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BUCKINGHAM CONFERENCE IS UNLIKELY TO EFFECT SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT OF HOME RULE TROUBLE

Hindus Reported to Have Drowned Four of the Crew of the Steamer "Komagata Maru"

KING'S COURSE WAS DICTATED BY A LIVELY APPREHENSION OF A CRISIS IN ARMY AFFAIRS

The Morning Post Says That the Army Council Had Represented That a Grave Military Situation Would be Created if Civil War Arose in Ireland

ONLY THE SMALLEST PROSPECTS OF AN AGREEMENT BEING REACHED

Expected That To-day Premier Asquith Will be Obligated to Announce That the Conference of Party Leaders Has Been an Absolute Failure

London, July 23.—At the close of a Cabinet Council meeting last night it became known that there was only the smallest prospects of the Home Rule Conference arriving at an agreement; its termination when it reassembles today is regarded as certain. Carson, it is understood, stands out for the complete exclusion of six counties of Ulster from the operation of the bill, including Fermanagh and Tyrone, while Redmond declines to go beyond the concessions Asquith already has made in permitting a referendum. Unless some way out of the difficulty is discovered at the eleventh hour it is believed the Premier will be obliged to announce the failure of the conference.

Premier Now Blamed. Asquith's assurances to Parliament assuming full responsibility for the King's speech and declaring that no constitutional precedent had been contravened, has allayed much of the angry feeling among the Liberals, or rather has transferred it from the King to the Premier himself.

Active negotiations are proceeding outside Buckingham Palace between the party leaders. The Premier had an interview with Lord Lansdowne and Andrew Bonar Law, Opposition Leaders, between two separate sittings of the Cabinet.

Many Rumors Afloat. All kinds of rumors are current; one that Churchill, the First Lord of the Admiralty, representing a minority in the Cabinet, and favoring "Clean Out" exclusion of Ulster had threatened to resign; another that the King will make another dramatic move at the conference and that a speedy general election has become inevitable.

The Unionist morning papers take a gloomy view of the prospects of the Home Rule conference. They assert that yesterday's meeting showed that any agreement on the exclusion question was impossible and they expect that the conference will be broken up today.

Reason for Conference. The Morning Post says it has reason to believe that one of the causes Home Rule conference was a series of recommendations from the army council representing that a grave military situation might arise from civil war in Ireland, and adds that it understands the King's speech to the conference contained references to matters not strictly Irish, which, with the consent of the conference, were omitted from the published report of the speech.

Paper Sues For Fifty Thousand

London, Ont., July 18.—The London Advertiser, the local Liberal organ has instituted a \$50,000 legal action against the London Free Press for alleged blackguardly attacks for some time past, and demands complete retraction of certain statements published.

MUCH INTEREST IN CONFERENCE

Enormous Crowds Gather Round the Gates of Buckingham Palace

London, July 22.—Interest in the Home Rule crisis overshadowed every thing else in the British Isles to-day. When the representatives arrived at Buckingham Palace this morning to continue the conference, they found an enormous crowd assembled in the open space before the gates of the Palace.

Openly, of course, both sides declare that they cannot withdraw from their present positions, but it is understood that Asquith is likely to submit to the conference a proposal to allow the Protestant counties of Ulster to vote together on the exclusion resolution, and that he may go so far as to change the time limit of six years as embodied in the amendment bill, which has already been dealt with by the Lords.

Wants it Included. Carson will make a fight to have County Tyrone included in this agreement and this proposition will, it is thought, provoke a tussel between the two sides which will decide the fate of the Conference.

The Conference was in session again for half an hour to-day, and then adjourned until to-morrow. At to-day's meeting the claims of the two opposing Irish parties, led by Redmond and Carson, formed the subject, and the question of the boundary and area to be excluded from the operation of the Home Rule Bill was presented to the Conference.

Kept a Secret. As neither the Nationalist nor Ulster Unionist leader possessed plenipotentiary powers, these claims must be submitted for the consideration of their respective party caucuses at each stage, so that the progress of the conference necessarily must be held secret.

As Redmond and Dillon left Buckingham Palace, and passed along the sidewalks in front of Wellington barracks they were given a great reception by the men of the battalion of Irish guards stationed there.

MRS. F. CARMAN IS OUT ON BAIL

Charged With "Manslaughter" in Connection With Killing of Mrs. Bailey

Mineola, N.Y., July 17.—Mrs. Florence Carman was arraigned in the supreme court here to-day before Justice Van Sicken, on an indictment returned yesterday charging her with manslaughter in the first degree for having caused the death of Mrs. Louise Bailey, a patient of the defendant's husband.

She pleaded not guilty and was given two weeks in which to change her plea or demur to the indictment. Counsel for Mrs. Carman suggested that she be liberated under \$20,000 bail, and to this District Attorney Smith agreed.

The prisoner looked very wan and pale when brought from the jail to the courtroom. Her husband, Dr. Edwin Carman, stood beside her. When the preliminaries of giving bail were adjusted he said he would take her out of the village at once.

The boys who were charged with breaking into Mr. F. McNamara's store were before Judge Knight this morning and pleaded guilty. They will be sentenced later.

U. S. APPEALS TO THE RIVALS

Asks Villa and Carranza To Co-operate in Interest Of Peace

Washington, July 22.—Secretary Bryan's appeal to the two Constitutional leaders, Carranza and Villa, to eliminate any personal differences that might exist between them, is interpreted at Washington to-day as the American Government's preliminary step to prevent counter-revolts after the entry of Carranza into Mexico City.

An appeal to Carranza is made at President Wilson's command by his personal representative, who left Monterey to accompany the revolutionary chief to Tampico. An early answer is expected.

Both Wilson and Bryan have reached the determination that when the Constitutionalists have triumphed, and a responsible government is set up, revolutions in the southern republic must end.

SNAKES KILLED 900 PERSONS

Terrible Death Roll in India In 1913 as a Result of Poisonous Bites—Much Higher Than in 1912—Wild Animals Kill Thirteen Hundred Cattle

Bombay, July 18.—Just over nine hundred deaths which so far have come to the notice of the authorities, were caused by wild animals in 1913, as compared with 794 in 1912. Snakes accounted for all but ten of this total in 1913 and for all but eight in the preceding year. These two years are the only ones in the last eighteen years in which casualties from snake-bites have been below 900. Altogether 3,080 snakes were destroyed throughout the Province.

Two persons were killed by wolves in Gurgaon and one in Karnal, two by leopards in Gurdaspur, two by hyaenas—one in Kangra and one in Umbhalla—and three deaths were caused by the "gohera," or poisonous lizard (Eublepharis macularius), in Hissardistrict.

The number of cattle killed by wild animals was 1,562, as compared with 1,799 in the preceding year. Bears and leopards were chiefly responsible for this destruction. Large amounts were paid in rewards for the destruction of these animals.

STEERAGE RATES ARE INCREASED

Berlin, July 22.—The North German Lloyds and Hamburg-American lines to-day decided to raise the rates for steerage passengers from Germany to the United States by \$2.50, thus bringing them up to \$13.50.

CHARGED WITH THREATS TO KILL

Sequel to Attempted Murder And Arson at Montreal Race Track

Montreal, July 18.—Two deliberate attempts were made early Wednesday morning to destroy the stables, stands and other buildings at the Dorval Park race track for which attempts, as well as on a charge of threatening to murder, John Rice, 44 years of age, of No. 5 Wretham Avenue was taken into custody yesterday afternoon.

FIVE KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Panama, July 22.—A premature explosion at the Cucaraca slide today, killed five workmen, four white, and severely injured seventeen negroes.

\$300,000 DAMAGE BY A CLOUDBURST

Much Property Destroyed in New Brunswick—1,000,000 Logs Swept Away

Apoahqui, N.B., July 21.—A cloudburst Saturday morning during the most disastrous storms in the memory of the residents of Apoahqui, caused damage in that section conservatively estimated at \$300,000 and will result in the closing of the Jones Brothers mill at Apoahqui owing to the loss of one million of logs, and the wrecking of the end of the structure by the mighty flood in the mill-stream.

Hot Weather Stories Continue To Come In

Here's One About a Fear-some Adventure of a Milker

Windsor, Ont., July 22.—Norman Collins, a 12-year-old Windsor boy, spent part of his vacation on a farm near Collam last week, but he is back home again and declares he is through with pastoral affairs forever. The lad was milking a cow during an electrical storm, when a lightning bolt struck the animal, killing it instantly.

Collins was leaning back on the milking stool when there was a blinding flash and the cow dropped, having been struck on the forehead.

The boy was rendered unconscious and it was some time before he recovered. Two other cattle in the barn were knocked down by the shock.

SHIP 'PLANE' 'AMERICA' HERE AUGUST FIRST

Porte and his Men are About Through With Preliminary Tests

EVERYTHING GOES SATISFACTORILY

Aviator Hopes to Start From Here Before Middle Of August

Hammondsport, N.Y., July 20.—Lt. John C. Porte, who will command the Rodman Wanamaker transatlantic flying expedition, speaks confidently of the prospects for the attempt to be made early in August.

"It looks very much now," he says, "as if we would be able to ship the America by steamship to Newfoundland on August 1, and I expect to go with her at that time: While here I shall see Captain F. Creagh-Osborn, who returns to England aboard the Aquitania, of the Cunard line, next Tuesday. We now have all the instruments needed for the flight through his assistance."

Trying Time. Lieutenant Porte appears slightly worn by the anxieties of the recent experiments, but had brightened perceptibly since the good results were obtained in Wednesday's trials.

He hopes that the America will rise with her full load of nearly a ton after the present reconstruction of the hull is completed in the rough, possibly by Sunday or Monday. After this is achieved the aircraft will be taken from the shore of Lake Keuka to the Curtiss factory, about a mile away, to receive the finishing touches. This work must be ended by Tuesday, July 28, to give sufficient time for dismantling, packing and shipping the big flying boat to the Red Cross steamship pier in Brooklyn in time to put her aboard the steamship leaving on Saturday, August 1.

HINDUS HOLD IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AS HOSTAGES?

B. C. Authorities Find it Almost Impossible to Get Rid of Unwelcome Immigrants—Hindus Got All the Grub They Needed and Still Refuse to Move Out—Two Government Officials Said to be Kept Prisoner on Board the Hindu Ship

HINDUS RESIST LAW OFFICERS

Prevented Them From Boarding the Komagata Maru—Showered Down Coal, Bags, Machinery and Other Articles, Seriously Injured Twenty Men

Ottawa, July 20.—The following important statement concerning the Hindus at Vancouver was handed out by E. Blake Robertson, acting Superintendent of Immigration, Saturday afternoon:

"The captain of the Komagata Maru was given until six o'clock last night to state whether or not he intended to obey the deportation orders, which had been served upon him covering the 350 rejected Hindus. Shortly after that hour he reported that the passengers prevented him from getting up steam, and asked for assistance. About 160 policemen and immigration officers went out to the vessel in the largest tug available, but were unable to gain the decks of the Komagata Maru in the face of the stubborn resistance offered by the Hindus on board, who from all parts of the ship hurled down on the officers coal, iron bars, pieces of machinery, hatchets and clubs, injuring men and smashing the window of the tug.

Shots Were Fired "Some shots were fired by the Hindus, but the officers, although armed, in the anxiety to prevent bloodshed, if possible, did not return the fire, and at 2 a.m., realizing the difficulty in reaching the decks from the tug, returned to shore taking with them their twenty injured, among whom was the captain of the tug suffering from two broken ribs. Fortunately none of the injuries received are likely to prove fatal.

"The self restraint of the police and immigration officers under great provocation is appreciated and highly commended by the acting Minister, Hon. C. J. Doherty.

Determined to Enforce the Law "While desirous that no unnecessary violence shall be used the Government is determined that the law shall without fail be effectively and rigidly enforced, and with this end in view has authorized the use of the Rainbow to affect a boarding of the vessel, when, if necessary to obtain control the full number of Hindus will be handcuffed, an action which is fully justifiable.

"The Government has instructed its agents to deport the rejected Hindus on the Empress of Japan next Thursday, if it appears that deportation by the Komagata Maru cannot be effectively accomplished. The Government is also taking legal proceedings against the masters and charterers of the Komagata Maru."

Last evening Mr. T. A. MacNab's motor car collided with a horse at King's Bridge. The auto was slightly damaged and one of the carriage shafts was bent.

Lifted 1300 Pounds. The transatlantic flying boat America arose on slow speed from the surface of Lake Keuka with a load of 1,300 pounds.

The new sea-sled of the craft has been boarded at each side to prevent the wash of waters over the upper surface, and the board recently ripped off in tests were replaced. Mr. Curtiss said he would make tests with the full transatlantic load.

There is a question of the temporary hull being able to sustain the shock of landing. Its principle is right, Mr. Curtiss and Lieut. Porte believe, and after a few trials with the temporary hull Mr. Curtiss will notify Lieutenant Porte. If Lieutenant Porte finds the new hull satisfactory he will immediately go to St. John's N.F., for the start.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Moderate to fresh E. Winds, showery. Friday: Moderate winds and mostly fair.