

GREY, FOR ASQUITH, MAKES TWO OFFERS

Unionists Asked to Facilitate Government Bills—for a Price.

EARLY DISSOLUTION HELD OUT AS BAIT

Second Proposal Foreshadows Satisfaction for Ulster in Extension of Federal Idea.

[By Cable to The Tribune.] London, April 1.—Sir Edward Grey, appearing in the House of Commons yesterday as spokesman for the government on the second reading of the Home Rule bill, showed that the Cabinet was in a conciliatory mood. He made two proposals to the Unionist party. The first offer was the promise of an early general election if the Opposition would allow the Plural Voting bill as well as the Home Rule and Welsh Disestablishment bills, to go through before the end of the present session. This is regarded by the Unionists as preposterous, as the enactment of the Plural Voting bill is just the very thing the Liberals want to insure their continued ascendancy in power.

Sir Edward Grey's other offer was far more interesting, and, in the opinion of the Unionists, much more satisfactory. He said: "If the certainty of a federal solution within the six years of exclusion of Ulster from the operation of the Home Rule bill would ease the situation, I see no reason why that should not be arranged by discussion."

This means that Ulster could secure her own separate government, and most of the speakers on either side of the House supported the possibility of a federal scheme being worked out in the six years during which the option to the Ulster counties would be operative.

For a Lower Political Temperature.

Sir Edward Grey's suggestion, if there does exist a real desire to come to a common basis on which private conversations could be resumed, was very significant, while Lord Hugh Cecil also gave expression to the great desire which now exists to lower the political temperature, though the precise basis of the understanding has yet to be established.

The result of the day's debate was to confirm the impression that an understanding will eventually be arrived at. A large meeting of Unionist members in favor of a settlement on the Federal plan was held in a committee room of the House of Commons yesterday. The proceedings were private, but it is understood that an amendment to the Home Rule bill carrying out the views of the meeting was approved and will be placed on paper after the bill has been read a second time for discussion in the committee stage.

Thus Home Rule by consent is nearer to actual realization than it has ever been, for, as a parliamentary writer observed a few days ago: "This amazing government seems to thrive upon its blunders."

Spectre Alarms Unionists.

The Unionists are clearly alarmed at the spectre which Carbonate methods have raised of an election fought on a platform of "The Parliament versus the Army." Even the Moderate Liberals are anxious to avoid such a struggle, which, it is foreseen, would lead to a flood of passion exceeding even that which attended the agitation to abolish the veto power of the House of Lords.

As Sir Edward Grey remarked in the course of yesterday's debate, if there had been a general election last week, it would have been upon a much graver issue than Home Rule. If army officers take active sides in politics, the country faces a graver problem than it has faced in the last three centuries. The Foreign Secretary added that if any question were raised of government by Parliament without interference he himself took a stand as firm as that of any Labor member.

Viscount Morley of Blackburn, Lord President of the Council, has abandoned his intention of resigning from the Cabinet. The Cabinet met yesterday, and the strongest pressure was brought to bear on Lord Morley not to add to the difficulties of his colleagues by giving up his office.

Lord Morley's Explanation.

When the House of Lords met later in the day Lord Morley said: "If Colonel Seely's resignation had been accepted by Premier Asquith mine would have followed, I having been a party to his irregularity in adding the two pertinent paragraphs to the Cabinet document."

Lord Morley contended that Colonel Seely's second resignation was independent of what had occurred between himself and the then Secretary of State for War and was placed in the Premier's hands for the purpose of disposing of all appearance of any bargain having been made by the Cabinet with the military officers. He reiterated his belief that the spirit of the two paragraphs, added to the memorandum sent to Brigadier General Gough, was not at all alien to the view of the government. The vital fact, so far as his action was concerned, he said, was that when he saw the paragraphs he had not seen General Gough's letter, so he was quite unaware that they had been any attempt to dictate terms or that the letter was in reply to General Gough's request for assurances.

Viscount Morley's decision not to resign pleased the Liberals, as at his advanced age it would have meant his permanent retirement from politics, and the party would regret to lose the veteran statesman retired under a cloud.

PLANS VISIT TO ARCTIC

John Patterson to Meet Stefansson in Far North.

Toronto, March 31.—A 4,000-mile trip through the Canadian Far North in the interest of science and a meeting with Vilhjalmur Stefansson early in July are planned by John Patterson, physicist of the Meteorological Service of Canada and representative of the international meteorological committee, which was formed for the purpose of handling to advantage the company pressing for payment of the printing and engraving bureau's indebtedness to it, which the bureau was unable to do.

TO PRINT CHINA'S BILLS

American Bank Note Co. in Negotiations with Peking.

Peking, March 31.—The American Bank Note Company, it was announced today, is negotiating with the Chinese government to take over the printing and engraving bureau, which has hitherto been one of the most expensive branches of the government. The company has declared its willingness to enter into a contract to print the Chinese government's notes, bonds and stamps on terms similar to those of its contract with the Canadian government.

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NEW AVIATION RECORD

German Airmen Achieves Altitude of 20,564 Feet.

Johannisthal, March 31.—The German aviator Linnekegel to-day established a new aeroplane record for height, reaching an altitude of 20,564 feet. The previous record was held by Legagnoux, who ascended 20,235 feet last December at St. Raphael.

A few days ago Linnekegel made a new altitude record with one passenger, reaching a height of 18,050 feet.

EX-PREMIER FACES OFFICIAL CENSURE

Ernest Monis, in Opinion of Jean Jaures, Grossly Abused His High Position.

Paris, March 31.—Another stormy scene occurred to-day at the meeting of the investigating committee of the Chamber of Deputies which is inquiring into the reasons for the postponement of the trial of Henri Rochette, charged with swindling operations, culminating in the temporary resignation of the chairman, M. Jaures.

The majority of the committee, who are Radicals, voted to omit the paragraph in the report drafted by M. Jaures finding that M. Caillaux, when Minister of Finance, in 1911, and Ernest Monis, at that time Premier, had grossly abused their high position. M. Jaures immediately rose from his seat and left the meeting.

Finally the Radicals withdrew their vote and M. Jaures his resignation. The committee will examine to-morrow the members of M. Monis's Cabinet of 1911 concerning the allegations made by a provincial newspaper to the effect that Edmund Du Mesnil, editor of "Le Rappel," approached a Minister, whose name was not given, and told him that Rochette required an adjournment of his trial for six months to enable him to complete the organization of the Baku naphtha syndicate, which would mean a profit of £2,000,000, of which he was willing to give a share to whomever would obtain the post-nomment. The minister, according to this account, promptly showed M. du Mesnil the door, and then went to M. Monis and informed him of these facts.

The newspaper further alleged that the minister revealed the circumstances to President Poincaré after the Calmette tragedy and asserted that the President intervened and obtained the elimination of M. Monis, who held the post of Minister of Marine.

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that his army had been trapped and almost annihilated. Frantic efforts to get in touch with Villa and to get definite information had failed throughout the afternoon, and when the report was circulated that Torreon had been captured rebel officials hoped it was true but doubted it.

Whether Torreon has been taken by Villa, as appears now, or still is held by Velasco and his determined but greatly reduced Federal force, the battle may be recorded as the greatest ever fought in Mexico.

With all plans made to leave here tonight for Chihuahua City to establish his provisional government there, General Carranza has announced the postponement of his departure for at least a week. Absence of definite news of conditions at Torreon caused the change in plans.

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Murdered Woman's Letter Reveals Kindness to Young Italian.

WAS NOT TRYING TO SEND HIM TO UTICA

Miss Beecher Wrote W. R. George Asking Place for Pupil in Junior Republic.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Auburn, N. Y., March 31.—The true attitude of Lida L. Beecher toward the young Italian who slew her was revealed to-day in the contents of a letter she sent to William R. George, and by him turned over to Superintendent L. H. Burch, of the George Junior Republic, in Preeville, less than three weeks ago. The letter is self-explanatory and shows that there was no foundation to the various stories that have been told to the effect that she was instrumental in sending him to Utica. She was trying to keep him from being returned to the old-style juvenile institution, and he had been conferring with her about the George Junior Republic. Her letter says: "I was very much impressed with the work done for and by the boys and girls of your republic when I was visiting it with a group of Cortland Normal girls three years ago. Have you room for another citizen, a boy of fifteen years? He is a good-hearted boy, one of my pupils last year and one of my most interesting boys. His mother died when he was too young to remember and left his father with Jean, the boy, and an older sister to care for in New York City. Jean's father married again. The boy's father finally thought it best to move up into the country here, but, of course, seemed pretty dull for such city bred children, and the girl returned to New York. "The father thinks a lot of the boy and has tried to do what he could for him. As I have said, Jean was one of my pupils last year. He dislikes school work. He got a working certificate, with his father's consent, and went to work in the mills four miles from here. He became restless. I don't know what the trouble was, but he got \$5 and started to go somewhere away from home. He went to Philadelphia, Albany and Lyons, among other places, but he got no work. Finally he called upon some humane society, they found out who he was, and he was sent to the Catholic Reconv School in Utica. "On his return he did not like it there and had nothing in view. If he could get into some place like the George Junior Republic, where he would receive a little kind treatment as well as hard work, it would be fine for him. He responds to kindness very readily. He is not a bad boy by any means; he is simply unhappy at home, but he is ambitious and has other fine qualities that would develop if he only had a little guidance to show him that he really could amount to something if he chose to. I had a little talk with Jean to-night about the place. Jean seemed to be quite interested when I explained as well as I could what was expected of him. Would you please send him my circulars of your school, for I am pretty sure that Jean's father, who is well educated and wants to make something out of his only son, would be delighted."

The funeral of the girl was held to-day at the family home in Sennett. The victim's three brothers—Willis, Dwight and Judson—and Charles Riley, a former schoolmate, were the bearers. The Scripture was selected from the 43rd chapter of Isaiah: "But now saith Jehovah, that created thee, O Jacob, and that formed thee, O Israel; fear not, for I have redeemed thee. I have called thee by my name and thou art mine."

The casket was placed in a receiving vault at Onondaga Valley, and a plot will be selected at the convenience of the family.

LABOR PLOT IN RUSSIA?

Mysterious Sickness in Rubber and Tobacco Factories.

St. Petersburg, March 31.—Members of the Douma are urging the appointment of a commission to investigate the cause of a mysterious sickness from which operatives in the tobacco and rubber factories are suffering. More than seventy new cases were reported to-day in one tobacco factory and thirty in a rubber factory. The employees are leaving by scores. According to the police, the epidemic is the result of a plot to foment strikes by men who have engaged an expert chemist to assist them to bring about conditions whereby the operatives have been overcome while engaged at their tasks. These methods so far defy detection, but it is supposed they consist of the production of poisonous fumes.

AMERICAN FISHING SCHOONER

Confiscated by Canada

Vancouver, B. C., March 31.—The American fishing schooner Vallant, which was captured on May 11, 1913, by the Canadian fisheries protection sloop Joffe, was declared confiscated to-day in the Admiralty Court.

The Vallant was seized by the Joffe off the northern end of Vancouver Island, where she was alleged to have been fishing close to shore. She raced for the open sea when the Canadian vessel holed in sight, but was overhauled. One thousand pounds of halibut, some of the fish being still alive, were found below.

GERMAN PRINCE TO VISIT CHILI.

Buenos Ayres, March 31.—Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia left here to-day by railroad for Chili. They travelled in the Presidential car. The Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs, the German Minister to Argentina, the Mayor of Buenos Ayres, the military suite of the President and a large gathering of prominent personages went to the station to bid them farewell.

MONEY IN CHANCERY UNLIKELY TO BE YOURS

U. S. Embassy in London Issues Warning Against Shyster Lawyers and Others.

London, March 31.—In response to many inquiries from the United States concerning "inheritances now lying dormant in the English Chancery courts," the American Embassy is now sending out printed circulars trying to discourage Americans in small communities from being led by shyster lawyers and others into the hope that they have a chance of getting money from these ancient accounts. The embassy calls attention to the fact that there are no large unclaimed estates in Great Britain and to the additional fact that the statute of limitations almost always bars recovery.

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