

WHOLESALE RESIGNATION OF ARMY OFFICERS ORDERED TO ULSTER HALTS HOME RULE BILL

ADMINISTRATION PUTS BLAME ON ARMY LEADER

Asquith's Explanation in Nature of a Backdown and Sir Arthur Paget Being Made Scapegoat—Officers Hasten to Reclaim Commissions.

Opinion Widespread That the Asquith Cabinet's Fall is Near—Military Force Needed in Ulster.

LONDON, Mar. 23.—By shifting the blame for its seemingly warlike attitude in Ulster from its own shoulders upon those of Sir Arthur Paget, British military commander in Ireland, the London government succeeded today in checking, temporarily at least, the wholesale resignation of army officers which the home rule situation precipitated. Paget, it was explained, meant well, but he had misunderstood his orders. The government had thought to be sure, that the troops might be needed to aid the civil authorities in keeping order but it had never contemplated a military occupation of Ulster. Sir Arthur Paget seemed to have had the contrary impression, and in his talks with the officers under him, had given them a wrong impression of the duty they might be required to perform. The movement of troops in Ireland, said Premier Asquith himself, was with a view to protecting government arms and ammunition—nothing more.

In Nature of Backdown
There was a widespread belief that these explanations were in the nature of a backdown, and that General Paget was being made the government's scapegoat. The conservatives even professed to have documentary evidence that he was acting only under explicit orders from the war office. Nevertheless the resignations ceased and many officers who had already surrendered their commissions accepted them back again and resumed their duties.

Cabinet's Fall Near
It did not appear likely, however, that the bill would last long. The moment an attempt was made to push the home rule bill again it seemed certain that Ulster would rise, and how the government could avoid resorting to military force in such a case nobody could see. On the other hand, trouble with the Irish was believed inevitable unless the home rule bill was pushed with all speed. The opinion was widespread that the Asquith cabinet's fall was near.

DORR TO DIE IN ELECTRIC CHAIR PROBABLY TONIGHT

BOSTON, Mar. 23.—William A. Dorr, of Stockton, Cal., convicted of murdering his relative, George E. Marsh, a rich retired soap manufacturer of Lynn, awake in the Charles-town state prison today, it was believed, from his last night's sleep on earth. Under the law he may be electrocuted any night this week, but it was the general impression that he would die shortly after midnight tonight. Though slightly nervous, he was hearing up well, and assured the prison attendants and his clergyman, the Rev. A. Harriman, that he would face the end courageously. Dorr was said to have killed Marsh that a \$100,000 fund of which the latter was trustee for Miss Orpha Marsh of Stockton. Dorr's aunt, might pass at once to the aunt and eventually to himself.

The Canadian forestry association, which recently met in Ottawa, has selected Halifax, N. S., for its next annual meeting place.

O'SHAUGHNESSY MAY QUIT JOB ADMITS WILSON

Chargé d'Affaires Leaves It Will Be Because of Ill Health—No Friction With Administration—Lind-Rojas Conference Failure.

No Disposition to Postpone Trust Legislation—Canal Tolls Fight Is Merely Squabble With Democrats.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—President Wilson practically admitted to newspaper correspondents here today that Chargé d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy at Mexico City may resign. He added, however, that if he did so it would be solely on account of poor health. The president characterized as absurd published reports that O'Shaughnessy was disgruntled because of the administration's Mexican attitude. O'Shaughnessy has handled every trying situation with credit to himself and to the United States, said the president. President Wilson also admitted that the Lind-Rojas conference had not produced any real plan for a solution of the Mexican situation. The president also told callers that there was no disposition on the part of the administration to postpone action on trust legislation until the next session of congress. He said he hoped all essential trust measures would be enacted by June at the latest. The president said the tolls fight was nothing more than a squabble within the democratic party and that he was confident the house would pass the resolution for the repeal of the exemption clause this week. He denied that he had favored a rule limiting the debate and declared he did not believe that the special interests were allying with either side.

BEALL IN BAD OVER MACHINERY SOLD TILLAMOOK

TILLAMOOK, Ore., Mar. 23.—Suit was filed today by the Whitney company, the Hammond Lumber company, and the Wilson River Timber company, three of the largest taxpayers in this county, to enjoin the payment of warrants issued to pay for road machinery and equipment purchased by the county court. Beall & Co., the Good Roads Machinery company, the Howard Cooper company and the Fort Dodge Culvert company are made defendants. The latter three companies are said to be subsidiary to Beall & Co. The complaints in each case are similar. In many cases no records of contracts for materials can be found. Members of the county court have admitted to representatives of the timbermen that the county clerk frequently did not know of their purchases until invoices were presented to him for goods shipped. Often, it is said, prices were paid far in excess of the market price for materials purchased. Carload lots of materials, it is said, were purchased without discount. One case filed today involves a casting for a rock crusher. This was purchased from Beall & Co. at 11 1/2 cents a pound. It is said that the casting can be duplicated locally at less than 50 per cent of that price. Culvert was purchased December 22 at a price in excess of that paid on November 6 for the same grade of material. These are but a few examples of what has been done. Beall & Co. is the firm that attempted to libel Judge Tou Vello. They are in bad in Klamath county also.

EDITOR OF THE FIGARO KILLED BY WIFE OF FRENCH MINISTER.

LE FIGARO



MR. GASTON CALMETTE

PRESIDENT VISITS WITH SICK BOY TO AID RECOVERY

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23.—Harry Davis, nine years old, was brought here by his mother last week from Sewickley, Pa. The lad was suffering from heart disease. Mrs. Davis tried vainly for her son to see President Wilson and then wrote Mrs. Wilson, explaining that if Harry could see the president it might help him in his fight for life. President Wilson became interested in the case and the boy was brought to the white house in an ambulance. When he left the white house Harry carried a bouquet of flowers, given him by Mrs. Wilson, after he had gratified his ambition to shake hands with the president.

MARKET TONE STRONG STOCKS SHOW INCREASE

NEW YORK, Mar. 23.—New Haven advanced 1 1/4 at the opening of the stock market today as a result of the dissolution agreement, but quickly lost most of its rise. Canadian Pacific and Union Pacific each lost 1, but as a whole the tone was strong, and most of the leaders rose fractionally. Lehigh moved up a fraction, but soon dropped a point below Saturday's close. Can and Reading were heavy. Trading came almost to a standstill around noon, with prices at about last week's close. Bonds were irregular. The market closed active.

LIGHT RECEIPTS IN LIVE STOCK MARKET

PORTLAND, Mar. 23.—Receipts for the week have been: Cattle, 1151; calves, 38; hogs, 2396; sheep, 7629. Receipts of cattle have been light this week and improved demand set the prices on an upward trend. Bulk steer prices 25 cents stronger, \$7.75 to \$8.00. Fancy cows brought \$6.75 to \$7.00 and other butcher classes sold firm. Hog receipts also light, with good outlet. Extreme top \$8.85, ruling firm the entire week period.

GANGMEN ASSERT INNOCENCE OF CRIME

NEW YORK, March 23.—Another statement asserting their innocence of the murder of Gambler Herman Rosenthal was issued from the death house at Sing Sing from the four men convicted of the crime and who will die in the electric chair soon. The letter was written by "Lefty Louis" Rosenberg and signed by the other three. It read in part: "The records of the trial that we all swore that we had seen Harry Vallon, 'Bridge' Webber and a stranger shoot Rosenthal, that is the God's truth. So help me God, we four men who will die in Sing Sing are innocent."

MRS. VIVIAN LYONS TAKES POISON WITH SUICIDAL INTENT

CHICAGO, March 23.—Mrs. Vivian Lyons, a Denver divorcee, who gained considerable notoriety when she shot and nearly killed Robert J. Widney, a former wealthy Los Angeles real estate dealer, in a San Francisco hotel last year, was believed to be dying here today from poison swallowed with suicidal intent. She was found unconscious in the Grand Pacific hotel yesterday, suffering from an opiate, but so far the police have been unable to learn any of the circumstances concerning the affair. Widney arrived from Kansas City this afternoon and was expected to shed some light on the affair. As soon as he arrived Widney went to see Mrs. Lyons at St. Luke's hospital and then telephoned that he would report to police headquarters immediately. The police went into the Grand Pacific hotel yesterday when they received a call that a woman was dying there. They found Mrs. Lyons lying unconscious on the floor, a half-emptied bottle of poison by her side. She had registered at the hotel on March 11 with a man who said he was "R. J. Widney of Seattle."

ENGAGED COUPLE KILLED BY TROLLEY

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 23.—An investigation is being made today to establish responsibility for the killing of Mrs. Jessie Ellis and Geo. L. Mitchell, her fiance, who were run down by an electric train near Errol on the Estacada line of the Portland Railway, Light and Power company. According to passengers on the train, Mitchell was trying to extricate Mrs. Ellis' foot from between two ties, where it had caught, when the cars bore down upon them. Both were killed almost instantly. When Mrs. Ellis saw the train approaching she fainted in Mitchell's arms and he was supporting her and working desperately to release her as it struck.

LEACH CROSS MATCHED TO FIGHT FRED WELCH

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Mar. 23.—Leach Cross of New York and Freddie Welch will go 20 rounds at Vernon on April 28 at night, according to arrangements completed today by Promoter Tom McCarey. All plans for the match, except the weight, were made by telegraph. Welch, however, stated that Cross could name his own weight, so that no disagreement is expected on that score. Cross will arrive here early in April to prepare for the match.

WALSENBERG, COL. MARCH 23.—MILITIA BOARD TRAIN; ARREST MOTHER JONES

WALSENBERG, Col., March 23.—Militiamen boarded a train here early today and arrested "Mother" Jones, the famous woman strike leader, as she was fulfilling her promise to return to Trinidad in defiance of General Chase and Governor Ammons. She left Denver on a midnight train. The militiamen took her to the county jail, where she is held incommunicado. No charge has been lodged against her as yet.

PROTECTION FOR CAILLAUX FROM HIDDEN MOTIVES

Prisoners Mutiny at Favoritism Shown Assassin of Editor—She Is Denied No Luxury—Possess Information Dangerous to Officials.

Mysterious "Monsieur X" Involved in Case Supposed to Be Henri Rochette, Financier of Frauds.

PARIS, March 23.—Because of the favoritism shown to Mme. Henriette Caillaux, who killed Editor Gaston Calmette of the Figaro as a climax to a series of attacks the latter had been making on her husband, Finance Minister Caillaux, it was reported here that 800 prisoners in St. Lazare jail had mutinied. The prison officials would not discuss the report. There was no question that Mme. Caillaux was being treated with a consideration strongly suggesting that she or her husband continues to wield enormous power. She has a special suite in the prison, is denied no luxury, has her meals brought in from one of the best restaurants in Paris, receives visitors when she pleases and treats the jail attendants rather as servants than as her custodians. The general impression is that the two Caillauxs possess information which men in his position in Paris cannot afford to have made public, and that they will do all in their power to protect the ex-finance minister's wife from punishment for killing Calmette. Today's investigation bore out more strongly than ever the theory that somewhere back of the Caillaux-Calmette affair there figured the same mysterious individual who appeared dimly in the background of the St. Nile case. Veiled references have been made to him in the testimony as "Monsieur X," but his actual name has not been mentioned—a common enough thing in French legal proceedings.

SAM HILL PLANS FOR DIVERTING 1915 TOURIST TRAFFIC

As the Willamette valley counties have refused co-operation with Jackson county in building the Pacific highway, and Hood River has refused co-operation with Multnomah, Columbia and Clatsop in constructing the Columbia highway, Sam Hill, father of the good roads movement in the northwest, has figured out a plan for diverting the tourist traffic sections and leaving the unprogressive counties without the tourist traffic. "My plan is this," said Mr. Hill. "When the 1915 tourists come to Jackson county over the Pacific highway, send them to Crater lake, thence through Central Oregon, over good natural roads to Biggs, where the state is now building a fine grade. From Biggs I have agreed to operate a free ferry to Maryhill, across the Columbia. Here there is a fine scenic highway to Stevenson, between Stevenson, on the Washington side, and Cascade Locks, on the Oregon side. Amos Benson has agreed to build and operate another free ferry, which will land the tourists on to the Columbia highway. Thus the tourists will see the most scenic parts of Oregon and be on good roads all the time." Mr. Hill is highly enthused over the road activity in Jackson county, visiting the scene of operations on the Central Point road with Highway Engineer Bowly Monday, and speaking on road beautifying to the ladies of the Greater Medford club Monday afternoon, at Ashland Monday evening.

GREAT BATTLE FOR CAPTURE OF TORREON RAGING

Villa in Command of Rebel Bands Which Are Closing In Upon Strategic City, Attacking Surrounding Suburbs.

Ten Thousand Men Among Assaultants—All Roads Guarded to Prevent Escape of Garrison.

LERDO, Mexico, Mar. 23.—The big battle of Torreón was on today. Before closing in on Torreón itself, it was necessary to take its suburbs. This the rebels were doing as rapidly as possible. At midnight the combined armies of Generals Urbana, Hernandez and Rodriguez, 5000 men strong, attacked Lerdo under General Villa's personal direction. Lerdo is six miles from the center of the Torreón, into it a heavy artillery fire was directed. General Angeles, Carranza's minister of war, commanded the guns. Simultaneously with the attack on Lerdo, the combined forces of Generals Ortega, Garcia and Pereyra, numbering 4000 men under Ortega's command, opened on the suburb of Gomez Palacio, four miles outside Torreón.

BOTH ASSAULTS IN PROGRESS

Both assaults were in progress today. They were extraordinarily fierce and losses were heavy. From General Benavides came the report that he had occupied the towns of Zaragoza and Matamoros Sunday. Matamoros is a town a short distance outside of Torreón and not the place of the same name opposite Brownsville, Texas, in the state of Tamaulipas. General Contreras' brigade was believed to have attacked South Torreón last night, though no report had been received from him. General Natera and the Arletts brothers were co-operating with Contreras from the southwest.

VILLA IN COMMAND

Elverley, nine miles outside Torreón was occupied by General Ortega's men Sunday. It was from El Verjel that Ortega pushed on under cover of darkness to Gomez Palacio. General Villa was keeping the closest watch on all roads leading out of Torreón to prevent its defenders from escaping, as he believed they would try to do when realized the inevitability of defeat.

RIOTER KILLED IN ATTACK UPON STRIKE BREAKERS

BUFFALO, N. Y., Mar. 23.—One man was killed and many were hurt in a fight near Lancaster between guards on a train which was carrying strikebreakers to the Lancaster plant of the Gould Coupler company and a crowd of strike sympathizers. The strikebreakers were recruited here and the train on which they were being taken to the coupler works was near the company's yard when it was stopped by a pile of ties on the track. Before they could be removed a throng of several hundred had gathered. After a few moments hooting many in the crowd began throwing stones and a number of men opened fire on the cars with pistols, the strikebreakers crouching on the floors to escape being hit. Guards on the train answered the crowd's fire with a series of volleys, and for 30 minutes the battle raged. Finally Stanislaus Skonolaki, a boy of seventeen, was killed and when they saw him fall the rioters broke and fled, taking their wounded with them. At least seven were known to have been shot.