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## MEXICAN REBELS LED INTO TRAP AND MOWED DOWN BY THE HUNDRED PREMIER ASQUITH ISSUES ORDER REVOKING THE SPECIAL PRIVILEGES OF OFFICERS IN THE BRITISH ARMY

### CARSON'S ACTS CONDEMNED BY KING GEORGE

His Majesty, While Maintaining Proper Impartiality in Conferences With Ministers, is Stated to Have Shown Personal Leanings Toward Home Rule.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, March 29.—The king's actions and attitude during the political crisis are gradually becoming known. The attacks of the radicals and laborites on the King for his alleged interference in politics have subsided. The Unionists are criticizing His Majesty, but quietly, among themselves, and the Unionists have the most reason to complain of the King's policy, as would appear from the most trustworthy accounts of the happenings at Buckingham Palace during the frequent conferences which the King had with the cabinet ministers and army officers.

The King followed his ministers' advice from the beginning of the home rule controversy. While maintaining impartiality, apparently he had a personal leaning toward home rule. The King and the members of his court were outspoken in their condemnation of Sir Edward Carson in organizing the Ulster volunteer army and re-entending his act in reviewing the volunteers, and in assuming prerogatives by reason of which the Liberals named him "King Carson."

Such an offence, as Gen. Sir Robert Baden-Powell discovered when he placed his portrait on postage stamps during the siege of Mafeking, is an unpardonable sin in the eyes of the court.

Ultimatum of Officers. While Premier Asquith and Col. Seely were closeted with the King recently, Maj. Gen. Sir William R. Robertson, director of military training at the war office, accompanied by a colleague, visited the palace, according to reliable information, and asked to be admitted to the conference on urgent business. The request was granted and the officers announced that they and a majority of the staff officers would resign immediately unless the government made its peace with the Curragh officers.

Premier Asquith's conciliatory statement to The Times, the first interview which the premier has granted in office, was the result of the impression that this ultimatum had been delivered.

### VILLA'S ARMY LED INTO TRAP HEAVY FIRE CAUSED CARNAGE TORREON STILL HOLDING OUT

#### Generals Still Obstinate

LONDON, March 29.—The Conservative morning papers assert that Field Marshal Sir John French and Gen. Ewart have decided not to withdraw their resignations, but no official announcement has been made or is expected until parliament reassembles today. Brig.-Gen. Hubert Gough, commander of the third cavalry brigade, has left Curragh for some unknown place.

### CONFERENCE ON GEORGIAN CANAL

Decision Reached That Proceedings of Commission Will Be Open to the Public.

Ottawa, March 29.—Chairman Sanford Evans and Col. Frank S. Meighen of the Georgian Bay Canal Commission had a long conference with Hon. Robert Rogers on Saturday regarding the prosecution of the enquiry. After the conference Mr. Evans stated that the proceedings of the commission would be open to the public at all times, and that the material collected would be made public so far as possible. A full meeting of the board will be held as soon as Edward Gohier, the third member of the commission, returns from Europe.

J. D. Hepburn, who is well-known in connection with inland water transportation in Canada, will act as chairman of the commission. Offices will be opened in Ottawa.

#### FEDERAL DEFEAT REPORTED

MEXICO CITY, March 29.—Four hundred federalists have been defeated in an engagement north of San Luis Potosi, according to consular advices, which add that traffic north of San Luis Potosi has been suspended. The occupation of Chilpancingo, capital of the State of Guerrero, by the rebels is officially admitted.

German Military Observer Reports That Attack on Gomez Palacio Was Costly Mistake—Hundreds of Wounded—Attest Sanguinary Nature of Conflict.

Canadian Press Despatch. JUAREZ, Mex. March 29.—An official message from the front tonight states that fighting is still going on for the possession of Torreón.

The telegram says that the rebels now hold all positions except the main barracks and two smaller barracks. In the last 24 hours it is reported that Gen. Villa took Cerro de la Cruz and the Torreón foundry.

Another telegram admits a rebel loss in the last six days of 900 killed and wounded, and places the federal loss at 2,000.

Canadian Press Despatch.

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico, March 29.—Such news as reached here from the front today was unfavorable to the rebels. Wounded rebel soldiers continued to arrive by train, bringing the number now here to 588. Several hundred other wounded were being provided for at Jimenez, and batches of wounded were being distributed at Parral and Santa Rosalia. This evidence of the sanguinary conflict at Torreón, with the suggestion that the list of the rebel dead, necessarily would have a great tendency to make headquarters reticent about the progress of the battle. The officers admitted they have received despatches from the front, but they declined to reveal the contents.

The reports originated from one of the hospitals after more men came in, that Gen. Francisco Villa had been wounded slightly and compelled to retire from the front. The report was based merely on the word of a wounded soldier, who, however, insisted he had seen Villa wounded. He declared for moral effect the news was withheld from the rank of the rebel army.

Led Into Trap.

A German military observer who arrived from the front said: "The federalists are being mowed down."

### BUILDINGS SAVED BY GOOD WORK OF FIREMEN

Flames in Boathouse Confined to One Building and Destruction of Valuable Boats Prevented by Daring Work in Darkness and Dense Smoke.

Damage to the extent of about \$5,000 was done to the boathouse of the Marine Construction Company, at the foot of York street, by fire which broke out about 7:30 last night. That the loss was not much greater was due only to the good work of the firemen. The loss to the building, which was of light and inflammable material, will probably amount to about \$2,000, while that to contents will make up the balance of the \$5,000.

Bruce McKenzie was sent by his mother to take some medicine to the night watchman of the Marine Construction Company, who was suffering from lumbago, and arrived at the boathouse at about 7:35. As he was passing along the wharf he noticed a small tongue of flame shooting under the door of the first room in the boathouse. Looking thru the keyhole he saw that the entire room was a mass of flames. Running to the foot of the York street bridge, he turned in the alarm and in a few minutes the department was on hand. By this time the flames, which had spread along the left, burst thru the roof in some places, and fanned by a stiff breeze were lapping the side of the Marine Construction plant, about five feet to the west.

Six lines of hose were quickly laid along the wharf and a stop of the ice, which was too frail to hold a man, and despite the fact that they were obliged to work in darkness and dense smoke, with only about five feet on either side of the burning structure to move around in, the firemen from their perilous positions not only succeeded in preventing the blaze from catching the larger building to the west, but also brought it under control before it could spread to the west.

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### BRITISH OFFICER AND SOLDIER ARE EQUAL IN CHARTER RIGHTS ORDER ANNOUNCED BY ASQUITH

John Burns Looming Up as Most Likely Successor to Seely—Party Leaders Show Feverish Activity in Preparing for Resumption of Struggle Today.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, March 28.—What has been pronounced "the greatest crisis for statesmanship in three hundred years" is simmering over Sunday. Both houses of parliament will train their heaviest guns upon the whole complicated affair on Monday. Passions are running high and country houses, where the politicians customarily spend the week ends, are deserted.

The party leaders are conferring in London, and urgent summonses have been sent to all members to attend. If the outcome of the crisis is to be a general election in the near future, the Radical wing of the Liberal party will form a close alliance with the Labor party, the coalition crystallizing its platform into the battery "Aristocrats against the people." Whatever may be the merits of the coalition it seems to hold possibilities of vote-getting, which the Conservatives shy at.

Seely Must Go.

The army order which Premier Asquith announced today is generally considered to have been intended as a sort of charter on which Field Marshal French and Gen. Ewart might be induced to remain in their positions. Col. Seely's tenure in the office of the war ministry seems destined to be of short continuance.

The Westminster Gazette and The Daily Chronicle, foremost among the Liberal papers, are saying that Col. Seely must resign his portfolio. The name of John Burns is most discussed as his probable successor.

Making Army Democratic. That a democratic government could be carried to such lengths, as to give supervision of the army into the hands of the sturdy character, who came into the ministry as a labor agitator, would have been unthinkable a decade ago. Yet the recognition of the soldier as on the same plane with the officer, in the charter rights and duties which the government proclaimed today, is a long step towards the same leveling of the classes.

The Panama debate at Washington, which ordinarily would have been read here with equal interest to that which it excites in the United States, is passing almost unnoticed in the excitement over the crisis, and the suffragettes are being wholly ignored.

### HAD THREE FIRES IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

Firemen Down at Truro, N.S., Spent a Busy Sunday.

TRURO, N. S., March 29.—Three fires within 24 hours caused considerable property loss to a number of owners today. W. M. Lawrence's residence was damaged to the extent of \$1,600 and the content \$500. Fire in M. A. Ward's drygoods store caused a loss of \$2,000. This morning early the firemen were again called out by an alarm for a more serious conflagration in the west end of the town. Part of the building was a boarding house and considerable difficulty was experienced in getting all the sleepers out.

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### C. N. R. GUARANTEE ANNOUNCEMENT IS PROBABLE WITHIN A FEW DAYS

Bond Issue of Forty-Five Million to Have Government Backing, It is Stated—"Imperial" Despatches From Ottawa Will Pave the Way.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, March 29.—That the Canadian Northern negotiations are rapidly approaching a conclusion satisfactory to the company will be evidenced this week, probably beginning tomorrow, by the inspired despatches from Ottawa to the government press thru-out the country. Government correspondents, it is believed, have been instructed to pave the way for the announcement that cannot now be long delayed respecting the forthcoming legislation. The government is said to be definitely committed to assisting the Canadian Northern to complete its Transcontinental Railway by a guarantee of the company bonds to the amount of \$45,000,000.

The details of the agreement by which the company is to indemnify the country against loss upon its guarantee are, however, largely a matter of speculation. Some collateral will no doubt be exacted, and some control over the application of the proceeds of the new issue will be provided. Beyond this little is definitely known.

Onus on Government.

There seems to be some uncertainty as to whether the proposals of the government will be submitted to the Conservative caucus before being laid before parliament. Many private members believe that the government should accept the full responsibility and announce its policy as quickly as possible. Indeed, they declare that any appearance of timidity would be most unfortunate. In any event it is difficult to see how Hon. Mr. White can deal with the budget a week from Monday without disclosing the policy of the government. But the announcement may come even more quickly, for it is said that the report of the government auditor will be in the hands of the finance minister tomorrow.

### CONFESSION THAT ENDORSEMENT WAS FORGED

Percival Morris, Arrested for Attempt to Defraud Union Trust of Eleven Hundred Dollars, Makes No Attempt at Denial—Sunday Police News.

Three months ago Percival S. Morris, a Calgary ex-accountant, came east to Toronto and deposited with the Union Trust Company a cheque for \$1,177, endorsed by an Edmonton bank. Within three days, before the Trust Company had communicated with the western bank, Morris had made purchases on the account totaling over \$1,100, and on the fourth day the trust concern received a wire that the endorsement on the cheque was a forgery, and Morris had no funds.

After effecting his big coup Morris fled the country, and up till a week ago, traveled in the United States. True to the old adage, however, he came back, and Saturday evening was arrested in the Arlington Hotel by Detectives Mitchell and Guthrie. He confessed to the fraud, and stated that when he deposited the cheque there was not a cent to cover in the Edmonton bank.

### Search Warrant Of No Use There

Late Saturday evening, when the police of No. 4 division entered 184 Sherbourne street armed with a search warrant, Constable Allan (184) was stopped in his search of the premises by the burly form of William Burns, who declared that warrant or no warrant no policeman should enter his room. When Allan attempted to pass Burns dealt him a smashing blow on the face, knocking the officer down. Allan got up, overpowered him, and arrested him on a charge of assaulting the police.

### Had Big Roll But Little Pity

With nearly \$60 cash in his pockets, Jan Sryn, a Russian Jew, refused 10c for a meal for his friend Augier Tymcumour, at No. 4 police station Sunday afternoon, where both had been taken for feeding tobacco to the monkeys in the Riverdale Zoo. After a series of weird movements of the hands and body, the desk sergeant had conveyed the idea to Sryn that if he put up \$50 of his roll as bail he could go to his home at 10 Chestnut street for the night. Sryn agreed, but when the sergeant suggested he leave 10c with which to purchase a light lunch for his friend, who had no money, and consequently must spend the night in the cells and go to court with no breakfast, the Jew vigorously shook his head and shuffled out of the station.

### Easy Marks On Indian Road

Just released from jail, where he had served ten days for vagrancy and begging in the Indian road district, William Larmouth, no address, was again arrested last evening by the same officer, in the same locality, and on the same charge.

Two weeks ago No. 6 station received complaints from residents on Indian road that Lermouth was calling at doors soliciting meals. Officer 92 was dispatched to the scene and sighted Lermouth just as he was stopping a pedestrian and asking for money. But Lermouth saw the officer as soon as the officer saw him, and it was not until Officer 92 had chased the fleeing "vag" for over a mile around the city streets that he was arrested.

Last night, too, evidently in remembrance of the constable's running ability, Lermouth made no attempt to run. Asked by Sergeant Bogart at the police station why he made for the selfsame spot where he was previously arrested, Lermouth said the Indian road people were easy marks, and that before his arrest he had made a fine living off the district.

Fractured His Nose. While attempting to board a car at the corner of Wilton avenue and Ontario street, Saturday evening, Henry Boyd, 15 Geneva avenue, fell to the pavement, fracturing his nose. Dr. Maybes of Sherbourne street, attended him, and he was taken home in a cab.

Frank Murphy, 122 Parkway avenue, fell from the rear platform of a Queen street car at the corner of George street, Saturday evening, and was picked up unconscious by a police constable. He was removed to the General Hospital in the police ambulance, where it is reported that beyond a bad cut in the back of his head he is uninjured.

### A VICTIM



THE 'EAD GARDENER: But you positively cawn't depend on 'im, sir.

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