

MR. PUGSLEY MEETS AN ABLE OPPONENT IN HON. MR. MEIGHEN

Young Solicitor General More Than Match for Opposition's Master Critic.

Ottawa, May 20.—Hon. Wm. Pugsley walked quietly into the Commons this morning, smiled pleasantly to his friends on both sides of the house and at once assumed the real leadership of the Liberal party.

During his absence this session the Liberals have been like sheep without a shepherd, a hopelessly incompetent force.

The Minister of Finance stopped short, wheeled around and faced his accuser. "When the member for Pictou says that I misled the house," he says that I misled this house.

Mr. MacDonald smiled, and shifted slightly in his seat. Mr. White continued. A few minutes later he was in a forgiving mood, and said that he did not believe that the member for Pictou would willingly charge any member with misleading the house.

"You are evidently afraid to meet him outside," remarked Mr. Pugsley in anything but a militant tone, and everybody laughed.

BECKER WON'T GO ON STAND, COUNSEL SAYS

New York, May 20.—Charles Becker will not be benefited by the confession alleged to have been made by "Dago Frank" Chrofel shortly before the gunman was executed in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison for the part he played in carrying out the plot to murder Herman Rosenthal.

Justice Seabury explained his action by saying that the alleged confession had not been made in affidavit form and sworn to, and had not been made to anyone authorized to take a deposition from a dying man.

There are but two more witnesses to testify for the defense. They will have told their stories and been excused from the stand before the conclusion of the proceedings tomorrow.

London, May 20.—The Unionists gained a seat in the House of Commons for northeast Derby today.

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CONFERENCE OPENS AT NIAGARA FALLS

First Session Yesterday Afternoon Given Up to Preliminary Arrangements.

Niagara Falls, Ont., May 20.—The mediation conference which, under the friendly guidance of Ambassador Da Gama, of Brazil, and Ministers Naon, of Argentina, and Suarez, of Chile, is attempting to remove the differences between the United States and Mexico, was ready today to get into full swing.

The Mexican peace commissioners, with their large entourage, arrived early today from New York, while the American delegates reached here shortly before midnight.

The formal opening of the conference took place at 3 p. m. today. At their opening session the mediators were prepared to lay before the delegates from the two governments the rules and regulations which will govern during the proceedings.

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Huerta's Representatives At Peace Conference

Optimism Prevailed Among Delegates.

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VOLUNTEER NAVAL RESERVE FORCE FOR DOMINION

Order-in-Council for Its Establishment Has Been Signed.

Ottawa, May 20.—A volunteer naval reserve force for Canada about which there has been so much talk during the past few months will soon be accomplished. An order in council has been passed by the government and signed by the Duke of Connaught authorizing the establishment of such a force.

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PEOPLE OF ALBERTA WANT NAME OF THEIR PROVINCE WRITTEN IN FULL ON MAIL MATTER.

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TRAINING CANADIANS FOR SERVICE IN NAVY

The Niobe and Rainbow for Training Purposes—Instructors from British Navy Will Be Engaged.

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Rushing Work on C.P.R. Hotel At St. Andrews

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