

UNREST AMONG SIKHS CAUSES MUCH ALARM

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POLITICAL MOVE SEEKING SUPREMACY

The Movement Inextricably Mixed With Religious Quarrel Over Guardianship of Shrines.

London, March 12.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Apart from the non-co-operative movement, which is most active in the United Provinces, says a Reuters despatch from Delhi, the worst feature of the Indian situation is the unrest among the Sikhs in the Province of Punjab.

The political movement seeking the re-establishment of Sikh supremacy in Punjab is becoming inextricably mixed up with an internal religious quarrel over the guardianship of the shrines. Many members of this religious organization are enrolling as members in the army, which is a political, military force armed with battle axes, clubs and sporting guns. Rebellious activities in this organization are increasing daily, owing to the appeal made to the warlike tendencies of the Sikhs by the non-co-operation agitators.

Non-Co-operative Propaganda.

The latter's propaganda has also found fertile ground further south in Udipur, where the restlessness of the Hindus over local grievances are being worked on by followers of Gandhi. This agitation has culminated in the organization of an army, under the notorious extremist, Motilal, consisting of several thousand men, armed with guns, swords and bows and arrows. This force collided a few days ago, with a Government force of Hindus, the engagement resulting in the organization of an army, under the notorious extremist, Motilal, consisting of several thousand men, armed with guns, swords and bows and arrows. This force collided a few days ago, with a Government force of Hindus, the engagement resulting in the organization of an army, under the notorious extremist, Motilal, consisting of several thousand men, armed with guns, swords and bows and arrows.

PRINCE OF WALES MOST COURAGEOUS

Press Pays Warm Tribute to Courage Shown During His Tour of India.

London, March 12.—A Reuters despatch from Calcutta says that press correspondents pay warm tribute to the courage shown by the Prince of Wales during his tour of India, which has just concluded. It is said that the Bombay riots, a strong suggestion was made, in official quarters, to cancel or curtail the tour, but the Prince was determined to see the thing through.

The story is told that the Prince, on several occasions, desired to go unaccompanied into the camp of the extremists for a heart to heart talk, and was only dissuaded when assured that the extremists were irreconcilable.

The Prince was inundated with presents, worth a fortune, including many gold coins, including with jewelry. It will be difficult to find accommodation for them all on H. M. S. Renown for the return trip.

AUSTRIA MUST PUT ITS HOUSE IN ORDER

British Refuse to Grant Loan Until the Country Settles Down to Business.

Vienna, March 12.—Edward H. Young, the British controller, has notified the Austrian Government that a loan will not be forthcoming until administrative and financial reform programme is submitted for approval. The news fell like a bombshell upon all parties, who so far have failed to agree. A meeting of the leaders has been called to consider the situation caused by the British announcement.

The crown fell sharply yesterday because of internal conditions and heavy German purchases of foreign monies to meet reparations obligations.

PROTEST AGAINST MONTAGU DISMISSAL

Dublin, March 12.—Twenty Mahomedan members of the Indian Legislature now here have sent to Prime Minister Lloyd George an emphatic protest against the British Government's deplorable action, in connection with the resignation of Secretary for India, Montagu.

TROOPS HAVE CAPTURED 1,500 REVOLUTIONARIES AT SOPHIATOWN

Many Casualties Caused Among The Rebels By Bombs Dropping From Airplanes.

Johannesburg, March 12.—The troops have captured 1,500 revolutionaries at Sophiatown and Britton Ridge, besides clearing the neighborhood of the rebels, an important achievement as the positions were strong and the rebels presented a grave menace. Airplanes dropped three bombs on revolutionaries surrounding the party of police in the Britton area, causing numerous casualties and scattering the others, many of whom are rendered.

PARTY LEADERS ARE EXPECTED TO SPEAK TODAY

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen Will Follow Seconder of Address This Afternoon.

PLENTY OF MATERIAL FOR LENGTHY DEBATE

Gov't Probably Will Put Up One Speaker for Every Two in Opposition.

Ottawa, March 12.—With the opening of the debate on the Throne tomorrow, the business of Parliament will begin in earnest. When the Hon. Arthur Meighen, Liberal member for North Winnipeg, will move, and Paul Mercier, Westmount, St. Henri, will second, the adoption of the address, and they will be followed by the three party leaders.

The leader of the Opposition, Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, will follow Mr. Mercier, it is expected, and he in turn will be followed by the Prime Minister and Hon. T. A. Crerar, leader of the Progressives. Present plans are to have all these leaders speak on Monday, to be followed by some of the other front rank speakers from each party on Tuesday. Within a few days it will be possible for the whips to get a line on their speakers and estimate how long the debate may be expected to go; but at present it is not known how many men from each party will wish to air their views.

There is enough material in the speech from the Throne, it is admitted, to provide a lengthy debate, but the peculiar formation of the present House, with the majority of the members being absolutely new to any legislative assembly, is expected to have a bearing on the situation. So far as can be learned now, very few of the Progressives expect to take part in the first debate, and the amount of time taken up by the combined Opposition speakers will probably determine, in large measure, the number of speakers the Government will put up. It is not thought likely that the Government will wish to put up more than two or three speakers, but rather that the rotation of Conservative, Government and Progressive speakers will be adhered to as far as possible.

FIGHTS OCCURRED AT COLLINS' MEETING

Head of Provisional Government Was Addressing Gathering at Cork.

Cork, March 12.—Michael Collins, head of the Provisional Government, addressed a huge meeting here today in defence of the Anglo-Irish treaty. He was subjected to considerable interference from adherents of Eamonn De Valera, who, in large groups, took up positions near the platform from where Mr. Collins and others spoke and interrupted the speeches by firing shots, seemingly in an endeavor to create excitement.

A number of fights occurred during the meeting.

Mr. Collins charged Mr. De Valera with incitement and declared that the tactics being pursued were those of a defeated and discredited faction. There was a demonstration last night by the anti-Treaty adherents against the reception to Mr. Collins. Thousands of persons congregated in the streets and dismantled the platforms that had been erected and threw them into the river.

BOMB EXPLODED IN U. S. LEGATION

Sofia, Bulgaria, March 12.—An explosion occurred in the United States Legation here early last evening. No body was injured, but several of the windows were shattered and some damage was done to the building.

Charles S. Wilson, the United States Minister, expressed the belief that the explosion was due to a bomb thrown at a Windsor hospital.

BOMBS TWICE DROPPED ON COMMANDOS

Gov't Airplanes Busy Breaking Up Revolutionary Bands in South Africa.

REVOLUTIONARIES STILL VERY ACTIVE

Burning Houses Apparently in Retaliation for Bombings—Scottish Detachment Ambushed.

Pretoria, South Africa, March 12.—Airplanes have twice dropped bombs on revolutionary commandos, inflicting severe casualties, and a large number of strikers have been killed or wounded in an attack against cavalry at Ellis Park, says a communication issued today giving a record of Saturday's disturbances growing out of the strike situation.

The revolutionaries are still very active," says the communication. "They have been burning houses in retaliation for our bombing. All our airplanes now carry bombs in order that every advantage may be taken on the discovery of revolutionary commandos. Two instances were reported today, where commandos were ambushed and the revolutionaries suffered severely.

Many Killed and Wounded

The communication then describes the successful resistance of 120 men of the Imperial Light Horse against an attack of strikers at Ellis Park in which many of the strikers were killed or wounded. Five of the soldiers were killed and fifteen wounded. The communication adds that the strikers have had initial successes, but says the forces at the disposal of the Government now are formidable.

Johannesburg, March 12.—A Scottish detachment was ambushed at Benoni yesterday by strikers hidden in a plantation, who suddenly poured a heavy fire into the soldiers, killing eighteen of them and wounding twenty-five. Most of the detachment were ex-service men.

FIRE BROKE OUT ABOARD S.M.R. WABANA

Originated in Store Room Next to Engine Room of Big Collier.

Halifax, March 12.—Fire which broke out in a store room adjoining the engine-rooms of the Dominion Coal Company's steamer Wabana, was subdued with difficulty after a three hours' fight early this morning, but beyond the destruction of the oil and waste stored in the store-room, the damage was immaterial. The collier was lying in the stream and only the captain and several officers being aboard, the whistle was sounded to summon help. The United States cutter Seneca and the tug O'Leary later responded, and laid their fire hose aboard. Owing to the heavy volume of smoke from the burning oil the fire fighters had to use smoke masks to get the stream playing on the flames. When the engine room was pumped out today it was reported that the machinery had sustained no damage.

CHEERING VILLAGERS GREET PRINCESS MARY

Thousands Gave Royal Party Rousing Welcome on Arrival at Florence.

Florence, Italy, March 11.—Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles arrived here this afternoon. All the way from the station, where they were met by the British and United States Consuls and large crowds, their automobile was pelted with flowers. Cheering villagers welcomed them at the Villa Medici where the couple will stay while in Florence. Their entrance here was over a veritable carpet of flowers while above them were arched masses of blossoms. There were flowers in every room of the villa.

AUTOMOBILE PLUNGED INTO LITTLE RIVER

Three Occupants of Car Drowned; Fourth Rescued in Serious Condition.

Detroit, March 12.—Three persons were drowned, life today, when an automobile plunged into Little River, at Riverside, Ont., across Detroit River from this city. The victims have been identified by Riverside police as Mr. and Mrs. David Sapire and Joseph Belski, all of Detroit. Miss Lela Koch, fourth member of the party, was rescued but is in a serious condition at a Windsor hospital.

GRIFFITH SIGNED TREATY AS ONLY ALTERNATIVE WAS RUIN

Those Who Expect to Get More From England Are Gambling With Nation's Life

Dundalk, Ireland, March 12.—Addressing a large meeting here today on the Anglo-Irish treaty, Arthur Griffith, President of the Dail Eireann, declared that he had signed the treaty because it secured the last chance possible to get from England. Those who invited them to fight another round on chance of getting more were simply gambling with the nation's life. The treaty made Ireland a nation among European Nations and masters in their own houses. There was no alternative to the treaty but ruin.

FIRE PARTIALLY WIPED OUT KENT COUNTY VILLAGE

Eleven Buildings at St. Anthony Burned, Causing \$40,000 Loss.

FIRE STARTED IN CORMIER HOUSE

With No Means to Fight the Fire the Flames Spread Rapidly.

Moncton, N. B., March 12.—With eleven buildings burned and a total property loss of between thirty and forty thousand dollars, the village of St. Anthony, Kent County, situated about six miles from Cocagne, was partially wiped out by fire which broke out shortly before eleven o'clock last night and burned itself out about four o'clock this morning. The fire started in the house of Alyre Cormier, believed to have been from an explosion of some sort, and as the buildings in the burned area were all in close proximity to each other, the flames meant other than a bucket, it was difficult to fight the fire, flames spread very rapidly.

The largest individual loss was the store of Edgar Melanson, whose building and stock were valued at \$10,000 and \$12,000 with insurance of about \$6,000 or \$7,000. Practically all the parties suffering by the fire carried insurance.

Buildings Burned

The buildings burned, together with the estimated values and insurance carried, follow: Melas Cormier, house and barn, loss about \$3,000; insurance \$180; Philip Melanson, dwelling with store and shed, loss about \$5,900; insurance \$1,400; Edgar Melanson, store, loss between \$10,000 and \$12,000; insurance probably \$6,000 or \$7,000; Alyre Cormier, dwelling with store, barn and bungalow, loss in buildings about \$3,000; insurance probably \$2,000 or \$2,500; Gilbert Legere, store in Alyre Cormier's building, loss on stock about \$500; insurance \$300; A. J. Bahag (Moncton) store, loss between \$800 and \$1,000; insurance \$600; Peter Allan, blacksmith shop, loss about \$500; no insurance; Philip Legere, (Moncton), dwelling and garage, loss about \$3,000; insurance \$500 on buildings and \$500 on automobile.

Theodore Langis, where fire was stopped) damage to dwelling about \$200 or \$300.

SCHOONER LOSES MEMBER OF CREW

Edward Sholds, Pubnico, N. S., Knocked Overboard When Struck by Mainsail.

Yarmouth, N. S., March 12.—Schooner Lewis H. Smith, fresh fisherman, arrived here, Saturday, with her flag at halfmast for the loss of a member of her crew, Edward Sholds, of Pubnico Beach, N. S. Sholds was knocked overboard when the mainsail, which had been lying loose of the boom, fell and struck him. Captain Eldridge Nickerson, who was at the wheel, heard him shout and hung a line to him as he drifted astern, but he was unable to reach it and sank before a dory could be launched. Sholds leaves a widow at Pubnico Beach and several brothers and sisters residing in Massachusetts.

TWO MORE ELEVATED TO THE SENATE

Ottawa, Mar. 12.—(Canadian Press)—P. P. Parde, former Liberal sitting member for West Lambton, Ont., and Gustave Boyer, sitting Liberal member for Vancouver-Soulangue, Que., have been elevated to the Senate, it was announced here last night. The appointment of Mr. Boyer creates a vacancy in the province of Quebec and it is expected a bye-election will be held immediately.

MONTAGU HITS BACK AT PREM. LLOYD GEORGE

Shows No Penitence for Publication of Earl Reading's Despatch.

SCOFFS AT NEW CREED OF CABINET

Says Cabinet Responsibility is a Joke and Country is Governed by Dictator.

London, March 12.—Edwin S. Montagu, former Secretary for India, in a bitter speech before his Cambridge constituents, hit back today at Premier Lloyd George and Lord Curzon regarding his enforced resignation. The speech was delivered before the Liberal Club.

Mr. Montagu showed no penitence for the publication of the Earl of Reading's despatch and scoffed at "the new creed of collective responsibility of the cabinet." He asserted that he had been ignored on various occasions by Mr. Lloyd George himself and like wise Lord Milner in connection with the Egypt report, and Mr. Churchill, Governed by Dictator.

"Cabinet responsibility is a joke," he declared. "We have been governed by a great genius, a strategist and dictator who, sending his air while waiting for pursuit, has thrown over the most inconvenient cargo." India, said Mr. Montagu, would win her appointed destiny of freedom within the British Empire to which there was no obstacle except disloyalty and non-cooperation. He pleaded that there should be no vacillation in Indian policy, saying: "We have been spreading western education in India for 150 years. Don't let us turn around now to the Indians and say: 'We have lost faith in our democratic institutions and all our teaching was a mistake.'" The meeting, which was attended by numerous Indian students, unanimously voted confidence in Mr. Montagu.

ORANGE GRAND MASTER CHARGES ABDUCTION

St. Joseph's Convent Advocate Claims Girl in Case is Safe and Well.

Toronto, March 12.—Grace Link, the 18 year old girl who is unaware of her own identity and whose father has been trying to trace her, is not lost as some of her relatives in London and Toronto assert. M. J. O'Reilly, K. O. of Hamilton, representing St. Joseph's Convent where the girl was placed in 1916, says she never was abducted, but is a ward of the Sisters of St. Joseph and they know where she is. As soon as authorized relatives of Miss Link express the desire to be placed in touch with her, they will be informed as to her whereabouts. Hon. H. C. Hocken, M. P. Orange Grand Master, charges that the Orange abducted, Hon. W. E. Raney, Attorney General, said he would not consider action until the case had brought to the attention of the department.

SENTENCE IMPOSED ON NEW ABERDEEN RIOTERS

Those Found Guilty of Looting Don. Coal Co's Store Sent to Penitentiary.

Sydney, N. S., March 12.—Twelve men, convicted on various charges in connection with the January riots at New Aberdeen, were sentenced to terms in Dorchester penitentiary by Mr. Justice Russell at the conclusion of the criminal term of the Supreme Court here Saturday. The court has been sitting for about three weeks, hearing the cases which arose from the looting of a Dominion Coal Company store from which goods, valued at \$50,000, were carried off.

The sentences imposed are William Minal, three years; Wm. Talbot, two years; Fred Talbot, two years; John Hooceit, two years; Dan MacLean, two years; Edward White two years; Alex. Vinger, two years; Joseph Gero, two years; John Zensky, two years; Peter Moseychuk, two years; Neil Connolly two years and Thomas Connolly two years.

SEVEN KILLED IN PASSENGER COACH

Car Went Off Trestle, Plunging Fifty Feet Into Ravine.

Atlanta, Ga., March 12.—Seven persons were killed and others injured today when a passenger coach on the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Railroad was derailed near Union City. The car went off a trestle, and fell fifty feet.

PROSPECTS OF MARTIAL LAW IN BELFAST CITY GROW LESS

Existing Regulations Sufficiently Strong to Take Care of Rioters Without Curtailing Liberty of Citizens

Belfast, March 12.—The prospects of a declaration of martial law grow less, today, when the Lord Mayor announced that the military authorities considered the existing regulations sufficiently strong to take care of rioters without curtailing the liberty of law-abiding citizens. The city was quiet Saturday night. The campaign to bring about a cessation of sniping is proceeding. Various houses have been entered and surrounded by barbed wire. The tenants of these places are being accommodated elsewhere.

PACIFIC TREATY DISCUSSED BY SECY HUGHES

Thinks Opponents of Treaty Have Poor Conception of Work at Conference.

TREATY REQUIRES NO COMMENTARY

Its Unequivocal Language Sets Forth Its Real Worth—No Secret Notes.

Washington, March 11.—Secretary of State Hughes, in a letter Saturday to Senator Underwood, Democratic Senate leader and Asas Conference delegate, took occasion to characterize intimations that the American delegates were induced to accept a plan for the Four Power Pacific Treaty "cunningly contrived by others opposed to United States interests as a very poor and erroneous conception of the work in connection with the Conference."

The Secretary added that the amendment of international intercourse precluded revealing the informal and confidential suggestions and conversations incident to the negotiations, but he assured the Senate that a full disclosure of everything, said or done, would reveal nothing derogatory to the part taken by the United States delegates.

No Commentary Required

The "Four Power Pact" itself requires no commentary, the Secretary said, adding that no ingenuity in argument or hostile criticism can add to it or make its engagements greater or its unequivocal language sets forth. There are no secret notes or understandings, he asserted, in connection with the treaty, which has been the subject of questions in the Senate from its opponents, Mr. Hughes said, while the "question of authorship is unimportant," after assent had been given by Great Britain and Japan that France should be a party, he himself prepared a draft of the treaty "based upon the various suggestions which had been exchanged between the delegates."

No Mystery About Treaty

"There is not the slightest mystery about the treaty, or basis of suspicion regarding it," the Secretary asserted. "It is a straightforward document which attains one of the important objects, the American Government has had in view, and is of the highest importance to the maintenance of friendly relations in the Far East upon a sound basis." Failure of the Senate to ratify the Treaty, Mr. Hughes declared, "would be nothing short of a national calamity."

FINANCE MINISTERS REACH AGREEMENT

Come to Decision on Distribution of German Reparation Payments.

Paris, March 11.—The agreement among the Finance Ministers for the distribution of the German reparations payments was signed this afternoon, with a clause reserving the United States rights. The situation will be cleared by a letter from M. Lantier, the French Finance Minister, to Roland W. Boyden, the American representative with the Reparations Commission, explaining that all decisions on the distribution question are subject to the rights of the United States as may be established by the various Governments.

NATIVE OF ST. JOHN

St. Othobas, Ont., March 12.—With preparations under way to celebrate here eighty-sixth birthday next Tuesday, Mrs. Othobas Bauer died last night at the home of her granddaughter. She was a native of St. John, N. B.

DRAW VEIL OF MYSTERY OVER SPOOK HUNT

Believed Psychic Expert Has Found the "Ghost" of Caledonia Mills.

MEMBERS OF PARTY SWORN TO SECRECY

Dr. Prince Would Permit None of His Assistants to Reveal Happenings.

Halifax, N. S., March 12.—Dr. Walter Franklin Prince, investigating officer of the American Institute of Psychical Research, has late the Caledonia ghost to his own satisfaction. This much is conceded by those who were instrumental in bringing the widely known expert on matters psychic to Nova Scotia. But what manner of ghost it was which drove the Alexander MacDonald family out of their home in the dead of winter, took liberties with the MacDonald cattle, and subsequently played phantom pranks with a provincial detective and a newspaper reporter bent on interviewing him, is a matter, it is announced, that will remain a dark secret until the doctor wills it otherwise.

To Reveal Findings

Those closest to the doctor here about are of the opinion that the world will know all about this particular ghost early this week, probably on the arrival of Dr. Prince in Halifax, Tuesday morning. In the meantime, extraordinary precautions are being taken to prevent anticipation of Dr. Prince's report. Members of his party are under orders to say nothing, and up to a late hour tonight were not allowed to leave the house. When Dan McGilivray, a neighbor, drove over to the MacDonald homestead this afternoon to see that a member of the party was wanted on the long distance telephone, he was told by the doctor that the call would not be accepted. Members of the MacDonald family, who returned to their new home following their occupancy of the former homestead, Friday night, when the ghost performed according to all the evidence available, are equally non-communicative.

All Keep Silence

Over the long distance telephone tonight, Dan McGilivray stated that he had seen the aged invalid, Mrs. MacDonald, for a short time this afternoon but that she would say nothing regarding her experiences of Friday night. "They all say nothing," he happened, said McGilivray, "but I reckon the doctor saw all that he wanted to, else why all this gum about stuff?"

"We had one mystery up here all winter. Now we've got two," he added. "The doctor's a fine man, and might be smart, for all the paper says, but I think he ought to do one sum before he puts another."

With the MacDonald family removed to their new home and the Prince party alone in the first night of the night, it is believed that the doctor's elaborate system of bells again failed to jangle. W. H. Dennis, proprietor of the Halifax Herald, and with whom members of the expedition are alone permitted to talk, stated that the only word he had from Caledonia Mills, today, was that "there was nothing to report."

STRIKE IMPENDING IN ALBERTA COAL FIELDS

There Has Been No Change in Attitude of Operators During Week.

Calgary, Alta., March 12.—It is now a foregone conclusion that the coal miners in District 18 will vote for a strike on April 1, in face of the results already taken in the soft coal fields of the United States. This was the opinion expressed, today by Ernest Williamson, President of District 18 of the United Mine Workers of America.

Mr. Williamson stated that the ball had not yet come to hand from Indianapolis, but were expected today now and would be sent to the various sub-districts as soon as received. There has been no change in the attitude of the operators during the past few days.

SHOT FIRED AT GENERAL SMUTS

Johannesburg, March 12.—A shot was fired at General Jan Christian Smuts, the Premier today as he was being driven toward the Rand near Hotchkiss. The Premier was not hurt, although a bullet struck the car.