

### BRITISH LEADERS UNABLE TO DELIVER

#### Agreement of Party Heads on Home Rule Seems Unlikely to Bring Settlement.

### KING OPENS CONFERENCE

#### Members, Some of Whom Are Not on Speaking Terms, Adjourn to Meet Again—Commons Expected to Nullify Efforts.

LONDON, July 21.—In compliance with the King's summons, which all speak of in accordance with the time-honored tradition as "command," the eight party leaders most vitally concerned with a settlement of the home rule deadlock met today at Buckingham Palace in an effort to reach an agreement.

The King received them with a speech. He pointed out the narrow margin of difference which now exists, and expressed the hope of a friendly solution of all difficulties.

The eight leaders, some of whom were not on speaking terms, included John Redmond, the Irish Nationalist leader, and John Dillon, who never before had come into personal contact with the King. They discussed the situation for more than an hour and then adjourned.

The principals near agreement. The mere fact that they will have another meeting shows that as far as the principals are concerned—and the leaders of the Liberal and Conservative parties—an agreement is in sight. Agreement by the principals does not portend by any means a definite settlement of any scheme for the future government of Ireland.

The Conservatives have the Ulster covenanters, represented in the conference by Sir Edward Carson and Captain James Craig, to reckon with, and Premier Asquith cannot deliver any goods without the consent of the home rule leaders, Redmond and Dillon. Moreover, the labor party, which is an important faction of the Premier's present majority in the House of Commons, is in revolt and there is a boiling contingent in his own ranks.

Rejection by Commons Fended. Politicians who are conversant with the inside workings predict that if the conference reaches an agreement the House of Commons will throw it out. The fact that the Premier considered it necessary to resort to such a conference is hailed by his opponents as a virtual surrender on his part. His Radical supporters fear that he will consent to Sir Edward Carson's loudly proclaimed ultimatum of a clear-cut exclusion of the whole of Ulster from the projected new Irish government.

The King in the course of his speech today said: "For months we have watched with deep misgivings the course of events in Ireland. The trend has been surely and steadily toward an appeal to force and today the whole of the civilized world is of the most responsible and sober-minded of my people."

"We have in the past endeavored to act as a civilizing example to the world and to me it is unthinkable, as it must be to you, that we should be brought to the brink of fratricidal strife on issues apparently so trifling as the consent as those you are now asked to consider, if handled in a spirit of generous compromise.

Your responsibilities are indeed great. The time is short. You will, I know, employ it to the fullest advantage and be patient, earnest and conciliatory."

### NEW HAVEN SUIT ORDERED

(Continued From First Page.) Charles S. Mellen, William Rockefeller, George Maculouch Miller, Charles F. Brooker, Edwin Milner, Lewis Cass Ledyard, George F. Baker and Edward D. Robbins.

Failure to Settle Surprises. In addition to directing the suit, the President, in his letter to Mr. McReynolds, declared that the decision of the New Haven directors not to keep their agreement to dissolve peacefully had caused him "the greatest surprise and regret," and that their failure "upon so slight a pretext" was "inexplicable and entirely without justification."

The department's course, he said, was just, reasonable and efficient and should have resulted in avoiding suit.

Accompanying the President's letter, the department made public correspondence between the Attorney-General and the President and the Attorney-General and President Husted, in which there is a decided rebuke for the Interstate Commerce Commission for its action in retaining Mellen and "perhaps others flagrantly culpable," with the possible result of embarrassing the department by a claim of immunity in return for their testimony.

Prosecution "Always in Mind." In this connection the Attorney-General makes the statement that criminal prosecutions have been always in mind and that there has never been "the slightest hope that parties guilty of criminal violations of the law would escape."

It has been an open secret for weeks that the department has what it believes is evidence that Mr. Mellen gave testimony to the Commission contradicting evidence in the possession of the Attorney-General, and it is possible that if any claim of immunity is raised that it will be fought on this issue.

The letter from the Attorney-General to President Husted made it clear that the department takes the position that the New Haven directors did not live up to their agreement of last March for a peaceful dissolution in their refusal to sell their Boston & Maine stock under conditions imposed by Massachusetts, and put the blame for what may follow on the heads of these directors. The case was discussed today at the cabinet meeting and the department's course approved.

close the failure of the directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Company to comply with the terms of the settlement proposed by them and accepted by us in the matter of their railroad holdings.

Their final decision in this matter causes me the deepest surprise and regret. Their failure, upon so slight a pretext, to carry out an agreement so liberally and solemnly entered into, and which was manifestly in the common interest, is to me inexplicable and entirely without justification.

### ELEVATOR POINT WON

#### OREGON CITY BEATS WOMAN IN CASE BEFORE SUPREME COURT.

#### Efforts of Mrs. Sarah Chase to Keep Council From Using Land Are Frustrated by Decision.

SALEM, Or., July 21.—(Special.)—Hundreds of residents of Oregon City, who for years have been doing the "turkey trot" up and down winding stairways at the palaces in that city, will be pleased with a decision of the Supreme Court today removing what is believed to be the last obstacle to the operation of the city elevator.

The court, Justice Eakin writing the opinion, dismissed contempt proceedings against city officials in the case of the city against Mrs. Sarah A. Chase. Bonds were voted for erecting the lift in 1912 and the tower and elevator were built, the intention being to build a bridge across the tracks to the bluff.

Mrs. Chase declined an offer of \$1500 for a right way on her property at the bluff across from the tower, and a jury in condemnation proceedings awarded her \$1600, which she also declined. A temporary injunction was granted against the city proceeding with work on the elevator, but work on the right of way was continued. The Supreme Court held that the acts complained of were not in violation of the injunction.

### ATTORNEY NOT DISCOURAGED

#### J. E. Hedges Says Court Upholds His Main Contention in Suit.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 21.—(Special.)—That as he understood the decision, the ruling made by the State Supreme Court in the elevator case was not a substantial victory for the city, but really pressed the conviction of J. E. Hedges, attorney for Mrs. Chase, tonight.

"According to my understanding of the case, the court holds that the regulations should be tested out by a writ of review or some direct proceedings for that purpose," said Mr. Hedges this evening. "Such a decision as I understand the court had handed down is merely a declaration that it has no jurisdiction in the matter, as we contended before the court."

### RAILROAD BILL HELD UP

#### EXPERT ADVISERS OBJECT TO MAIN REVISED FEATURES.

#### Republican Members of Committee and One or Two Democrats Inclined to Agree Measure Is Wrong.

WASHINGTON, July 21.—Just as Democratic leaders in the Senate thought the administration anti-trust legislation programme had been perfected and made ready for launching on its voyage to enactment, the bill to regulate railroad securities struck another snag again late today in the interstate commerce committee.

With its work practically completed, after weeks of controversy, the committee found Louis D. Brandeis and George Rublee, who have been giving advice as railroad experts in economic and interstate commerce legislation, strenuously objecting to the main features of the measure as drafted for final approval. They insisted that the bill as drawn practically would put in the position of guaranteeing the issuance of securities.

### HAITIEN MOVE DEBATED

#### ARMED INTERVENTION IS CONSIDERED BY UNITED STATES.

#### European Nations Press Administration to Restore Order in Revolutionary Torn Island Republic.

WASHINGTON, July 21.—Armed intervention by the United States in Haiti was discussed today by Administration officials upon the receipt of dispatches from diplomatic agents saying great losses would be suffered in the island republic by the ravages of the revolution.

No active steps had been taken tonight, but the situation had advanced to a point where, under pressure from European powers, a movement of marines already mobilized at Guantanamo into Haiti, and perhaps the Dominican republic, was among the possibilities.

Minister Menos, of Haiti, called on President Wilson today, ostensibly to present his credentials, but bringing official dispatches from his foreign office deprecating intervention on the part of the United States, and saying that Haiti credit was good, that it had met its international obligations and that no foreigners had been harmed.

Mediators' Proceedings Secret. CHICAGO, July 21.—Members of the Federal board of mediation and conciliation here to bring peace to the 38 Western railroads whose employees have demanded a wage increase said that nothing of the proceedings would be made public until the conference was ended.

If it is the skin—use Santsipene Lotion—Adv.

### McDERMOTT RESIGNS UNDER ACCUSATION

#### Member Touched by Lobby Inquiry Says He Will Appeal to His Constituency.

### HOUSE ACTION MAY DROP

#### Michigan Member, However, May Demand Vote on Motion to Expel. Accused Man Says He'll Be Found at Stockyards.

WASHINGTON, July 21.—By resigning from the House of Representatives, James T. McDermott, of the Fourth Illinois District, today brought to an end the agitation in the House that followed the publication and investigation of the lobby charges made by Martin M. Mulham, a former agent of the National Association of Manufacturers.

With resolutions pending proposing punishment ranging from a reprimand to expulsion for his conduct as disclosed in the inquiry, Representative McDermott announced his resignation and asserted he would seek re-election, "appealing his case from the judiciary committee of the House to the people of his district."

Action on Report Not Sought. Chairman Webb, of the judiciary committee, said later no action would be sought on the report of the committee recommending resolutions reprimanding McDermott and officers of the National Association of Manufacturers. These resolutions had been fixed by a special order for consideration in the House Thursday.

Representative McDonald, of Michigan, Progressive member of the lobby committee, may make an effort to bring up a resolution introduced by him calling for the expulsion of McDermott and reprimanding at the bar of the House the National Association of Manufacturers' officers.

Hansen Will Be at Stockyards. Mr. McDermott made a speech in presenting his resignation. "Unfortunately," he said, "I came to this House a poor man; fortunately for myself, however, taking into consideration the character of the charges made against me, I leave this House a poor man. I have been compelled during my services as a member of this House to borrow money from my friends. It so happens that afterward they became opponents of legislation which passed this House and they have their business as pawnbrokers and as liquor dealers."

"It is true I have not had the educational training and perhaps the social habits of those members who boast. I have been invited to many places in Chicago and elsewhere, but I have preferred to associate with the people who sent me to Congress and who found in my accustomed haunts among my old companions, associating with the men and boys in the great Union Stockyards."

### GOOD FAITH PROOF HOPE

(Continued From First Page.) adding that the booklet had been sent out for 25 cents with maps and other data relative to the Oregon & California land grant.

The booklet contained a descriptive writup of Douglas County, such as is sent out by companies prospecting and illustrating with cuts showing fruits and other products, timber and other resources. It told of the millions of acres of land in the Forest Reserves in Oregon. It also contained a history of the Oregon & California land grant, with the information that no prior right could be gotten until a final determination of the Government's suit to forfeit the grant from the railroad company.

It was developed that Smith's testimony that both Logan and Minard had been patrons of his company, from which they secured "certificates" showing that certain tracts of land had been patented by the railroad company and that no "locations" had been filed on those tracts.

Smith testified that these "certificates" did not have the value of an abstract in showing how title had been obtained to the land, but simply showed present ownership and the fact that the tracts described had not been "located" on.

"We only sent certificates of land for which there had been no prior application," said Smith, questioned by Attorney Dennis, for Logan.

He said that they had done \$47 worth of business for Logan, but that probably this did not represent the total amount, as at the time the certificates were being sent out no entries were being made of cash business.

Honesty Not Questioned. "Where is the correspondence between you and Logan?" asked Dennis. "In possession of the United States officials, when, on their request, it was given," said Smith.

District Attorney Reams then explained that the correspondence was, with other data, gathered by the Government on the case and that it would be produced if desired.

"Do you believe, from your business dealings with Mr. Logan, that he is making an honest effort to give claimants prior locations?" asked Dennis. "Yes."

"Did you understand that the people with that kind of a certificate were using it to deceive?" asked Judge Bean. "No."

"Didn't you know that the certificates did not give the true status of the title to the land?" asked Attorney Ryan. "A certificate doesn't purport to be an abstract of title," said Smith.

"It simply states that a patent has been issued to the land," said Judge Bean, "and the railroad might get patents outside of the land grant?" "Yes," said Smith.

"Didn't you advertise that you would give abstracts of title to these lands?" asked Ryan. "No," exclaimed Smith, "absolutely and unqualifiedly no."

Then followed his explanation of how the booklet was sent out, together with a general statement as to the history of the land grant and maps showing the location of the railroad lands.

C. I. Leavengood, of Myrtle Creek, Douglas County, was another witness called by Logan.

He said that he was practicing law in Myrtle Creek in 1909, and that Logan came to his office with a letter of introduction from Minard, asking that information be furnished Logan as to filings and plats on the railroad grant lands.

Record Transcripts Furnished. Leavengood said that he furnished Logan with a transcript of the records of Douglas County, and possibly a part of Jackson County, showing the railroad lands and the claims applied for on them.

For his service, he said, Logan paid him \$25.

He said that he showed Logan literature relating to the grant, including a writ of suit filed by intervenors in the Government's case against the railroad company, for the possession of the lands.

On cross-examination by District Attorney Reames, Leavengood said he had discontinued filing applications before the Government filed its suit.

He had said that he furnished Logan with cruises of the land, and Mr. Reames asked him if they were "careful cruises."

"Yes, sir," said Leavengood. "As a matter of fact, in making these cruises, didn't a man stand on a mountain top and take a look?" asked Mr. Reames.

"No, sir; except in Douglas County," said the witness. "The county cruises were made that way for assessment purposes. They simply stood on top of a mountain and viewed the landscape over. But the cruises I furnished, except the Douglas County cruises, were railroad cruises."

"Even at that time the best of the land had been taken, hadn't it?" asked Mr. Reames.

"Yes, sir," said the witness. Examined again by Attorney Dennis, for Logan, Leavengood said he had showed Logan the opinion of Herrick, a Washington, D. C. attorney, relative to the land grant.

Sellers Takes Stand. Sellers, on the stand in his own behalf, told a straightforward story of his connection with Harper in the "location" business. He simply stood on top of a mountain and viewed the landscape over. But the cruises I furnished, except the Douglas County cruises, were railroad cruises.

He said that he did not understand that he was to receive commissions for the "locations" that Harper and Logan took in Tenino, his home town, and Cle Elum, where he was well known. But Harper gave him \$40 at each place, telling him he had earned it. The latter amount, he said, was to take him to Tacoma to go into business with Harper.

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his connection with Harper he was trying to get this company in shape to incorporate.

Sellers said he never "came right out" and asked Harper if he was really the agent for the Oregon & California Railroad Company, but said that he always understood such to be the truth, and that he had never, for that reason, felt impelled to ask.

E. O. McLane, a Tacoma lawyer, who said that he had done notary service for Harper and Sellers, was a witness for Sellers.

District Attorney Reams then produced a letter written by McLane to Harper and Sellers, running, in substance, as follows:

"You are hereby notified that the price of O. & C. lands, where claims cruise over 5,000,000 feet, is \$150, when they cruise less than 5,000,000 it is \$125. This is owing to the fact that the timber is located on the Coquille River, and may be easily transported through the Panama Canal. Owing to the great demand, claims are going fast."

McLane protested that while he had written the letter he had not written it for "boost" purposes and had written it at Harper's request.

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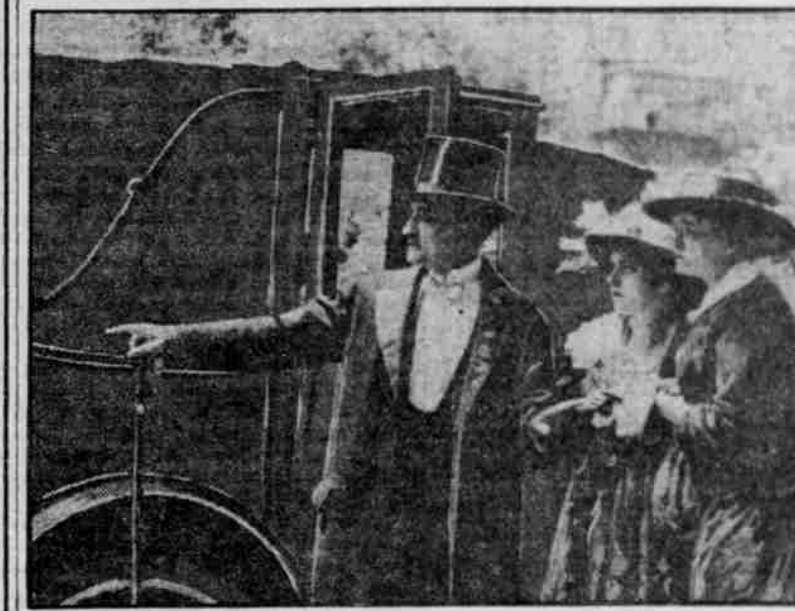
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