

### COMPROMISE ON HOME RULE LOOKS NEARER

That Conference Between Party Leaders May Be Resumed is Opinion in Parliamentary Circles. CARSON TAKES A LESS WARLIKE ATTITUDE AND IS READY TO DISCUSS TERMS. Imminent Danger of Outbreak in Ireland Sobers Both Sides—Unionist Leader Wants Such Terms Only as Will Conserve Dignity of Ulster and Civil and Religious Freedom.

London, April 29.—A compromise on the question of home rule for Ireland seemed today nearer than ever before. There existed a strong belief in parliamentary circles that the conference between the leaders of the two great parties which were unsuccessful in reaching an agreement last autumn would shortly be resumed. The House of Commons discussed the Ulster crisis again today when it wound up the two days debate on Austen Chamberlain's motion for a judicial inquiry into the government's plot to crush the Ulster covenanters. The motion, which was virtually a vote of censure on the cabinet, was eventually rejected by a party vote of 344 against 244. An atmosphere of great solemnity and restraint overhung the house throughout the debate. The growing belief that civil war in Ireland is a reality which cannot be escaped if the home rule bill becomes law as it at present stands seems to have influenced members on both sides of the house as it has the newspaper supporting both parties. During the past week the press has become more conciliatory in tone than it has been at any previous stage of the discussion. Sir Edward Carson, whose leadership of the Ulster rebellion makes him the dominating figure on the opposition side of the house, today accepted the overtures made yesterday by Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, who had invited Sir Edward Carson to make an attempt to compromise the home rule question as a federal basis. Sir Edward reiterated his detestation of home rule and repeated his offer that if Ulster were excluded from the bill "until this parliament shall determine otherwise" instead of six years period, which Premier Asquith had offered,

### Many Liberals Will Endorse Action of Govt.

Financial Men Believe it Will Stimulate Value of Canadian Securities Abroad—Sir William MacKenzie Says Government Made Good—Responsible Men of Opposition Realize Action in C. N. R. Matter Best Thing Possible.

Ottawa, April 29.—The government's proposals regarding the Canadian Northern Railway are regarded by the Conservatives generally as the best thing that could be done in the circumstances. On the other hand the Liberals are inclined to withhold judgment until the question has been discussed in caucus which has been called for tomorrow. It may be expected that the bulk of the Liberal members will oppose the proposals on the usual political grounds but it is certain that many members of the opposition will support the government. There is a general feeling amongst the most responsible men in the Liberal party that something had to be done to prevent the company going into liquidation, with the inevitable result of a national financial panic. It was either such an agreement as has been made, or government ownership which is hardly possible at the present time in view of the government's responsibilities in connection with the National Transcontinental Railway. It is evident that some of the western Liberals favor the proposals, arguing that speedy completion of the railway is necessary for the development of the west and in the interests of the farmer. The work which has had to be done by Hon. Arthur Meighen, the young

### ONTARIO MAY HAVE GENERAL ELECTION SOME TIME IN JUNE

Toronto, April 29.—The Mail and Empire will say tomorrow: "Although it is understood that the Ontario government has not taken up the matter of a provincial general election for decision, the Conservative members of the legislature generally left for their homes yesterday anticipating an early and short campaign. In the absence of any official intimation there is a strong impression that the two parties will be facing each other in the last week in June."

### FEARS THAT MEDIATION HAS COME TOO LATE

Correspondence to London Daily Telegraph None Too Sanguine of Peaceful Settlement—Feeling of Revolt is Evident.

London, April 29.—The relief caused by Mexico City by the proffered mediation of the South American republics was only transitory, according to a despatch dated April 28 from the Mexican capital to the Daily Telegraph. The correspondent adds that after having believed it had to face a war with the United States the Mexican government again finds itself confronted by revolution under more unfavorable circumstances. It fears that mediation has come too late to affect the struggle and that it will only prove to be a vain attempt to settle by pacific means a situation which apparently is approaching a violent solution. Francisco Villa, according to the correspondent, has united under his command the most important nucleus of the combatant forces and appears to have resumed hostilities with greater vehemence and success than ever. President Huerta's government expresses confidence in its ability to master the situation, but there exists a feeling of suspense and anxiety and even of revolt. General Huerta declared on Monday that he would fight to the end and that his life and Mexican independence would end together.

### THREATEN TO CALL GENERAL MINERS' STRIKE

United Mine Workers Will Call Out all Union Men Unless President Wilson Starts Inquiry Into Colorado Trouble.

Pittsburg, Kas., April 29.—Unless President Wilson takes immediate steps to investigate the strike situation in the Trinidad, Colo., strike district, the district convention of the United Mine Workers in session here will ask that a general strike of mine workers throughout the country be called. This statement was contained in resolutions adopted by the convention today with instructions that they be telegraphed to Washington. The resolutions also stated that the convention, in the event of the president's refusing to ask John P. White, as president of the United Mine Workers of America to use his influence to have called a general strike of all bodies affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

### BOOST PRICE OF LUMBER

Washington, April 29.—Lumber manufacturers association, through combination and agreement, have increased the price of lumber and endeavored through lobbying to influence legislation, according to a partial report on the lumber industry made public today by the commissioner of corporations. The report opposes any effort to exempt lumber associations from the operations of the Sherman anti-trust law.

### TRIBUTE TO GOOD WORK OF HON. MR. HAZEN

The good work and ability of Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, is favorably commented on in the report of the Montreal Harbor Commission for the year 1912. George W. Stephens, a prominent Liberal and an appointee of the Laurier government was president of the commission. Mr. Stephens recently ran as a mayoralty candidate in Montreal and had the endorsement of prominent business men of that city. L. E. Geoffrion and C. C. Ballantyne, the other members of the commission were also appointed by the Laurier government. In the last part of the report for 1912 these gentlemen sign their names to the following statement.

"The present commission is resigning after six years of happy executive work into which has been loyally put the best they had to give. They express the conviction that their successors will receive from the trained and efficient staff the loyal support that will enable them to do honor to their positions.

"They beg further to again emphasize their appreciation of having found in the person of the Hon. J. D. Hazen a just, broad-minded and enthusiastic Minister of Marine and Fisheries, in whose hands the port's future will undoubtedly be safeguarded.

Respectfully submitted  
GEORGE W. STEPHENS, President.  
L. E. GEOFFRION, Commissioner.

### Mediation Programme To Cover Whole Range Of Mexican Affairs

CABARETS GET THEIR LICENSES BACK AGAIN. Judge Charbonneau Reverses Decision of License Board in Montreal Which Cancelled Privilege.

Montreal, April 29.—By a decision given today Judge Charbonneau reverses the finding of the license board which cut off the licenses of five cabarets here, following many protests on behalf of citizens and churches against immoral scenes witnessed at them. Today writs of certiorari and mandamus were issued to the cabaret proprietors which have the effect of enabling them to continue in business. The licenses were to have been cancelled as from May 1st. It is perfectly understood here that the cafes mentioned are regular resorts for women of known immoral character and for both men and women drinking after hours.

### UNCERTAIN ABOUT NATURE OF DISEASE

Symptoms of Strange Malady in Westmorland Indicate Epidemic Dysentery—Confined to Two Families.

Moncton, April 29.—As a result of the strange malady which broke out at Rockland near Dorchester, after the arrival of a Scotch family from the old country, the whole family of three children of Mr. and Mrs. Norman McKelvie are wiped out, the third child succumbing to the disease late Tuesday night. So far there have been eleven cases and three deaths. Today Dr. McKay, quarantine officer at Halifax, accompanied by Dr. Steeves, chairman of the Provincial Board of Health; Dr. Borque, chairman of county board; Dr. Mullin, secretary of the provincial board of health, and Dr. L. H. Price, Moncton, visited Rockland, and after consultation came to the conclusion that physical symptoms were such as to indicate that the disease was probably epidemic dysentery, but they could not be positive until reports are received from bacteriologists.

Dominion Bacteriologist, Dr. Warwick, of St. John, went to Rockland tonight and will report on the disease. Samples have also been sent to McGill for an extended examination.

So far the contagion has been confined to the two families in which it broke out, and every precaution possible is being taken by the health authorities to prevent the disease spreading.

### TRUCE DECLARED AT COLORADO MINES

Fighting Stops and Strikers Surrender Arms to Militia, But Are Not Arrested. Denver, Colo., April 29.—Under a truce agreement which stopped the fighting at Walsenburg this afternoon approximately six hundred and fifty strikers tonight are surrendering arms to militia officers appointed by Colonel Verdeckberg. The strikers were not taken into custody, but will be subject to prosecution in the courts for the killing of Major P. P. Lester of the hospital corps.

### READY TO SACRIFICE THE FARMER'S INTEREST

FLOTILLA OF WARSHIPS AT BELFAST. Return Salute of Ulster Volunteers—Radical Member Wants Steps Taken to Vindicate Law in Ulster.

London, April 30.—Mr. Asquith by disavowing Mr. Churchill's suggestion of larger concessions to Ulster in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon relieved the anxiety of the extremists and bitterly disappointed the moderate men of both parties. The Premier stated that he was sympathetic with the spirit of Mr. Churchill's offer, but the cabinet could not endorse it. Members of all parties are convinced that Mr. Churchill made the offer as a test of the feeling on both sides, but the Radical and Nationalist discontent compelled its disavowal. Sir W. Byles, a Radical, gave notice of a motion demanding the Premier to enforce the threat and take steps to vindicate law in Ulster.

The Unionist press object to treating with a government already convicted of treachery, but the views of the moderates as voiced by the papers are diverse. Moderate Unionists fear Home Rule will be on the statute books in a month if no settlement by mutual consent can be made. Although the act is inoperative until next year, it would be hard to repeal unless the Unionists are returned by an overwhelming majority at the general election.

Moderate Liberals fear blood shed will occur unless concessions are made and foresee the consequent rule of the Liberal party and the consequent destruction of the last hope for Home Rule. Belfast and Bangor are decorated with a flotilla of eleven warships which entered Belfast today. The warships returned the Ulster volunteers' salute.

### BUSINESS BLOCK BURNED IN OXFORD, N. S.

Loss of Fifteen Thousand Dollars as Result of Blaze Yesterday—Well Covered by Insurance.

Amherst, N. S., April 29.—Oxford was visited by a disastrous fire today when the block owned by Dr. J. R. Gilroy was practically destroyed. The block was occupied by Dr. Gilroy's drug store, Lloyd Johnson's photographic studio, and P. A. Mark's tailoring establishment. The fire was discovered between the sellings of the store. The building was worth in the vicinity of \$15,000 and the stock in the three establishments of which little is saved is estimated to total about \$5,000. The loss will be partially covered by insurance.

### Loss By Bathurst Fire Estimated At \$80,000

Fory People Homeless, But Little Hardship Expected to Result—Flames Leap Over Story and a Half House Leaving it Unscathed—Loss Pretty Well Covered by Insurance.

(Staff Correspondence.) Bathurst, N. B., April 29.—The fire of Tuesday which did about \$80,000 damage to the two chief business blocks of the town was completely subdued today and only a few smoldering embers remained. Early this morning a strong wind sprang up and fanned the embers into flames but the firemen on duty soon drenched them and during the afternoon the last traces of fire were drowned out. The blocks on both sides of St. George's street were completely wiped out. The boundaries of the burned area are marked on the south by the Robertson House and on the north by the curling rink. This space is about 800 feet square and contained what were said to be the best buildings in the town.

When the fire first broke out the Bathurst fire engine was placed on a jetty at the foot of King street and its suction pipe was let into the water of Bay Chaleur through a hole cut in the ice. As soon as the Campbellton and Newcastle brigades arrived their steamers were located at their place and they were kept going continuously for nearly five hours. The engines belonging to Newcastle and Bathurst were then put out of commission by seaweed and other stuff sucked up but the Campbellton worked throughout the whole afternoon and until sundown today. Tuesday afternoon there was a short delay as a new supply of coal could be secured. This was secured from the quiet Railway.

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### Real Old Fashioned Tariff Debate on Free Potatoes Resolution.

CARVELL GETS IN WRONG AGAIN YESTERDAY. Member for Carleton Says States Justified in Putting Ban on—Cornered, He Denies the Statement.

Ottawa, April 29.—F. B. Carvell, of Carleton, N. B., is getting into all sorts of trouble these days. This afternoon he declared that the United States was justified in placing the embargo on Canadian potatoes. Later on when he found that Dr. Edwards, of Frontenac, and A. A. McLean, of Queens, were naming him on the point and that he was in a tight corner he wriggled out of it by denying that he had made any such statement. This is just one of Carvell's ways. A real old fashioned tariff debate took place over a resolution by W. S. Leggie, calling for the removal of the duties on potatoes. The Liberal members favored the removal, the Conservatives objected. Hon. Martin Burrell, the minister of agriculture, spoke strongly in behalf of protection for the farmer, as did others. They refused to have the surplus produce of the foreign countries of Europe and the United States dumped into Canada thereby injuring the Canadian potato grower. At present the duty on potatoes is 20 per cent, and it adequately protects the Canadian farmer, while the duty on potatoes entering the United States is only 5 cents per bushel.

All session the trend of debate on tariff matters has shown that the Liberals are ready to sacrifice the interests of the Canadian farmers in order to secure the free trade vote which they believe is large.

### ITALIAN COUNTESS ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

Killed Husband's Orderly Who Attacked Her in Her Room—Accepts Full Responsibility for Deed.

Oneglia, Italy, April 29.—Countess Tiepolo Ogionio, a member of a noble Venetian family, was brought up for trial here today for murdering on November 11, last year, the orderly of Captain Ogionio, her husband. The man, a private in the Bersaglieri, is said to have entered the Countess's room and attacked her. The mother of the dead soldier fainting in the court room when she saw the countess today. In her defence the countess accepted full responsibility for the man's death. She asserted her right to kill him as he had attacked her.

### Exclusion of The Menace From the Mails

The Postmaster-General Hon. L. P. Pelletier made another statement in the commons this afternoon in regard to the exclusion of the Canadian menace, published at Aurora, Ont., from the Canadian mails. The government has been bombarded with resolutions from Ontario lodges protesting against this exclusion. Mr. Pelletier this afternoon, in reply to a question by Mr. Edmund Prentiss, quoted a letter written in reply to a resolution of protest from a Montreal Orange lodge.

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