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KING GEORGE FEARS REVOLUTION IF OFFICERS PERSIST IN RESIGNING

"In Six Months There Would Be No King and No Army," He Says in a Letter to the Commander of the Troops in Ireland

REALTY DEALER MISSING SINCE WOODBINE FIRE

A. J. Maclean Has Not Been Seen Since Tuesday and Fears Are Expressed That He Was Burned to Death—George Giles is in a Serious Condition.

A. J. Maclean, age 23, a real estate dealer living in Manila, Ont., has been missing from the King Edward Hotel since the day of the Woodbine Hotel fire, and it is now feared that he also may have lost his life.

According to the management of the King Edward, Maclean registered there on Monday evening; he has been a transient for a year or more, and has never been known to stay away from the hotel so long. All his valuables and surplus clothing still lie unclaimed at his room there, and communication with his friends at Manila revealed that he had not returned to his home.

George Giles, the man who jumped from the third storey window of the burning hotel, suffered a relapse at the General Hospital Saturday night, but was reported much better Sunday.

SEALSKIN SACQUES ARE LIKELY TO BE SCARCE

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., March 22.—The eastern sealing fleet of 15 ships is having the worst weather for many years and has not more than half the number of seals secured at the same date last year. Wireless messages from the eight ships agree that the severity of the storms and the immense thickness of the ice floes makes conditions extremely difficult, and thousands of the seals killed and heaped on the ice fields to be picked up by steamers will never be recovered.

GOOD FEELING SHOWN AT SERVICE IN OMAH

Volunteers and Regulars Joined Heartily in Singing National Anthem.

Canadian Press Despatch. OMAH, County of Tyrone, Ireland, March 22.—The military service in the parish church today for the regulars stationed here was also attended by three hundred Ulster volunteers. At the close of the service all joined heartily in singing the national anthem. Afterward, the volunteers were drawn up outside the church and saluted the regulars, who returned the salute as they marched back to barracks.

NO MORE NECESSITY OF BUYING U. S. COAL

F. P. Gutelius Explains Why Fuel for Government Railway Was Not Bought in Canada.

Canadian Press Despatch. MONTREAL, March 22.—In answer to a question respecting the charge that he was buying American coal to the detriment of the Canadian companies, F. P. Gutelius, general superintendent of the government railway system, in the course of an interview here today said: "We purchased about 75,000 tons of coal and last fall the Dominion Steel Corporation, the Nova Scotia Company and other sources of supply were unable to deliver us enough so we purchased 15,000 tons from the George Hall Company. As for the future, I do not think that it will be found necessary to purchase any coal outside of the Dominion."

ELECTION PROMISED BY PREMIER ASQUITH

Govt. Organ Says One Will Be Held in July Under Certain Conditions.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, March 23.—The Daily Chronicle, the government organ, says it learns that Premier Asquith will make another important statement within a fortnight on the Irish question, in which he will offer an early general election, probably in July, on condition that the Unionists will co-operate in passing the plural voting, home rule and Welsh disestablishment bills at this session of parliament.

GOVERNMENT TOO TARDY SAYS CARDINAL GIBBONS

BALTIMORE, March 22.—Cardinal Gibbons tonight commented as follows on the Ulster situation: "To my mind it appears as if the government is to blame for not taking the upper hand and restoring peace. It could do this if it went about it in the right way. There is only a small proportion of the population in Ireland engaged in the present uprising, and I cannot understand why the government permits it to dictate what should be done and what should not be done. Of course, I pray that there shall be a peaceful settlement."

SPREADING RAIL ORDER IS STILL MAINTAINED IN ULSTER

Two Passengers Were Injured When C. N. R. Express Rolled Down an Embankment East of Toronto—Wreckage Tied Up Traffic Till Noon on Sunday.

Traveling at a speed of 40 miles an hour the Canadian Northern Napanee train, No. 9, jumped the rails at a point between Cherrywood Junction and Greenburg, about 25 miles east of Toronto, on Saturday night. The diner and one of the passenger coaches plunged down a 15-foot embankment to the north of the tracks, while the baggage car and the two other coaches which composed the train were thrown from the rails south of the tracks.

The diner immediately caught fire, but those who were in it managed to scramble out at once and none were injured.

In the other coach which plunged down the embankment were eight passengers. Three were only released by the rescuers breaking open the side of the car with axes. The escape of the passengers in this car was almost miraculous, only two of them being much hurt. The injured were Mrs. L. Ford of Edmonton, who had her back severely injured, and E. H. Linton, of Toronto, formerly proprietor.

ARRESTED FOR STEALING CARS TWO CONFESS TO EIGHT THEFTS

William Carveth and Ernest Lomas Talk Freely, While Jas. Lane, Taken While in Bed, Has Nothing to Say—Young Thieves Were Caught by Lucky Chance.

Three automobile thieves, ranging in years from 18 to 20, were arrested at midnight last evening, two by officer 194 and one by Acting Detective Nurey of No. 3 division. The first two arrested confessed to having committed about a dozen of the recent motor car thefts perpetrated about the downtown theatres. Those under arrest are Wm. Carveth, 1901 Eastern avenue, who confessed to five charges; Ernest Lomas, 191 Boothie avenue, who has confessed to three, and James Lane, 27 Curson avenue.

Officer 194's wonderful memory for faces is primarily what effected the arrests. Saturday evening the officer was on duty at a railway crossing in East Toronto when a motor car containing five young men drove up, just in time to be stopped by a passing freight. The officer saw the number turned upside down, and ordered them to adjust it, making a mental note of the license number.

ULSTER URGED TO BE PATIENT

Lord Primate of Ireland Asked Volunteers to Bear Themselves Quietly During Crisis.

Canadian Press Despatch. ARMAH, Ireland, March 22.—Seven hundred Ulster volunteers attended a church parade at the Cathedral here this afternoon. The Union Jack flew from the tower. Before pronouncing the benediction, the lord primate of Ireland exhorted the volunteers to bear themselves quietly and not by word or deed provoke or annoy those who differed from them, even tho those men wished to throw Ireland back into the "Slough of Despond." Their motto should be "Defence, not Defence." They should bear themselves in quietness and render unwavering obedience and sacrifice of time and strength, even life itself, if need be, to justify their existence in this "solemn crisis of the nation."

ORDER IS STILL MAINTAINED IN ULSTER

Gravity of Situation Shown by King's Cancellation of Engagement That He Might Keep in Close Touch With Advisers—Outlook is a Little Brighter.

LONDON, March 22.—The dreaded Sunday passed without the slightest disturbance of order in Belfast or in Ulster. But the gravity of the crisis is fully indicated by the fact that the king canceled his intended week-end visit to the Earl and Countess of Derby at Liverpool. The king has thrown his influence earnestly on the side of conciliation and seems to have made a personal appeal to the officers, who had resolved to resign rather than face the possibility of being called upon to fight in Ulster and it may be taken for granted that the king is equally exerting his influence with his ministers in the same conciliatory direction.

Proofs are not wanting of the desire on both sides that everything possible should be done to avoid any chance of conflict. The Nationalists abandoned their proposed parade at Londonderry, and Sir Ed-

KING FEARS MUTINY IN ARMY LEADING TO REIGN OF ANARCHY APPEAL TO OFFICERS IS FUTILE

UNREST IN THE BRITISH ARMY HAS CREATED A GRAVE SITUATION

Interest has largely shifted from prospect of hostilities in Ulster to the question of the extent of disaffection in the British army. The refusal of the great majority of officers at Carragh camp to obey orders despite the direct appeal of King George, and the apparently well based reports of further defections, have created a crisis regarded as of the utmost gravity. The tension has been relieved somewhat, however, by the consent of the officers at Carragh to undertake "police duty" in Ulster.

CARSON'S ARREST NEVER PLANNED BY ASQUITH

Premier's Statement Adds That No General Inquisition Into Intentions of Officers Has Been Contemplated—Significance of Movements of Troops Exaggerated.

LONDON, March 23.—Premier Asquith has authorized The Times to make the following statement in his behalf, in order to remove three misapprehensions in the public mind as to the government's actions and intentions:

"First," he says, "the recent movements of troops in Ireland were of a purely precautionary character, as it is obvious that the policy of depositing small bodies of troops in Ulster would be perfectly useless from a strategic viewpoint. The intention was simply the protection of the arms and ammunition depots from a possible raid. As for the so-called naval movements, they simply consisted of the use of two small cruizers to convey a detachment of troops to Carrickfergus, without marching them thru Belfast. No further movements of troops are contemplated."

HELP OF JAPAN IS NOT DESIRED

Premier of New Zealand Represents Churchill's Suggestion for Protection of Pacific.

LONDON, March 22.—Winston Churchill's utterances regarding naval defence in the Pacific continue to excite attention. Speaking yesterday at Weymouth, Premier Massey of New Zealand said Churchill's statement that the Anglo-Japanese alliance had secured the safety of Australia and New Zealand did not appeal to him. He did not want to do Churchill an injustice but if the latter meant that the people of Australia and New Zealand were to be satisfied with the protection of Japanese ships and sailors then he was very much mistaken.

Refusal To Serve in Ulster Might Cause Revolution, and Dethroning of Monarch, Was Pointed Out to Officers at Carragh Camp—Activity of Orange Forces Shows No Cessation.

BELFAST, March 22.—The defection of the army officers is the cause of great jubilation in Ulster and among the officials of the provisional government, who are keeping in close touch with events at the Carragh and other military depots in Ireland, thru secret correspondence.

The Associated Press was shown tonight a letter which the provisional authorities have received from an officer at the Carragh station, stating that more than 100 officers had resigned, including all the cavalry officers. Gen. Sir Arthur Paget, commanding the troops in Ireland, had them brought to him and told them according to the letter that he had "an express order and request from the king, himself, to ask every officer to go as ordered, that they might never be called upon to fight, and that if they refused to go there might be a mutiny in the army, which would mean a revolution in England, and in six months there would be no king and no army."

Despite this appeal, all the officers refused to reconsider their resignations. A general officer of high standing in the regular army, offered the post of commander in chief of the force which is to operate against Ulster volunteers. When he declined the offer, the war office informed him that his refusal meant the severance of his connection with the army. He persisted, and the authorities accepted the post to another officer said to be Gen. Friend, now commanding at Belfast, who accepted.

A denial was issued today of the reported mutiny of the Dorsetshire regiment. Frequent reports have been current of late of the strong sympathy of the Dorset men with the Ulsterists, owing to their extended stay in the garrison here. The same partisanship has been ascribed to the Norfolk, causing the authorities some anxiety. The officers of these regiments were asked today if they would remain loyal to the king and it is understood that they agreed to stand by the government. The officers of these regiments were much disconcerted at their continued confinement in barracks and the cancellation of all sporting events. In addition they have expressed resentment at the organized attacks upon the army by the Nationalists, whose cause they might have to defend.

Ulster Army Active. There has been no diminution in the activity of the Ulster army. Today the officers of the so-called headquarters staff on duty at Craigavon, now the centre of the Ulster movement, were busy taking the ranges of the various hills and other strategic points of Belfast Lough, which the estate overlooks. They had a range-finder of the latest pattern. A sufficient number of motor cars are available to enable the administration to transport at least 2000 men with rifles and ammunition to any threatened point in Ulster, three hours from Belfast, independent of the railways.

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