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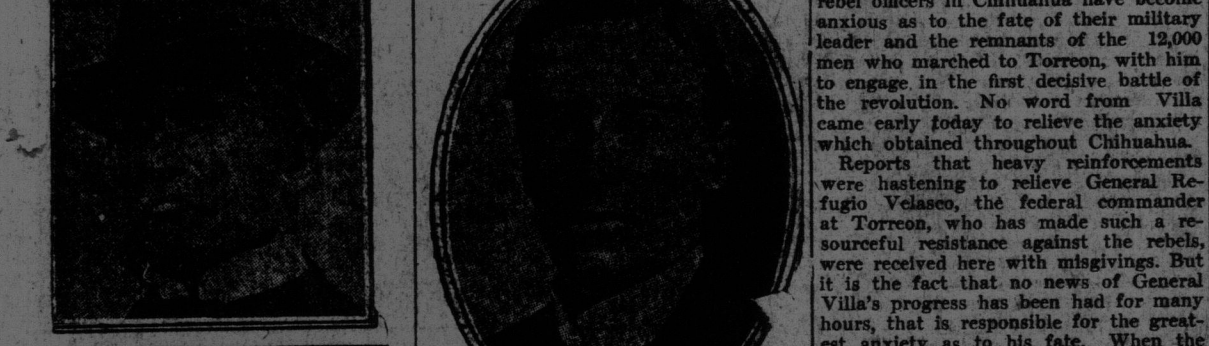
## Seely Resigns War Post; Asquith Takes His Place

### Week Opens With Happenings of Importance in London

#### FRENCH AND EWART BOTH TO GO

#### Their Resignations Accepted, is Cable Report—Sessions of Cabinet Followed By Visit of Premier to King George—Home Rule Bill Second Reading Tomorrow—Asquith Now Must Stand For Re-Election

PROMINENT IN TODAY'S NEWS



GENERAL SIR JOHN FRENCH

#### GIST OF HOME RULE NEWS

Seely resigns from government and resignation is accepted.

Premier Asquith takes post of secretary for war.

Resignations of French and Ewart reported definite.

London, Eng., March 30.—Colonel Seely's resignation has been accepted.

This was the emphatic expression made by Premier Asquith in announcing to the House of Commons today that his resignation had been accepted.

Asquith's resignation was announced in a cabinet document the two paragraphs which have aroused such feeling as to threaten the existence of the entire cabinet.

The first intimation received by members of parliament that Colonel Seely had definitely retired from the cabinet was when he entered the house and took a seat on the back benches, instead of among his late colleagues.

The two paragraphs which caused the crisis were those giving guarantees to Brigadier General Herbert Gough and the officers serving under him in Ireland that they would not be called upon for active service against the Ulster Unionists.

These guarantees were afterwards repudiated by the cabinet and this was taken as a rebuff by Field Marshal Sir John French who, as head of the imperial general staff, was virtually commander-in-chief of the army and by Sir John Ewart, the adjutant general to the king.

Vigorous steps were taken by the Liberal ministry today to avert its downfall and end the suspense over the army crisis.

A long session of the cabinet was held at which the army and Ulster situations were discussed. Afterwards it was semi-officially stated that the government had accepted the resignations of Field Marshal French and General Ewart.

Mr. Asquith will, it is understood, make an official announcement to this effect later in the day in parliament.

Possible changes were also discussed. The chief efforts of the members of the cabinet were directed today towards quieting public clamor before tomorrow, when the home rule bill will be up for its second reading.

Colonel Seely, minister of war, in the cabinet meeting today, refused to withdraw his resignation, and notified Premier Asquith that his place would have to be filled. Premier Asquith accepted, and himself decided to take the secretaryship of war in place of Colonel Seely.

Sir John French and Sir John Ewart definitely resigned from the service today.

French and Ewart

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Sturp, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The pressure continues high over northern Canada and shallow disturbances are passing quickly eastward across the middle states. The weather has become much milder in the western provinces, and continued rather cool from Ontario eastward.

Cool and Showery.

Maritime—Fresh to strong easterly winds, cool and showery tonight and Tuesday.

Washington, D. C., March 30.—New England forecasts—Cloudy tonight and Tuesday, probably with rain, warmer, slight, moderate variable winds.

## GREEN STAKE OF BUSINESS IN ENGLAND

### Hundred and Seventy Thousand to be Out of Yorkshire Pits

(Canadian Press)

Leeds, Eng., March 30.—Thirty-five thousand miners in the Yorkshire pits laid down their tools today, demanding the introduction of a minimum rate of wages.

Notices have been handed in by a further 80,000 and these will expire at the latest on Thursday, which will bring the total to 70,000. The miners' federation of Great Britain has given its support to the strike and a long struggle is expected.

Later in the day it was announced that another 100,000 miners had given notice to quit their work bringing the total to 170,000.

ONLY ONE GRAND JUROR ABSENT

### No Bill in Case of James A. Harris—Joshua Goodwin Left Much to Acadia—Other Requests

(Canadian Press)

At the adjourned sitting of the March Circuit Court this morning twenty-three out of twenty-four grand jurors, summoned, attended at the court. His Honor Mr. Justice McKeown commented upon the excellent attendance of the grand jurors, saying that it was very gratifying indeed.

The attendance was a tribute to the late sheriff departed, as well as to the newly appointed sheriff, A. A. Wilson, K. C. He also stated that jury service was a duty that citizens should attend to, and he was pleased at their readiness to do so.

The grand jury was as follows:—John Seely, John Spence, John K. Storey, J. W. McKeown, J. W. McKeown, Richard Heenan, Walter Gilbert, Walter H. Bell, Charles M. Lindsay, R. Daniel, J. J. McKeown, J. J. McKeown, J. J. McKeown, David Magee (absent), G. Springer, R. Cooman, Harry G. Green, Walter B. Campbell, John Magee, William Brauchhof, David Wilson, William Calne, Leann Keith, Robert A. Corbett, James Spruce and John W. Long.

In the case of the king vs. Jas. A. Harris, charged with bringing open a case of knives the property of the C. E. R. and stealing some, the grand jury returned no bill. They were then discharged until next Friday morning.

Winding up Case.

Argument was commenced this morning in the matter of the winding up of the May Queen Steamship Company limited on the petition of Keith A. Barber, Mr. Baxter, K. C., argued in support of the petition and D. Mallin, K. C., contra.

Probate Court.

In the matter of the estate of Mrs. Louisa G. Dearborn, widow, there was returned a citation upon the accounts of Allan H. Wetmore, sole executor. The accounts were passed, and adjourned for an order for distribution.

H. H. Paddington is proctor for the executor, Clarence H. Ferguson, proctor for Frederick B. Dearborn, one of the legatees, a son of the deceased.

The court took up the matter of the estate of John Goodwin, of St. John, watchmaker. He died without leaving any will and his estate is now being administered by the trustees of the Leinster Street Baptist Church, St. John, 8000; to his friend, Edward T. C. Knowles, of St. John, solicitor, 8100, free of succession tax; to Oliver B. Akeley, of St. John, commission merchant, his watch maker; to the trustees of the Acadia University, 8000, free of succession tax; to the trustees of the Acadia University, 8000, free of succession tax; to the trustees of the Acadia University, 8000, free of succession tax.

Says Villa Beaten

San Francisco, Cal., March 30.—Antonio Lopez Greda, Mexican city, today announced receipt of a despatch from Mexico City, stating that the army under General Villa had been overwhelmingly defeated by the federalists at Torreon.

The rebels have been routed completely and have retired to a point in front of Gomez Palacio, was the gist of the despatch, which came from the head of the consular service in the Mexican capital.

Mexico City, March 30.—Five members of the crew of a national railway train were recently tortured and killed, a report was sent in by Daniel M. Meje, the only survivor of the train crew, said that one of his comrades was killed by a rebel officer, who fell him with the butt of a rifle and then dropped huge stones upon his head.

document bearing their initials. The question was at last narrowed down to this:

Were the officers to go, or was the resignation to be recalled? The government, while willing, showed in Premier Asquith's speech on Friday, to repudiate the sense of Colonel Seely's paragraph as far as to reinstate them. On this rock the negotiations split, and it is not thought that there will be another change of mind before the prime minister makes his final statement this afternoon.

The conservative papers assert positively that Field Marshal Sir John French and General Ewart have decided not to withdraw their resignations.

It is said that General Gough has left the Curragh Camp to spend a week's holidays at some place in Ireland, which is known only to a few friends. Before leaving he directed that no further information should be given by officers for

## Mayor To Fredericton Tonight On The Valley Railway Matter

### Some Commissioners and Board Trade President May Go

#### STATEMENT BY MR. McLELLAN

#### Commissioner, at Council Meeting, Says Legislators Should Adjourn Over Easter Holidays to Give Important Question Full Consideration—A "Show Down" is Wanted

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Wm. Tarric of Bank of Nova Scotia Appointed to Porto Rico Post.

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Health Inspector McKay reports that outbreak of measles and typhoid fever is subsiding.

Ernest Grover, a negro, who received five months' imprisonment for a burglary, was today sentenced to a term of five months for a burglary.

Mayor Frink will leave this evening for Fredericton to consult with Premier Planning regarding the Valley Railway in his relation to this city, the premier having advised him that he will be able to go into the matter this evening. He may be accompanied by one or more of the other commissioners.

J. H. Robinson, president of the Board of Trade, who has been taking an active interest in the subject, said this morning that the bridge to secure entrance into Saint John by the eastern route.

It will also give us time for other matters as well. The air is full of damaging rumors. I have been credibly informed—I do not know if it has been disclosed yet—that the credit of the province of New Brunswick has already been used in the mind by Mr. Gould and his railway company when he expected to pay the interest upon the guaranteed bonds in London, and the New Brunswick government was requested to make good its endorsement and had to cable \$45,000 in a hurry to the London bankers to meet the interest.

I will tell you there is no need for haste when we are up against such a proposition as this. We want to know the facts—we want to see one paper has said—"A show down" is being made to the legislature adjourn to meet again in a few weeks when the facts will all be known. These should include some expert opinion as to the cost of the road so far. I understand the fact that the New Brunswick government has already guaranteed bonds to the extent of nearly three million dollars and that the Federal Trust Company of New York has paid that amount to Mr. Gould.

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