

HUERTA MAY RESIGN PRESIDENCY OF MEXICO

Persistent Rumors at Vera Cruz that He Will Quit Job.

FEELING AGAINST HIM STRONG IN THE CAPITAL.

Peace Envoys Ask U. S. and Mexican Parties to Send Representatives to Washington—Carranza Refuses to Cease War on Federals.

Mexico City, May 1.—It is reported here that a tripartite agreement to an armistice was signed here this morning by representatives of the United States, the federals and the rebels.

Vera Cruz, May 3.—Persistent reports continue to circulate here that General Huerta intends to retire from the provincial presidency of Mexico on conditions that he be assured a safe conduct to a port and placed on board a foreign warship.

It is declared in some Mexican quarters in this city that General Huerta was ready to resign a week ago but was prevented from doing so by internal dissensions in his cabinet.

Sentiment Strong Against Huerta Government.

The disappearance from the Mexican cabinet of Porfirio Y. Rojas, the foreign minister, coupled with reports that there is a growing undercurrent of feeling in Mexico City against the Huerta government, is interpreted here as foreshadowing a change in the situation in the federal capital.

Some of the closest observers here of the government's situation express an inclination to the view that General Porfirio's resignation may clear the way eventually for the appointment of a foreign minister who under the Mexican constitution could succeed General Huerta as president.

In these quarters it is pointed out while Carranza declines to treat with Huerta he might consent to enter into negotiations with his successor and thus facilitate mediation.

The effect of the continued rebel victories in the north, and the outcome of the pending attack on Tampico may, according to well-informed opinion, bring about a rapid change in Mexico City.

Huerta Fooled People by False Reports of Federal Victories.

While the federal capital was reported quiet today people who arrived here from the seat of government declared that the people there were beginning to learn that General Huerta had been deceiving the people all the time by issuing false reports of federal victories over the constitutionalists.

The news of the peaceful way in which the Americans are occupying Vera Cruz. It is said, has spread to the capital, and has convinced Mexicans there that the American invasion of the port is not for conquest or aggression.

Washington, May 2.—The three South American envoys who have undertaken the task of pacifying Mexico by diplomacy today made another decisive move in their plan by requesting the United States government, General Huerta and General Carranza to appoint representatives to confer with them at Washington.

The envoys felt confident tonight that the step they had taken would meet with favor by all concerned.

Thus far the responses from General Huerta and General Carranza have not been clear as to whether the differences between the United States and Mexico arising out of the Tampico incident alone would be considered by them, or whether they would consent to a general discussion of the Mexican problem.

By sending representatives here, it is pointed out, such difficulties would be bridged over, for in an informal conference with the mediators everything pertaining to Mexico could be discussed and even informally submitted before the stage of formal proposals was reached.

Incidentally, it is known that the mediators intend to concentrate their attention on the broad subject of pacifying Mexico, hoping that the differences which arose between the Huerta government and the United States might become secondary in view of the revolution of the entire Mexican problem.

Names of the persons who might be acceptable to all factions in Mexico for the position of provisional president pending a rehabilitation of the national government in case the negotiations reach that stage, are being suggested to the mediators.

MILLIONAIRE MINE OWNER DIES IN TORONTO

Duncan McMartin Was Leading Business Man of Montreal and Prominently Identified With Cobalt's Mining History.

Toronto, May 3.—Duncan McMartin, one of Montreal's business men and millionaire mine owner of New Ontario, died last night at a private hospital here of pneumonia, after a brief illness. He was in his forty-fifth year.

It was Mr. McMartin and his brother John, contractor on Temiskaming Railway, that Larose, the discoverer of silver in the Cobalt country, took his samples, and the two in conjunction with several others, after investigation, acquired the Larose mine, selling it later for \$5,000,000.

Later the syndicate purchased the Hollinger mine and developed it, acquiring at the same time several other claims in the Porcupine district.

The deceased, who was a native of Glasgow, will be interred at Williamstown. He leaves a widow and three children.

GOV. GENERAL TO CONTINUE HIS TOUR

Death of Duke of Argyll Won't Change Plans, as King Has Granted Permission to Complete Tour.

Ottawa, May 3.—In response to inquiries as to what effect the death of the Duke of Argyll would have on the immediate plans of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, the following announcement was made tonight:

"Despite the deep mourning into which the death of the Duke of Argyll has placed His Royal Highness he has secured special permission from His Majesty the King to carry out his tour in western Ontario. This authority was granted as His Majesty the King considered the people of western Ontario would be greatly disappointed if the tour were to be postponed at such short notice."

EGGS SELLING AT DOLLAR EACH AT TAMPICO

Water Supply Cut Off; Steamer Captain Reports, and People on the Verge of Famine.

Vera Cruz, May 3.—Conditions at Tampico are daily growing more serious, according to Captain Blackadder of the Ward liner Canagua, which arrived here today flying the Cuban flag. He said the water supply had been entirely cut off and that conditions in the city were very filthy.

The inhabitants were bordering on famine and prices were continually increasing, eggs fetching one dollar a piece, potatoes and tomatoes fifty cents a pound and other foods in proportion.

With the exception of United States Consul Clarence A. Miller and his assistant there are probably not half a dozen Americans at Tampico, according to the captain. He said the captain of the British cruiser Heron had chartered the British steamer Anallian to take off refugees and among those who had gone on board were a few Americans. He added that the barge Oswald Boyd had been chartered by the Spanish authorities to take up refugees who were waiting in the river.

The rebels remain in possession of all the river towns in the vicinity.

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CHEMICALS EXPLODE, SEVEN BADLY BURNED

Promptness of Bystanders, in Smothering Flames Prevented Boys from Being Burned to Death.

Ottawa, May 3.—Without a moment's warning a terrific explosion of a pall of flames with chemicals occurred this afternoon in front of the residence of J. D. Mousgo, corner of Centre and Ralph streets, and two men, four boys, and an elderly lady were trapped in a mass of flames and smoke. The pall had been carried from a private laboratory a few moments before and the chemicals began smouldering. District Fire Chief Burnett carried it down stairs, not realising the danger he was in, and placed it on the lawn, where a crowd collected.

Between 250 and 300 persons were standing about the corner when the chemicals exploded with a terrific crash which could be heard for nearly half a mile. Wardmaster, son of W. H. Lester, 127 Second avenue, and little William Murray, son of P. W. Murray, druggist, were standing within a short distance of the pall when the flames and smoke enveloped them. Nearly a dozen others, including those among the injured, were stunned and their clothes caught fire.

The clothing of Lester, Murray and young Gordon Maher was in flames when the smoke cleared, and but for the promptness of bystanders and the firemen in smothering the flames they would likely have been fatally burned. As it was Lester was so badly burned about the face that it was hours before it was known that his sight could be saved.

SIR FORBES ROBERTSON CONCLUDES FIRST HALF OF FAREWELL TOUR

Total Receipts of Engagement Were Over Half Million Returns to Canada in Autumn.

Montreal, May 3.—Sir Johnston Forbes Robertson, the eminent English actor, concluded the first half of his farewell tour on Saturday night at His Majesty's theatre. The tour opened in New York on October 2 and the following cities were visited: Boston, Providence, R. I., New Haven, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa and Montreal. The total receipts of the different engagements were \$535,000, a record for a thirty weeks' theatrical tour on this continent.

Sir Johnston and Lady Robertson sail for England from New York on Tuesday evening, but will spend the summer prior to returning next autumn for the second half of the farewell tour in the western states and Canada.

In a farewell speech from the Princess Theatre stage Saturday night, the eminent actor referred to a matter which has been very near his heart for years. "I have looked confidently for the establishment of a continuous theatrical belt across Canada," he said "and it now appears that my earnest wish is coming true, for I have been delighted to learn that an energetic movement is afoot for the providing of a chain of first class theatres in your cities under Canadian control. This will be a great advantage for Canada, presenting a play in every city from Halifax to Vancouver and return over the same route with another play without leaving Canadian soil. Canada will thus see the latest, the best things from the British stage."

FIRST EMBASSY IN BUENOS AYRES CREATED

Washington, May 2.—King Alfonso today signed the decree raising the Spanish legation in Argentina to the rank of embassy, according to official advices received here tonight. It will be the first embassy in Buenos Ayres and the Argentine government is expected to take prompt action in reciprocating. This is regarded in diplomatic circles here as particularly significant in view of the untiring efforts of Spain to promote the closest possible relations with her former colonies in America. It is believed here that other European powers will follow suit.

LAST OF SEELING FLEET BACK FROM THE NORTH

St. John's, Nfld., May 3.—The steamer Diana, the last of the sealing fleet returned today from the northern flocks with 2,000 young and 3,500 old seals, about one-third of a full cargo. This ends the seal fishery for 1914 with a total catch of 240,000 pelts, valued at about half a million dollars.

GEN. SICKLES, SEVERAL OF GRIT PARTY HEADS OF THE GIB IN FAVOR OF AD TO C.I.R.

Despite Decree of Caucus Are Ready to Endorse Government's Action.

UNCERTAINTY OVER FATE OF REDISTRIBUTION.

Opposition Likely to Offer Amendments in C. N. R. Bill, Including One For Equalization of Freight Rates.

Special to The Standard.

Toronto, May 3.—The beginning of another week finds considerable uncertainty in parliamentary circles respecting the fate of the redistribution bill and the line of resistance to be followed by the opposition respecting the Canadian Northern legislation.

As to redistribution it is generally understood that the committee has practically agreed upon the new map for all the provinces, except Ontario and Quebec. In Ontario there is some dispute as to the eastern part of the province, the Liberals being strongly opposed to the elimination of Russell County as an electoral district and there is a possibility that Russell may remain as at present. But a far more serious situation exists in the province of Quebec. Postmaster General Pelletier and Hon. Dr. Beland are utterly unable to get together regarding the rural constituencies and nothing has yet come of the tentative proposal to submit their differences to the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition.

As to the Canadian Northern legislation. In spite of the decree of the party caucus many Liberal members profess themselves ready to agree to assistance being extended to the road under proper safeguards and conditions. Hon. Geo. R. Graham is quoted as favoring a reasonable policy of criticism and investigation which would probably result in the government measure being passed if certain amendments are accepted. There is, however, a wing of the party said to be headed by Chief Whip Fred Pardee which favors fighting the measure from the drop of the hat and a resort to the policy of obstruction.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier would naturally have great influence in determining the ultimate policy of the opposition. Just now his attitude is one of watchful waiting and he is unlikely to disclose his hand until to his own satisfaction at least he has sized up the feeling throughout the country. It is rumored, however, that in his speech to the Liberal caucus the other day Sir Wilfrid betrayed considerable personal rancor against Messrs. MacKenzie and Mann, and while he is unlikely to permit any personal pique to influence him unduly there is a possibility that any attack upon the railway magnates likely to be sustained by public opinion would be led by him with no little zest because of his personal predilections.

In any event the passage of the bill even without resort to closure will be preceded by a long drawn out struggle during which many amendments, including one for the equalization of freight rates, may be offered by the opposition.

The Premier is exceedingly cheerful regarding the situation. He is confident that he has got the proper solution of the difficulty.

DUKE OF ARGYLE DIED YESTERDAY

Was Son-in-law of Queen Victoria—One of Most Popular Governors-General of Canada.

Cowes, Isle of Wight, May 2.—The Duke of Argyll, son of the late Queen Victoria, and former governor-general of Canada, died tonight at East Cowes, aged sixty-nine, after a long illness.

The Duke of Argyll expressed hesitation as to being insufficiently equipped to assume the office. Queen Victoria, however, pressed him to accept with the result that he became one of the best and most popular governors-general.

Although thoroughly imbued with the aristocratic prejudices of the old world and the traditions of nobility, the duke fully appreciated the meaning of noblesse oblige. Throughout his career he accepted all the burdens falling upon public men, and the last occasion on which he was seen by the Gazette correspondent was when he presided over a public meeting recently presiding the empire trade mark. In private life he exhibited simple habits retaining to the last his Scottish preferences.

LADY ALFRED PAGET DIED YESTERDAY

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London, May 3.—The death occurred today of Lady Alfred Paget, widow of General Lord Alfred Paget. She was the mother of Lieut. General Sir Arthur Paget, commander of the British forces in Ireland, whose wife is a daughter of the late Parson Stevens and Mrs. Marietta Stevens of New York. Another of her sons is Almeric Paget, a member of parliament, whose wife is Pauline Whitney, daughter of the late William C. Whitney, former secretary of the United States navy.

DIED ON WAY TO TORONTO TO GIVE LECTURE

Rev. Sylvester Horne, Minister Member of the British House of Commons Expires Suddenly.

Toronto, May 3.—Within a short distance of the city of Toronto, while he was coming to deliver an address to the Canadian Brotherhood at the Metropolitan church, Rev. Sylvester Horne, member of the British House of Commons for Ipswich, fell dead on the deck of the Niagara steamer Carona on Saturday night at the feet of his wife. The distinguished visitor to the American continent came to deliver a series of important lectures at Yale University. These were concluded last week, and his visit to Toronto was the result of an invitation from the Canadian Brotherhood. Mr. Horne was president of the Brotherhood movement in Great Britain this year. Mr. Horne spent two days at Boston and left on Friday for Toronto by way of Buffalo and Niagara Falls. At Buffalo he complained of not feeling well. At the Falls, after visiting the places of interest he retired to his hotel, but having apparently recuperated decided to continue his trip to Toronto on the evening boat.

On the arrival of the boat at Toronto the body was embalmed and was taken to the residence of Mr. N. W. Rowell, leader of the opposition in the Ontario legislature. Tomorrow morning Mrs. Horne will leave for Montreal and will sail for England on Tuesday, taking the remains with her. The late Mr. Horne was born in 1855 at Cuckfield, Sussex, England. He graduated from Glasgow University and subsequently studied theology at Mansfield College, Oxford. On his ordination as a Congregational minister he became pastor of Kensington Chapel, London. Later he resigned to become identified with a mission at Whitefields church, Tottenham Court Road, which he built up by somewhat novel methods and which is one of his greatest monuments. At the general election of 1910 he contested Ipswich in the Liberal interests and won it by a large majority.

In 1892 he married a daughter of Sir H. H. Cozens-Hardy, Master of The Rolls, who had three sons and four daughters. He was to have addressed a meeting on Friday evening at Emmanuel church in Montreal upon the Church and Social Work. Rev. Dr. Pedley, pastor, tonight made feeling reference to Mr. Horne's life and work.

TOLD WIFE SHE WOULDN'T SEE HIM ALIVE AGAIN, IS BROUGHT HOME DEAD

Sarnia Man Found on Steamer With Artery Severed—Died Just as Boat Reached Shore.

Fort William, Ont., May 3.—When the Northern Navigation Company's steamer Huronic cleared from this port today her inspector, Henry C. Chappell, of Sarnia, from all appearances was in the best of spirits. A short time afterwards, however, a message was sent back by wireless that Chappell was dying. The ship was ordered to return with all speed to her wharf but Chappell died just as the foot cable was thrown upon the wharf. His shipmates claim he had his good-bye to his wife in Sarnia before the steamer sailed last Wednesday and told her she would never see him alive again.

The cause of death was a gash in his left arm which severed the main artery. This was made with a razor, and is believed to have been self-inflicted.

SHARP FIGHT BETWEEN FRENCH AND MOROCCANS

Troops of Pretender to Throne of Morocco Defeated With Heavy Loss in Desperate Battle.

Fez, Morocco, May 3.—A desperate battle between the French troops and the followers of the native pretender to the Moroccan throne resulted today in the defeat of the Moors, who suffered enormous losses. The French casualties totaled nine killed and twenty-five wounded. Early in the morning the French troops attacked the natives in a mountain stronghold which they carried at the point of the bayonet in spite of a tenacious resistance by the natives. The Moorish camp was destroyed.

WILL TRY TO FORCE ASQUITH TO ANSWER

Opposition Will Keep After him For Information About 'Ulster Plot.'

UNIONIST LEADERS AWAIT GOVT. OVERTURES

Government Leaders Realize Futility of Attempt to Punish Gun-Runners—Disappointment to Rank and File.

London, May 4.—Although the front benches of the Opposition are disinclined to push the charges in regard to the Ulster plot further in view of the more pacific attitude of the government last week, attempts will be made by certain irreconcilables to further harrow the premier with questions today. Mr. Asquith will be given the opportunity to change his expressed intention of answering no more questions on the recent movement of troops in Ulster.

Questions will be put as to whether there is any time limit to the refusal and whether the immunity granted to Sir Arthur Paget will be extended to other members of the civil and diplomatic services. So far as the Unionist leaders are concerned they await the overtures of the government which both Mr. Bonar Law and Lord Lansdowne have promised their earnest consideration. These had not been received up to the end of the week.

In the meantime the government's threats to punish ringleaders in the gun running affair of parliament and twenty other persons would be proceeded against. The government's efforts in this direction would be as futile as with the suffragettes and the ministerial leaders recognized this, though the rank and file were greatly disappointed that none of the Carsonites were arrested.

The provincial campaign against Home Rule which opened at Coventry with Mr. Balfour and Lord Milner as the chief speakers, was launched at an unpropitious time. Mr. Balfour in moving the resolution which condemned military coercion in Ulster and also demanding a general election adopted an attitude manifesting doubt of the national rejection of Home Rule.

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DUEL IN PARIS CALLED OFF BY ARBITRATORS

Declare Language on Posters Sent out by Caillaux's Opponent Insulting, But Not Intended.

Paris, May 3.—No duel will result from the challenge sent yesterday by Joseph Caillaux, former minister of finance, to Forand D'Aillieres, his opponent in the recent election for the chamber of deputies, who had posted bills in the constituency saying clean elections would refuse to become "accomplices in crime." This was a reference to the killing of Gaston Calmette, editor of the Figaro by M. Caillaux's wife.

The seconds of the two men met today and failed to agree, the representatives of M. D'Aillieres arguing that the words did not constitute an insult either to M. Caillaux or to the electors and in addition concerned a matter of public interest.

It was therefore contended that M. Caillaux was not entitled to demand satisfaction by arms.

Disputed point to two arbitrators, who after a lengthy discussion, declared the words insulting but that when they were employed M. D'Aillieres had no thought of insulting M. Caillaux or his constituents. They there fore held that the incident could be considered closed.

HAMILTON, ONT. MAN KILLED BY ELECTRICITY

Mother Finds Him on Floor in Cellar With Electric Flames Playing About Him.

Hamilton, Ont., May 3.—Leonard Stewart, 113 King street east, was electrocuted last night in his home. He and his little daughter went into the cellar to get some coal oil and he carried a small electric lamp which was attached to a long wire. As he was moving about the cellar he fell. His daughter ran upstairs screaming that her father was on fire. His mother immediately went down and found him lying on the floor with the play of electric flames about him.

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