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BRITISH CABINET TOTTERS OVER IRISH HOME RULE BILL; WAR MINISTER WOULD RESIGN

Premier Asquith Refuses to Accept Resignation of Seely, Who Accepts Responsibility for Reinstatement of Army Officers Who Resigned Rather Than Fight Anti-Home Rule Ulstermen.

CHURCHILL ADMITS ORDERING SQUADRON

First Lord of Admiralty Calls Suggestion That He Hoped This Might Lead to Bloodshed "Hellish Insinuation."

(United Press Special Wire.) London, March 25.—That the Asquith cabinet would survive the Irish home rule crisis seemed unlikely today.

For the administration's surrender to the army officers who gave up their commissions rather than fight the anti-home rule premier blamed War Minister Seely.

Seely accepted responsibility and offered his resignation. The premier refused it. This was taken as an intimation that he intended the ministry to stand or fall together.

Dissatisfied with the cabinet's handling of the home rule situation, Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd-George was said also to contemplate retirement. It was assumed Premier Asquith would refuse his resignation also if tendered.

However, predictions were freely made that the ministers would all speedily quit their posts.

May Name Lloyd-George. This would not mean a national election provided the Liberals retained their parliamentary majority. Instead, precedent would require the king to choose a new Liberal premier. That the offer would be made to Lloyd-George was expected. It is no secret that the Welshman is not a favorite of his majesty but if Asquith is not the Liberal leader, Lloyd-George, everyone recognizes, certainly is. Thus, without violating every British tradition, the king would have no option in the matter.

There was an exciting scene in the house of commons this afternoon. First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill had just admitted that he ordered a squadron of battleships to Belfast's vicinity, thinking there might be trouble in the Ulster capital and that it would be necessary to land marines.

"And is it not a fact," asked I. S. Amery, a Conservative member of the house, "that you took this precautionary measure would lead to bloodshed?"

Churchill Turns on Amery. Churchill advanced on him instantly, shouting "That is a hellish insinuation," he cried, in a voice which cracked with rage.

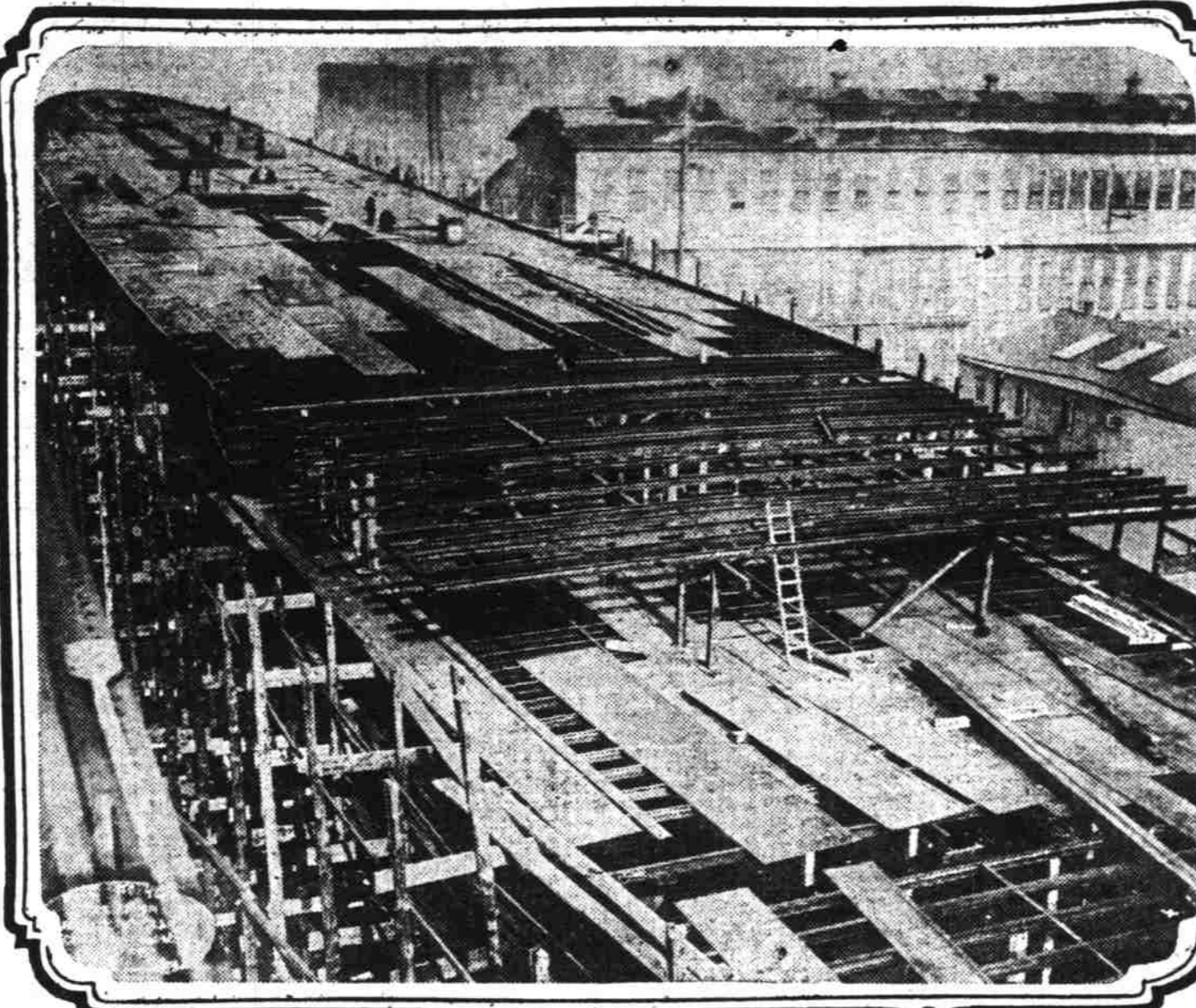
For a moment an encounter seemed certain. The crash of the speaker's gavel brought the disputants to themselves in time, however, Churchill was rebuffed from the chair for his "unparliamentary language," and order, though not good feeling, was restored. The warships, Churchill explained, were recalled soon after they were ordered to the Ulster coast. Seely, in offering his resignation, hotly denied that the king had interfered between the war office and the army officers who resigned. This, however, did not prevent many members of parliament from saying that they believed he did.

Page's Meant Newspapers. Replying to a query as to the meaning of a statement attributed to General Paget, commanding the troops in Ireland, to the effect that the country would be "ablaze" by last Saturday, the war minister said Paget merely referred to the newspapers. He was questioned, too, relative to

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WORK ON NEW HILL STEAMSHIPS NOW BEING RUSHED



Construction of the twin steamships to be operated between the Columbia river and San Francisco by the Hill railway lines is being pushed rapidly at the Cramp shipyard in Philadelphia. The accompanying photograph shows the hull of the Great Northern, the first of these which will reach this coast. It will be delivered early in January, 1915, by way of the Panama canal.

VILLA REPULSED AT TORREON; CARRANZA HURRIES TO RESCUE

Silence of Rebel Chief Gives Color to Report Coming From Federal Sources.

(United Press Special Wire.) El Paso, Texas, March 25.—A Mexican City message received by federal sources this afternoon said General Velasco, at Torreon, had telegraphed to President Huerta that he had recaptured Gomez Palacios and Matamoros and defeated the rebels.

Reports that Villa had been repulsed by the federalists under General Velasco were current here this afternoon. It was learned also on good authority that General Carranza was not on his way to Juarez, but was hurrying toward Torreon to help Villa. It was said Villa had sent urgently to him for aid.

Besides the rumors in circulation along the border, J. H. Smith, an American resident of El Paso, with large Mexican interests, received a telegram from his partner in Mexico City saying the Torreon federalists had driven Villa's men out of Gomez Palacios and killed 500 of them.

The telegram's author, of course, got his news from federal sources, which it was assumed were likely to give their side the benefit of every doubt. Villa's silence, however, was generally considered ominous. Rebels in Juarez also refused to give out any information, though it was known they were in communication with Villa's field headquarters. Last night they asserted that Torreon had been captured and they were making no such boasts.

General Chao, military governor of Chihuahua state, announced this afternoon that he had received encouraging news from General Villa. It was somewhat confusing, however. Villa said the fiercest battle of the rebellion was raging at Torreon and Gomez Palacios. At the moment the federalists held the latter place, it was added. Yet Villa asserted that he had the federalists surrounded and would soon capture both towns.

The rebels, according to Chao's message, were using Lerdo and El Verjel as their bases. As nearly as could be ascertained the federalists retook Gomez Palacios last night or early today. Artillery was said to be figuring largely in the engagement.

Asserts Rebels Are Beaten. Washington, March 25.—The Mexican embassy here had a telegram today from the Mexico City government asserting the rebels had been beaten in an attack on Torreon. The message was dated last night, an hour or two after a dispatch was sent to El Paso from the rebel fighting line, telling of the capture of Gomez Palacios, the rout of the federalists and the charge against Torreon itself.

Buffalo Bulls Loose In Golden Gate Park

Chase Automobilists and Are Wanted by Mounted Police Who Try to Capture Them Dead or Alive.

San Francisco, March 25.—Three buffalo bulls were loose in Golden Gate park here today, creating a reign of terror among visitors and doing much damage to shrubbery and fences.

Mounted policemen from the park station were hunting the fugitives with drawn guns, hopeful of taking them alive but prepared to shoot to kill if necessary. The animals broke loose while being transferred from paddock to paddock. Their escape caused restlessness among the entire herd of about 20, and much trouble was experienced in handling them.

Several automobilists were chased by the bulls; pedestrians hastily left the park as the news spread, and panic prevailed even in the residential district on each side of it.

Tobacco Is Under Ban at Hood River

Said that Large Percentage of High School Students Use the Weed; Girls May Start Dress Reform.

Hood River, Or., March 25.—A movement has been launched in Hood River among the parents to wage war against cigarette smoking and other forms of tobacco using among high school students. It is said that from 60 to 65 per cent of the high school students are users of tobacco. It is expected to enlist business men, teachers, and social organizations in the warfare.

Prof. McLaughlin, superintendent of city schools, has pledged his best efforts to see that the state law and school laws governing the use of tobacco are rigidly enforced. That some of the dress habits among high school girls that cater more to style than modesty will come under the ban is also probable.

Law and Order League Still Lives

Pendleton Organization, Outgrowth of Evangelistic Meetings, Will Prosecute Case.

Pendleton, Ore., March 25.—That the law and order league recently organized here during the evangelistic services conducted by Rev. E. J. Buigin is still alive was indicated by the arrest yesterday of C. H. Brown, proprietor of a lodging house, on a charge of selling liquor without a license. The complaining witness against him is D. C. Connell, one of the detectives here, who appeared with his evidence of law violation here, and who subsequently appeared before the grand jury. Brown will stand trial next Tuesday.

Socialists Get on Milwaukee Ticket

Seidel, Leading Mayoralty Candidate, Mayor Eading Second; ex-Mayor Rose Third in Primaries. Milwaukee, March 25.—Practically complete returns received today from yesterday's city primary show that all the Socialist candidates were named for places on the ballot. Emil Seidel is leading the mayoralty candidates with 23,054 votes. Mayor G. A. Bading is second with 20,012, and will oppose Seidel at the municipal election on April 7, as a candidate for mayor. David S. Rose, who served the city as mayor for five terms previous to 1908, was also a mayoralty candidate. He ran third, receiving 17,511 votes.

REDFIELD DECLINES TO DEVOTE HIMSELF TO ENTERTAINMENT

Cabinet Member Will Be Too Busy Attending to Official Business.

Secretary of Commerce William C. Redfield has wired the Portland Chamber of Commerce committee that he will be too busy attending here with department matters to accept the entertainment planned and proffered by the joint commercial organizations in his honor.

The cabinet member will arrive here Friday morning for a two days' stay and it was hoped he would accept at least an invitation to make the trip on a special train to the mouth of the Columbia river to view the night river and see for himself, with his own eyes, the importance the big waterway bears to the world's commerce.

Keen disappointment was voiced this morning when it was definitely learned that the secretary would not make the trip that other members of the cabinet who recently visited this city enjoyed immensely and which they declared they would not have missed under any circumstances.

C. C. Chapman, manager of the Portland Commercial Club's promotion department, who was delegated to communicate with the secretary in behalf of the joint committee of the two leading commercial organizations of the city, stated this morning that Secretary Redfield's wire received here yesterday was final so far as any entertainment is concerned under the auspices of the committee and leaves no room for misunderstanding as to the secretary's attitude in that direction.

According to the best obtainable information, Secretary Redfield will arrive here Friday morning at 7:30 from San Francisco and will be met at the hotel at 9:45 o'clock ready to receive him. He will be met by the city at 10 o'clock, or 15 minutes later, he will proceed to the federal building, the custom house, for department business. He will remain there till about noon when he has a luncheon engagement with friends and in the afternoon he will again be busy with department work at the custom house.

The early part of the evening will be devoted to dinner with friends and at 7 o'clock he will address the Jackson club, possibly at the Army. However, the place had not been definitely decided upon this afternoon. This meeting will be public.

Saturday morning the secretary will have time available from 10:30 o'clock to again meet committees or individuals who may wish an interview. At 10:30 he leaves for Reed college to deliver an address at 11 o'clock. At noon he will be entertained at luncheon by the Oregon, Washington and California Salmon Packers' association, of which J. J. Reynolds is secretary. Saturday afternoon, soon after the luncheon, he will go to Oregon City to inspect the fish hatchery there and study the fishing industry of the Pacific northwest. So far as known no plans have been made for occupying the time intervening between the return from Oregon City and the departure for Seattle on the midnight train.

Admission to hear Secretary Redfield at Reed college will be upon invitation, owing to the limited seating capacity of the auditorium. Prior to his appointment to the important position of secretary of commerce, Mr. Redfield was a successful manufacturer in Brooklyn.

TAX MACHINERY ALL UPSET BY COURT RULING

Decision Rendered Yesterday by Judge Cleeton Held by Some to Mean Payments May Be Withheld to Sept. 1

REVERSAL ON APPEAL MAY POSSIBLY RESULT

Prominent Attorney Says Law May Be Vague but Intention Clear.

Judge Cleeton's Decree. That the plaintiff have a decree to the effect that upon payment by the plaintiff or any taxpayer of the county before the first day of April, 1914, of one-half of the tax charged against him on said tax roll, the defendant shall be enjoined and restrained from collecting any penalty or penalties whatsoever, the remaining half of said tax where such remaining half may or shall be paid before the first day of September, 1914.

The entire tax collecting machinery of Multnomah county is completely at sea today as a result of Judge Cleeton's ruling in the injunction proceedings brought by Attorney Roger Sinnott, president of the Portland Taxpayers' association, seeking to restrain the county treasurer from imposing penalties against taxpayers who followed the old law and paid one half of their taxes prior to April 1.

It is believed that if the decision stands it will go much further than merely upsetting Treasurer Lewis' office, but will affect seriously every individual branch of government in the county, for the reason that it will practically stop the payment of taxes for several months and deprive the county, city, the Port of Portland and all of the schools in the county of the necessary funds to pay running expenses.

Attorney Sinnott's suit sought only to restrain the treasurer from collecting penalties against those who have paid one half their taxes before April 1, but in rendering the decision Judge Cleeton has moved the date of delinquency from April 1 to September 1 on all taxes on the 1914 roll. However, Judge Cleeton granted an injunction only against the collection of a penalty on second half payments, and if his ruling is to become sweepingly effective a second injunction suit will be necessary restraining the collection of any penalty on any part of the taxes before September 1.

County Treasurer Lewis stated this morning that he would proceed with the collection of taxes as usual, but that he would protect himself against a personal penalty for failure to account for one half of the state levy prior to April 30 by on that date mailing to the state treasurer a check covering one half of the full amount due for the state for the year.

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Cupid Ties Tongue Of Larry's Accuser

Former Portland Boarding House Man, Larry Sullivan, Will Wed Woman Who Charged Him With Swindling.

Los Angeles, March 25.—Politics is assigned today by "Larry" Sullivan, former Portland sailors' boarding house man, Godfield mining operator and prize fight promoter, for the grand larceny charge brought against him by Mrs. Laura A. Rodgers. The suit was dismissed yesterday by Justice Sumnerfield at the request of Mrs. Rodgers, who soon will become Mrs. Sullivan.

Sullivan alleges that former Chief county Detective Samuel Browne was responsible for Mrs. Rodgers bringing suit. Sullivan and Browne recently had a fist fight on the street, Browne coming out second best. It was alleged by Mrs. Rodgers that the former promoter had swindled her out of several thousand dollars through misrepresentations. As soon as "Larry" appeared on the scene Mrs. Rodgers repented and the wedding bells will ring.

Confucius' Heirs Pensioned by China

Eight Functionaries Will Offer Sacrifices to Chinese Philosopher While Possessions Will Be Hereditary.

Peking, March 25.—Selections were being made today of the eight functionaries who will offer sacrifices to Confucius under the newly published government regulations for the famous Chinese philosopher's veneration. The appointees will be chosen from those persons said to be his direct descendants. Their possessions will be hereditary. The head of the family has had his title and honors restored and been granted a pension of \$2000 a year. He may also receive a salary of \$12,000 a year has been appropriated.

Carnegie Is Accused Of Plotting Treason

Senator Chamberlain Says in Any Other Country The Peace Advocate Would Have Had His Estates Confiscated.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, March 25.—"If Carnegie had done in other countries what he has done here," exclaimed Senator Chamberlain, referring to the lobbying activities of the "peace foundation," "he would be convicted of treason and his estates confiscated." "John Sharp Williams said he had not changed his opinion regarding our legal right to exempt coastwise shipping, and "he should very probably change his vote."

Radical Primary Bill Passed in N. Y.

Measure Drawn by Hamilton Fish Provides for Presidential Primaries Suggested by Wilson and Roosevelt.

Albany, N. Y., March 25.—The state assembly passed a radical presidential primary bill today by a vote of 82 to 45. It is reported to embody the views of both President Wilson and Colonel Roosevelt. Hamilton Fish, a Progressive, is the bill's author.

BRIDGE CLOSING TONIGHT

The Broadway bridge will be closed tonight for two hours after 12:30 a. m. in order to permit the making of repairs. Cars ordinarily using this bridge will be routed over the Steel bridge.

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