water courses speaker in the Federal Parliament of morning on the 11:28 train, from Toronto. for a subsidy of \$6,400 per mile to hydro-South Australia, arrived in the city this The distinguished visitor was welcomed electric radial railroads. Three memorials the train by Mrs. Gordon Wright, were presented craving the above. whose home she will remain during her stay in London. Lady Holder has Ontario in September. The Ad- been in Toronto for some days, and while there was entertained by the civic bodies, given the freedom of the city, nd accorded honor in several ways. Quiet and unassuming in manner, and with a kind, motherly face, Lady Holder Press dispatches that asserted at once dispels the theory of those who claim that suffragism causes women to councils were largely represented in every become undignified. Coming as she does instance. from Australia, where woman suffrage has been established for a number of years, Lady Holder is eminently quali-Now comes what is regarded fied to speak on the subject of her ad- to the invasion upon the Government for dress tonight in the New Masonie Tem-

for some years, Lady Holder herself was and still they came. A primary conference opposed to woman suffrage. She de- was impossible, and a selection of dele voted herself to charitable and philanber, and that the demand will be thropic endeavors of various sorts and, to be made to meet in a private room and acceded to by the powers that with the late Sir Frederick, became inbe at Ottawa, and at Queen's through South Australia. Essides being an ardent suffragist, Lady Holder is also Pliney Whitney, and the an- branch of the W. C. T. U. is arranging carefully-compiled document for perusal Church parlors, where the eminent visitor

Lack of esprit de corps in H. R. H. KING GLOOM REIGNS SUPREME

Oliver Goldsmith Might Have Found Deserted Village Material at Spencer Block.

OFFICIALS ARE IN OTTAWA

No Meetings, Discussions or Fights and City Hall Reporters Had Easy Time.

If Oliver Goldsmith had come to life and strolled into London's temporary city hall today he might have written another Deserted Village. With the mayor, Cortroller W. G. Coles and City Clerk Samuel Baker in Ottawa, to say nothing of the absence of General Manager H. J. Glaubitz of the hydro-waterworks department, who is in the Old time, and it is further declared Country, the Spencer Block was very, ery quiet. The mayor's outbursts of that he will be the next justice wit, the city clerk's answers to a thouappointed in Ontario's higher sand questions, Controller Coles' pleas for the commencement of the Federal (Continued on Page Eleven.)

BUILDING OPERATIONS TO QUADRUPLE 1913 FIGURES

Plans Under Way for Erection of Scores of Residences and Factories-"Own Home" Movement Growing in the City of London:

Doubling at the most conservative esti-, nothing definite had been decided as yet. mate. trebling quadrupling, perhaps, of R. H. Smith, contractor, intends building annual amount of building operations lng ten new houses on Gerrard street, off in London, will take place in 1914. Nu- Grand avenue. Copp Bros. are planning merous syndicates, manufacturing com- the erection of twenty houses on Grand panies, real estate firms, individual financiers and contractors, all have plans under way for the building of workingmen's mes and more expensive types of resi-

The McCormick Company, as has been on the easy-payment plan, and everyalready announced, is preparing to go where in London the "Own Home" move ahead very shortly with the erection of a ment is growing with remarkable impetus. undred homes for its employees on the Over in West London, following the build-

was reported that the McClary Manfacturing Company would also erect a
hundred houses, but in regard to this,
Lieut.-Col. W. M. Gartshore stated that

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avenue, and Hyatt Bros. have already started on fifteen.

Erecting Workingmen's Homes. The Strand Housing Syndicate of East London is erecting workingmen's houses division adjoining the site of the new ing the Wharncliffe road bridge and the assured construction of the breakwater, a

FOR HYDRO, WATERWAYS AND CANAL POWER Capital Swarms With Ontario

Representatives, Who Place Their Claims for Recognition Before Premier and His Cab-

[By Staff Reporter.] Ottawa, March 26 .- Ontario municipalities have the capital today. Like a thief esentative men stole in, trainload upon

trainload and the Waiss of Jericho fell. Practically every county and most of Powell, of Aylmer, and the second urge, upon the federal cabinet, demands for deepened and enlarged ship canals linking the great lakes with the port of Montreal, for a refusal of an extension of charter privileges to the Niagara Welland Company for the development of power in the Niagara peninsula as well as the request of all other private corporations for similar charters in the Lady Holder, wife of the late Sir province, and at the same time intrusting as will provide power in the province, and

Wonderfully-Organized Clamor.

The deputation was one of the greatest clamors if not the greatest that ever was organized to appeal to a government. It was unusually representative, for civic administrative bodies came in full force in many cases, and county and township

. It had been arranged that all the delegates meet in the Chateau Laurier prior a preliminary conference and to arrange details, name spokesmen, etc. But the visitors swarmed in such numbers to the It is an interesting fact to note that and corridors were crammed in no time, gates from all parts of the province had

make the arrangements. Memorial Reading Eliminated. As the cabinet ministers could only spare one hour's time to hear the delegapresident of the National Women's tion, it was decided to eliminate reading Christian Temperance Union of Aus- seven-eighths of the great waterways tralia, and tomorrow afternoon the local memorial to save time and to hand in the reception for her in Talbot Street at the ministers' leisure. In the sections that were not read were some logically drawn condemnations of the Georgian

Bay canal project. The Speakers. The following were chosen as spokes-nen: W. J. Lyon, Guelph, secretarytreasurer of the Great Waterways Union, nd president of the Ontario Municipal Electric Association; Mayor Allan, of Hamilton; Controller Church, Toronto. Representing the Toronto Harbor Comdission, Controller McCarthy, Toronto; Mayor Clay, Windsor: Mayor Graham London; Water Commissioner Pocock London; Mr. Taylor, Owen Sound; Ald. Burgoyne, St. Catharines, and Mr. Evans-

ton, Prescott. Western Ontario's Family. The special trains coming down from Western Ontario, cities and towns, were excursions in aspect There was great gayety aboard, great handclapping, great yarn-spinning. Everybody found old friends in "the car ahead." The Western Ontario family was again together. Tables were put up between seats, card decks were produced, and So-and-So, from So-and-So, challenged So-and-So to uchre, bridge and so-and-so. Some, who had bought new shoes for the trip, renoved one or both to allay discomfort Cigars were passed. They smoked, chatted and laughed. Western Ontario's fam-

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No Bodies Float From Monroe, When the Charges Explode.

[Canadian Press.]

Norfolk, Va., March 26.-The wreck of the Old Dominion Liner Monroe, sunk in January by the Merchants' and Miners' packet Nantucket, with a loss of 40 odd lives, has been blown up by the revenue cutter Onondaga, which returned to port here today.

Four explosions of guncotton removed all of the wreck, that was a menace to navigation. No bodies were brought to

STREET CAR DELAYS Yesterday's Records of "Hold-ups" at Level Crossings.

Crossing.	Time.	Lost
G.T.RRichmond	9.27-9:31 a.m.	4 min
G.T.RRichmond	3:26-3:29 p.m.	3 min
G.T.RRichmond.	.12:25-12:31 p.m.	6 min
G.T.RRectory	6:45-6:54 a.m.	9 min
G.T.RRectory	3:05-3:15 p.m.	11 min
G.T.RRichmond.	.12:25-12:30 p.m.	5 min
G.T.RRectory		6 min
G.T.RRichmond	.:.7:25-7:30 p.m.	5 min
G.T.RRectory	.11:50-11:57 a.m.	7 mm
G.T.RRichmond	7:25-7:30 p.m.	Smin
G.T.RRichmond	7:17-7:27 p.m.	10 min
G.T.RRichmond	7:22-7:30 p.m.	8 min
G.T.RRichmond	7:05-7:10 p.m.	_5 min
G.T.RRichmond	7:20-7:29 p.m.	9 min
G.T.RRichmond.	.12:27-12:33 p.m.	6 min
G.T.RRichmond	7425-7:31 p.m.	6 min
G.T.RRichmond:	.10:30-10:31 p.m.	M min

RADIAL-WATERWAYS RESOLUTIONS.

The resolutions presented to the Government by the radialwaterways monster demonstration at Ottawa today were those passed so enthusiastically in London at the radial field day convention in the Masonic Hall on March 6. The first was moved by William

Radial Subsidies "Whereas, the construction of the network of electric radials in the province makes possible the extension of the benefits of cheap electric power to the farmers, reducing the cost of production and of transportation, and thereby lowering the cost of living to all the people, and

"Whereas, the Introduction of electric power and of radials will make farm life more attractive and comfortable and will increase the rural "Whereas, electric roads mean the

furtherance of commercial enterprise in cities, towns and villages owing to the cheap transportation afforded, and "Whereas, the Dominion Government has in the past granted bonuses to private corporation in connection with the construction of steam and

electric roads. "Be it resolved that the Dominion Government be requested to grant a subsidy of \$6,400 per mile to all electric radials which will be constructed by any municipal corporation or cor-

Better Waterways

'Whereas, Improved transportation most important economic question before the Canadian public today; in transported by water for about one mill per mile, by railway at approximately one cent per mile, against an estimated cost of 25 cents per mile by wagon road. "Whereas, an ocean waterway via

the great lakes to Port Arthur and Fort William would make ocean ports of all the cities and towns en route and would at once solve the difficult question of the ocean rate freight combine now seriously disturbing the Dominion Government. "And whereas, the Dominion Gov-

ernment are building an improved Welland Canal and are about to let the contract for an adequate canal at Sault Ste. Marie, and whereas, it is believed that the United States Government are favorable to the development of the waterway in their own territory,

"And whereas, the principal remaining link to be completed is the Improvement of the St. Lawrence, and whereas the improvement of the St. Lawrence will produce millions of horsepower of electric energy having a value far beyond the cost of the improvement, making Eastern Ontario the home of cheap electric energy to the great benefit of the inhabitants and business thereof.

"And whereas the Great Waterways Union is in favor of the request made by the Hydro-Electric Rallways Unions here assembled, namely their request that the Dominion Government grant the full bonus of \$6,400 per mile to electric railways in the Province of Ontario constructed by and through the Hydro-Electric Power Commission.

"And whereas the Great Waterways Union have indorsed the principle of urging a far greater supply of electric energy in the Niagara zone and ask and request both the Dominion and Ontario Governments to assist in the realization of the same;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the Hydro-Electric Railway Union here assembled indorse the plans of the Great Waterways Union and agree to join the Great Waterways Union In a monster delegation to Ottawa to urge upon the Dominion Government these various all-important, co-related projects, vital to the prosperity of the Province of Ontario, and of the coun-

AMERICAN OFFICERS PROBING CHINK FIND

Immigration Authorities Discover Chinamen in Box Car, Had Letters From Here. American Immigration Officer Mac-

Donald and an assistant spent some hours in an investigation here today as! the result of the finding of two China- lowest temperatures during men in a G. T. R. freight car at Kensingville, Ill., having in their pockets letters from London Chinks.

The two Chinamen, when found, were in an unconscious condition as the result of lack of food for a great number Toronto of hours, and one man may die. The Ottawa American officers visited a number of Montreal Chinese laundries and restaurants, but Quebec Father Point refused to give out any information ex-cept that they were here on special Weather Notes.

The disturbance which was centred in Wisconsin yesterday has passed away to

A local railway official told The Advertiser that the immigration officers Northern Quebec, and another is now ap had learned in London that the Chinamen found in Illinois were placed in the car at Montreal, and that following the receipt of this information they had immediately left for the Quebec metropolis.

Borden Non-Committal in Assurances to the Delegates' Request for Subsidy -Pleads Tremendous Prior Claims.

[By Staff Reporter.] Ottawa, March 26.-Premier Borden was ecidedly non-committal in his assurances to the municipalities deputation. He promised that all the grave considerations prought to the attention of the Government would be given full consideration, the municipalities of old Ontario came to by Mayor C. M. R. Graham, of but he immediately went on to point out difficulties in the way.

So far as the general principle of aiding provincially or municipally-owned railways, whether steam or electric, was concerned, the Government, he said, had already admitted that this was justifiable under certain conditions. But it nust be remembered that the question had to be viewed from the standpoint of Canada as a whole, and that the Dominion was already committed to enormous obligations in connection with transportation developments. Some of these obligations, he declared, were now pressing upon the federal treasury. National harbor development was taking millions and there was also the question of further aid to the national transcontinental B. N. A. Act's Limitations.

Canada had done perhaps more for transportation already than the financial resources of the country at the present time warranted. There was also to be

considered the fact that the B. N. A. act left to the provinces matters which specially pertained to development within their own borders. However, the Dominion had in the past departed from the strict adherence to the line of demarcation between federal and provincial fields of mutual assistance. There was no insurmountable obstacle in this re-He paid a tribute to the great work which Sir James Whitney and Hon. Adam Beck had done in regard to the development of the hydro-electric scheme. Whatever Adam Beck asked was prima

Promises Consideration. In conclusion, he said that the Gov ernment would consider the whole question very carefully from every standpoint, but that of course no definite answer could be given at present. (Continued on page 11.)

MAY BE BROUGHT HERE Strathroy Man, Accused of Stabbing, Wil

Be Brought to Jail Till Victim Is Better. George Edwards, the Mexican who is alleged to have stabbed T. S. Graham five times with a jackknife in Strathroy on Tuesday night, because Graham, with whom he boarded, asked him to pay his

to London met a 1...l. live Western On-

weak roof. The crew remembered that

when they reached London minus the

slow progress against the heavy wind,

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW-FAIR AND MILD.

Southerly winds; mostly fair and mild

today; local rains tonight

Calgary

The following were the

PENTHE THEEMS

manded to London jail.

board, will appear before Squire Noble this afternoon. He will likely be re-

OFF CAR ROOF---"WIRES" IT

Cute Little Wind Storm Removes Top Piece of Box Car

and Tangles Up G. T. R. Sarnia-London Telegraph

Line as Result.

oon a Grand Trunk freight from Sarnia discovered, to wit, the entire disar-

They also remembered making sight of part of the missing roof resting

tario breeze. One of the cars had a tween Sarnia and London.

TEMPERATURES

the highest and low

est temperatures re-

corded in London for

the 24 hours preced-

ing 8 p.m. yesterday:

Highest, 53 above; lowest, 31 above.

The official tem-

peratures for the 12

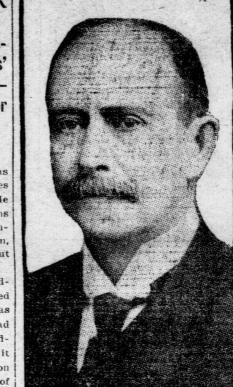
hours previous to 8

a.m. today: Highest,

48 above: lowest, 42

The following were

IONE OF SPOKESMEN OF BIG DELEGATION **DELEGATION TODAY**



NEWS OF VILLA IS EAGERLY AWAITED BY SYMPATHIZERS

They Refuse to Believe He Has Been Put to Flight. **But Are Uneasy Because** of Silence. Juarez, Mexico, March 26 .- An atmo-

sphere of pessimistic anxiety enveloped Constitutionalist sympathizers today over the possible fate of Gen. Francisco Villa The result of a meeting at the war and his 12,000 rebels, who, at last reports, were engaged in desperate fighting at Gomez Palacio, a suburb of Torreon. For two days no definite word came from the front. Not even a courier has penetrated the desert between Torreon d Chihuahua. Rumor Not Believed.

News dispatches from Mexico City re-Department had issued a bulletin to the effect that Villa was in full retreat, are not believed generally in Juarez, but the report caused rebel officers to make further inquiries for news from the battlefield. Manuel Chao, military governor of Chihuahua, haunts the military telegraph operator day and night in the hope of a message from Villa telling of the fortunes

What About Communication? No explanation was offered by rebel officers of the fact that communication ceased after the attack on Gomez Palacio began, while it had come freely during Villa's triumphant southward march. MINIATURE CYCLONE RIPS

rangement of the telegraph service be-

came over the route told of the strange

Spooks may have pleed it there, but

Passengers on the next train

over the telegraph wires.

Sir John French, Chief of Staff, Objects to Government's Action.

SIGNED THE MEMORANDUM

Liberals and Laborites Now United More Strongly Than Ever.

ASQUITH STAND FAVORED

Instead of Weakening Ruling Forces, Troubles May Have Given Added Strength.

[Canadian Press.]

London, March 26. - Premier Asquith was brought face to face today with a new crisis by the resignation of Field Marshal Sir John French, chief of the Imperial general staff and virtual head of the British army. Other leading officers of the army were also expected to hand in their papers as a direct outcome of the repudiation of the guarantees given to army officers in Ireland by Sir John French, Adjutant-General Ewart and Col. Seely, secretary of war. The Premier had yet declared that these guarantees were not sanctioned by the Cabinet. office of the principal commanding generals of the British army was awaited with anxiety by the general public and in political circles today, as it was thought they ceived last night, declaring that the War might take some steps which would virtually disrupt the army administration.

> In the north of Ireland itself, where the controversy between Nationalists and Unionists had been the cause of so much difficulty to the British Government, there was no disturbance of the peace. The two parties were seemingly content to await events in

He Felt Slighted.

London, March 26.-Field Marshal Sir John French, chief of the imperial general staff of the British army, resigned his commission today.

The field marshal, who was one of the signatories of the memorandum to Brigadier-General Hubert Gough, giving guarantees to the army officers that they would not be ordered to fight the Ulster Unionists, regarded the repudiation of the document by the Government A box car, a cyclone and the telegraph But nobody had any idea where the roof as a slight on himself. For this reason wires. Near Wyoming yesterday after- went to except from circumstantial evihe resigned. dence. A strange coincidence then was

Resignations Expected.

London, March 26 .- The opinion prevailed in military circles today that the resignations were imminent of Field Marshal Sir John French, chief of the imperial general staff, and Lieut.-Gen. Sir John Spencer Ewart, adjutant-general to the forces. This was regarded as likely to be naturally the wind was blamed. It was the consequence of the repudiation by the (Continued on Page Three.)

RUMOR OF SHIP BLOWN UP AND 30 LIVES LOST DENIED

Soldiers at Honolulu Report Seeing Steamer Maui on Fire and Later Blown Up-Search for Wreckage Is Vain.

[Canadian Press.] Honolulu, March 26.—Reports of the plosion caused the disaster. destruction of the inter-island steamer With the aid of searchlig wreckage of the steamer, which was of all on board the steamer is indicated, said to have blown up off Pearl Har- as it is believed the ship sank so quickly bor last night. It is now believed that the vessel will report safely later.

[Canadian Press.] Honolulu, March 26.-Between 30 and 40 lives are believed to have been lost by the blowing up of the inter-island steamer Maui last night off Pearl Harbor.

From Fort Kamehameha, soldiers ob served that the steamer apparently was on fire. A few minutes later the ship was seen to blow up, and immediately

More than thirty men, including the rew and a number of laborers, mostly current that the Maul struck a mine, but of the disaster are not expected.

the general opinion is that a boiler ex-With the aid of searchlights from Fort Mauj with the loss of many lives was Kamehameha, tugs and Japanese samsaid today to be untrue. A search pans searched the sea for any survivors of several hours failed to discover any that were able to keep afloat. The loss

that there was no time to launch small

The Maui was a steel schooner of 631 tons, owned by the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company, and was used in the island trade, built in 1898 at San Fran-

The Maui left this port at 5 o'clock last night for Kauai, with a cargo consisting nostly of explosives. It is regarded as probable that the fire observed on the ship ignited the explosives and caused the

vessels' destruction. The tug Intrepid, went in search of survivors, and until it returns here, details