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Chief Aitken Asks Eight More Men For Brigade--- Ex-Londoner Writes of Mexico's Troubles as Rebels Attack His Power Plant--- Prisoner at County Jail Starts Hunger Strike--- Asquith Speaks Out On Ulster Incident--- President Wilson Asks Rockefeller to End Mining Strike.

## HUERTA AGREES TO FIRST STEPS IN NEGOTIATIONS

Is Urged to This Decision by European Powers, Including Britain.

AMERICANS ALLOWED TO LEAVE MEXICO CITY

Various Theories As To What Plans of Republics of South America May Be.

U. S. to be Transferred to New Mexico.

[Canadian Press.]

Conferences of the Latin-American diplomats representing Brazil, Chile and Argentina, who offered their good offices to compose the Mexican situation, followed quickly today further assuring messages from Mexico City that General Huerta had agreed to the first steps in the intermediation negotia-

The Spanish ambassador, Mr. Riano, was in early conference with the Argentine Minister, Mr. Naon, concerning the next move to be made by the mediators, and Ambassador Da Gama of Brazil, with the Chilean Minister, Suarez, and Mr. Naon held a lengthy conference. Mr. Da Gama, following the conference, called upon Secretary of State Bryan, and a statement was expected later in the day relating to the next move to be made in the situation.

POWERS URGE HUERTA. Secretary Bryan informed President Wilson of the advices that Huerta had acceded to the preliminary steps in the mediation proposals. Further encouragement in the situation came in advices from Berlin that Germany, France and Great Britain had urged Huerta, through their diplomatic re-presentatives in Mexico City, to yield to the American demands. When this was communicated to the president he

was greatly pleased. Later, the German ambassador, Mr Von Bernsdorff, informed Secretary Bryan that his Government would support the mediation proposal.

Among Washington officials another cause for optimism was the assurance from Admiral Badger that, through the efforts of British and German officials in Mexico, apprehension over American and other foreign refugees in Mexico had been greatly dispelled.

TRANSPORTATIONS PROVIDED. An official dispatch from Admiral Badger to the navy department declared that the authorities in Mexico City had agreed to provide transportation for all Americans from Mexico City as far as Soledad, the Mexican controlled end of the railroad to Vera Cruz. It was announced that the first train with 250 American refugees would leave Mexico City today. The conclusion of negotiations in this connec-tion was gratifying to the President and Secretary Bryan as well as the war department officials.

TRANSFER REFUGEES. Announcement also was made today that Mexican refugees, who are being field by the United States Government (Continued on Page Ten.)

## REBELS ATTACK PLANT AS FORMER LONDONER IS WRITING LETTER HOME

Charles Riach, in Centre of Mexican Trouble, Has Letter Writing Interrupted by Shots as Rebels Attempt to Cut Pipe Lines of Power Plant Under His Charge.

bloodshed and destruction of the property which his duty impelled him to protect by any means, Charles Riach, formerly of of arms. the Huron and Erie, of this city, now general manager of Pearson's, Limited, at Pueblo, Mexico, has been for three years in the thickest of the dangers which have confronted Americans or Canadians

in the unhappy land. Mr. Riach has been for ten years in Mexico. Before leaving this city he was believe our men will try to hold out until for six years with the Huron and Erie, and he went to the southern republic to CONFERENCES ARE HELD and he went to the southern republic to take up financial accounting. After being with a number of important firms he became the general manager for Pear-Mexican Refugees Held by son's, Limited, the great English syndicate which controls most of the public utilities of Mexico at Pueblo, a city or more than 100,000 inhabitants between Tampico and Mexico City. Under Mr. Riach's supervision are the light, heat. power, traction and water services of this city, and upon him has come the responsibility for the safety of the many plant: of the company in and out of the The electric service includes sevcity. eral waterpower developments similar to the hydro-electric of Ontario, and as the plants are located at a distance from Pueblo they have been repeatedly sub-

jected to attack by rebels and marauders Writes as Attack Is Made. In one of his recent letters to his brother, J. Alex. Riach, of the St. George's Apartments, the Pearson's manager tells of a rebel attack. Even as he tive officers in Mexico City, and all of wrote the letter the attack was in progress. It indicates the stress under which | trouble for three years.

In the midst of alarms, open rebellion, | Mr. Riach has labored for the last three years, for there have been few weeks that have not called forth some situation to be met by speedy action, and often force

> The letter says: "I have just been advised by phone that the rebels have given the men in the generating plant five minutes to get out before they open fire. We have only fourteen soldiers on guard there, so l guess it will be a one-sided fight, but

help comes. The object of the rebels was to cut off the pipe lines by which water was carried for the development of power. In the postscript, which he adds to the letter, it is stated: "I was called to the phone again, and found the fight was on. The rebels have got hold of some dynamite and they know how to use it. They blew up the plant fifteen miles from Pueblo, putting the pipe line that supplies

our power out of business." According to the later communications he company was able to replace its pipe ines by opening a new plant, which had just been completed. Wife at Home in Fergus.

Riach's wife, whose home is Fergus, has been home during the trouble. Naturally his relatives are somewhat alarmed over the dangerous situation which has arisen in the last few days. At British subjects will be protected. There are many Canadian engineers and executhem have remained in the thick of the

### COUNTY JAIL HAS HUNGER STRIKER

Ben Sturney Emulates Suffragettes of Merrie Eng land, But Black Hole Threat Is Sufficient.

das street businessman, went on a strike. nunger strike and attempted to wreck threatened to place him in solitary con-

finement in the black hole. A number of Sturney's friends were the one he pulled off Saturday,

Hearing that his friends would not (known reasons they refused to put up to bail for him, Ben. Sturney, now in the amount. When this news reached the county jail, awaiting trial on a the prisoner he went into a fit of hyscharge of assaulting the wife of a Dun- teria and followed it up by a hunger

After telling Sturney that he was the is cell Saturday afternoon, and was worst behaved prisoner that had enonly subdued when Governor Carter tered the county jail during his term the governor gave him to understand that in the event of another "stunt" like to have secured the necessary \$1,000 would find himself in solitary confine-bail, but at the eleventh hour for un-

dispatches state that the Federals demolished the huge walls and oil tanks around Tampica and that oil is running over land towards Vera Cruz. It is feared the Mexicans may ignite which would make it a serious menace to Vera Cruz and her population.

# POLICE HAVE SOLVED

Washington, April 27.-Vera Cruz Arrest at Woodstock of London Man Believed to Have Cleared Up Case.

> London police officials believe that with the arrest and indefinite sentence in of local unfortunates secured their supply of drugs has at last been solved.

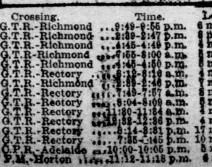
upplying "dope" to London pipe and needle users, but until the arrest of Pearce, they have been at a loss to dis cover just who was the go-between. Chief of Police W. T. T. Williams, in ommunication with the Woodstock au-

on Pearce he was making a practice of supplying dope fiends with their luxuries. A morphine outfit with a large quantity of drugs, found on the prisoner, was confis-Pearce has appeared in court here

any of the stuff on him. that a doctor, who supplied him with situation in Ulster or in connection with In Woodstock he told the magistrate morphine during a slight operation, was to blame for his present circumstances.

CONSUL JAILED. Washington April 26.—United States Consul-General Philip C. Hanna was put in jail by the federals at Monterey and reeased by constitutionalists.

STREET CAR DELAYS



## ANXIOUS TO SEE MEXICAN SERVICE

Practically All of Fourth Year Class Ready to Volunteer as Surgeons.

WANT TO SEE THE FUN

Suggestion of Opportunities for Surgical Work Takes With Medicos.

Should the war between the United States and Mexico assume a serious aspect, practically the entire fourth-year medical class at the Western University will volunteer their services to the United States Government as surgeons. In his last lecture before the spring examina-tions, now on. Dr. Hadley Williams told the students that the situation in Mexico offered unparalleled opportunities for surgical work, and as a result the boys are eagerly awaiting the outcome of their exminations, and word of more serious engagements in Mexico.

'If there is any chance at all, you can count me in." declared Rupert Doupe, of Oxford street, West London. "I'd like to go down for tife fun, even if there was no experience to be gained.'

The most of the students, however, are more serious in their determination to volunteer if there is any requirement for their services. They feel that invaluable the same time they are confident that experience would be gained, and are almost hoping that serious trouble will en-

The prime movers in the scheme to see active service are Bentus Maxin, the soh of Rev. W. M. Martin, of South London, and William Sorenson. Mr. Martin is unfortunately under quarantine in Victoria Hospital, and it will probably be a week before he will be allowed out. His ardor for service is not diminished, however, and in the meantime Mr. Sorensen keeping the advantages of the proposition before their fellow-students. Should a third call to arms

the boys feel that a serious war will be the outcome of the taking of Tampico,

Asquith Treats Ulster Gun-Running as a Serious Matter.

FACES MANY QUESTIONS

Assures Protection of Officers and Subjects in the Exercise of Their Duty.

[Canadian Press.] London, April 27 .- "This grave and un-

y Premier Asquith today in reply to a question in the House of Commons as to parlor. the gun-running exploit of the Ulster Woodstock of George Pearce, a London landed 40,000 rifles and 500,000 cartridges was called into play. It was held over dope fiend, the mystery of where a number at various points in Ulster on Friday. The his head and the head of the head barber "The House may rest assured that the

steps to vindicate the authority of the staff was initiated into the mysteries of received complaints that some person was law, and to protect the officers and ser- broom-pushing in an effort to rid the place vants of the King and his majesty's sub- of the water. jects in the exercise of their duties and in their legal rights." A Grave Subject.

The Premier spoke gravely, as though foreshadowing the taking of steps which possibly will entail a serious sequel. Over one hundred questions were put to Mr. Asquith today in his dual capacity of Premier and Secretary of State for War. They all referred to the Ulster situation but the replies given were mostly bare negatives or reiteration of facts already established, relative to the recent "pre-

Premier Asquith declined to answer several questions in regard to reports of the orders issued as a consequence. He took the ground that these reports and orders were confidential.

Was Government's Duty. As to the dispatch of troops to Ulster in March, Mr. Asquith explained that the Government did not share Gen. Paget's apprehensions that the movement would set the country in a blaze, and declared he thought it was the Government's duty to safeguard its stores and arms. Altogether during question time the Op-Continued on Page Eleven

President Asks Rockefeller To Settle Strike

Washington, April 27.—President Wilson as made a personal appeal to John D.

## MEDICAL STUDENTS FIRE CHIEF SAYS BRIGADE IS UNDERMANNED IN HIS REPORT TO CONTROLLERS

### "FLOODLETS"

day's Rain Storm and the Ensuing Deluge.

It wasn't a very long rain, but the amount of it (1.40 inches) is about as much as falls in the average month. How did your umbrella stand up to

London had artistic fountains (?) all over the city. The water jets through the tops of the manholes and catch basins were very fountainesque. City Engineer W. N. Ashplant's phone was kept hot for many hours.

Citizens, whose cellars were several feet deep with water, made many appeals for assistance. "First Aid" was rendered by the public works department employees

who bridged over many a crossing with plank bridges. Dundas street was a regular river in

many places. The drug store employees, who bridged the "river" at Clarence and Park avenue, with a soap box, were voted real heroes by those who crossed there.

Sunday morning was a busy one for the man whose cellar was flooded. Church bells had little or no attraction for him. Brooms and rubber boots were the order of the day.

London's crop of Sir Walter Ra-leighs was rather limited. Anyway, the mud and water was too deep.

The man who had to play corporation laborer and open up manholes to prevent the water from inundating his lawn, and then lost the head of his rake in the attempt had some reason to swear at the storm.

Many a choice garden was washed away by the rain.

The stop logs were up at the pumpthrough the side gates, but a rise of two feet in as many hours was recorded by waterworks employees. Newly-dug excavations and founda-

tions looked sick after the rain got through. The one for the new addition to the hydro station at Horton and Ridout streets was decidedly sque gee this morning. A most decided crimp in the street

railway service was caused by the water. In many cases the tracks were undermined and cars sank down in the

SOME SHAVE.

Being shaved under an umbrella is rather a novel procedure, but that feat was somewhat ostentatiously performed in George Campbell's barber shop while rain water, dripping through the ceiling from the joint in a conductor pipe, the ends of which had severed connection, fell to the floor and on the fixtures.

As a prelude to the festivities that were have been when the ends of the pipe did a Carranza-U. S. A. stunt, only with more agility-water poured to the floor. It precedented outrage," was the term used splashed on the chairs and the parapher nalia that mark the modern shaving

So that a "patient" in a chair might be "volunteers," who in strong-armed force "all fixed up" for Sunday, an umbrella who was doing the shaving. The operation was finished all right, but business Government will take without delay proper was over for a few hours at least. The

# TERRIFIC FIGHTING

Rebels Said To Have Taken Outlying Portions of

[Special to The Advertiser.] Washington, April 27.-A dispatch states the 5,000 constitutionalists under Gen. Louis Caballero invaded Tampico from the north and west early today, captured the outlying sections after terrific street fighting with some 6,000 federal No reports have been received as to the dead or injured. The American consul and staff left the city, boarding American gunboats.

HALF MILLION MINERS MAY GO OUT ON STRIKE

Coal Men to Consider It If Conditions Do Not Improve.

[Canadian Press.]
Des Moines, Ia., April 27.—Unless conditions are improved in the Southern Colorado fields, a strike of the 500,000 coal miners of the country probably will be called next week, John P. White, International president of the United Mine

INEARLY DROWNED IN FLOODED CELLAR: SAVED BY PULMOTOR



JOHNNIE WOODFINE.

C. N. R. and Militia Measures Certain of Strong Opposition.

Proposed Redistribution Does Not Even Gratify All Govt. Members.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, April 27 .- Parliament appears

to be approaching a fighting stage. For five months the Government has avoided trouble by withholding controversial business. The Opposition has been given little opportunity for criticism. The to follow, a gentle trickle dropped to the Liberals made the budget an occasion floor. That much was caught in the cus- for lengthy discussion, but as there was tomary receptacles that are found on the little vigor in the replies from the Gov-floors of barber shops. Suddenly—it must ernment side the Liberals failed to attract much attention. There are some measures coming which should produce a month of real parliamentary fighting. Redistribution.

The redistribution bill is one of these. Not only have the two parties failed to agree upon the terms of redistribution, especially in Quebec and Ontario, but in the Conservative party the members and ministers in some cases have had serious differences over the plans for running new lines of constituencies. These troubles may be aired in the House along with the Liberal protest. The bill to give aid to Mackenzie & Mann is to be brought down on Wednesday, if present plans are carried through. It will be opposed from both the Liberal and the Conservative sides, and will probably have to be forced through under closure.

A Fight Indicated. There is every indication that lively fighting and application of closure will nark the passage of the militia estimates. Col. Sam Hughes wants a large amount or money and is willing to fight for it. The Liberals appear to be more FIRST MISSED BY MOTHER willing to give him the fight than the money. The estimates for public works are due for criticism, which promises to be warm in spots. The Government has been holding back on the estimates for these two departments, apparently Continued on Page Eleven.

THE WEATHER.



TEMPERATURES The following were lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to eight last night: Highest, 89; lowest, The official tem-

LOCAL

TOMORROW-SHOWERY. Toronto, April 27-8 a.m. Forecasts. day-Easterly winds; fair and cool. Tuesday-Easterly winds and showery.

Wants Eight More Men Added to Roster of Brigade to Properly Handle Fires

MAYOR CRITICAL

Roasts Chief Aithen for Presuming to Report His Needs

42 MEN TOO FEW

Head of Force Informs Board That More Should Be Secured

Fire Chief John Aitken, in a letter to the board of control, told the controllers very pointedly that eight additional men were needed in the London fire department. The department, he said, was undermanned, and when big fires, such as that which destroyed the Dominion Savings Building were in progress, would be unable to cope with the situation if other fires were to break out at the same time. The chief's statement of the case did not please Mayor Graham a little bit, and be criticized the head of the fire department for putting it in as he had. City Clerk Samuel Baker also came in for a mild roast from the mayor for reading the communication aloud. It was just inviting the newspapers to make a sensational story, said his worship,

"I don't think the newspapers should print this," advised Controller Hubert Ashplant.

"You can't stop them," admitted the Suggests Twenty Call Men Controller W. G. Coles thought it would be a good plan to have twenty paid call men for use in emergency, and Controller Ashplant suggested that ten policemen culd be pressed into service in case large fires and paid extra for the work. This plan, he said, had been tried out with

success in old country cities. Chief Aitken was on hand to back up his letter, and told the controllers without reservation, that 42 men, including himself, in the London fire department, was not a sufficient number, especially when it was considered that five of the men were not fit for service. As for FIGHTING STAGE IS NEAR the idea of Controller Coles to have a number of men on call, the chief said that it was not practicable, for the, reason that the callers were never on hand when they were most greatly

Controller Coles seemed to express the opinion of the board when he remarked that the city could not touch the eight additional men suggestion put forward

by the chief. Would Use Volunteers. Then followed a brief discussion, in which various suggestions were thrown out for the guidance of the chief. The mayor thought that in case of two big fires being in progress at the same time Chief Aitken would be able to press sufficient men into the service from the ranks of the onlookers to hold the hose while some of the regular firemen went to the second fire.

No action was taken on the recom-Continued on Page Eleven. PULMOTOR SAVES

Lung-Pump and Expert Revive Johnny Woodfine, Found Unconscious in Cellar.

IN SOUTH LONDON

Enters House to Find Door Open, Child Gone and Water Confronting Her.

Four-year-old Johnnie Woodfine, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Woodfine, 138 Emery street, found by his parents late Saturday afternoon floating in Jan cellar on the surface of about feet of water, owes his life to Allie Jones' knowledge of resuscitation and a pulmotor.

Left Child Alone. During Saturday's severe rainstorm Mrs. Woodfine discovered that the cellar was flooded, and leaving the 4-year-old youngster in the house, she ran to a barn in the back of the yard to ascertain from her husband if there was not some way they could keep the peratures for the 12 water out. Husband and wife rehours previous to 8 turned to the house and immediately the child was missed. Thinking that Highest, 53; lowest, the lad had strayed out through an open door, the couple went out into the yard again, but no trace of the missing child could be found. Saw Body in Water.

"Oh my God, he must have fallen into the flooded

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[Canadian Press.] Toronto, April 27 .- President J. P. Fitzgerald, of the Canadian League, has succeeded, after a prolonged fight, in getting Class "B" standing for the Canadian League. The announcement came this morning from Secretary Farrell, of the

Salary Limit Advanced and Draft Price Increased-Inter-

national Magnates Gave Aid in Securing Higher

Position for "Fastest Minor League."

IMPROVES THE WHOLE SITUATION

BOOST FOR CANADIAN LEAGUE;

GIVEN CLASS "B" STANDIN

National Association. This decision is of most vital importance to the A GREAT AID TO THE LEAGUE. Aside from the fact that it gives the league a much better standing in the baseball world it means the raising of the salary limit for players, and also that major league clubs drafting players from the Canadian League must now pay \$750, \$250 more than the price of a man drafted from a

Class "C" league. The rating is only granted for the year 1914, but there is little doubt but that the rating will be made permanent after the annual meeting of the National Baseball Association in Omaha next November. POPULATION THE STICKLER.

The Class "B" rating was refused by Secretary Farrell on the ground that the last Federal census did not warrant granting the Canadian League this status. Technically he was right. The census is the official record of population, but since the last census there has been more than sufficient increase in nopulation to justify the change.

out such a strong case that the commission referred the matter back again to Mr. Farrell, with a recommendation that the Class "B" rating be granted AID FROM EASTERN MAGNATES. The announcement of the favorable decision was received this mernin President Barrow, of the International League, and President McCaffrey, the Toronto Baseball Club, lent strong assistance in securing the ele

President Fitzgerald appealed to the National Commission, and made

For a long time the local police have thorities, learned that from letters found

number of times, and while admitting he was a dope fiend, the police never found Ireland.

Rockefeller to bring about a settlement Workers said today. A meeting of the of the Colorado coal strike, and end the executive board has been called for May violence which has cost of lives 4 at Indianapolis to consider the ques-