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BRITISH ARMY OFFICERS WILL NOT BE COMPELLED TO SERVE IN ULSTER

Near Riot at City Council—U.S. Troops Defeat Mexicans—New C.N.R. Official Appointed—Toronto Boy Killed—E. R. Wood for London?

ULSTER CHEERED BY EVIDENCES OF SUPPORT

Great Majority of Officers of Regular Battalions in Province Reported in Sympathy With Orange Forces—Strong Plea for Loyalty Made.

Canadian Press Despatch. BELFAST, March 23.—Major-General C. F. Macready of the adjutant-general's staff of the war office arrived at Belfast this morning. He came for the purpose of making a tour of the barracks and to explain the situation in such a way as to prevent the resignation of the officers. He was informed that nearly all the officers of the Norfolk regiment, quartered at Holywood barracks, four miles from Belfast, had expressed their readiness to resign rather than to accept orders to take part in an anti-Unionist campaign. All the officers of the Norfolk were paraded Sunday and informed they would be allowed a few hours to consider whether they would remain loyal.

It is said that among those remaining loyal are officers whose sympathies are with Ulster, but who cannot afford to sacrifice their pay. The same applies to many other officers of the various regiments now in Ulster.

Largely in Sympathy. The Dorsets tomorrow will give Gen. Macready their decision at Holywood. It is said the percentage of refusals to serve among the Dorsets is higher even than among the Norfolk. Most of the battalions in the province held caucuses yesterday, showing a preponderance of sympathy among the officers for Ulster.

The provisional government officials are enthusiastic over what they consider a crushing defeat for the imperial government, but continue their active preparations for war at the behest of Sir Edward Carson, who declares that he will continue to take such action until assured that the danger had passed.

The volunteers and regulars have the appearance of armies on armistice. The Norfolk and the volunteers in camp at Kinnear, near Holywood, exchange jocular messages by signal continuously.

Carson Will Stay. Sir Edward Carson is still at Craigavon, which is surrounded by soldiers.

ASQUITH HAS BEEN THWARTED BY REVOLT OF ARMY OFFICERS SO CONTENT UNIONIST LEADERS

Government Has Apparently Surrendered to Military Men's Demand That They Be Exempted From Fighting in Ulster—King Played Important Part in Securing Compromise.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, March 23.—The defection of the army officers who refused to serve in Ulster is now a closed incident, but its consequences are likely to prove far-reaching. Premier Asquith and Col. Seely, secretary of state for war, made explanations before an excited and turbulent House today that the whole affair was the result of a misunderstanding.

This misunderstanding, it was inferred, although they did not directly say so, was due to misconstruction of the government's plans by the commanding general, Sir Arthur Paget, whereby he informed the officers in Ireland that they were to move on Ulster for a repressive campaign.

Looks Like Surrender. Gen. Paget and three senior officers from the Curragh camp—Gen. Gough, Col. McEwan and Col. Parker—were summoned to London for a conference. According to official statements the misunderstanding has been cleared away and these officers returned to Ireland tonight. Prior to their departure they said they were entirely satisfied with the results of their visit. The terms of which the officers remain at their posts were not disclosed, but the general belief is that they were assured that they would not be compelled to fight against the Ulstermen. This is considered a distinct surrender by the government.

King Used Influence. Lord Morley of Blackburn explained in the house of lords significantly that he did not think, in the interests of the efficiency of the army, that all that transpired in the army council should be made public and that the king approved the orders to the officers to return.

The part the king played in the crisis has not been disclosed. Army officers address their resignations to his majesty and the report is that the king insisted that the resignations in the present instance should not be accepted and used his influence against them.

Demers May Succeed Devlin

OTTAWA, Mar. 23.—Joseph Demers, K.C., LL.B., member for St. John's and Iberville in the federal parliament, is prominently mentioned as successor to the late Hon. Charles P. Devlin, minister of colonization, mines and fisheries in the Quebec Government. Mr. Demers, who is 43 years of age, has been in parliament since 1906.

WILL CONFER ON PACIFIC DEFENCE

Premier Asquith Announced Negotiations With Australia and New Zealand Have Been Begun.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. LONDON, Tuesday, March 24.—A colonial conference of the home government and of those of the Dominions over seas on the question of naval defense of the Pacific, is now within the realm of possibility. This was made clear by Premier Asquith yesterday when in reply to Captain Faber, he admitted that the colonial office had opened negotiations with the governments of Australia and New Zealand regarding the holding of such a conference at an early date.

In view of the fact that government refused quite recently to hold a conference which was to include Canadian participation, it is inferred the new turn of events is entirely due to pressure from the antipodean governments.

HON. WILLIAM PUGSLEY RETURNED TO COMMONS

Was Given Great Ovation by Liberals on Resuming His Seat

OTTAWA, March 23.—Hon. William Pugsley took his seat immediately after dinner, being his first appearance this session. He has lost considerable flesh, but his general appearance does not betoken ill-health. He was greeted by a great demonstration from the Liberal benches.

NEW C.N.R. OFFICIAL



L. C. Fritch of Chicago, who on the 1st of April will take up his duties as assistant to Sir William Mackenzie.

C.N.R. PRESIDENT WILL HAVE AN ASSISTANT

L. C. Fritch of Chicago, Prominent Railway Official, Will Come to Toronto April First to Assist Sir William Mackenzie in All Matters Pertaining to the Road.

L. C. Fritch, chief engineer of the Chicago Great Western Railroad, has been appointed assistant to the president of the Canadian Northern Railway. Mr. Fritch will assume his new duties on April 1, with headquarters in Toronto. His duties will be to assist the president in all matters pertaining to the operation of the road and will not be confined to any particular department.

Mr. Fritch is particularly well fitted both by training and ability for the position he will occupy, and will make a record which will be a credit to the American railroad man. Before assuming his present position as chief engineer of the Chicago Great Western Mr. Fritch was assistant to the president of the Illinois Central, and his record in both of these positions is an enviable one.

He was born in August, 1867, at Springfield, Illinois, took a course of engineering in the University of Cincinnati, and subsequently a course in law and was admitted to the bar in Ohio. Entered the railway service in 1884 as supervisor's assistant on the Ohio and Mississippi Railway. Since then, consecutively, he has been assistant engineer on the same road and then chief engineer and master of maintenance of ways, was also chief engineer in charge of construction of the Cincinnati and Deptford Railway; division engineer of the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern road; subsequently superintendent of the Mississippi division of that road; then was assistant to the president of the Illinois Central Railroad at Chicago and latterly has been chief engineer of the Chicago Great Western Railroad, which position he leaves to come here.

Mr. Fritch had the reputation of being thoroughly posted as to the physical aspect of railways and has had particularly wide experience in connection with terminals at Chicago and other cities.

It is believed that the appointment of Mr. Fritch is the first step in the reorganization of the C. N. R. under the new financial deal to be made with the government.

ARMY DICTATES TO GOVERNMENT COMPLAINT OF LIBERAL PRESS

Premier's Course Condemned as Unduly Lenient and Cry Goes Up That Army Must Be Made More Democratic—Labor Papers Attack "Wealthy Snobs."

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, March 24.—The Daily Express asserts that a large number of highly placed staff officers at the war office threatened to resign unless they were reinstated immediately and hence Premier Asquith was obliged to capitulate.

The Liberal morning newspapers in their editorials show a spirit of great restlessness toward the government. They consider that Premier Asquith proved too lenient toward the revolt in the army. The Daily News says the appeal of the Tories to the army to fill the place of the house of lords in their defence must be taken up unhesitatingly and fearlessly, adding:

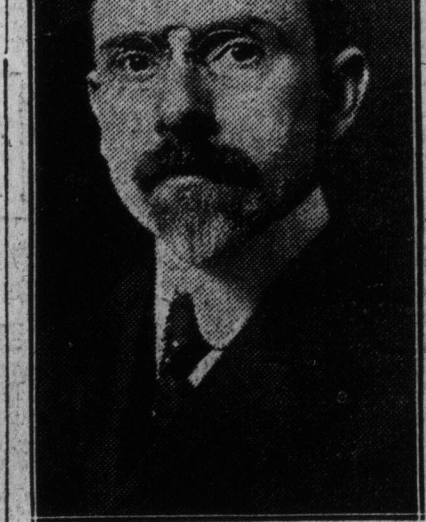
"It is no longer a question of home rule for Ireland; it is a question whether we govern ourselves or are governed by Gen. Gough. The every officer in the army is dismissed we will have no matted hand raised in menace against our parliament. We will make the army democratic as we have made parliament democratic."

The Chronicle, treating the situation in a similar vein, asks whether army officers are to dictate what bills parliament shall or shall not pass and demands to know what is the government's answer. It warns the ministers that the longer they delay their reply "to the challenge trumpeted from Ulster, the severer will be the surgery eventually needed."

It hints at the advisability of making the army democratic.

OFFICER, REMOVE MR. CHURCH, TITLE OF SCREAMING COMEDY PRODUCED AT THE CITY HALL

High Commissioner?



E. R. Wood of Toronto, who, it is understood, has been offered the position of Canadian High Commissioner in London, in succession to the late Lord Strathcona.

BOY WENT HOME FROM DOCTOR'S AND DIED

Frank Harris Said He Was Struck by Street Car. Doctor Found Only Superficial Wounds, Lad Walked Home With His Father, Became Violently Ill and Passed Away.

While crossing Bloor street, opposite Christie, from behind a westbound street car, Frank Harris, 427 Grace street, was struck by an eastbound car, sustaining internal injuries from which he died at his home on hour later, at 10 o'clock last night.

Up till a late hour last night the police had been unable to ascertain the number of the car which struck the lad, and apparently there were no eyewitnesses. The only reason they have to believe the boy was struck by a car, is his own statement to Dr. Wales, Manning and Bloor streets, to whose office Harris walked after being struck. Dr. Wales told The World last night that the boy stated he had been knocked down by a car and wished to be examined; the doctor found his nose fractured, but beyond a few bruises, was otherwise uninjured. After having his wounds dressed, the boy went home with his father.

Half an hour after entering his own home Harris was seized with violent vomiting spells, and ejected a considerable quantity of blood. Fifteen minutes later he was dead.

CARSON IS IMPRESSED BY MESSAGE OF PEACE

Government Course Given Praise by Leader of Embattled Ulsterites

Canadian Press Despatch. BELFAST, March 23.—Sir Edward Carson, commenting on the parliamentary debate, said tonight:

"Hour by hour I am becoming more impressed with the government's message of peace to Ulster."

Sir Edward today received a suffragette deputation, and informed the women that he was unable to ask for any special treatment for the women of Ulster, as he had never approved of the suffragist movement.

Noted Musical Director Here. Wally Hydes who is directing the orchestra in "The Sunshine Girls," at the Princess Theatre this week, is one of the leaders of his profession. Needless to say, "The Sunshine Girls" music is above the general run of musical comedies.

Controllor Church Became Belligerent and a Near-Riot Resulted, But He Retracted His Remarks When the Mayor Threatened to Have Him Put Out.

Scene—The City Hall Winter Garden. Production—Staged with the approval, and under the auspices of the citizens of Toronto.

The characters appear in the order in which their names are given. Note—The subject under discussion is the civic financial operations of 1913.

Controllor Church (glaring)—Controllor McCarthy is juggling with figures.

Controllor McCarthy (interrupting)—I'm quoting figures from official documents. (Turning to Cont. Church)—Take it back you—

Church (shaking fist)—I won't take it back. Controllor McCarthy did interfere with the treasury department!

McCarthy (threateningly)—I want that statement retracted also! Mayor Hocken (to Cont. Church)—Order! Take your seat—

Church—You can't make me retract, and you can't make me sit down, and you can't run this council! Hocken—Officer, remove Controllor Church from the council chamber!

Controllor Church is howling so loudly that he does not hear what the mayor says. Neither does the policeman, sympathizers of both sides all yell at once. Uproar, and confusion.

Church (above the din): I have the floor and I intend to keep the floor. (He waves his hands, gesticulating wildly at the mayor, Controllor McCarthy and others, while the mayor frantically beckons to the policeman.)

Hocken (still beckoning to policeman, who shows signs of walking): No man has a right to state use the here.

(Church continues to abuse Hocken, while policeman in response to the mayor's repeated signals, if half way across the street, ready to take hold of Controllor Church lead him outside.)

Several members: Question, question—(Mayor Hocken motions policeman to withdraw. Noise subsides sufficiently to allow Controllor McCarthy to be heard.)

McCarthy: I object to being charged with interfering with the officials of the treasury department, or any other department. I deny that I interfered with any civic official. I demand a retraction.

Church (innocently with his eye on retreating uniform): What words did I use?

Hocken: You said that Controllor McCarthy interfered with the officials of the treasury department.

McBride (alderman, to Church): You're going to get a life sentence in a minute.

McCarthy: Controllor Church will either retract or I'll appeal to council. I am tired of his wildcat assertions.

Hocken (to Church)—Do you retract? Church (smiling doubtfully)—I don't know what to retract.

Spence (F. S., alderman, intervening)—We're sorry for what is going on—Controllor Church has stated that Controllor City Treasurer Patterson before the board of control to reply to Controllor Church's charge that he had interfered with the officials of the treasury department, and Mr. Patterson had then and there most positively denied that Controllor McCarthy or anyone else had interfered in any way with any of the officials of the treasury department. I hope the precedent will not be established of bringing a department official upon the floor of the chamber to decide which member of the council is speaking truthfully. (To Controllor Church)—I am sure Controllor McCarthy does not believe this council has no faith in his word.

Church (in again)—Controllor McCarthy misquoted rates on bonds.

Spence (in conciliating tone)—We have passed all that. Controllor Church must accept Controllor McCarthy's word.

Church (beaten, but still belligerent)—Mr. Spence may think he's very smart. Mayor Hocken has gone too far today, and it is pretty near time

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NOT AS COLD AS IT LOOKED

