

FORTY-FOURTH YEAR

ASQUITH IS NOW CHARGED WITH REAL BLUNDER

Coercion Was Intended But Officers Checkmated it.

Ministerial Explanation is Given Very Little Credence.

LONDON, March 24.—Triumphant shouts by the Unionists and bitter anger by the Government supporters are the immediate results of the Ministry's handling of the army crisis.

Right Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, the former Unionist leader, who followed Premier Asquith in the House of Commons, promptly put his finger on one of the weakest spots in the Government's explanation by asking the stores, why were the officers told that they would be excused from duty if they lived in Ulster.

Seeking a Scapegoat. The defection of the officers is now a closed incident, but its consequences are likely to prove far-reaching.

General Paget and three senior officers from the Curragh camp—Gen. Gough, Col. McEwan and Col. Parker—were summoned to London for a conference.

The Unionists firmly believe that the Government has participated in a fiasco. They think that the two most enterprising spirits of the Cabinet, David Lloyd George and Winston Spencer Churchill, were the chief movers in the plan and that the Government proposed a wholesale movement of troops in Ulster in

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Where Pruning Knife Was Applied By City

The Public School Board, Fire and Light Committee and Board of Works were the three departments to feel the axe most keenly in the cutting down of the civic estimates.

To-night the City Council will fix the tax rate at 22 1/2 mills.

PARLIAMENT MAY BE DISSOLVED AT ONCE

Surrender of Asquith Government to British Officers Will Hasten, It is Said, A General Election--Liberal Press Is Indignant.

LONDON, March 24.—The dissolution of the British parliament has been hastened by the events of the last few days and by the surrender of the government to the officers of the army who declined to serve against the Ulstermen, according to the opinion generally expressed to-day in political circles.

The provincial Liberal papers, as is usual, are even more outspoken in their condemnation of the government's surrender to the officers than are their London contemporaries.

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SOLDIERS FOR THE BIG STRIKE AT DEPEW, N.Y.

Buffalo Sends a Regiment of Troops by Special Train.

Exciting Scenes Mark Struggle Between Capital and Labor.

DEPEW, N. Y., March 24.—Day-break found Depew an armed camp. The 74th regiment, ordered out by Brigadier-General Welch of the fourth brigade, National Guard, at the request of Sheriff Becker, whose force of deputies was unable to handle the rioting strikers of the Gould Coupler Works yesterday began to arrive before dawn and by 6 a.m. the plant was under military protection.

The special train on the Lackawanna Railroad, which was held up by a wrecked yesterday came through from Buffalo to the plant to-day under military protection.

Major Kemp ordered the motormen to leave the controllers on the controller boxes and all but one of them did so. When he refused to give it up he was promptly knocked down with the butt end of a rifle.

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Mayor Spence On The Operation of Railway

"There will be no manager of the street railway appointed until probably next January," said Mayor Spence this morning in regard to the operation of the street railway.

The Mayor regretted that there was an apathetic feeling in connection with voting, but thought that the silence of the voters in this case gave consent.

From now until the city actually gets ownership of the railway consideration will be given to the best means, not only of operating, but improving it, and laying the foundation of a good system.

VERDICT WAS ALMOST UNANIMOUS FOR BY-LAW

In Two Divisions Yesterday Not a Vote Was Cast Against the Purchase of the Street Railway--Separate Commission Will Operate the Road.

By a majority which revealed an overwhelming opinion in favor so much so that a sure thing feeling was aroused, which kept the vote down, the street railway purchase by-law was endorsed by the ratepayers of the city yesterday.

The result of the voting means that as soon as legislation is secured from the Ontario Legislature, and the courts by order, vest ownership in the city, Brantford will own the street railway and radial to Galt, lock, stock and barrel.

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HAD NARROW ESCAPE FROM SCOTT BLOCK

There Were 125 People in Winnipeg Building at Fire.

C. N. R. Clerk Got Out in a Very Sensational Manner.

WINNIPEG, March 24.—The Scott block, destroyed by fire late yesterday was valued at \$125,000, with a total insurance of \$55,000 distributed as follows:

North British and Mercantile Company \$13,000; London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company, \$12,500; Yorkshire Fire Insurance Company, \$9,500. There were about 125 people in the Scott block when the fire broke out. The elevator went out of commission within five minutes after the conflagration started and practically everyone in the building escaped by the stairways in the front part.

His face was badly burned from near contact with the flames. Cigarette smokers regret the destruction of a million and a half cigarettes stored in a commission office.

A Pigs' Eye Is Grafted On To a Child

First Operation of Its Kind is Attempted at Baltimore Hospital

BALTIMORE, Md., March 24.—What is believed to be the first operation of its kind in this country was performed yesterday at a local hospital when the cornea of a pigs eye was taken off and grafted on the sightless eye of a three months' old boy.

FOR FIRST TIME EGGS ARE BEING SENT FROM WESTERN CANADA TO EAST

Offered F. O. B. at Edmonton at 21 1/2 Cents, Making Price 24 1/2 in Toronto.

TORONTO, March 24.—For the first time in history eggs are being shipped from Western Canada to the East.

Leave For Ottawa Re the Budget

Mr. John Muir and Mr. Wm. Whitaker of the Goid, Shapley & Muir Company left last night for Ottawa, where, it is understood, representations will be made against the proposed removal of the duty on agricultural implements.

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THEO. ROOSEVELT IS SAFE IN THE WILDS OF SOUTH AMERICA

Anxiety Was Felt for His Safety—Exploring River of Doubt.

NEW YORK, March 24.—All feeling of anxiety regarding the safety of Col. Theodore Roosevelt, who is in the jungle in Brazil, has been removed by additional advices from Anthony Fiala, whose party lost their equipment in the rapids of the Devil, in the Papagayo River.

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Nuisance Should Be Abated

Everybody concedes that Brantford's new public building is a most beautiful and attractive structure, but its appearance will be speedily marred unless something is done to abate the smoke nuisance from the big chimney of the Y. M. C. A. on the Queen street corner.

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PROMOTERS OF BILL TO PUT UP FIGHT AGAINST THE POWER COMMISSION

Interests Behind Erie and Huron Railway Will Not Agree to Curtailment.

OTTAWA, March 24.—The bill of the Erie and Ontario Railway Co., which was held up in the railway committee last week at the request of the Hydro-Electric Commission of Ontario, is to come before the committee again to-day.

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