

War Clouds Lower Over Old Ireland

Unionists Ready For Mobilization Of Large Forces

Troops Ordered to Various Towns—Gunboats in Readiness—War Office Active—Cabinet Members Cancel Engagements—The King Consults War Secretary.

People of Belfast Are in a State of Suspense—What Will Be the Next Move? Unionist Leaders Counsel Coolness—Fear Riots—Two Companies of Troops Mutiny.

By Associated Press. Belfast, Ireland, March 21.—Ulster this morning presented a martial aspect. All the towns were occupied by soldiers of the regular army and detachments were marching along the main roads in their way to various parts of the province. At all the unionist centers there was great animation among the "Ulster volunteers."

Excitement Prevails. Throughout the province a feeling of excitement prevailed and everybody seemed waiting in anxious expectation for something to occur—they were not what.

Large also displayed considerable activity. Two torpedo boat destroyers, the Pathfinder and the Attentive, arrived there this morning from Kingscove and landed five officers and 150 men of the Yorkshire regiment at Carrisbeg castle.

Troops Arrive. Within 24 hours over 3,000 regular troops, including four battalions of infantry with machine guns and two companies of field artillery all equipped with active services have arrived in the various towns of Ulster. These troops are the advance guard of a large force which military authorities are sending to the northern province of Ireland to prevent the assumption of local government by anti-home rule.

More troops are on their way from the Curragh and from other army depots today. The first arrivals in Ulster this morning were the companies of a half battalion of the Yorkshire light infantry which were conveyed from their barracks in Dublin by the Belfast Lough on the torpedo boat Attentive early this morning.

They disembarked at Carrisbeg Castle, a deserted military station commanding the Lough. It lies 15 miles below Belfast and is of historic interest owing to the having been the landing place of William III. Guns were mounted on the hill there this afternoon. Orders were issued to other batteries of artillery to occupy strategic positions around the city of Belfast.

They were generally expected here that a military brigade would be concentrated in Belfast during the week and the Queen's Lancers and the fourth Queen's Own Hussars, stationed at the Curragh, were yesterday equipped with carbines and were ready to move northward this afternoon.

Fear Riots. These sudden preparations by the war office so far have not created any public demonstration in Belfast. The leaders of the so-called unionist provisional government, however, and their anxious lest their over-enthusiastic followers precipitate during the two days of idleness the weekend and give their opponents the sought-for opportunity of introducing rigorous repressive measures.

Carson Urges Coolness. Sir Edward Carson, Ulster unionist leader, and his lieutenants desire the movement to take the first provocative steps, Sir Edward realizing the danger of preventing an undisciplined outbreak as a protest against all the "Ulster" movements, today again urged the men to keep cool.

The city this morning presented its usual Saturday closing appearance. The offices of the provisional government, however, have been declared within Captain Craig, the Earl of Clanwilliam and other unionist workers. The official headquarters of the provisional government, has been declared within Captain Craig, the Earl of Clanwilliam and other unionist workers. The official headquarters of the provisional government, has been declared within Captain Craig, the Earl of Clanwilliam and other unionist workers.

ing distributed among important unionist leaders. This was done because of the announcement of impending arrests which the unionists contend brought about the present crisis.

Ready to Mobilize. Every "volunteer" in Ulster still stands ready for mobilization. The provisional governments "posting house" by which letters and despatches are delivered by hand to the furthestmost points of Ulster quicker than by the government post, and receiving communications to and from unionist mobilization centers.

A wireless station on the roof of the old town hall also was at work while some of the rooms of the building which have been fitted with telegraph instruments for the instruction of the women telegraphers who are to take over the lines of communication, were filled with workers.

The feeling of unrest among certain sections of the government troops is very strong. Some of the soldiers and the officers of the infantry battalions quartered in Ulster, including the Dorsetshire regiment and the Norfolk regiment, have openly expressed their disinclination to take the offensive. This does not cause any surprise among civilians who generally expect wholesale defections. A significant illustration of this attitude was given yesterday by the inhabitants of Enniskillen, who hung flags along the streets in honor of the arrival of a battalion of the Bedfordshire regiment.

London Story. London, March 21.—Outstanding features of news from Ireland today consisted of the disaffection among regular army officers under orders to proceed to Ulster with their regiments.

The actual number of resignations remained problematical but that it was considerable was evident from the earnest consultations of cabinet ministers regarding the best means of counteracting the movement.

The actual fact of this disaffection is the more disconcerting to the military authorities since the army is already seriously short of commissioned officers.

Threats of a Crisis. Threats of a crisis in the army if a movement of regular troops was undertaken against Ulster had long been current. In some quarters it is believed the sudden marching of a limited number of troops was ordered so that the military authorities might gather an idea as to how widespread the threatened disaffection was.

Immediately after Col. Seeley, secretary of state for war, had been in audience with King George today Col. Seeley summoned a meeting of the army council which took necessary steps to replace officers who had resigned.

Vacancies Increasing. According to reports the number of vacancies is rapidly increasing and it seems possible that all regular regiments in Ulster may have to be replaced by fresh troops as both men and officers have expressed disinclination to take the offensive against men with whom they have been fraternizing.

This momentary shifting of the immediate crisis from Ulster to the army may give the peace-makers their desired opening for the return of Arthur Balfour, former Unionist premier, to London, has given heart to the advocates of a compromise. He and Premier Asquith have served long years side by side in the political field and understand and appreciate one another.

Premier Asquith and Andrew Bonar Law, the official leader of the opposition in the house of commons, whenever they have come into contact have given embittered displays of partisanship.

UNUSUALLY COLD WEATHER IN SOUTH TODAY

By Associated Press.

Washington, March 21.—Record low temperatures in Virginia for this time in March were recorded today, according to weather bureau figures. At Wytheville the mercury was two degrees above zero, but at Elkin, W. Va., the thermometer recorded two below zero. The low temperatures continued general over all districts east of the Rocky mountains with freezing temperatures as far south as the Carolinas and the north portion of the gulf states.

Persons hoping for the coming of balmy spring conditions found little comfort in the forecast for the Middle Atlantic states today. It was predicted that fair weather tonight would be followed by increasing cloudiness Sunday and probably snow or rain Sunday afternoon or night.

It was forecasted, however, that temperatures would "rise somewhat" in the Atlantic states and the upper Ohio valley. Rains are forecasted in the east Gulf and South Atlantic states.

WORLD'S CONGRESS OF DELEGATES TO BE HELD AT 'FRISCO

By Associated Press.

Brussels, March 21.—The Union of International Associations composed of some fifty international associations, professional, scientific, technical, benevolent and political, has decided to organize a world's congress to meet next year at San Francisco during the Panama exhibition. It appears from a communication received from San Francisco that 202 various congresses have already been announced. The union's idea is that the world's congress should be made up of delegates chosen by the national and international congresses which will assemble in San Francisco. No effort has yet been made toward a program.

ABDUL HAMID IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

By Associated Press. London, March 21.—Abdul Hamid, deposed as Sultan of Turkey five years ago, is said to be in a critical condition, according to a despatch from Constantinople. He has been ill for some time.

Miss Starr Found Not Guilty.

By Associated Press. Chicago, March 21.—Miss Ellen Gates Starr, joint founder with Miss Jane Addams of Hull House, today was found not guilty of interfering with the police and resisting arrest.

SCOTLAND YARD CRIMINAL MUSEUM UNACCESSIBLE

By Associated Press.

London, March 21.—Because it was becoming as great an attraction for the morbid as the Paris morgue, the criminal museum of Scotland Yard has been practically closed to all except those who can show some good reason for desiring to visit it. The museum has never been opened to the general public, but it has no been difficult to obtain admission. Now a permit must be secured from the second commissioner of police, and the visits can only be made on one of two days in the week.

During the past year it became quite the rage for society women to obtain permits to view the gruesome relics which the place contains, and complaint was made that the museum was being turned into a sideshow for the gratification of the morbidly curious. Some of the relics are decidedly ghastly, and these are displayed with a lack of reserve which according to the Scotland Yard authorities did not make fixed parties of visitors desirable. Besides the implements used in the commission of famous crimes, perhaps the most interesting exhibits in the place are death masks, formerly made of every criminal executed in England.

King George is taking an active part in the negotiations. "Liberalism will not flinch one inch before the arrogant and insolent plague of Toryism," was the message conveyed today by Chancellor Lloyd George to a meeting of liberals at Huddersfield. The chancellor was talking about Ulster and the (Continued on Page Nine.)

THE WEATHER.

Forecast for North Carolina:

Rain on the coast, rain or snow in the interior tonight and Sunday; slowly rising temperature. Brisk northeast and east winds.

KNOCKING THE PROHIBITION OF ABSINTHE

By Associated Press.

Berne, March 21.—Opponents of the prohibition of absinthe in Switzerland declares that since the law went into effect the consumption of that spirit has greatly increased. They claim that the principal effect has been to give to absinthe powerful and widespread publicity, and to introduce it into many homes where it was hitherto unknown. Another effect has been the flooding of the market with a host of inferior products destined to replace absinthe, which itself is smuggled in large quantities and forms a fast growing and highly remunerative illicit industry.

They propose that a government monopoly of the sale of absinthe should be substituted for total prohibition. This, however, is strongly combated by temperance advocates.

MAKE ARMOR PLATE FROM COTTON SAYS THORNTON

By Associated Press.

Washington, March 21.—A North Carolinian has written a suggestion to Secretary Daniels as a possible solution of the problem of reducing the cost of armor plate for big ships of the navy.

Colonel Marcellus E. Thornton, of Hickory, N. C., asserts that armor plate can be made from cotton which would be "superior in efficiency to any metal armor plates that can be devised by any process." Colonel Thornton did not outline details of his plan in the letter to the secretary.

ITALIANS EXPERIMENT WITH AGRICULTURE IN COLONY OF TRIPOLI

By Associated Press.

Rome, Ga., March 21.—Agriculture is proving so successful in Tripoli, the new Italian colony in Africa, that the government expects to see soon a great deviation of the usual emigration to the United States in favor of the opportunities near at hand. The Italian soldiers in Tripoli, with the fatigue of war past and the most urgent roads built, are experimenting with various kinds of agriculture to learn what is best adapted to the soil.

Already immense tracts which have hitherto yielded only thistles are green with the promise of abundant crops, the government having distributed thousands of bushels of grain among the Arabs on the condition that it is returned when the crops are gathered. At Azizia the harvest of barley has been multiplied forty times, and at Sosa medical herbs and potatoes are being grown with great success.

YOUNG TRUITT WON PEACE PRIZE

By Associated Press.

Greensboro, March 21.—William Jennings Bryan Truitt of Elon College, namesake of Secretary of State Bryan, last night was awarded first prize of \$75 offered by the North Carolina Peace Society for the best oration on "Peace." His subject was "The Need of a Reign of Peace." B. Frank Pim, Jr., of Davidson College, won second prize.

Villa Ready to Hurl Shell Into Torreon

SUN TO BE IN TOTAL ECLIPSE ON AUGUST 21, NEXT

By Associated Press.

Berlin, March 21.—German astronomers are already taking a lively interest in a total eclipse of the sun that occurs August 21. The city of Hamburg is fitting out an expedition at its own expense, and Prussia will give assistance to an expedition headed by Professor Miethe, of the Technological Institute in Charlottenburg. A number of German astronomers will attach themselves to American expeditions. Professor Miethe's expedition, which will be chiefly for the purpose of making photographs of the eclipse will go to the island of Alsten, far up on the coast of Norway, where the path of totality first touches European continent. The Hamburg expedition will make its observations in Russia. It is understood that the Russian astronomers are making extensive preparations for facilitating the work of the American and other foreign expeditions by having the proper astronomical calculations worked out for each important point in the path of totality.

MME. GAILLAUX SHOWERED WITH ATTENTIONS

By Associated Press.

Paris, March 21.—Madame Caillaux, the assassin of Gaston Calmette, was showered with attention today. Her friends and acquaintances having partly recovered from shock caused by her act are now showing interest in her fate and hundreds of them have written to her or left cards at the gate of Saint Lazare prison. She receives a huge bag of letters in every mail as well as flowers, fruit and books.

Madame Caillaux passed the greater part of the forenoon answering correspondence, reading the newspapers and conversing with her husband and her little daughter.

Watchfulness of the prison wardens and the attendant nuns which had been called forth by rumors of the prisoner's intention to commit suicide, has now relaxed. Madame Caillaux gives no indication of being morbid or depressed. She now has three cells, one of them serving as a bedroom, another as a dining room and a third as a work room. All open into the same corridor, which is enclosed by a finely meshed wire netting.

SECRET COURT MARTIAL FOLLOWS DUEL

By Associated Press.

Metz, Germany, March 21.—A secret court martial of Lieut. von Lavalette Saint George, of the 98th Infantry regiment for killing Lieutenant Haage in a duel on February 26th, began here today. Nothing of the trial will be made known except the verdict, the president of the court having decided that the publication of the evidence would be a menace to military discipline.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY CASE SETTLED

By Associated Press.

Nashville, Tenn., March 21.—The Tennessee supreme court today decided the case involving the control of Vanderbilt University in favor of the University board of trust and against the college of bishops of the Southern Methodist church. The court held the board of trust to be a self-perpetuating body.

GEORGIA FARMER KILLED.

Calhoun, Ga., March 21.—Dead from gunshot wounds, Sid Chapman, a young farmer, was found at daylight today on the doorsteps of his sister's residence here, where he had temporarily made his home. Chapman's sister, a widow, and her two daughters, who slept in the house last night, told authorities they knew nothing of the killing. A coroner and sheriff are investigating.

Most Important Battle Of The Entire Revolution

CHARLOTTE LOST DEBATE HERE—BUT WON IN CAPITAL CITY

Charlotte lost in the High School debate in Charlotte last night but won in Raleigh. The contest here was between Greensboro and Charlotte, the respective high school debaters being: For Greensboro, W. M. Boyst and W. G. Johnson; for Charlotte, Robert Boyd and Alernon Gillis. Charlotte had the affirmative and Greensboro the negative—the query being:

"Resolved, That the constitution of North Carolina should be amended so as to allow the initiative and referendum in statewide legislation."

The judges were: Paul C. Whitlock, C. T. Durham, and Dr. R. F. Lineback.

In Raleigh the debaters were, for Raleigh High School, Hermas Stephenson and Lester Seligson; for Charlotte, Alex. Gallant and Richard Young.

Queens College was the scene of the local debate. The big auditorium held a large and interested audience. Mr. Boyd, for Charlotte, and the affirmative, lead off. He argued that the time had come for the addition of something to our system of government that would finish it and thereby prevent the constantly pressing encroachment of the monied aristocracy, thereby restoring sovereignty to the people. This, he said, the initiative and referendum would supply and that its need would become more and more manifest by reason of the great industrial awakening that is just ahead of the state. This would be a great preventative.

Mr. Boyst, for Greensboro and the negative, followed. He contended that the initiative and referendum were contrary to the fundamentals of a government founded as a republic; that our present system has been highly successful; that the initiative and referendum was a principle of pure democracy and that all such democracies had failed, and that under our present system the people ruled.

Mr. Gillis for the affirmative argued that the proposed amendment embodying this principle would be impractical for it would be cumbersome and expensive; that there is no demand because there are no dominating bosses or money interests controlling the state.

Rejoinders by both sides were permitted after which the judges retired. It was nearly midnight when they rendered their decision, the vote being 2 to 1 in favor of Greensboro.

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"Torreon Will be Mine in a Week"—That is the Only Statement Villa Would Make in Answer to All Question—Expected to Start at Any Moment.

Force of 12,000 Rebels Reached Outskirts of the City Without Encountering any Serious Opposition—Villa's Troops in High Spirits.

By Associated Press. Constitutional Headquarters, Yermo, Durango, March 21.—Gen. Pancho Villa with his 12,000 rebel soldiers about Torreon today was prepared to hurl the first shell into trenches of the resisting federal army under Gen. Refugio Valasco. It will be considered the most important battle of the constitutionalist revolution.

Full of confidence, Gen. Villa has transmitted his energy to his subordinates. Refreshed by a night's sleep after their long hard march through the desert from Mapimi and Bermejillo, Villa's soldiers sprang to their work with enthusiasm.

The beginning of today saw the rebel army stationed on the outskirts of the federal stronghold, a position they had gained without resistance and with scarcely the sound of a shot to check their preparations for an assault. Within Torreon all was comparatively quiet and none in the rebel camp knew what preparations Gen. Valasco was making to repel the attack.

Speculation as to when the battle will begin was rife today among the soldiers and the civilians who had followed the rebel leader south from Chihuahua but Villa answered all inquiries with the prediction that "Torreon will be mine in a week."

19 Officers Executed. Brownsville, Texas, March 21.—Nineteen officers were recently executed in Santiago, Tlaxiotepec prison, by order of President Huerta, according to private advices received in Matamoros. The reason for the executions was said to have been that the officers were pupils of General Felipe Angeles, one time professor in the Mexican military academy and now in charge of General Villa's rebel's artillery.

H. C. JONES CHAIRMAN DEMOCRATIC EX. COM.

Hamilton C. Jones was elected chairman of the county democratic executive committee today to fill out the unexpired term of W. F. Harding elected to the judgeship. Other names put in nomination were J. A. Bell and Flummer Stewart. Two ballots were taken. Result of first ballot:

Stewart 27. Jones 12. Bell 10. Stewart 5. Jones' name was withdrawn by D. B. Smith, who had put him in nomination. Mr. Smith requested that Stewart's vote be cast for Mr. Jones. The result of the second ballot was:

Stewart 28. Jones 15. Bell 11. One man did not vote, Jones was declared elected by temporary chairman, F. R. McIninch.

Capt. John A. Parker stated that he was the man who did not vote. "I move said he that Mr. Jones' election be made unanimous, by acclamation." This was done. The chair appointed a committee consisting of D. B. Smith, L. H. Robinson and "Squire Hood" to wait upon Mr. Jones and ask him to present himself and take charge of the office to which he had been elected.

Mr. Jones' appearance was the signal of an outburst of applause. His speech of acceptance was in splendid spirit, breathing deep appreciation of the honor; landing the democracy of the nation, state and county. The full text will be given in Sunday's News.

Mrs. J. C. Tate and children have returned from a stay of four weeks in Chicago, guest of Mrs. J. V. A. Weaver. Mr. Tate's sister, Mrs. M. C. Tate, mother of Mr. Tate and Mrs. Weaver, who is in Chicago with Mrs. Weaver, will not return to Charlotte before late summer or fall.

News Advertising Facts In C. W. Allison's advertisement today he says: "Two weeks ago a party gave me his home to sell—been trying to sell it for over a year. I advertised it in THE NEWS and sold it this week." 'NUF 'CED.

COTTON OIL CO. DIVIDES ITS LINE OF BUSINESS

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY CASE SETTLED

Bad Fire in Toledo Garage. Toledo, O., March 21.—Twenty-four automobiles and furniture valued at \$50,000 were destroyed and a porter perished in a fire that broke out in a garage here today when an employee attempted to fill gasoline tanks by the light of a torch.