# ASQUITH MINISTRY TOTTERING IS ASSERTION OF PARTY FOES

Explanation of Asquith That Officers Resigned Thru Misunderstanding, Not Accepted by Unionists, Who Predict Collapse of Home Rule Measure.

there was no new situation in Ulster nor any threatened outbreak.

Active Operations at Once. The opposition leader read a lette

had stated to the commanding officers

Should Let Officers Resign.

dom without the authority of the elec-

Premier is Cheered.

to conquer Ulster." These words had been wrongly attributed to the com-

mander-in-chief in Ireland. General Paget had never received from the war office any instructions justifying

It was, said the premier, an un-doubted fact that General Hubert Gough and other officers concerned

The army council, the premier said, was now satisfied there had been a misunderstanding, and the officers

was only doing his duty, was to be

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Ridiculed by Balfour.

and evil to the community which would live for years and which it

would have escaped if the government had ascertained what Ulster thought

and what her supporters were ready to sacrifice. Ulster believed, he said, and

millions in England believed with her that the government was forcing her

under a legislature she abhorred, and driving her outside of the community she loved. In such a situation he argued, ordinary maxims failed.

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The government declared Mr. Balfour, was dealing with something greater and deeper than the problem ordinarily met with by politicians. "It has," he continued, "raised forces

which nothing can pacify except a broad and statesmanlike treatment of the kind the government has so far given no indication of being ready to

such a statement.

which General Sir Arthur Page

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, March 22.—The resignation of army officers when confronted with the possibility of being sent to Ulster for active service is generally accepted as demonstrating that the army cannot be counted upon to fight of regiments that active operations Sir Edward Carson's volunteers if such were to begin against Ulster and that a contingency should arise. Opposition politicians declare this to be the collapse of the home rule project and commander-in-chief wrote that he was tion politicians declare this to be the collapse of the home rule project and commander-in-chief wrote that he war express their belief that the governance communication with the war office and had received instructions office and had received instructions

Only brief statements were forthcoming in the commons today from the secretary of war and the premier, and the gist of these was that the whole affair was due to "misunder-standing," and that all the officers had now returned to their duty.
Misinterpreted Orders.

As far as the ministers' statements can be interpreted the misunderstanding arose thru General Paget placing a wrong construction on the orders given him by the war office and telling his subordinates they were to be employed in quelling an uprising in Ulster. The number of officers who resigned their commissions, how wide-spread was the disaffection in the save the army now but a clear declar-ation that officers of the navy and army would not be compelled to enarmy, and other details were not disclosed. Col. Seely was derisively jeered gage in civil war against their wish.

during his explanation.

Bonar Law, in the course of his demand for details, stated that General Paget had received instructions from headquarters to notify his officers that those of them domiciled in Ulster would be allowed to disappear and afterward be reinstated in their positions. They must, however, give their word of honor not to fight for Ulster. Other officers who were not prepared to undertake active operations against Ulster from conscientious or other scruples must resign or be dismissed. It was to be fully understood that brigadier-generals and other officers avoiding the service on an incorrect plea of domiçile in Ulster would be

tried by court martial.

Claims Disagreement.

This, Mr. Law contended, demonstrated that General Paget disagreed with Premier Asquith, who declared that the measures were only precau-tionary, while General Paget had con-cluded that he was proceeding to con-

duer Ulster.

Mr. Law added: "The opposition always has held the view that the coercion of Ulster is an operation no government has the right to ask the army to undertake, and in our view an officer who refuses is only fulfilling his duty." This declaration was met with shouts from the Labor members of the first step in a series of operations

"How about strikes?"

Report on Disaffection.

In his statement Col. Seely said:
"Information was received at the war office Friday evening from General Paget that some officers in his command had informed him that in certain eventualities they would be unable to carry out instructions which he might bereafter find it necessary

The army council requested him (Paget) to forward a statement of the circumstances of the case by telegram misunderstanding, and the office also were satisfied. He concluded: cerned to report themselves to the adjutant-general at the war office.

"As the result of the inquiry which

"If the doctrine laid down by Mr. Law, that any officer refusing to serve the army council held it is clear that this incident is due to a misunderstanding of the question as put to breached, the courthem by the officer commanding. With of a new danger," preached, the country was in presence the approval of the general officer commanding these officers have now been ordered to join their regiments."

Explaining that the movements of and that the government may soon the froops were for the protection of property, the secretary for war said: Col. Seely w "All these movements have been com-pleted and all orders have been puncduring his explanation.

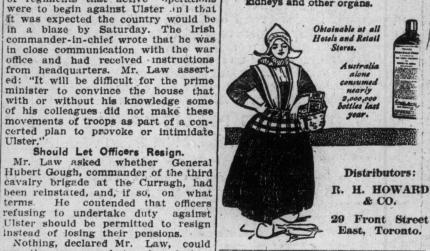
tually and implicitly obeyed."

Mr. Law then read a letter stating Arthur J. Balfour, former Unionist premier, ridiculed Premier Asquith's that officers who would not fight against the Ulstermen would be disefforts to minimize the occurrences in missed from the service. The action of the government in moving troops, ter he had still declared he would not fight against Ulster. the army, and declared that Brig.-Gen. The "insane policy of the govern-ment," Mr. Balfour asserted, had brought about a crisis of infinite harm



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cester, said that more serious than the Ulster question was the effect proluced on the working people who were now saying that the officers of the "The government is attempting to army were prepared to shoot down trades unionists on strike, because of their prejudices against trades union-ism, but refused to do their duty in Ulster because it conflicted with their

Premier is Cheered.

Premier Asquith rose to speak amid a great outburst of cheering. He said that after Mr. Law's speech it was necessary that the country should know at once the kind of issue that was going to be presented. He continued:

Ulster because it conflicted with their class bias and political prejudices.

Need Democracy in Army.

Hamar Greenwood, Liberal, expressed the opinion that the conduct of the officers meant the collapse of the system whereby they were drawn from was going to be presented. He continued:

"The duties of the army in relation to the civil power are very simple, and aware to bring that about when they have never been contested. Any office the officers meant the collapse of the system whereby they were drawn from one class. The leaders of the opposition had done more than they were aware to bring that about when they have never been contested. have never been contested. Any offi- tampered with the allegiance of the cer or private who refuses to obey an army officers. The army, he said, order is liable to dismissal."

should be so completely democratized As far back as December last year as to make the resignation of officers general officers of the army were in- under similar circumstances impos-formed that it might be their duty to sible.

formed that it might be their duty to come to the assistance of the civil The debate was concluded and the come to the assistance of the civil The debate was concluded and the power, and any officers domiciled in motion to adjourn was withdrawn.

In the house of lords, the Marquis Landowne said there had never that area might be excused. If there in the house of lords, the Marquis had been any intention of an aggres of Lansdowne said there had never sive move toward Ulster this would been more acute anxiety in the public have been the last step taken, and he mind than over the army situation. He added the movements of troops were asked for details.

Now concluded.

| Viscount Morley of Blackburn, speak.

Paget Received No Orders.

The premier said Sir Arthur Paget in the interests of the efficiency of the lad emphatically denied that he had used any such words as "that this was everything that transpired at the army council and counci council. Both the army council and the King, he said, approved the orders to the officers to return to duty.

### **CAMBRIDGE HAS** Wolfe's BEST CREW IN YEARS

While Oxford Has Had Trouble in Preparing for Saturday's Race.

LONDON, March 23.- The Oxford and Cambridge crews today entered the last week of training for their annual eight-oared race over the famous 4½ miles course from Putney to Mortlake on the Thames.

Thames.

Thus far everything has gone in favor of the Cambridge crew for the big event next Saturday, the crew being the best which has come from that university for years. The reverse has been the case with Oxford, who were for a long time unable to decide either upon the composition of the crew or on the order of rowing. They have, in fact, had the same troubles that fell to Cambridge asst year, when the light blues had difficulties right up to the day they arrived at Putney.

Oxford, however, is even more backward than was Cambridge last year. The only advantage tne dark blues have is that they have more men of experience in their boat, and if Cambridge goes stale may get up enough steam to snatch victory from the light blues. The crews are as follows:

tory from the light blues. The crews are as follows:

Cambridge—Bow, D. I. Day, Lady Margaret; 2, J. E. Swann, Trinity Hall; 3, D. C. Livingston, Jesus; 4, J. A. Ritson, First Trinity; 5, K. C. Garnett, First Trinity; 6, G. C. Clarke, Pembroke; 7, C. E. V. Buxton, Third Trinity; stroke, G. E. Tower, Third Trinity; coxswain, L. E. Ridley, Jesus.

Oxford—Bow, R. W. Fletcher, Balliol; 2, B. Burdekin, New College; 3, H. K. Ward, New College; 4, E. D. Horsfall, Magdalen; 5, J. B. Kindesley, Exeter; 6, A. F. R. Wiggins, New College; 7, W. Titherington, Queens; stroke, F. A. H. Pitman, New College; coxswain, H. B. Wells, Magdalen.

#### All Toronto Games Tonight at Arena

The Arena will be the site for the semi-final battles in the all-Toronto series tonight, and the games should be nip-and-tuck all the way. The rivalry is very keen this year, and the fortunate ones that enter the finals, which will be played Saturday afternoon will have to ones that enter the finals, which will be played Saturday afternoon, will have to extend themselves to the limit. Three semi-finals are down for decision tonight. In the first game, at seven o'clock, Aura Lee of the Beaches League will try to uphold the honor of their club against the Westmorelands of the Civic League in a juvenile fixture, the winner to meet In a juvenile fixture, the winner to meet Victorias of the Toronto Hockey League in the final. At nine o'clock the best game of the evening will be staged. North Toronto, champions of the Toronto League, will attempt to stop the fast-coming Clintons of the M.Y.M.A., for the right to meet Kew Beach or Broadviews of the Beaches League in the final of the sonior series. This game should be a

At eight o'clock St. Pauls of the M. Y. M. A. and Victorias of the West Toronto Church League will clash. Both of these teams play lots of combination on the firing line and have speed to spare, They should have a battle royal for the right to meet Riverdales of the Beaches League in the junior final.

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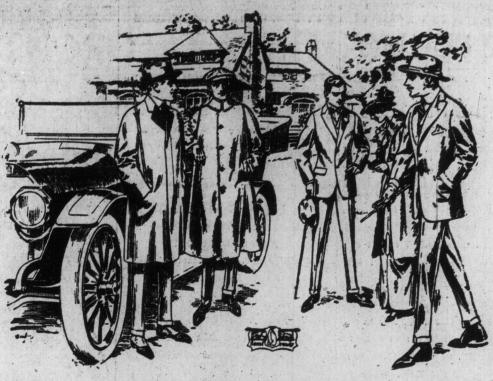
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#### Amateur Baseball

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 24, at 8 p.m., of the St. Francis B.B. team in the club rooms, 3 Bellwoods Park. /All last year's players and any wishing to join are cordially invited to attend. The team will play in the Northern Senior League. Jack O'Donahue, the popular catcher, has been appointed manager.

The Bayside League will organize for the season. All last year's teams and all other good athletic or manufacturing clubs desiring to enter can communicate with the secretary, 76 Amelia street.

The Spalding Intermediate Baseball League will meet on Wednesday night, at eight o'clock. There is room for one more team in this league. Application should be made to the secretary at 207 Yonge street. Junior and Juvenile teams have until the first of April to make their entry.

There will be a vacancy for one or two fast teams in the Western City Baseball League. Any teams desiring to enter a good league, kindly communicate with the secretary, 93 Olive avenue. Phone Hillcrest 2648.

Vermont Park B.B. League will hold an organization meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in West End Y.M.C.A. All last year's teams are requested to send two delegates each.

SIX MAN HOCKEY AT PORT ARTHUR

Fort William Times Journal.

When Schreiber allowed Harold Meeking to leave the ice after he nicely feigmed an injury, and then consented to play six man hockey they practically handed the match which was theirs as far as the play and the score at that time is concerned, to the Toronto Rugby and Athletic Association hockey septet. The Torontos seeing that it was impossible to get by the yellow and black forwards, decided that it was in their interests to play a six man game on the Port Arthur Rink in order that the blue and white stick-handlers might get thru and save their reputations. H. Meeking was the weakest man on the ice so he was told to die and die he did. He ran into someone and then beautifully keeled over. He was supposed to have been shortended. Wheever heard of a hockey player being carried from the ice after receiving a short end jab. Meeking smiled and chewed gum lustily as he was being hauled to the dressing room. Horsefall, the spare man, could not be found. He had left shortly after the rest of his teammates went on the ice for the last period. Heffernan boosted for six man hockey and the Schreiber team fell, and the fall cost them the match.

NEW YORK, March 22.—The Jack out in seven rounds. As it moran battle for the Palzer.

NEW YORK, March 22.—The Jack Johnson-Frank Moran battle for the heavyweight championship of the world will take place in Paris on the night of June 27. Moran is now in this country and is booked up for the next eight weeks, finishing up around the tenth of May. He will then go back to France and begin training for the battle of his life Moran is big and strong, and will weigh about two hundred pounds in condition. The battle will arouse interest in every part of the world, and it is expected that the gate money will be over \$100,000.

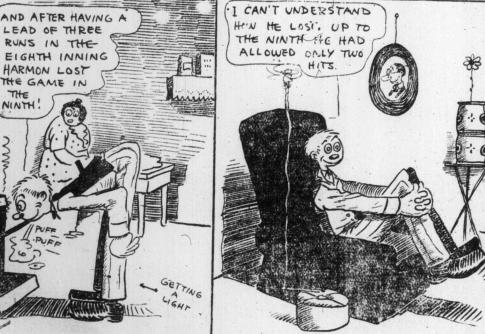
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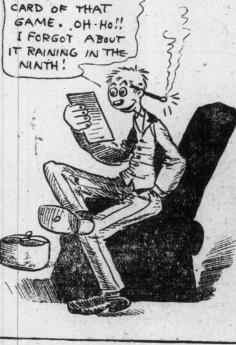
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