

BIG PETITION TO THE KING ON HOME RULE

Over 300,000 Ask His Majesty to Withhold His Signature.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] LONDON, May 7.—Although the budget overshadows the Irish question for the moment at Westminster, the Ulster peril is still uppermost in the minds of many members. The statement is made of good authority that Premier Asquith will fathom Irish opinion regardless of party or geographical situation. The Daily Mail has forwarded to the King a petition from 300,000 signatories, praying that he withhold the Royal assent from the Home Rule bill until an election is held. The petition was merely acknowledged and laid before his Majesty. As a matter of fact the prospects for an election seem to be receding, and even such papers as the Pall Mall Gazette speak as though it may not come until next Spring. An Autumn session is being mentioned, but whatever arrangements the Ministers may make will be subject to Ulster's attitude. That province is unlikely to remain patient and quiet for several months unless satisfied by the Government.

When the Government on Monday next introduces the procedure resolution for dealing with the remaining stages of the three important bills now being legislated under the Parliament Act, under which resolution the committee stage is omitted and the time for the third readings defined, it is expected that a "suggestion rule" will be provided for the home rule bill, although this will probably be of little effect in the progress of the conversations.

To Ward Off Ulster's Wrath LONDON, May 7.—Whatever may be the outcome of the conversations between the leaders of the two parties, it seems evident that the Opposition will resist the suggestion in allowing the present home rule bill to become law. In a statement made by Walter Long at a public meeting he denied that there was any shadow of foundation for the fear that the Unionist party would compromise on home rule. A special article in the Pall Mall Gazette, which appears to be inspired, declares that the Unionist party will take no responsibility for the present bill, but will leave the Commons bill to be rejected by the Lords on its second reading. It is pointed out however, that when the measure reaches the statute book.

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Mr. W. F. Cockshutt Wires Good Luck

President Nelson of the Brantford baseball club this morning received the following wire from Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., at Ottawa: "Much regret that I am unable to attend opening game today in Brantford, and trust that opening will be huge success, and that Brantford team will have victorious season. Good luck!"

FRANCONIA ARRIVED AT BOSTON TODAY

Columbian Survivors Showed Signs of Burns and Exposure.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] BOSTON, May 7.—When the Cunard liner Franconia from Liverpool arrived to-day, bringing thirteen members of the crew of the burned steamer Columbian, rescued from a boat south of Sable Island, several of the survivors were suffering severely from burns, and all showed the effects of exposure. The body of Chief Steward Matthews, who died from burns while in the open boat, also was brought by the Franconia. James Drohan, the wireless operator of the Columbian expressed the opinion that spontaneous combustion in the cargo of rags and junk caused the fire. He says he was awakened by an explosion shortly before midnight Sunday and when he rushed out on deck the vessel was in flames. The saloon passengers on the Franconia, among whom was Redmont Belmont, son of August Belmont, of New York, assisted in giving first aid to the survivors, provided clothing for them and subscribed to a fund for their relief.

THE NEW SHAMROCK NEW YORK, May 7.—A London cable to the Tribune says: It is not absolutely certain that the Shamrock IV, Sir Thomas Lipton's challenger for the America's Cup, will be launched on May 25. There is a possibility that the yacht may not take the water until the last week in June. Work is now being rushed, however, in an effort to get the boat ready by the 25th, for if she is not launched by that date, it will be necessary to wait until June, as twelve or fourteen days intervene between suitable tides.

WAS IS THE CITY. Mr. Wright, general auditor of the Sun Life Insurance Company, was in the city yesterday on official business.

FIGURING ON RAISING SUM FOR HOME WEEK

Financial End of Celebration is in Rather Indefinite Shape.

The Executive Committee of the Old Home Week held an enthusiastic meeting in headquarters last evening. President Ald. Geo. A. Ward, was in the chair and some important business was disposed of.

The Executive was very enthusiastic over the sale of the envelopes. The outlay on the envelopes will be made up on their sale. The Finance Committee reported that progress was being made. They have a figure of the grant they will receive from most important sources, but no definite sum has been given. The committee was instructed to go ahead and get their subscription list out.

The Publicity committee reported that all the envelopes which the executive have issued to date, have been sold and the chairman Mr. McBride, stated that a young gentleman named Sloane had issued a statement that he was the official salesman for the Old Home Week envelopes. His supply was cut off and now, as a little bit of spite work on his part he has issued an envelope which he now advertises as the official Old Home Week envelope. The Executive wants it distinctly understood that Mr. Sloane does not handle the official Old Home Week envelope and if he insists on misrepresenting this matter, steps will be taken to prevent him from selling his envelopes.

Mr. Fred Charlton put a proposition before the executive in which a little cash can be made. He proposed that a book of tickets be issued containing five tickets, which would be sold for \$1.00 a book. On the books a coupon would be issued which would entitle the holder to make a guess of the number of Old Home Week envelopes which will register at headquarters. Mr. Charlton's scheme was unanimously adopted by the executive and the tickets will be issued about June 15th. A deputation consisting of Ald. Robinson, Col. E. C. Ashton and Capt. Watt were appointed to wait on a journey had to constantly have his hand in his pocket and had to bribe his way throughout his trip.

Evils of Tipping. The senator said that tipping had a demoralizing effect on persons who received them. "It had a tendency to pauperize waiters, porters and other persons who should stand on a plane of manhood above the servile position which they were placed in through the acceptance of gratuities. Employers should pay their servants and not expect the public to pay their help. Tipping also developed a spirit of arrogance on the part of those serving the public." Senator Ross of Middleton sympathized with the object of the bill and said "Every man should pay once, but no law of God or man should make him pay twice."

Senators Poirier, Gordon and Cloran all spoke in favor of the bill, and it was given a second reading.

The Late Wm. Irwin

The funeral of the late Wm. Irwin, secretary of the Farmers' Benefit and Trust Co., took place this afternoon from the family residence, 18 Pearl street to Greenwood cemetery. Many friends, including officers of the company were present to pay their last respects to the departed and also to manifest their sympathy with the bereaved family. The sudden death of Mr. Irwin removes from this community one of its best and most esteemed citizens and has come as a great shock to his many friends.

Parks Board Meeting. The Parks Commissioners will hold their regular monthly meeting in the city hall to-night. A deputation from the Old Home Week Executive will wait on them for a grant.

Canadians Are In Custody

[By Special Wire to The Courier] BUFFALO, N.Y., May 7.—Nineteen Canadian sailors are being detained at the Erie county jail under orders of the United States immigration officers. They are to be used as witnesses by the Government in the prosecution of vessel owners, who are alleged to have violated immigration laws covering the shipping of men from foreign nations on American ships. The sailors were taken from the fleet of steamers that brought down the first cargoes of wheat from the elevators at Fort William, Ontario, where most of the steamers wintered. Under the law it is said the men should have been discharged upon their arrival here.

TIPPING MAY BE ABOLISHED BY AN ACT OF LEGISLATION

Bill to Provide Fine or Imprisonment as Penalty Given Second Reading

OTTAWA, May 7.—Tipping will be abolished within a month if Senator Davis (Prince Albert) and a number of other senators and members of parliament have their way, and it looks as if they might. Senator Davis' bill, which provides for a fine or imprisonment for tipping and making the employer, the employee and the person offering the gratuity liable, was given a second reading in the senate to-day.

In moving the reading Senator Davis said that within recent years an intolerable system of petty bribery had grown up all over the world, known as the tipping system. It had become such a nuisance that it was time it was grappled with by legislation, and he believed his bill would have the support of 90 per cent. of the people of the country who were now subject to a growing scale of graft and tips in order to obtain action.

Mr. Irwin was a member of the Ontario legislature for many years and was a prominent figure in the community. He was a man of high character and was respected by all who knew him. His death is a great loss to the community.

STORM WAS TERRIFIC ONE LAST NIGHT

Lightning Played Pranks Generally Throughout the City.

Yesterday's thunderstorm played havoc with the fire alarm system and the electric light system throughout the city. Heavy bolts of lightning and loud thunder hung over the city for nearly an hour and a half. It was one of the worst storms that has ever visited this city and damage was general. A heavy bolt of lightning put the fire alarm system out of commission on Terrace Hill, where the lights were also out for a short while. The firemen were forced to leave the system out of commission all night as they could not find the break.

One particularly heavy crash of thunder accompanied by a vivid bolt of lightning hit the old Y.M.C.A. and for a time fire flew in all directions but the heavy rain prevented a fire.

Considering the severity of the storm the Hydro system got off very lightly. There were a number of transformers which were temporarily deranged during the downpour, but in all cases a new fuse or fresh connection repaired the damage. Western Counties fared well.

Barn Struck. A barn on the Mohawk Institute property was struck, but little damage was occasioned beyond knocking off shingles. The lighting apparatus of the institution was entirely put out of business.

Y. M. C. A. Flooded. The storm which passed over the city yesterday left its mark upon the Y. M. C. A., which was flooded in the basement to the depth of several inches. Soon after the heavy down-pour water was noticed coming into the billiard room which lies about six feet below the level of the street, and before long water was running into the basement from three different sources, and it could not be stopped with luckily as the bowling alley is somewhat raised, water did not soak it, but at one time it looked as if the whole basement would be under water. As it was the billiard room was several inches deep, and a busy time was being bailed the water out. As long as the rain continued in poured the water, but at last it ceased, and gradually the water was got rid of and this morning all was dry in the billiard room.

Part of Darling street was flooded from side to side just opposite the institution and this no doubt had something to do with the scenes in the building.

The dampness of the atmosphere affected the plaster work about the main staircase, and a great patch of water on the ceiling accompanied by much noise, to the stairs, from which it was afterwards swept.

Played Havoc. Yesterday's deluge played havoc at the Y. M. C. A. Shortly after the downpour started, the water from the sewer started to back up and in a short time the bowling alleys and billiard room were flooded with water. Water also came through the brick wall and the wooden pins on the bowling alleys began to float. The pits at the end of the alleys were filled to overflowing and men with pails and tubs had to carry the water away. The damage done was slight.

Bell Phones Lucky. The Bell Telephone Co. were very lucky. No more than the usual breaks of any storm have been reported, although in the North Ward, near the Hospital, things were lively for some time. However, no serious damage was done.

Struck Chimney. The fluid also struck the chimney on the engine house at the School for the Blind, knocking off several slivers of cement.

DUKE OF TECK TO BE NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL

[By Special Wire to The Courier] LONDON, May 7.—Prince Alexander of Teck, third son of the late Duke of Teck, is to succeed the Duke of Connaught as governor-general of Canada. Official announcement of this appointment was made to-day. Prince Alexander of Teck is 49 years old. He was married in 1904 to Her Royal Highness Princess Alice of Albany, and has one son and one daughter.

Let Them All Blow Hard

Mayor Spence requests, in connection with the Royal visit, that on Saturday, at 4.30, on signal from the fire bell, all factory bells and sirens sound, and church bells also. This was done in St. Thomas with marked effect, and anyone who thinks that this good burgh can't down them all at the game, then he has never been awake about 7 o'clock in the morning, that's all.

NEW MUSEUM IS OPENED TODAY BY KING GEORGE

Million Dollar Affair Which Has Been Added to the Old Building.

LONDON, May 7.—King George and Queen Mary to-day opened a new wing of the British Museum which has just been completed at a cost of a million dollars. It is the first part of a large scheme of extension.

In 1895, the government bought a considerable portion of the Duke of Bedford's property around the museum for \$1,250,000 and a large area was cleared. The legacy of \$250,000 bequeathed by Vincent Stuckey Lane, for the enlargement of the museum gave impetus to the present extension. The bequest was intended particularly for the extension of the reading room and library, to which the testator was a frequent visitor.

The new building is in architectural harmony with the old museum. Its facade which is flanked by two massive towers, is of Portland stone, the outer wall and pedestals of the four court being of Scotch granite. The main entrance is surmounted by a balcony, the parapet of which is formed by the stone laid in June 1907, by the late King Edward. The doorway itself is formed of marble, surmounted with granite, and is closed by a bronze door, the upper panels of which are sculptured in relief. The architectural composition of the building is severely simple. In the interior the object in view has been to deprive the extension of everything irrelevant to the main purpose, the primary idea being to make it a background for the exhibition of the nation's treasures.

An important feature of the new wing is the staircase which is the link between the old building and the new one. This is extremely simple in design. Its walls are covered with marble, which has been selected more for its texture as a background for antique sculptures than for its veining.

The building comprises a basement as well as sub-ground, ground, mezzanine, and top floors. The top floor will accommodate the print department. In the basement floor will be utilized as a copy-right office and for book storage, while the western half will be in part a public newspaper room.

The mezzanine floor will be largely given up to staff rooms, and it contains space for the future accommodation of music and maps, while the Stein collection of Eastern paintings is being temporarily housed there.

CARRANZA AIMING AT CONQUEST

He Could Not Call Off War When Victory is in Sight.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] WASHINGTON, May 7.—Carranza's attitude towards mediation which temporarily at least has eliminated the constitutionalist chief from general negotiations aimed at settlement of Mexico's ills, was declared to have been revealed to-day by his official report of a vigorous military campaign marked by significant victories. His declaration to submit his country's internal troubles to preliminary mediation as based at least, on rebel successes in a sweeping southward movement, constitutionalist representatives said to-day.

While Carranza parleyed with the South American envoys over details of their proposals, three powerful forces were hurled against Federal strongholds. Reports of the results of the movement Carranza transmitted to Rafael Zubaran, interior minister in the constitutionalist cabinet now in Washington. Summarized to-day they were:

Defeat of 3,600 Federals at Penasco, near San Luis Potosi, with the capture of 1,800 prisoners and quantities of arms and ammunition. Capture of Acaponeta, Tepic, 1700 men surrendering. One million rounds of ammunition and quantities of arms taken.

Capture of field guns, artillery and ammunition from fleeing column that evacuated Monterrey.

The Carranza report did not outline to what extent his forces were opposed. In many quarters here that the rebels encountered little resistance. No casualties on either side were mentioned. After receipt of his chief's report Minister Zubaran was emphatic in a forecast that within the next month the rebel armies would be investing the city of Mexico. Carranza's victories in the north were yet to take part in the new movement. It was believed that the rebel military chief would strike next at Saltillo, where Federal troops remained, and in the event of a victory there, that he would hurl his forces at Tampico. Capture of that city would give the constitutionalists a port of entry unaffected by any limited embargo on importation of arms now enforced against the Rio Grande.

Minister Zubaran to-day estimated that more than forty thousand rebel troops were now in the field. Villa, he said had 14,000 soldiers in north central Mexico, Gonzales 15,000 men threatening Tampico, and Obregon 15,000 troops operating on the west coast. The rebel ministers outline of the disposition of the Carranza's forces was aimed at dissipation of the general idea in the United States that the rebel army constituted mainly of Villa's forces in Chihuahua. He asserted that Zapatata's rebels were co-operating with the constitutionalists south of Mexico City.

With Carranza definitely eliminated from mediation negotiations which formally are to be launched at Niagara Falls, Canada, on May 18, the reports of rebel victories overshadowed all other development in the Mexican crisis to-day. The reports came as a surprise to many observers.

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Waved a Farewell To Shore As He Went Over the Falls

Unknown Man Carried Over the Horseshoe's Brink in a Small Boat He Was Navigating.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., May 7.—Resigned to his fate after an almost superhuman effort to reach the Canadian shore, an unknown man was swept by his death over the Horseshoe Falls this morning. For a time the man was in a small boat painted green, and his plight was not discovered by those on the shore until he was well past the danger line, and any effort to rescue him would have been futile, as there is no boat in the Chippawa River speedy enough to master the current in the Rapids.

When first seen the man was probably 250 feet out, and had his boat pointed toward the Canadian shore at an angle of about 45 degrees. He was rowing frantically. The river makes quite a sweep at this point, and the intakes to the various power houses cause the current to incline toward the shore. These facts, with the efforts of the man, brought the boat in probably 150 feet. It is estimated that he was about 100 feet out when the craft disappeared over the brink.

When he abandoned hope of self-rescue the unknown let go his oars and sat in the boat watching its course toward the inevitable certain death. A trolley car manned by George Brown, conductor, and Peter Moyer, motorman, bound for Chippawa with four passengers, were the first to see the plight of the man. As the little boat and its lone occupant came bounding over the billows toward the brink others saw it, and the alarm was soon spread. When the boat was probably 100 feet from the brink the man rose to his feet and waved to those on the shore, throwing both arms out and upward. He held them in this position as the boat reached the brink and toppled over into the basin below, carrying its victim to his death. Shortly afterward the boat or fragments of it, were seen floating about in the basin below the falls, but nothing has been washed ashore or picked up that might lead to the identification of the victim.



...ing... ever, as the full... and colors makes possible many clever... blouse and skirt costumes of real distinction... The separate skirt this season has been developed in an unlimited variety of styles and fabrics. Tunic effects, peep-tops, and ruffled models lead in popularity. Fancy materials, particularly plaids, and checks are much used. Crepe effects, serges, and gabardines are also most successfully employed. Some very good looking black taffeta skirts are being shown, made up in the double tunic and three tier styles. A favorite finish for the tunics of these models is the edge in the form of pointed, round or square scallops.

Buster Brown's Mothers!

Buster Brown stockings—real first aid to busy mothers. Buster Brown defies boys to rub holes into stockings, by making them of the strongest, long-staple cotton, specially twisted for durability, with a heavy heel and toe, and a leg. Buy Buster Brown stockings for your boys and girls.

BUSTER BROWN STOCKINGS



Girls, Too—Buster Brown's Sister's Stocking for the girls is a splendid looking stocking at a moderate price. A two-thread English mercerized knit stocking, that is shaped to fit and wears very well indeed. Colors—Black, Leather Shade, Tan, Pink, Blue and White.

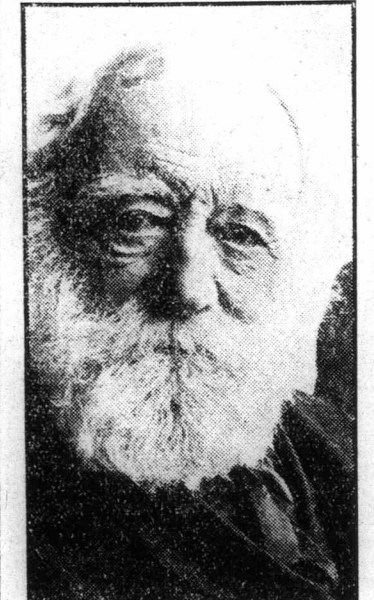


We Have Plenty of Coal Have You?

LIEUT. COL. GOULD, MT. PLEASANT, HAS LIFE LINKED WITH THE PAST

Esteemed Resident, 93 Years Old, Has Had a Varied Experience.

His Father Was One of Lord Nelson's Officers.



LT.-COL. GOULD.

Nelson, the greatest of British admirals during his wonderful career, had two victories which transcended all the rest of his achievements, remarkable though these proved to be. The first was the Copenhagen engagement, 1801, when after a terrible struggle he shattered the naval power of Denmark, and along with it the dreaded coalition against Great Britain of the three European Northern kingdoms.

The second was the battle of Trafalgar. In 1804 after Napoleon Bonaparte was crowned Emperor of the French, he engaged all Europe, so to speak. Every continental power almost shrunk before him, and Austria absolutely grovelled at his feet. Then it was that he conceived the idea of the invasion of England, and to Nelson was entrusted the task of smashing the combined navies of France and Spain. On the morning of the memorable 21st of October, 1805, he saw the enemy in the Bay of Trafalgar moving to meet him in a frank fight. Ere him the power of France upon the seas had been annihilated. Seldom in the world has so much depended upon a single victory, and certainly never before or since in the history of the British Empire.

SIR JAMES ATTENDS CABINET MEETING

Put in Best Part of the Day Overseeing the Public Business.

Sir James Whitney put in an appearance at his office yesterday morning, and for the first time since his illness attended Cabinet Council, and took part in the Ministerial deliberations. Then, as if to convince any doubters there might have been after the morning sitting, he was there in the afternoon as well, presiding over Council. Since he has been able to get about Sir James has on several occasions dropped into his office, but he has hitherto left public business alone. The energy he showed yesterday after five or six hours in his office was surprising. He did not leave until after 7 o'clock in the afternoon, and strode from his office with a good deal more vigor than he showed for weeks before he left for the South last Fall.

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