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## IRELAND READY TO FIGHT AT DROP OF A HAT

Ireland is Ready to Fight and England is Ready to Crush the Opposition.

### ULSTER ASLEEP ON ARMS

Not Since the Days of the Boer War Has John Bull Been So Excited.

[By E. L. Keen, staff correspondent of the United Press.]

LONDON, March 22.—(Sunday.) England today awaited war. After a day of ceaseless preparation to meet the situation, in Ulster, Sir John French, chief of the imperial general staff, was summoned to Buckingham palace last night where he was received in audience by King George.

Only a short time before, Field Marshal Lord Roberts had conferred with the king for the second time within twelve hours. The greatest significance was attached to the night visit of French. It is believed he reported:

"England is ready." With Lord Roberts and other famous commanders hurrying to Buckingham palace and every cabinet officer remaining at his post over the week-end, the scenes at the outbreak of the Boer war were recalled.

Far into the night War Secretary Seely was in his office. His staff of under secretaries were on duty continuously. They worked in short reliefs but throughout the night the brilliant lights of the offices and the hurrying and excitement within gave evidence of extremes to which the government has decided to go to curb the threatened revolt of Ulster.

It was reported tonight that the railways have been ordered to have trains in readiness to move 10,000 troops from Aldershot, one of the greatest military posts of the empire, to Glasgow and other ports convenient to Ireland.

## MEXICAN DOVE OF PEACE HOVERING CLOSE BY AGAIN

Compromise Proposal From Huerta Gives President and Bryan Hopes.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The president and Secretary Bryan had under consideration tonight a new compromise proposal of Gen. Victoriano Huerta that administration circles had reason to believe might lead to an earlier solution of the vexing Mexican problem than was thought possible before the Mexican foreign minister visited John Lind, President Wilson's personal representative at Vera Cruz. The main point, it is believed, was whether the administration would consider Huerta as a presidential candidate if he resigned to take the field against the rebels now investing Torreón and later returned to run for president in a constitutional election.

The secretary of state admitted the receipt of a cabled despatch from Lind containing the proposals submitted by Senor Lopez Jose Portillo Y. Rojas, Mexican foreign minister, but declined to disclose the details. The president was absent from his office all day, going a part of the time, and Secretary Bryan spent the afternoon at the theatre. It was apparent they were leaving the negotiations in Lind's hands. A wireless dispatch tonight to the navy department stated that Rear Admiral Fletcher commanding the

Transvaal arose, only to be crushed in blood, has England been so stirred as today. The king held repeated conferences with his ministers. Every secretary and under-secretary remained at his post, instead of taking his usual week-end holiday. Troops were on the move. A conflict in the bitter fight growing out of home rule now requiring but one more passage in the house of commons to make it a law, appeared imminent.

From Belfast came reports of preparations of the men of Ulster to resist the government. So delicate was the situation that Sir Edward Carson, Ulster leader, in his headquarters at Craigavon, counselled calmness on the part of his followers, while War Secretary Seely directed General Paget, commanding the British troops in Ireland, to take extreme care not to provoke an outbreak.

The day passed without a clash, but Ulster tonight literally slept on its arms.

The reinforcing of various garrisons with British troops continued far in the night. War ships dropped anchors in the harbor. Within another twenty-four hours, the government expects to have enough troops in the north to adequately defend every garrison from possible raids and speedily crush any aggressive movement, should the Ulster leaders indicate an intention of actually carrying out their threats of civil war.

After a lengthy conference last night between Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty and War Secretary Seely, King George summoned Colonel Seely to Buckingham palace. It was following this conference with the king, that orders were issued that every secretary and under-secretary should remain at his post. Every available army officer was also summoned to duty. Leaves of absence were cancelled, those away on leave were recalled and the reserves ordered to be in readiness for service.

Reports of wholesale resignations because of the refusal of officers to fight Ulster is said to have caused the recalling of every available man to the colors. Reports have been circulated for some time that disaffections might follow a movement against Ulster.

But in spite of the war like preparations, statistical reports from Ulster do not indicate that the threatened revolt is really to be regarded as formidable from a military viewpoint. A report made to the United Press by an English correspondent in Ulster declares that while the situation is extremely grave, two outstanding facts must be weighed against the passion of the leaders:

"War in Ulster would mean the strength of nine counties arrayed against the over-powering strength of an empire."

In the heat of the opposition to

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## CAVALRY FOR MEXICO

Chicago Mounted Policeman is Getting Ready for Possible Intervention.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

CHICAGO, March 21.—Lieutenant Albert L. Denman, of the city mounted police, a former non-commissioned officer in the army, announced tonight that he has procured 400 provisional enlistments for a cavalry regiment in the event of war with Mexico. All have seen service in the United States, British or German army and have been under fire, according to Denman, who is being aided by former Sergeant W. K. Dennis, of the U. S. army. A Chicago millionaire, a former army officer, has pledged funds to buy horses and equipment, Denman said.

Sergeant Dennis will leave for Rockford and Springfield Monday to enlist more recruits.

### Outlived Four Husbands.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Mar. 21.—Mrs. Jane Butcher, aged 91, one of the pioneers of Nebraska, is dead at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. Hook, here.

She outlived four husbands and received her last proposal of marriage when she was 72 years old. Her four marriages occurred in London in 1841, 1851, 1861 and 1871, exactly ten years apart.

She lived at North Platte, Neb., until last year.

## SELL STOCK IN RAILROADS

New Plan to Settle Some of the Troubles of the New Haven Company.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Under an agreement reached late tonight between the department of justice and representatives of the New York New Haven and Hartford railway, the legislature of Massachusetts will be asked to remove the prohibition against the Boston holding company's disposal of the stock of the Boston and Maine. This will be turned over to five trustees and sold prior to January 1, 1917. This agreement was approved by President Wilson at a conference early in the evening with Attorney General McReynolds. The agreement further stipulates that stockholders, in a meeting to be called in charge of the Connecticut and Rhode Island and trolley properties shall be turned over to trustees—five for each state—to be sold within five years from July 1.

The other holdings of the New Haven will be disposed of as follows: Majority stock of the Merchants and Miners Transportation company turned into hands of three trustees, to be sold within three years from July 1; the minority stock of the Eastern Steamship corporation to be sold in three years from July 1, and in the meantime be deprived of its voting power; the Berkshire trolleys to be sold within five years.

All of the matters in the agreement must be approved by New Haven stockholders, in a meeting to be called on or after July 1. Whether the New Haven may retain its round steamer lines will be submitted to the interstate commerce commission for determination under the Panama canal act.

A decree embodying the agreement will be entered in the U. S. district court for southern New York which may extend time for sale if it sees fit. The ratification of the Massachusetts legislature of the Boston holding company proposal is assured from agreements of leaders of that body.

### Ask for New Trial.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHAMPAIGN, Ill., March 21.—Attorneys for Gust Penman, convicted on December 15, 1913, of the murder of Harold Shaw, University of Illinois student, this afternoon filed an appeal.

In Penman's trial, his lawyers attempted to show that he was made temporarily insane by taking "poison powder," but they failed to establish the place where Penman obtained the alleged dope. The claim that new evidence along this line has been discovered is the basis for the request for a new trial.

## FIERCE FIGHTING NEAR TORREON

Outpost Town of Birmijillo Has Been Captured By Villa's Men.

### BLOOD FLOWING TODAY

Rebel Troops Have Been Promised That They Will Sleep in Torreón Tonight.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

CONSTITUTIONALIST HEADQUARTERS, BERMILILLO, Mexico, March 21.—The assault on the city of Torreón by Gen. Francisco Villa's constitutionalist army has begun all along the line, according to dispatches received here late tonight.

Following the capture of Birmijillo this afternoon after a battle of several hours, Villa hurried several regiments of horsemen after the retreating federalists and the towns of Santa Clara and Brittingham Junction were seized in rapid succession. The latter place is two-thirds of the way from Birmijillo to Gomez Palacio, the chief outer defense of Torreón itself.

Since the capture of Birmijillo at 2:15 this afternoon, the fighting has been continuous. Fighting stubbornly and resisting every foot of the rebel advance, the federal defenders of Torreón gave ground slowly all afternoon. At Santa Clara they checked Villa's advance for an hour but they were finally compelled to withdraw in some confusion.

The flight from Santa Clara to Brittingham Junction was more precipitate, as Villa had thrown almost his whole cavalry division into the battle and was able to attack the enemy on the flank. Nevertheless the Huertistas reached Brittingham in safety and another desperate struggle was staged there. Before evacuating that place, the federal commander practically destroyed the town, setting fire to most of the buildings and dynamiting several road bridges.

Meantime, according to dispatches received here, Villa had determined that time for rapid action had arrived and he notified his subordinate commanders to get into action at once. They have responded to the call and have opened the general assault. Couriers with dispatches for and from Villa rode through Birmijillo by the score tonight. They all say the rebel chieftain is beside himself with eagerness to conclude the attack. He has promised his troops that they will sleep Sunday night in Torreón and is determined to make good his word.

### 106 Dead.

EL PASO, Texas, March 21.—General Francisco Villa's constitutionalist army has captured Birmijillo, one of the most important outpost towns in the Torreón district. After a sharp battle in which the federal defenders were repulsed and retreated towards Torreón, leaving 106 dead on the field, Villa's forces entered Birmijillo at 2:15 p. m.

This word was received tonight in a special dispatch received by an El Paso newspaper from its correspondent with the constitutionalist column. The correspondent said the federal commandant took with him all of his wounded excepting those who were evidently overlooked in the haste with which the Huertistas abandoned the place.

Gen. Eugenio Aguirre Benavides, commanding the Zaragosa brigade of veterans, this afternoon occupied Tlahualilo, the terminus of a branch railroad line running north from Torreón by way of Sacramento. The constitutionalist column will begin the march against Torreón immediately, but its progress will be slow, owing to the poor condition of the railroad.

Not content with capturing Birmijillo, General Villa ordered General Benavides to give the enemy no rest but to pursue him to the very suburbs of Torreón.

A dispatch dated Birmijillo and timed six p. m., received tonight, said the constitutionalist army was concentrating there as rapidly as forced marches would allow. As fast as his detachments arrived, Benavides sent them south against the retreating rebels. The Huertistas offered strong resistance for an hour, but were finally driven out in confusion.

Villa is rushing every available cavalry man to Birmijillo in the hope of getting a formidable force between the main federal body and Torreón, and cutting the retreating force off before it reaches Gomez Palacio. Fail-

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## TROOPS WERE TOO SLOW

Negro Lynched to Tree Before Soldiers Arrived to Give Him Protection.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

CLANTON, Ala., March 21.—With a detachment of troops enroute here from Montgomery to give him protection, Charlie Young, a negro, was lynched two miles west of this place about 9 o'clock tonight by a mob composed of citizens of this town and vicinity. Young was said to have criminally assaulted Mrs. Anderson Wilson, sixty years old, who lives on a farm near here, early today.

Young was taken from a posse which had captured him several miles west of here and was bringing him here to jail. The negro's body was swung from a limb and several shots were aimed at it as it swung out into space.

### Cummings Will Speak.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, March 21.—Plans for a republican "get together" dinner to be held in the Medinah temple on the night of April 9 were announced tonight by officers of the Hamilton club. Invitations have been sent out all over the middle west and special invitations have been sent to women voters of Illinois. Senator A. B. Cummings of Iowa, Governor John K. Tenner of Pennsylvania, Congressman James Mahan, of St. Paul; Congressman Simon D. Fess, of Yellow Springs, Ohio, and District Attorney Chas. L. Whitman, of New York, are announced as the speakers.

## COAL MINERS MAY STRIKE

Present Prospects, However, Are That Operators and Men Will Agree.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]

CHICAGO, March 21.—Representatives of bituminous coal miners from four states in joint conference here late today, withdrew their principal demand—an increase in wages averaging 6½ percent—and tonight miners and operators were nearer a settlement of their dispute than at any time since negotiations were begun several weeks ago.

One more serious obstacle tonight stood in the way of immediate settlement. Representatives of miners in Ohio, where payment of wages by law is on the mine run basis, have been unable to reach an agreement with operators on the price to be paid. Unless the operators make a concession to the Ohio miners, the miners representatives of all four states will renew their demand for wage increases and negotiations will be practically at the starting point again, according to Secretary-treasurer Green of the United Mine Workers.

"In the interests of peace we have conceded the main point in dispute, but we shall make no more concessions," Green told the United Press tonight. "We will not give in another inch. If negotiations are broken off, not only the 200,000 bituminous miners in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Indiana will be affected, but a nation-wide strike, involving 700,000 men will be called. It is possible that this one obstacle may disrupt the conference," said E. A. Cole of Columbus, Ohio, representing the operators. "We cannot comply with the demand of the Ohio miners."

Sub-committees of the joint conference headed by President John P. White of the United Mine Workers of America and Cole as representative of the operators will meet Monday to discuss the situation. At the same time, Ohio operators and miners will hold an informal conference. The joint conference will reassemble on Tuesday to hear the report of the sub-committees. The miners, Green said tonight, are willing to renew their old contracts, which expire April 1, if the Ohio matter and one other demand is adjusted satisfactorily. This is that each district be allowed to settle its own dispute without reference to the central committee of the Mine Workers.

The joint conference has been in session in the Great Northern hotel here for one week. It is an adjourned session from the recent meeting at Philadelphia where operators and miners found themselves apparently hopelessly deadlocked.

## PARIS WEEPS WITH WOMAN IT CURSED

When Mme. Caillaux Tells Her Story in Court. Sympathy is Turned to Her.

### WAS FAITHFUL WIFE

Accusations Against Husband Grew so Revolting That She Killed Editor.

[By William Phillip Simms, staff correspondent of the United Press.]

PARIS, March 21.—As Paris cursed the beautiful Mme. Caillaux but five short days ago, so did it weep with her today.

Before Magistrate Boucard, the wife of the former minister of finance sobbed out the story of the bitter, unrelenting political fight made upon her husband.

She told of her intense love for Caillaux and her children, how the polemic shafts of Gaston Calmette wounded her until, driven to desperation, she purchased a revolver, concealed it in her muff and driving to the offices of the Figaro, shot down the editor in "defense of the honor of her husband and her home."

Mme. Caillaux was given her first preliminary examination this afternoon. In a taxicab guarded by four police inspectors, she was taken from the St. Lazare prison to the palace of justice. A crowd which had gathered, cheered her as she stepped from the prison. There were some hisses, but disorder that was threatened by the division of sentiment was quickly controlled by gendarmes.

Entering the court by what is known as the stairway of the mouse-trap and then taken before Magistrate Boucard, Mme. Caillaux related her story in a firm, clear voice, which was only broken when she buried her face in her hands and sobbed bitterly.

"I shared my husband's political and social life to the fullest degree," said Mme. Caillaux. "Ours was a true love match. The abominable campaign against him has been in progress for two years. He has been accused of selling the Congo to Germany; of ordering delay in the trial of Rosette, the swindler, and all of that I knew was impossible and inconceivable."

The story of Mme. Caillaux was interrupted as she wept softly. Then she resumed: "Since the formation of the Doumergue cabinet the attacks have grown more bitter. I was deep-

ly wounded by the calumnies heaped upon my husband. I could feel the hostility increasing more and more. I felt it every time I entered a salon.

"The attitude revolted me," and here Mme. Caillaux's eyes flashed. She clenched her hands and breaking into renewed sobbing, declared:

"It was revolting; it overwhelmed me, because I knew of the incenseable profligacy of my husband."

Maitre Labori, noted French attorney, retained as counsel for Mme. Caillaux, guarded the interests of his client carefully throughout the examination. The woman who nearly wrecked a cabinet and now stands charged with murder, said she was married to Leo Claretie in 1894. By him she had two children, one of whom is dead. The other, Germaine, is fifteen years old. She said she obtained a divorce from Claretie in 1908 and married Caillaux in 1911.

"That was a true love match," she said. "Our fortunes were equal and we were independent."

Mme. Caillaux was dressed entirely in black. As she told her story, she nervously fingered the muff in which she had carried the revolver whose shots ended the life of Calmette and brought France to the brink of a political crisis.

The jurors committee continued its investigation into the Rochette scandal today. Maurice Bernard, who was attorney for Henri Rochette, denied that he had suggested that trial of his client be postponed. He said a person, neither a politician, nor a journalist, came to his office and said the postponement had been granted before the asking. Bernard was exceedingly indignant at the testimony given yesterday by M. Fabre. He declared he had not menaced anyone to obtain a delay and swore that Caillaux never directly or indirectly suggested that he suggest a postponement.

### New Boys Court

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, March 21.—Judge Thos. F. Scully tonight declared himself well pleased with results in the first week's trial of the new Chicago boys court, opened at his suggestion.

Abe Cohen, 19, brought before the court late today, pleaded that he was "short in the brain" as his only defense for annoying his neighbors. Judge Scully committed him to a sanitarium for treatment.

### His Throat Cut.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] MARION, Ark., March 21.—Charles Faulkner, planter near here, was found dead today with his throat cut. George Hood, of Memphis, and Arthur Eddy are held by county authorities charged with murdering the man after they robbed him. Eddy says his home is in Independence, Iowa.

## IRISHMEN OBJECTING TO PANAMA TOLLS REPEAL BILL

Another Worry For Wilson Who is Accused of Playing to England.

[By John E. Nevin, Staff Correspondent of the United Press.]

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Injection of the racial issue into the Panama canal tolls repeal fight was seriously troubling President Wilson tonight. Although he is supremely confident that the repeal bill will pass both houses—the senate by a majority of eight or ten and the house by more than 100—the attempt to raise the Irish question by certain of the opponents of the measure is to meet with a direct answer.

It is openly alleged that the memorialization of congress by various Irish-American organizations, such as the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Clan Na Geel, characterizing the repeal as "playing the English game," is inspired. The president, it is said, expects that during the debate on the measure, an attempt will be made to show just who is back of the entire scheme.

This matter has been "put up" to Secretary Joseph Patrick Tumulty by the steering committee which will have charge of the bill in the house when it is taken up next week. Representative Harry Covington, of Maryland, talked with the president's secretary on the matter today. Later on, it was stated that Representatives James A. Hammill of New Jersey, Madden

of Illinois, and other members of Irish descent will make speeches for the repeal bill. They are expected to insist that the attempt to show that the administration is "toadying" to Great Britain is not borne out by the facts in the case.

It is the expectation of the administration that the first test vote will be reached on a motion to adopt a special rule, limiting the debate to fifteen hours. It was said there is an outside chance that the administration will lose this skirmish.

In opposition to the bill, will be lined up Majority Leader Underwood and Minority Leader Mann, Representative Doremus, chairman of the democratic congressional campaign committee; Representative Fitzgerald, chairman of the powerful appropriations committee; Nolan of California, Humphrey of Washington and Harrison of Mississippi.

In its favor will be Covington, of Maryland; Adamson, Georgia; Palmer, Pennsylvania; Esch, Wisconsin; Shelley, Kentucky; Montague, Virginia; Sims, Tennessee; Stevens, Minnesota; Lanroot, Wisconsin; Madden, Illinois and Flood, Virginia.

All party lines are to be obliterated and it is expected that the administration will have more republican than democratic support—in the senate at least. Just when the bill will be taken up in the senate is not yet known. Senator O'Gorman is smothering it in the committee but if he does not permit the bill to be reported, then it is the intention of the supporters of the administration to move that the committee be discharged from further consideration. This will precipitate the fight.