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SLAUGHTER OF REBELS AT TORREON

Huerta's War Department Reports That Villa's Losses in Killed and Wounded Reach 2000

REBELS RETREATING PURSUED BY FEDERALS

Arrival of 800 Reinforcements in Armored Automobiles Materially Strengthened Federal Garrison—Rebels Lured Into Suburb of Torreon to Make Targets For Federal Shells—Federals Flee From Guerrero—Heavy Losses.

Mexico City, March 25.—The war department makes the claim that the rebels under Villa were routed at Torreon with great slaughter early today.

Eight hundred men, under General Joaquin Maas and General Javier de Moure, it is announced, arrived opportunely from Satillo in time to add greatly to the federal victory. The rebels are said to be retreating northward, with the federals pounding at their rear.

Rebels Trapped by Ruse.

It is admitted that Villa's men entered Lerdo, a suburb of Torreon, but it is explained that this was a ruse on the part of General Velasco to ambush them. As soon as they were well into that territory, the federal artillery shelled them out, the cavalry charging as the rebels began to retreat.

Rebel Losses Placed at 200.

Generals Maas and De Moure are reported to have made the distance between Hipolito and Torreon in fifty armored automobiles which they were carrying, the railroad having been cut at Hipolito.

The rebel losses in dead and wounded are reported to be 2,000.

FEDERALS RETREAT.

Gen. Guardiola Deserted 100 of His Men on Guerrero Housetops.

Zapata, Texas, via Courier to Laredo, Texas, March 25.—Monday's battle at Guerrero, near here, resulted in the retreat of the 900 federals under General Guardiola. Guardiola stationed 100 men on housetops at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, and for three hours these men held the position, most of them, possibly all, in ignorance that they were making a perilous stand. Meanwhile, Guardiola's main force retreated.

A federal sergeant who escaped to the United States was authority for the story of the retreat. He claimed Guardiola attempted to sacrifice the lives of 100 men of the Twenty-ninth infantry to save the major portion of his command.

Men on Housetops Deserted.

These men, said the sergeant, were dispersed on housetops along the outskirts of the town and kept up a furious rifle fire until Guardiola's retreat was executed. It was not until 4 o'clock that the little band realized that they were fighting alone, facing constitutionalist forces equipped with cannon and two machine guns. Consternation immediately spread among the handful of defenders, who scattered in all directions, followed by a rush of constitutionalists. Some of the federals were killed, some captured, six crossed into the United States, and the others were said to have escaped into the hills on the Mexican side.

The sergeant said he fled to the Rio Grande and was overtaken while standing on the bank. He said he dived into the river, the constitutionalists firing after him. He was hauled out, nearly drowned, by Mexicans on the American side. Guardiola is said to be marching to Neuvo Laredo.

Federals Taken by Surprise.

At the headquarters of General Antonio Villareal, constitutionalist commander, near Guerrero, the number of rebels killed was given as nine, with 43 wounded. The federal loss was estimated at 50; many bodies were found in the hills near Guerrero. The attack was wholly a surprise to the federals, who had expected to meet the constitutionalists near Matamoros, which was the objective point of the federal campaign. Guerrero, a town of 2,500 population in peaceful times, is now occupied by only three families, all others having sought safety on the American bank of the Rio Grande, where they live in tents.

NEWS FROM AMERICANS.

Despatches Received at Washington Which Allay Anxiety.

Washington, March 25.—While interest in official circles here today centered upon the bitter struggle now in progress between the contending Mexican factions for supremacy at Torreon, there was some speculation as to the effect upon the financial situation in Mexico of the temporary loan just obtained from General Huerta. Charge O'Shaughnessy in a report to Secretary Bryan confirmed the news that a preliminary loan of 5,000,000 pesos had already been obtained. It was pointed out that the resumption of interest payments on the foreign debts, suspended last January, probably would tend to make Mexico's foreign creditors less anxious over the security of their claims.

Anxiety over the safety of several Americans under arrest in Mexico was allayed by today's consular despatches. The release of J. H. Newby, long held at Culiacan, for the alleged embezzlement of funds under the Madero regime, has been ordered by Governor Riveros of Sinaloa, who insists that Newby leave Mexico for Mexico's good. The Americans, Goldsmith and Donahue, arrested in San Luis Potosi, as spies, by the federal authorities, have been taken to Mexico City, and their cases will be considered by the federal authorities. Charge O'Shaughnessy has asked both the foreign office and the Mexican war department to guarantee a free hearing for both.

Like representations have been made in behalf of the American, Byrd, who, although arrested with the other two, is still held in San Luis Potosi.

Seventy Killed at Guerrero.

Laredo, Texas, March 25.—The battered remnants of the armmy of 1,200 federals, with which General Guardiola set out to attack the eastern headquarters of the constitutionalists at matamoros, Mexico, returned to Nuevo Laredo today, having lost ammunition, supplies and a large part of their active force in Monday's battle at Guerrero, which ended in the rout of the federals. Seventy were killed.

Terrazas Won't Be Executed.

Douglas, Ariz., March 25.—Louis Terrazas, Jr., held captive by the constitutionalists at Chihuahua, will not be executed in any event, according to a statement made here today by Roberto Pesquiera, representative in Washington of the insurgents, who was in Douglas on official business. He will not be released at present.

HOBSON'S CAMPAIGN EXPENSES $5,63734.

Alabama Congressman One of First to Comply With New Law.

Washington, March 25.—First reports of campaign expenses in senatorial primaries under the new direct elections amendment were made public by the senate today. Representative Hobson of Alabama sent in a detailed account of expenditures aggregating $5,637.34, of which $2,174 was spent in traveling and $2,618.19 in newspaper and other advertising. Contributions to his fund amounted to $1,825, of which $600 came from the National Woman's Temperance union. Representative Underwood, Mr. Hobson's opponent, has not made his report.

From South Dakota, Senator Crawford, who was defeated yesterday by Representative Burke, reported spending $2,955, while Representative Burke's list totalled $3,328.80. Senator Clark of Arkansas reported $360.30, and his opponent, William F. Kirby, $1,661.59.

Senator Shively of Indiana reported he had spent nothing.

CHILDREN DRINK GIN; BOTH DEAD.

Four Year Old Twins Obtain Bottle Unknown to Attendant.

Franklin, Mass., March 25.—Playing "doctor" while their mother was ill, the four year old twins of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McCahill are dead from drinking the contents of a bottle of gin. One, Joseph, died yesterday. The death of the other, Margaret, occurred today.

Mrs. McCahill was confined to her bed with a baby born three weeks ago and the children obtained the bottle in the absence of an attendant.

Much Ice in the Atlantic.

Halifax, N. S., March 25.—Large icebergs have been scarce in the north Atlantic steamer lanes this spring, but the smaller masses, known as "growlers" and "slob ice," have been numerous, according to Captain Johnston of the United States revenue cutter Seneca. He reported today when the cutter put in here after weeks of cruising on ice patrol duty.

Says He Was Thrown Into River.

Hartford, Conn., March 25.—After he had escorted a woman friend to her home in Wethersfield avenue tonight, Fred Hooker was assaulted by three men and thrown into the Connecticut river. At least that is the story he told the police. Hooker says he managed to swim ashore.

Foreign Convict Made Goods Barred.

Washington, March 25.—After a vigorous partisan contest the house today passed a bill to bar foreign convict-made or pauper-made goods from competition with the products of American free labor. The measure now goes to the senate.

BIDS TOO LOW FOR SIEGEL PROPERTY.

All But One of Eighteen Submitted Are Rejected.

New York, March 25.—All except one of the eighteen bids made to the federal receivers for the various failed properties operated by Henry Siegel and Frank E. Vogel in this city were rejected today by United States Judge Charles M. Hough. That of $387,600 by a big department store for the merchandise of the Simpson-Crawford company was accepted unconditionally. Judge Hough will decide finally on Monday.

Regarding the other bids, the court held that the amounts offered were too far below the value of the property. Judge Hough thought these properties could be sold at auction to better advantage. The wholesale value of them was placed at $1,149,000. The moneys offered totalled less than $480,000.

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO. STILL IN THE RING.

Will Erect 32-Story Office Building In New York.

New York, March 25—Popular belief that the parcel post has left the big express companies in hard straits wascontradictedtodayh was contradicted today by news that the American Express Company would erect a two million dollar office building on Lower Broadway. The building is to be 32 stories high and is to have a frontage of 80 feet on Broadway. It will run through the block to Trinity Place, and adjoin the newly completed building of the Adams Express company. The site now occupied by two five-story buildings tenanted b ythe American Express company is estimated to be worth $2,500,000. Of the 32 floors the express company will reserve ten for its own use.

To Settle Coupler Works Strike.

Depew, N. Y., March 25.—Efforts to bring about a settlement of the strike at the Gould Coupler works will be resumed tomorrow through the state board of mediation and arbitration. Manager G. W. Hayden, for the company, today made an appointment to meet Patrick J. Downey and James McManus of the state board, and the striking molders and coremakers clothed their committee with full power to take up and continue the negotiations with the company.

Flagman Under Engine Wheels.

Troy, N. Y., March 25.—While attending to his duties as flagman at a crossing in this city, Moses B. Hicks, 60 years of age, was struck by a locomotive tonight and ground to pieces beneath the wheels. He had been stationed for many years at the crossing where he met his death.

Condensed Telegrams

Poet Mistral Dead.

Marseilles, France, March 25—Frederic Mistral, the celebrated provencal poet, died here today in his 84th year.

German Prince Ill.

Kiel, Germany, March 25.—Prince Adalbert, the third son of Emperor William, is suffering from an acute attack of stomach and intestinal catarrh.

Died at Monte Carlo.

Monte Carlo, March 25—Harry Maule Crookshank, formerly British controller of the Public debt in Egypt, died here today, aged 65.

Degree for Ambassador Page.

Aberdeen, Scotland, March 25.—The degree of doctor of literature was conferred today on Walter Hines Page, American ambassador to the court of St. James, at Aberdeen university.

Another Chinese City Sacked.

Peking, March 25—"White Wolf," the Chinese brigand, and his followers today captured and sacked the city of Lung Chu-Chai, province of Shen-Si. They killed 230 of the inhabitants and wounded and captured many hundreds more.

Meningitis on New York Steamer.

Naples, March 25.—The steamer Berlin, from New York March 14, which arrived here today, was quarantined in consequence of several cases of meningitis aboard, with one death. No cases are reported among the American passengers.

LINING UP FOR THE BATTLE OF REPEAL.

Party Lines Obliterated on Free Tolls Proposition.

Washington, March 25.—Lines were sharply drawn tonight for the opening of the most bitterly contested legislative struggle that has confronted President Wilson's administration—the fight to repeal the law giving American coastwise ships free passage through the Panama canal.

For the first time since the democratic administration took charge of the government, administration leaders have found a strong, resourceful and determined element within the party opposed to a policy which President Wilson had personally espoused. Personal convictions on the question have virtually obliterated party lines.

The president's supporters tonight declared they were gaining ground in the house, and one enthusiastic administration leader predicted the passage of the repeal bill by a majority of nearly 100.

The more conservative members of both sides anticipate a hard fought struggle, with a bitter and protracted debate, followed by a close vote.

TRANSFER OF "TAP DAY" CEREMONY.

Yale Juniors Resolve in Favor of the Barkeley Oval.

New Haven, Conn., March 25—That the opposition to the senior secret society system at Yale is not as vigorous as it was last year, was evidenced tonight at a meeting of a hundred "anti-society" juniors, when, instead of insisting on the abolishment of historic "Tap day" a motion was passed calling for the transfer of the ceremony from the old campus to the less frequented Berkeley oval. A referendum vote on the entire subject will be held tomorrow.

The resolutions adopted last year called for abolishing "Tap day" on account of its publicity; the selection of members on merit alone and other minor demands. It is believed that the transfer of the ceremony, if adopted, will remove much of the objection to "Tap day," for the event will then be much less public.

Bank Robber Eludes Pursuers.

Atlanta, Ga., March 25.—Pursued through the main streets of the city after he had been driven empty-handed from the Atlanta State Savings bank, a negro institution here, late today, a lone robber escaped by forcing the driver of a buggy to gallop with him into the suburbs where he disappeared. The bandit's dash for liberty followed a pistol duel with the conductor of a street car which he attempted to board of escape the pursuing crowd.

Steamship Arrivals.

Algiers, March 20.—Steamer Oceanic, New York for Trieste.

Cadiz, March 24.—Steamer Buenos Aires, New York for Genoa.

Glasgow, March 25.—Steamer Sardinian, Philadelphia.

Naples, March 25.—Steamer Berlin, New York.

Queenstown, March 25.—Steamer Me-ion, Philadelphia for Liverpool.

London, March 25.—Steamer Ascania, Portland.

Examinations for Embalmers.

Hartford, March 25.

The Connecticut board of examiners of embalmers was in executive session Tuesday at Hartford for the purpose of passing on 11 candidates who took the state examinations a week ago at the Yale Medical school. The members of the board are A. R. Leet, Thompsonville, who is president; Edward Jones, Winsted, secretary; Thomas O'Keefe, Middletown, treasurer; Charles J. Dillon, Hartford, and William Henry Allen, Norwich.

For Storrs College Positions.

Hartford, March 25.

The state civil service commission held an examination at the Capitol, in Hartford, Wednesday for positions connected with poultry husbandry at the Connecticut Agricultural college. There were two candidates, A. A. Brown of Amherst Agricultural college for instructor and Charles E. Crocker of East Hampton for manager.

Enter Round-the-World Race.

New York, March 25.—Two American aviators, Lincoln Beachey and Bob Fowler have announced their intention of entering the round-the-world race to start from the Panama-Pacific exposition grounds in San Francisco next year, it was stated here tonight by Arnold Kruckman, manager of the contest.

Steamer Blown Up.

Honolulu, March 26.—The inter-island steamer Maui is reported to have blown up tonight off Pearl harbor. The reports indicate that the entire crew of 12 lost their lives. Tugs have left this port to search the coast. The Maui left here at 5 o'clock for Kauai with a cargo consisting largely of explosives.

Policy Raid at Waterbury.

Waterbury, Conn., March 25.—John T. Sullivan and 14 others were arrested tonight on a charge of playing policy. The raid was made by the local detective force at an early hour and was unexpected.

Steamships Reported by Wireless.

Cape Race, N. F., March 25.—Steamer La Provence, Havre for New York, signalled 1221 miles east of Sandy Hook at 6 p. m. Dock $.30 a. m. Saturday.

Temperance and Foreign Missions

DISCUSSED AT THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

WAVE OF PROHIBITION

Is Sweeping Pacific States, Declares Rev. Dr. Wilson—Christian Teaching a Solution of Mexican Problem.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

Willimantic, March 25.—The second day of the New England Southern conference of the M. E. church continued to receive the good fortune of pleasant weather, and was marked with a spirit of earnestness and fervor. All the sessions were fully attended, and appreciably enjoyed. The delegates continued to come in during the day, and the church parlors were the scene of a busy time for Pastor Nuzum and his able corps of assistants.

The Methodist Book concern had an interesting exhibit on view in the parlors, which were full of visiting groups and others engaged in writing or seeking rest. Committee meetings occupied a good part of the day.

REV. W. F. OLDHAM, D. D.

Morning Session.

The morning session began with a conference at 8.30 and was opened with an anthem. Rev. W. I. Ward of Providence, R. I., and Rev. G. C. Scrivener of Norwich, two of the three district superintendents of the conference, read from the scriptures, and Bishop John W. Hamilton led in prayer. In the communion service which followed the bishop was assisted by Rev. W. O. Nuzum and the three district superintendents, the third being Rev. A. J. Coultas of Fall River, Mass.

Bishop Hamilton delevired a short address previous to the communion service, in which he said in part:

"In these days of laxity and loose living and thinking, I have come to be a little more dogmatic. There never was an hour when we ought to emphasize more particularly the deity of Jesus Christ. The man who says he

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PUZZLING CASES AT STAMFORD HOSPITAL

Children Had Peculiar Intestinal Trouble—One Dead.

Stamford, Conn., March 25—Physicians at the Stamford hospital are puzzled over two cases of a peculiar intestinal trouble that has caused one death and may result in another. Doris, the three years old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ward of New Canaan died today, and her brother Harry, six years old, is critically ill, but has a fighting chance of recovery.

The children were taken mysteriously and suddenly ill on Friday, and after receiving medical treatment at New Canaan, were brought to the local hospital. Dr. Staub, the attending physician, says the symptoms appear somewhat as if the children had been poisoned. The parents are unable to tell where the children could have obtained poison. An autopsy will probably be performed to ascertain the real cause of death of the girl.

URGES PROTEST AGAINST LEO FRANK'S EXECUTION.

Miss Jane Addams Takes Up Cause of Convicted Murderer.

Atlanta, Ga., March 25.—Miss Jane Addams of Hull House, Chicago, has written to Mrs. Emily McDougall, Atlanta club woman and leader in the woman suffrage movement, asking Atlanta women to protest against the execution of Leo M. Frank, the superintendent of the National Pencil company, sentenced to be hanged here on April 17 for the murder of 14 year old Mary Phagan. The Hull Houhe leader, in her letter, which was made public here tonight, suggests that Atlanta women, through their organizations or through petition, seek to have the execution postponed pending further investigation, to determine the guilt or innocence of the convicted man. Women's organizations here have taken no action on Miss Addams' suggestions.

To Rejuvenate Company L.

Meriden, Conn., March 25.—Fearing that Company L, Second infantry, will be disbanded soon because the present complement of officers and men is reduced to 37, former members of the company are circulating a petition to have former Captain Joseph De Cantillon, retired, placed in command again. Fifty ex-members have agreed to rejoin the company if Captain De Cantillion, who resigned a year ago, is reinstated.

Holdup Near Hartford Park.

Hartford, Conn., March 25.—Four men were arrested by the police late tonight, charged with holding up and robbing Michael Tully near Bushnell park. Tully was severely beaten and robbed of $15. The police scoured the park and arrested Joseph Keenan, Joseph Rellis, E. J. Drew and Frank Collins. Tully identified Rellis.

More Bubonic Plague at Havana.

Havana, March 25—Three new cases of bubonic plague were reported here today. Those attacked are Spaniards, employed as clerks by a sugar company. One of the cases is critical.

Finch Tenders Resignation.

Washington, March 25.—Stanley W. Finch, head of the department of justice bureau for the suppression of white slave traffic, resigned today.

Cabled Paragraphs

Cornell University is facing an epidemic of German measles.

A Senate Bill for a postal rate of half cent a pound on seeds, bulbs and cuttings, was favorably reported yesterday.

The Chicago City Council passed an ordinance providing for a new $65,000,000 terminal and station for railroads.

Chief of Police Howe of Cleveland has instructed the force to detain any one heard swearing and give them a scolding.

W. H. Underwood, assistant to the passenger traffic manager of the New York Central lines at Chicago, died yesterday.

The New York Assembly passed the Knapp bill raising the minimum age of those to whom liquor may be sold from 18 to 21.

Mrs. Frances Squire Potter, 47 years old, leader among workers for woman suffrage, died at her home at Chicago yesterday.

Fire Early Yesterday Destroyed the textile building of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts, at West Raleigh.

Because of the Discharge of a foreman, 79 turn workmen in the shoe factory of Millet, Woodbury & Co., at Beverly, Mass., struck yesterday.

The Senate Yesterday Ratified the treaty with Costa Rica extending for five years the arbitration convention with that country concluded in 1909.

Francis T. Reeves, democrat, a former mayor of the city of Waterbury yesterday was sworn in as judge of the Waterbury district court.

Warning of a Derelict in the steamship line between New York and Europe was sent broadcast yesterday the wireless at Brooklyn navy yard.

Archdeacon J. A. Biddle, one of the best known clergymen in the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Connecticut, is critically ill at his home in Manchester.

One Thousand Dollars will be raised by the Vassar students and forwarded to the Wellesley College authorities as an evidence of sympathy for their sister collegians.

Dr. Nathaniel E. Loomis, assistant professor of chemestry at Bowdoin has accepted the professorship of Psysical chemistry at Purdue university at Lafayette, Ind.

Rev. Samuel R. Maxwell minister of All Souls' church at Greenfield, Mass., was asked yesterday to accept the pastorate of the Second Church (Unitarian) of Boston.

Fire of Unknown Origin yesterday caused damage estimated at $200,000 to the rosin and cotton wharves of the Atlantic Coast Line railway at Savannah, Ga.

Fire Visited the Business Section of Mount Tiry, Md., yesterday, destroying five buildings and badly damaging half a dozen others. The loss was estimated at $75,000.

Mallick Salisbury, a farmer of Champaign, Ill., shot and killed his wife and then committed suicide at their home yesterday. The couple had been married forty years.

A Five Percent Reduction in salaries of all Boston officials and employes of the public works department receiving $1,000 or more a year has been ordered by Mayor Curley.

Those Who Deposited Money in the Boston Seigel bank on December 29 and 30, the last two days the bank did business, may get their money back. The amount is about $2000.

Sending of Racing Bets or odds from foreign countries into the United States or from state to state would be prohibited under a bill introduced by Senator Lea, of Tennessee.

Charging That Her Husband put her in "soak" when he left her as hostage for a hotel bill in Buffalo and that a sister "redeemed" her, Mrs. Jane Coyle of Detroit is suing for divorce.

As the Body of D. C. Biles, an aged Confederate veteran, was being lowered into its grave near Conway, Tenn., Biles' friend and neighbor, B. F. Chambers, also a veteran, dropped dead near the coffin.

Rear Admiral Stephen B. Luce, U. S. A., retired, Newport, R. I., who entered the navy 73 years ago, celebrated yesterday his 87th birthday and also the 25th anniversay of his retirement from active duty.

Former Congressman Lewis Sperry of East Windsor Hill brought into Hartford yesterday two handsome otters taken from the Connecticut river in a fish net Tuesday by William Baker of South Windsor.

The Lower House of the New Jersey legislature yesterday defeated 18 to 37, a resolution offered by a democrat, petitioning members of congress from that state to vote against the repeal of the Panama Canal tolls.

Harry Schaeffer, 22 Years Old, was yesterday sentenced to serve from 20 years to life imprisonment in Sing Sing for the part he played in the murder at New York of William G. Martin, a milliner of Toronto, Canada.

The Directors of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railway company, the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh, yesterday reduced the dividend on the common stock from 5 per cent. to 3 per cent. and on the preferred stock from 5 per cent. to 4.

Action in the Case of Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company, charged with manslaughter as the outcome of the express wreck at Westport in October, 1912, may come in the April term of the superior court for Fairfield county as the criminal side of the March sitting was adjourned yesterday.

Hartford Democrats Nominate Lawler.

Hartford, Conn., March 25.—At the democratic town convention tonight, Joseph H. Lawler was formally named as the candidate for mayor at the municipal election in April. Three republicans were endorsed: Otis J. Hart for collector, Henry F. Smith for town clerk and Charles H. Slocum for treasurer.

Managers of "Movies" Organize.

Hartford, Conn., March 25.—Managers of all the moving picture theaters in the state met here today and formed the Connecticut Theatrical Managers' association. W. D. Ascough of this city was chosen president and the other officers are also from Hartford.

To Use Force if Necessary

STRONG DECLARATION OF SIR EDWARD GREY.

TRAGEDY OF BLUNDERS

War Secretary Shoulders Blame and Offers Resignation—Paget Also Made a Serious Mistake and May Resign.

London, March 25.—The government published today its promised statement of its dealings with the officers of the Third cavalry brigade who had revolted, and the house of commons held another heated and disorderly session. Between the documents presented and the statements drawn from the cabinet ministers the vital facts of the affair were made clear. They reveal a comedy, or tragedy of errors, perpetrated by Colonel Seely, secretary of state for war, and Sir Arthur Paget, commanding the troops in Ireland.

Colonel Seely Tenders His Resignation

Colonel Seely took all the blame upon his own shoulders. He frankly declared he had made a great mistake. His written assurance to General Hubert Gough that the government "must retain its right to use all the forces of the crown in Ireland or elsewhere to maintain order and support the civil powers in the ordinary execution of their duty, but has no intention whatever of taking advantage of this right in order to crush political opposition to the policy or the principles of the home rule bill," was given without the knowledge of the cabinet and contrary to its policy.

The war secretary tendered his resignation to Mr. Asquith, but the premier refused to accept it. The government has withdrawn Colonel Seely's guarantees, according to the statement made by Viscount Morley in the house of lords, and Sir Edward Grey told the house of commons that the government's decision would be made known to General Gough tomorrow.

General Paget's Blunder.

Thus the situation with respect to General Gough and his 59 comrades who sent in their papers is still in a state of suspense.

The most important revelations of the day were to the effect that the government did plan an important military and naval demonstration upon Ulster. Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, confirmed the reports that he had ordered the third battle squadron and a torpedo flotilla to Irish waters, but explained that when the military arrangements had been successfully carried out he countermanded the orders by wireless—an explanation which the unionists received with jeers.

The blunder made by General Paget appears to have been in giving a virtual ultimatum to the officers of the cavalry brigade, to say whether they would take active service in Ulster or accept dismissal.

Government Prepared to Use Force.

The cabinet on Monday framed a general statement of the officers' position and duty under the law, and Colonel Seely freely admitted that his error was in yielding to General Gough's demand for a written assurance that the army would not be used to suppress the covenanters.

Premier Asquith's statements that the officers should return to duty unconditionally were made in good faith, since he learned of Colonel Seely's amendments to the cabinet memorandum only yesterday afternoon. The prime minister made plain to the house of commons the government's position regarding the army, declaring that he would not assent to the claim of any body of men in the service of the crown to demand assurances of what they would be required to do in circumstances which had not yet arisen.

Sir Edward Grey spoke even more strongly. He said:

"The government is prepared at any moment to use force to whatever extent is required to make the will of the country prevail. This is a contingency which cannot arise for a long time, and we will still labor to avoid it."

Paget and Gough May Resign.

Much of the oratory in the debate in the house of commons tonight consisted of fiery denunciations of the military aristocracy. The government members were placated by today's revelations, but there remain a very strong and outspoken dissatisfaction with the whole affair among the radicals and laborites. Many think that the matter would have been allowed to rest except for the almost unanimous attacks by the liberal press and boastings of the conservative press over what they call General Gough's victory.

All talk of a compromise on the home rule bill is for the time suspended. The conservatives hold that recent events have shown that no compromise is possible, except in unconditional exclusion of Ulster. The liberals say that would not be compromise, but surrender.

Colonel Seely's transfer to another cabinet post is predicted, and the announcement and acceptance of the resignations of General Paget and General Gough would be no surprise.

M. E. Conference Organization.

Willimantic, Conn., March 25.—Complete organization of the M. E. conference here was formally effected by the selection of the following officers: Secretary, J. Francis Cooper, Brockton, Mass.; assistants, Rev. L. G. Horton, Westerly, R. I.; Rev. E. S. Studley, Stoughton, Mass.; Rev. G. A. Grant, East Weymouth, Mass.; Rev. W. H. Bath, Newport, R. I.; statistical secretary, Rev. F. L. Brooks, Mansfield, Mass.; assistant, Rev. G. L. Luck, Chilworth, Mass.; treasurer, Rev. John Ridgefield, North Truro, Mass.; assistant, Rev. John Oldham, Wakefield, R. I.

Opening of American University.

Washington, March 25.—Trustees of the American university made plans here today for opening the new institution May 27. It was announced that Secretary Bryan, Secretary Daniels, William S. Corby and Col. H. O. S. Heisland had been elected to the board. Dr. Frank W. Collier of Boston was appointed director of research and members of the board of award were named.

King and Emperor Meet.

Venice, Italy, March 25.—King Victor Emmanuel arrived here today and had a cordial meeting with Emperor William of Germany. The Marquis di San Giuliano, the Italian minister of foreign affairs, accompanied the king.

Unemployed Leader Convicted.

Sacramento, Calif., March 25.—Edward Teesdale, one of the "unemployed army" leaders arrested here on charges of vagrancy during the riots three weeks ago, was convicted today. He will be sentenced tomorrow.