

TIME LIMIT MAKES EXCLUSION IMPOSSIBLE SAYS LANSDOWNE

Conservative Leader in House of Lords Defines Position on Which He Enters the Proposed Conference With the Government and the Nationalists.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] LONDON, May 2.—Lord Lansdowne, speaking at a Primrose League gathering at Albert Hall yesterday afternoon, made it clear that he enters the conference with the government and the Nationalists with a firm determination that any time limit to the exclusion of Ulster is an impossibility. He had observed, after three years working of the Parliament Act, that the nation was beginning to realize what life under the act meant. The act was so constructed as to render amendments after the first session impossible, and, consequently the Commons committee stage was omitted. Finally it is now suggested that the United Kingdom be split into an unspecified number of fragments under a federal scheme. It was intolerable that, when the Constitution of the country was practically under suspension, the government would not raise its finger to fulfil the solemn pledge, given three years ago when it deprived the country of the Second Chamber, that it would couple the Parliament Act with reconsideration of the powers and the composition of the House of Lords. The result would be civil war if the Home Rule Bill was passed, and grave trouble if it was not passed.

The Government, said Lord Lansdowne, is being capitulation to the Nationalists, and the other is vacillating treatment of Ulster. To allow the creation of an efficient force in Ulster, and then order naval and military movements was calculated to provoke a collision. When the plot failed, the government charged the Ulsterists with having corrupted the army, but the only corrupting done was when the government interrogated the officers with regard to their behaviour if they were ordered to fight against Ulster. He described the time limit to the exclusion of Ulster as a grotesque proposal, but the difficulty was that the members of the government were not sufficiently their own masters to make an acceptable proposal. The only exclusion which Ulster would discuss was one not terminable without Ulster's consent. The committee had given no mandate for a federal solution and there was considerable danger of arranging terms of which the country would disapprove.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] LONDON, May 2.—Pessimism, which was the keynote in the Irish press of both parties yesterday, characterized the newspapers of Great Britain to-day. The Daily Telegraph endorses Sir Horace Plunkett's remark on the futility of Parliamentarians making an agreement which nobody in Ireland will accede to. The Morning Post says there is very little justification for the optimism. The Times complains of Churchill having gone beyond his party in the direction of strife, now goes beyond in the direction of peace. The Daily Mail thinks that two days having passed without Asquith seeking to renew conversations with the Premier, shows a counterproductive resistance from Redmond. The Express alleges that the chief difficulty is with the rank and file of the Liberals who are usually peace at any price men, but who now hearken to the Premier because he refrains from steps which would drench Ulster with blood. Lord Montagu, speaking for the House of Lords, said that the Upper Chamber was an example of solid work done without courting publicity.

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[By Special Wire to The Courier] CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 2.—Firm in the belief that all of the 172 men entombed in mine No. 5 at Eccles are dead, as the result of Tuesday's explosion, Governor Hatfield returned from the stricken town late last night. The Governor, who, as a physician in the mining district of the state, has seen many explosions, said the explosion in No. 5 mine was the worst he had ever known. He believes that most of the miners were caught unaware and blown to pieces. "The force of the explosion," said the Governor, "was so great that the surface coal was literally burned to cinders. You could scrape it off with your hands. In my opinion, the men were killed by the force of the explosion."

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UNCLE SAM REMEMBERS.



AS I REMARKED IN 1893—"BLOOD IS THicker THAN WATER."

UNDISMAYED BY CARRANZA'S REFUSAL TO DECLARE TRUCE

Envoys Are Very Hopeful of Establishing a Definite Basis for Peace—General Funston Has Situation Well in Hand at Vera Cruz—Latest Developments.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] WASHINGTON, May 2.—Undismayed by the refusal of Carranza, rebel chief, formally to agree to the establishment of a neutral zone in the rich oil fields about Tampico, the South American envoys to-day resumed negotiations aiming at a settlement of the Mexican crisis. While Carranza's refusal was variously interpreted, the administration official here held it could not be considered as having any bearings upon the mediators proposal that hostilities cease between Huerta and the Constitutionals.

Carranza's attitude in the Tampico situation was not unexpected. Creation of a neutral zone there materially would handicap the rebels investing operations. Federals control the river along which the oil tanks are built, while rebels occupy the oil field on Tampico's outskirts. That of fighting operations. However, the rebel chief notified the state department and the British ambassador that his men had been warned to employ every precaution against destruction of the property largely owned by English interests.

Although the envoys again were in communication with Carranza over their proposal for suspension of hostilities between Huerta and the rebels pending negotiations, word yet was to be received from him. Until he makes a definite reply the mediators will be unable to determine whether their efforts for the present must be confined to issues between Huerta and the United States Government or whether they may be broadened to include the entire Mexican situation. Carranza's delay in replying was given various interpretations. In some quarters it was favorably regarded, belief being expressed that the rebel chief was giving careful consideration to the proposal. Elsewhere, Carranza's silence caused some doubt over the hope of bringing the whole Mexican question.

Nevertheless the envoys resumed their sessions confident that their progress since the beginning of negotiations six days ago was unusually favorable. A feature that relieved fears of tension to-day was the report that Huerta had ordered the release at Zacatecas of Dr. Edward Ryan of the American Red Cross. He had been sentenced to death as a spy, but after vigorous representations had been made to Huerta through several sources, he ordered the American physician's release and safe conduct to the Brazilian embassy in Mexico City. Dr. Ryan had done notable relief work on both sides in conflicts between the Mexican factions, and the report of his arrest was a surprising turn of events that threatened to becloud the issue between the United States and Huerta now in the hands of the South American envoys.

TAKING TAMPICO IS NOT EASY JOB FOR THE REBEL ARMY

Federals Are Strongly Entrenched, and May Succeed in Cutting Off the Food Supply of Vera Cruz, Now Held by the Americans—A Harrowing Tale.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] VERA CRUZ, May 2.—The situation at Tampico and the effort of the Mexican Governor of the state to cut off the food supply of Vera Cruz divided attention to-day. The reported massing of the Constitutional forces against Tampico is regarded as important because it is felt to be certain that the fall of the city will have some bearing on the immediate policy of the United States.

Many persons who are well informed of the Federal preparedness in Tampico are skeptical of the predictions of an early rebel success. They point out that three Federal gunboats have thus far easily repelled all attacks. The situation of the town is such that a force cannot approach without exposing itself to the fire of 4-inch quick firing guns except from one direction. That point is defended by a triple line of trenches and many machine guns and field artillery. Gunboats and soldiers are plentifully supplied with ammunition. The rebels heretofore have been without artillery. Unless guns have reached them from the northern rebels, it is believed impossible for them to drive out the Federals. The fall of Tampico into rebel hands might help solve the food situation in Vera Cruz. In that event it is presumed the trade between Vera Cruz and Tampico would be resumed and that the territory about Tampico would supply the market here to some extent. Just now the only supplies reaching Vera Cruz are coming from the small ranches near enough to the city for owners to feel assured of American protection. Scores of natives carrying eggs and milk arrive daily, but this supply is absorbed almost without effort on the demand. The hotels are unable to obtain fruit and butter.

The money situation is also peculiar. The banks have been virtually at a standstill for all except small exchange business because of the lack of stamps required by the Mexican laws now in force. Nearly 400,000 pesos of captured stamps were placed in circulation to-day to relieve the situation. It is getting almost impossible to find Mexican change and every five dollar bill presented to pay for a small purchase causes a disturbance for there is virtually no Mexican silver and the supply of small bills is exhausted. Some merchants are doing business on a double standard. Goods bought in the United States on abroad are sold for Mexican money. R. W. McClelland, a pineapple grower, was twice strung up by the neck by ten of his own workmen, robbed and left for dead on a plantation at El Burro near Santa Lucracia. He arrived here with other refugees yesterday in a penniless condition and was taken in charge by the Red Cross. McClelland had secured Consul Canada's warning to leave, but delayed his departure. He was seized in the yard of the plantation, bound and beaten and ordered to produce money. He declared he had none, whereupon he was hung up to a limb of a tree. After a few minutes he was let down and again ordered to give money. Still protesting that he had none he was again hoisted. When he recovered (Continued on Page 4)

Advertisement for men's suits featuring an illustration of a man in a suit and a list of suit types like 'wind-up', 'dressed', 'casual'.

Advertisement for men's suits with the headline 'Men's Suits' and a price range of '\$10 to \$25'.

Advertisement for a sale with the headline 'SALE AND SALE' and 'Sale Starts'.

Advertisement for millinery flowers with the headline '10 BOXES OF FINE MILLINERY FLOWERS'.

Advertisement for furnishing bargains with the headline 'Furnishing Bargains'.

Advertisement for a sale starting tomorrow with the headline 'SALE STARTS TO-MORROW'.

LITTLE DOUBT BUT THAT 172 HAVE PERISHED

Men in Mine Were Practically Blown to Pieces by Explosion.

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ROYAL ESCORT FOR THE DUKE

Sixty Brant Dragoons, All Mounted, Will Turn Out at Reception.

Brantford, it is reported, unofficially, will put on quite a military aspect next Saturday on the occasion of the visit of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught. Besides the guard of honor, which will be formed by the Dufferin Rifles, a royal escort of Dragoons, consisting of 50 or 60 mounted men will be formed. They will accompany His Royal Highness around the city.

Mayor Spence has received word from Ottawa that the program outlined for the Duke's reception by the civic authorities is satisfactory, and has been approved. This includes a visit to the Hamilton and Brantford baseball game.

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General Blanquet, Minister of War under Huerta and chief adviser to the dictator. Blanquet it was, who betrayed his former chief, President Madero, into Huerta's hands and to death.

SEVENTY THREE ARE ON THE LIST

Local Hotelkeepers Take Measures to Keep Out Undesirables.

The Brantford Indian list has been swelled appreciably by the action of the hotel keepers yesterday in establishing a list of their own, which is necessarily outside of the law. The names of 73 habitual drunkards have been reported to the Hotelkeepers' Association and in future these men will not be served in any shop or hotel in the city.

WAS MISTAKE IN WIRELESS ABOUT SIBERIA

Merely a Code Signal and Not Distress Call Was Received.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—How a wireless operator heard the Scramship Persia sign her code signal "M. B. S.," after giving her latitude and longitude, and misread into "S.O.S." the signal for assistance, was explained to-day by those familiar with the international code used for wireless work. The mistake probably caused the report yesterday that the Pacific Mail liner Persia was in distress off the coast of Formosa.

DROPPED DEAD

Theo. Harris, a Popular Onondaga Farmer, Passes Away.

Many friends will learn with great regret of the sudden death this morning of Mr. Theodore Harris, one of the best known farmers of Onondaga Township, who resided and operated a big farm near Middleport. Mr. Harris was the brother of Albert E. Harris, also of the late Dr. Harris of this city. He got up this morning, presumably in the best of health, when he was stricken suddenly with heart failure and dropped dead. His death is a distinct loss to the community.

W. H. A. Meeting Held on Friday

The monthly meeting of the Women's Hospital Aid was held in the public library on Friday morning with a good attendance.

Several letters were read, including one from Mr. Bunnell, conveying the appreciation of the hospital governors and staff for chairs, etc., and accepting the offer of the W. H. A. to furnish a woman's ward in the new hospital. Householders, merchants, and citizens generally are requested to lay aside during the month of May any newspapers, magazines or books for which they have no further use than the W.H.A. will be able to use them as a money maker. Further particulars will be given later.