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GOVERNMENT ARE QUITE CONFIDENT THEY HAVE ULSTER BOTTLED UP

regard the Present Naval Blockade As Complete and Effective.

REDMOND BEING SOUNDED AS TO VIEWS ON COMPROMISE

Government Anxious to Find Out Whether He Will Concede Anything Further to Ulster.

London, April 30.—The Cabinet met today to discuss the Ulster crisis for the fifth time in as many days. The Premier told his colleagues of the orders issued by the War Office and Admiralty to check gun-running by smugglers carrying arms for Ulster Volunteers, and informed them that no further action would be needed at the present time.

The effective blockade established by warships off the coast of Ireland will be sufficient, Mr. Asquith believes, to prevent munitions of war from reaching opponents of Home Rule. It is understood that Mr. Redmond is being sounded as to what term of compromise, in regard to Ulster will be acceptable to him.

Murray Committed 'Error in Judgment'

London, May 1.—The report of the Committee of the House of Lords appointed to investigate Lord Murray's dealings in American Carconi shares, finds he committed an "error in judgment."

Aiming At Peace Preparing For War

U. S. Makes Ready for Hostilities But Mediation Conferences Are Being Held.

Washington, May 1.—Restrained, but none less steady, precautions for any military eventualities that may become necessary and definite progress in the mediation programme now being worked out behind closed doors, are outstanding features of the Mexican situation here.

The three mediation envoys continued private sittings throughout the day and evening. Their first move for an armistice was succeeded by the practical suspension of hostilities between the forces of the United States and the Huerta regime.

All through there were still ominous sounds of conflict between Huerta's and Carranza's forces.

WEATHER REPORT.

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Toronto (noon)—Fresh north to north west winds, cold; a few showers of rain or snow to-day. Saturday—Fair with slightly higher temperature.

Created Uproar At a Wedding

"Wild Woman" Who Had Been Hidden Under Seats, Contribute to Ceremony.

London, April 30.—A suffragette crowd created an uproar to-day during the wedding of Noel Buxton, M.P., and Miss Pelham. They entered the church before the ceremony and hid under the seats. As the bridal party entered, they emerged from their hiding places and shouted "Votes for Women."

Church Lads Have Battalion Drill

Several Recruits are Rosted In By Chaplain Brighton.—Excellent Address.

The Church Lads' Brigade held battalion drill last night at headquarters, Harvey Road. A large number were on parade.

Before the battalion were put through the different movements ten new recruits who recently passed their recruit examination were posted into the Brigade by Chaplain Brinton. The new members and the battalion were then addressed by the Chaplain on the rules and object of the Church Lads' Brigade. He strongly advised every member on the subject of "Prayer" and its meaning. The new members were heartily welcomed by the whole battalion.

Physical drill and marching then took place. The band was present and under Staff-Sergt. Cate rendered some excellent marches.

Orders for the week were then read. The Lieut.-Col. had much pleasure in announcing some promotions which took place in C.L.B. at Trinity East, when Privates J. Bailey, G. Fowlow and R. Banister passed their examination and were awarded their Lance-Corporal stripes.

Lone Suffragette After The King

Tried to Hold Up His Majesty, Failed and Bombed Him With Pamphlets.

Cambridge, April 30.—A lone suffragette tried to hold up King George to-day, while he was riding in an auto during his visit to the Leys school at Cambridge.

The chauffeur opened up the car's motor to full speed, and dashed away from the woman. As the car sped by she threw a bunch of pamphlets at the King but hit the chauffeur.

Mr. A. J. Harvey leaves England on the 22nd inst. for Canada, and is expected to reach St. John's about June 5th.

STATE INSURANCE FOR EVERY TOILER AND HOW IT MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED

Practical Plan Outlined for Insuring Toilers on Land and Sea Against Accident to Life and Limb.—How the Money Can Be Raised to Accomplish This Very Desirable Object.—System Should Be Made Compulsory.

(By E. M. JACKMAN)

I wish to avail of the courtesy of the columns of *The Mail and Advocate*, and through the influence of Mr. Coaker, the President of the Fishermen's Protective Union, to make an appeal through the Councils of the F.P.U., to all the fishermen and sea-going men engaged in our sea borne traffic, to consider the plans outlined in this letter, for the establishment of a scheme of National Compulsory Insurance.

I am not unimpressed of the magnitude of this proposal, and I do not submit it with an idea, that it is a perfect plan, but I respectfully submit it to the people of the Colony, with a hope that it may serve as a basis of discussion, that will lead to speedy legislation, to protect the widow and the orphan of our fishermen and sailors, and provide for those who may become permanently disabled, by an accident at sea.

Need Emphasized
The recent calamity has emphasized the need of some plan of insurance, against accidental death, to provide for the widow and the orphan, without the necessity of appealing to the charity of the world.

"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin," and the tragic loss of so many bread winners on the ice floes, in their unequal struggle with nature in her sternest moods, appealed to the finer chords of the heart, and aroused the splendid humanity of our people at home and our kinsmen abroad. From the bounty of our Sailor King, and the Queens of England to the "widow's mite," gathered from two continents, there has been collected sufficient, to partially support the widows and orphans of the disasters of 1914.

Must Take Action
But are we always to be the Niobe of the nations? Are we always to play the role of Lazarus? No! we must act in the living present, and with the bitter experiences of the past to guide us, we must create such legislative safeguards as will tend to lessen the risk of human life in the future.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the outside world for their splendid generosity, but the form in which the world will best appreciate that gratitude, is to see us looking ahead, and preparing to meet the inevitable toll of the sea, within the Colony's resources.

Universal Toll of the Sea
The loss of fifty lives or two hundred and fifty, is after all, a matter of local concern. In the world's work it is almost a weekly occurrence. In Britain there are over 1600 sailors drowned annually from the Merchant Service alone. One day a ship founders, another day hundreds perish in a Colliery accident, an-

Will Increase State Aid To Mothers

Lloyd George to Make Maternity Benefits \$25.00 Instead of \$6.75.

London, April 30.—Chancellor Lloyd George in his forthcoming statement on the Budget will announce an increase in the maternity benefit from \$6.25 to \$25.00.

This comes from a well-informed source. Presumably the Chancellor hopes that the new grant will help to make the Insurance Act popular with the working classes.

Edgar Parsons Loses His Life

Boat Capsized Crossing Loo Cove.—Companion Escaped.

Edgar Parsons, 24 years old, of Loo Cove, was drowned on Monday last. Edgar and a companion were crossing Loo Cove in a boat when it capsized.

One struck out for the shore and being a good swimmer was rescued, but Parsons attempted to cling to the bottom of the boat.

Before aid could reach him he went under water and was drowned.

Mr. Jones Lectures On Darkest Africa

Interesting and Instructive Address on Livingstone's Travels and Experiences.

Mr. W. H. Jones of the Seamen's Institute, lectured again last evening in the Grenfell Hall, his subject being "With Livingstone through Darkest Africa."

Rev. F. R. Matthews occupied the chair. The lecture was most interesting and those present were both interested and enlightened.

At the close a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer.

Other day a large collision or explosion takes away the lives of hundreds, but the sufferers do not appeal to the charity of the world.

As Newfoundland is per capita, the greatest maritime and sea-faring country in the world, she will always have to pay in human life for her heritage of the sea. I submit, therefore, that it is the bounden duty of her Legislators and people to take prompt action in this matter, because it is neither dignified, necessary nor justifiable for us ever to appear again in the role of a Lazarus.

The Colony now needs something in the shape of a definite policy, something that will aid every woman or child that loses their bread winner at sea, either by accidental death or permanent total disability.

The present method of assisting by

AD MULTOS ANNOS

To-day is the 36th anniversary of the consecration of the Right Rev. L. J. Jones, D.D., Lord Bishop of Newfoundland. His Lordship was consecrated in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, on the Festival of St. Philip and James, 1878.

Stormy Weather Stops Fishing

By the Portia we learn that only one day for the last ten days was the weather civil enough for the fishermen of Channel to go on the grounds.

Good fares were secured that day, as fish was plentiful.

Nothing Done
From T. Soper, April 18th (Channel to Port aux Basques)—The total catch is 2999 quintals but nothing was done the past week by skiffs, dories or boats owing to stormy weather and ice conditions. The prevailing winds have been N.W. and W. No bankers have arrived. It is difficult to judge the prospects just now. It is very discouraging to see the harbors blocked with ice, this being one of the best months of the fishing season.

public subscription is defective, in cases where a large loss of life takes place, such as the Regulus, Erna or Greenland disaster, the warm sympathy of the public is aroused, and public collections are made, but there are hundreds of poor women who lose their husbands and sons at sea, and at the fishery, that have to struggle with a large family, almost unknowing to the world, and get no help or public sympathy.

Take for example, the case of a widow of the Erna disaster, she gets a regular amount paid monthly for herself and each of her children. Another woman loses her husband coming from the Labrador, or at Cape St. Mary's, or overhauling a trap; beyond the \$100.00 paid by the Government she receives no assistance, outside of her own settlement. This is obviously unsound. The woman who loses her husband in a single accident will feel her loss, and have as great a struggle to support her children as her neighbour, who lost her husband in a big disaster.

Plan Suggested
With a view of making provision for all the widows and orphans, or those dependent on our seafaring class, I respectfully suggest a plan of Compulsory Accident Insurance, whereby every fisherman, fireman, freighter and sailor belonging to the Colony, shall be insured against accident, while at sea, for the sum of One Thousand Dollars.

I estimate that this can be done easily for Two Hundred and Ten Thousand Dollars per annum. I base my calculations on the actual results of our Bank fishery for the past ten years. The Assistant-Col-

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ULSTER VOLUNTEER GUN RUNNERS NOT TO BE PROSECUTED BY GOVT.

Tension on Home Rule Controversy Has Greatly Lessened in Last Few Days.

TO RESUME CONFERENCES BETWEEN RIVAL LEADERS

Very Little Chance of Compromise As Ulsterites Demand Exclusion Which Redmond Refuses.

London, May 1.—There is a lull in the Home Rule controversy, pending the resumption of conversations between the political leaders, with a view of overcoming the Ulster difficulty. It is generally admitted that Redmond and Carson are to be present at all such conversations.

Great difficulties still surround the desired settlement by mutual consent, the greatest being to get Redmond and Carson on a common ground. The Liberals are also fearing the possible loss of the Nationalist support in Parliament. For this reason many Ministerialists favor the Bill passing the Commons unamended, deferring until it is before the House of Lords, any suggestions which may ultimately be embodied in the new amending of the Bill.

Nationalists Object.
The Times alleges that the Nationalist members are also averse to more concessions being made, owing to the hostility of their Irish constituents.

Judging from the tone of the Irish press yesterday all parties in Ireland were averse to any compromise. The Ulster Unionists demand the minimum of the exclusion of the whole Province for the subsequent inclusion in a federal scheme, declaring that the latter is desired neither by Britain nor Ireland.

Nationalist papers declare that they won't permit even the temporary exclusion of Ulster under any circumstances.

No fresh important developments are expected until after next week, which the House of Commons will occupy with discussions of finance including the Budget.

One result of the lessened political tension is that the Government decided at a Cabinet meeting yesterday to rescind the decision of the previous meeting to prosecute the Ulster gun-runners, according to *The Morning Post*.

COUNCIL MEETING.

The weekly meeting of the Municipal Council takes place this afternoon at 3.30.

C. C. C. BOAT CLUB.

The annual meeting of the C.C.C. Boat Club takes place in the Mechanics' Hall this evening.

KITE'S TURNOUT

The S. S. Kite finished discharging yesterday, her turnout being as follows: 14 young harps, 1450 young hoods, 386 old hoods; gross weight 64 tons, 7 cwt. 2 qrs. 13 lbs.; net weight 59 tons, 6 cwt. 15 lbs. Net value \$4,874.44. Her crew of 66 men shared \$24.06 each, a boy \$12.03.

Annual Meeting M.I.A. Swimmers

Held at Institute Rooms Last Night.—Committees and Officers Elected.

The first annual meeting of this popular club was held at the institute rooms last evening; a goodly number were present and this together with Rev. W. H. Thomas in chair resulted in its being a most enthusiastic meeting.

The following were elected to offices for the coming year:

President—His Lordship the Bishop of Newfoundland.
Vice-Presidents—Mr. E. R. Watson, Rev. W. H. Thomas, Capt. Whitley and H. R. Brookes.
Captain—Mr. Charles Brookes.
Vice-Captain—Mr. Chas. Parsons.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. A. Stanley Harvey.
Working Committee—Messrs. C. Cross, B. Noseworthy, D. Kerr and W. Eaton.

Financial Standing
The financial side of the Club's affairs were found to be in a most promising condition and it is hoped that with a little help a swimming or bathing house will be erected at Long Pond during the summer months.

An affiliation with a good Canadian Swimming Club is being considered as is also a Juvenile Class to be in connection with the Club.

The meeting closed with hearty cheers for the Captain of last year and of the present year, Mr. Charles Brookes, who has done much not only in promoting the Club but also for the successful way in which he brought the Club to its present standard. He should have the thanks of all.

Twenty young men have been instructed in the art of swimming during the past year and during the coming year Mr. L. Hartley, who is well versed in "life-saving" will instruct members also.

This Club should have the full support of the community.

POMERANIAN IS NOT DUE UNTIL TO-MORROW

Messrs. Shea & Co. had the following wireless from the Pomeranian: "220 miles E. S. E. Cape Race 8 p.m. Thursday; hazy with snow flurries; stopped. Skirting ice; expected pass 80 miles south of Virginia; fog last four days."

From this it will be seen that there is an immense body of ice outside. The steamer is not expected until to-morrow afternoon.

THIRTY-SIX YEARS A BISHOP

His Lordship Bishop Jones is to-day receiving the congratulations of his numerous friends on the 36th anniversary of his consecration as Bishop.

The ceremony was performed in London. The *Mail and Advocate* joins in the congratulations and hopes that the Bishop will be spared many years to preside over this Diocese.

That Son-in-Law of Pa's...

By H. Wellington

