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## RANCHER BENTON IS STABBED TO DEATH IN QUARREL IN JUAREZ

British Consul Perceval Files His Report on Investigation Into Alleged Execution.

EXPECT BATTLE AT GUERRERO

General Bliss Orders Detachments of Troops to Zapata, Tex.

ALL EYES ARE UPON TORREON was a party. Miss McDougal, his secre-

Expected Battle Believed to Have Started During Afternoon.

HABEAS CORPUS CASE OPENS

Attorneys for Huerta Argue for Relense of Five Thousand Mexicans Held in Prisons at Fort Bliss, Tex.

BULLETIN.

EL PASO, Tex., March 23.-The battle of Torreon opened at 1 o'clock this after- He left the institution more than three noon, according to an official dispatch received here by General Manuel Chao, notorlety incident to a breach of promise military governor of the state of Chihuahua, and signed "General Francisco Esther Quinn, a stenographer. Shortly

WASHINGTON, March 21. - British gave his assets at \$550. Consul Perceval's official report on the killing of William S. Benton at Juarez. dismissed as insufficient. Later she filed received at the embassy here today, says another action, which was pending at the "no pistol shots" were fired in the fight time of his death. which ended to the ranchman's death, leaving the inference that he was stabbed.

Brigadier General Bliss, commanding the border forces, reported today that in last year, when he became critically iil expectation of a battle below Guerrero, at Ithaca, N. Y., suffering with a ner-Mexico, opposite Zapata, Tex., a detach- vous breakdown. His life was despaired ment of Troop L. Fourteenth cavalry, of until his divorced wife, Mrs. Cornelia had been dispatched from Fort McIntosh D. Peck, a Christian Scientist, came to to Zapata. Rear Admiral Fletcher re- the hospital and administered to him. ported conditions in Vera Cruz and Tamplco unchanged.

Consul Perceval's report was the result of his investigation conducted at the order of Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador. It does not make any definite charge as to the manner of Benton's death, further than to establish that it was not by shooting as was first said by Villa, who explained that the Englishman had been executed by a firing squad after courtmartial. Friends of Benton on the border charged that Villa himself had shot the ranchman with a pistol.

The broad inference that Benton was stabbed is regarded as especially significant in connection with other information here that the constitutionalist commission which investigated the affair has found that Benton was stabbed by one of Villa's officers, who is expected to be tried for the crime.

Consul Perceval's report also states that Benton went to Villa, unarmed and to and verse. protest against the theft of his cattle. and that finding agrees with the contentions of Benton's friends.

ident Wilson indicates that the parleys at Vera Cruz, between John Lind and Senor Portillo y Roias, Huerta's minister for foreign affairs, have not reached the stage of formal negotiations or definite proposals. The president told callers today that nothing of importance had developed. Incidentally the president denied that Charge O'Shaughnessy would regign unless it were on account of til health and he hoped that would not be

песевыну. Interest in official circles was focused almost entirely on the battle at Torreon, Administration officials do not expect that peace parleys or negotiations will crystallize until after the battle.

Assault on Torreon Not Started. EL PASO, Tex., March 23.-Published reports that the rebels began an attack on the Gomez Halacio and Lerdo, important suburbs of Torreon, yesterday were without official confirmation early today either here or in Juarez. The last word received at 1 a. m. today when the Juarez telegraph office closed was that there had been no fighting. Return from the Front.

BERMEJILO, Mex., March 21-Officers from the extreme front returned today after viewing some of the federal fortifications through powerful field glasses. They reported that the defenses were elaborate and laid out according to the latest approved methods so that troops (Continued on Page Two.)

### The Weather

Forecast till ? p. m. Tuesday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity -Cloudy, probably rain. Temperature at Omana Yesterday.



Comparative Local Record. Lowest yesterday Mean temperatu Precipitation temperature ... Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

Normal temperature 40

Deficiency for the day 3

Total excess since March 1 20

Normal precipitation 65 inch

Deficiency for the day 66 inch

Total rainfail since March 1 15 inch

Deficiency since March 1 77 inch

Excess for cor. period, 1913, 1.71 inches

Excess for cur. period, 1912, 1.35 inches Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.
Station and State Temp. High-Rainof Weather. 7 p.m. est. fall
Cheyenne, part cloudy 46 50 00
Dest Moines, clear 42 42 00
Dodge City, part cloudy 54 70 00
Lander, Nondo 48 82 00
North Platte, cloudy 41 52 00
Comaha clear 5 14 60
Pueblo, chear 5 64 00
Raild City, cloudy 34 42 00
Salt Lake City, snow 42 51 01
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Sheridan, cloudy 45 56 00
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Show City, part cloudy 45 56 00 Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Sheridan, cloudy 42 44
Sioux City, part cloudy 44 46
Valentine, clear 25 46
L. A. V. ELSH, Local Porecaster

SAWYER LEAVES ESTATE TO SOCIALIST PARTY

GRAND JUNCTION. Colo., March 21 -William Sawyer, who died here recently. left his entire estate of \$20,000 to the socialist party upon the death of his sister.

### PECK SHOOTS SELF IN HEAD BREAKER CONFESSES Former Columbia Professor Com-PLANTING DYNAMITE mits Suicide at Stamford.

Defendant in Breach of

Promise Suit.

STAMFORD, Conn., March 23.-Harry

Thurston Peck, a former professor at

Columbia university, committed suicide at

a rooming house here today, by shooting

that Prof. Peck has been worrying over

tery, talked with Mr. Peck over the telephone several times during the morning

About noon he was seen to be asleep by

Mrs. Menz. Neither Miss McDougla no:

indicated that Prof. Peck contemplated

elf-destruction

Mrs. Menz recalled any incident which

The body was taken in charge by the

police. His daughter, who is a teacher

Career is Sensational.

NEW YORK, March 23 .- Harry Thurs-

ton Peck was a writer of note and for

twenty-eight years was professor of an-

cient languages at Columbia university.

years ago in consequence of unpleasant

suit for \$50,000 brought against him by

after the filing of the suit, Dr. Peck filed

voluntary petition in bankruptcy. He

In March, 1912, Miss Quinn's suit was

Dr. Peck dropped out of sight after his

retirement from Columbia and did not

come before the public eye until April of

Work Together.

The second Mrs. Peck found no object

tion to the ministrations of the divorced

wife; In fact, both worked together for

authorship of certain Latin addresses.

Peck charged that Dr. Butler purported

to deliver in Berlin as his own an ad-

dress in Latin which Peck wrote. Dr.

Eutler subsequently admitted that this

was true and was quoted in dispatches

from Berlin as saying that the /prepara-

tion of such matter was part of the pro-

fessor's duty and that there was "no

Dr. Peck was born in Stamford in 1856.

and was educated in this country and

abroad. He was an authority on Latin

and the classics, and the author of nu-

merous books, including treatises, essays

Crops of Grain Are

almost continuous succession of snow

storms over the country, in the opinion

expressed today by officials of the De-

partment of Agriculture. The longer the

snow blanket fingers, the more frequently

it is replenished, they declare, the more

grows the assurance of gigantic crops of

stock feed and lower prices.

than for years, it was said.

hardly more ideal.

but immensely valuable."

enough physically.

corn and wheat better vegetables, more

During February and March general

mow storms have been more frequent

"If this snow blanket will only take its

time in departing," said Dr. J. A. Bone-

steel of the bureau of soils, Department

of Agriculture, today, "we will have a

better crop start this year than for sev-

eral seasons. To date conditions could be

snow will prove of incalculable benefit.

The corn belt ought to have a splendid

against drouth, not complete, of course,

IOWA CITY, Ia., March 22-(Special.)-

tendered to the State Board of Education

nection with the school during the pres-

faculty member as acting president with-

arisen. The Daily Iowan, the student pa-

per, says that Bowman's administration

has been a marked success, and charges

the state board with playing politics in

its management of the state schools.

President Bowman

"in the corn belt, where there was con-

Prospects for Big

the professor's recovery.

secret about it.

in New York City, was notified.

in the head with a revolver.

AUTHORITY ON THE CLASSICS Charles Killman, Hired by Owners, Admits Plot at Striking He Was the Author of Numerous Books and Essays-Divorcee and

DEPUTY PROSECUTOR Others Implicated in Story of Prisoner.

Mrs. Gotilleb Menz, his landlady, said EMPLOYED TO GATHER EVIDENCE

a suit to which a book puonsning firm Unable to Get Anything on Men. They Hatch Conspiracy.

WALKOUT ON FOR NINE MONTHS

Explosive is Placed with the Intention of Causing the Arrest of Unionists, Official Hears.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 23.-Charles Killman, a prisoner in the county jail confessed today, according to Deputy Prosecutor Edgard Wright, that he and three other strikebreakers had planted dynamite with the intention of causing the arrest of union teamsters engaged in a strike here for the last nine months. Killman, according to the alleged confession, was employed by the Team Owners' association to gather evidence against strike leaders suspected of damaging property. Unable to find such evidence. he and three assistants hatched the dyna-

Dynamite sticks and a bomb, according to Killman, were hidden on premises believed to be occupied by strike leaders. It chanced, however, that the plant was set on the property of a man not connected with the strike and Killman was

himself arrested on suspicion. Following the alleged confession, Jack Sample, another prisoner, was charged jointly with Killman with conspiracy and warrants were issued for two other men who are believed to have left the state.

#### Boy Slowly Dying is Taken to White House As far back as 1910, Dr. Peck had a to See the President sharp controversy with Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia, over the

WASHINGTON, March 23 .- A pale. smiling boy 12 years old lay on a stretcher in the Blue room of the White house early today and beside him sat the president of the United States. The scene was the culmination of weeks of yearning and the kind response of President Wilson to the little boy's plea.

Paralyzed in limb and his life slowly ebbing away, Harry Winthrop Davis of Sewickley, Pa., was the president's early caller. He came in a motor ambulance and three hospital attendants bore him into the White House Blue room. The president came and chatted for several too happy to speak. Finally he asked about Mrs. Wilson and left some flowers

Unusually Good The president's eyes were dimmed as the little boy was carried out on his stretcher to the ambulance and away to WASHINGTON, March 23.-Prospects the railroad station and on to Atlantic for big crops this year are particularly bright at this time as the result of the

The visit to the president was arranged

after Mrs. A. L. Davis, the boy's mother. had written Mrs. Wilson telling how her little boy had been praying to see the president and how she earnestly hoped it night be arranged. She suggested that the little fellow could be brought to the White House and the president promptly

### Three Shots Fired at Paris Judges by Madame Lavigne

PARIS, March 33.-Three shots from a in the sixth chamber of the Palace of siderable depletion of the crop through Justice today by a woman whose identoo persistent drouth last season, the tity was not established. The authorities after her arrest declared that the woman apparently was mentally unbalanced. Snow is a splendid insurance No one was hit by the bullets. The woman proved to be Madame Lavigne de Sainte-Suzanne, wife of a high official of the ministry of colon w. At the moment she fired she shr: "I will kill

these base judges." Retires This Week The shooting occurred during the hearing of a divorce case in which she was a witness. One of the attorneys had just alluded to the despair of some wives who John G. Bowman, whose resignation as were unable to obtain justice, when the head of the State University of Iowa was woman opened fire.

#### Striking Trainmen Forfeit Their Jobs last Friday evening, will sever his conent week, if the board is able to name a

in that date. No intimation has come as to who is likely to be named to fill the PITTSBURGH, March office until a permanent president is tendent A. G. Mitchell of the Monogehelia named, but Dean W. G. Raymond of the division of the Pennsylvania railroad toengineering college is considered the logi- day declared forfeited the jobs of freight trainmen who on Saturday struck and cal man. Dean W. C. Wilcox of the liberal arts college would probably get the tied up the freight business of the diviplace as acting president, but for the sion. The men were ordered to turn in fact that he is just recovering from a such free transportation as they might have and to call at the office of the paycritical operation and will not be strong master for the wages due them. strike is not sanctioned by the Railroad Opinion here is unfavorable to the

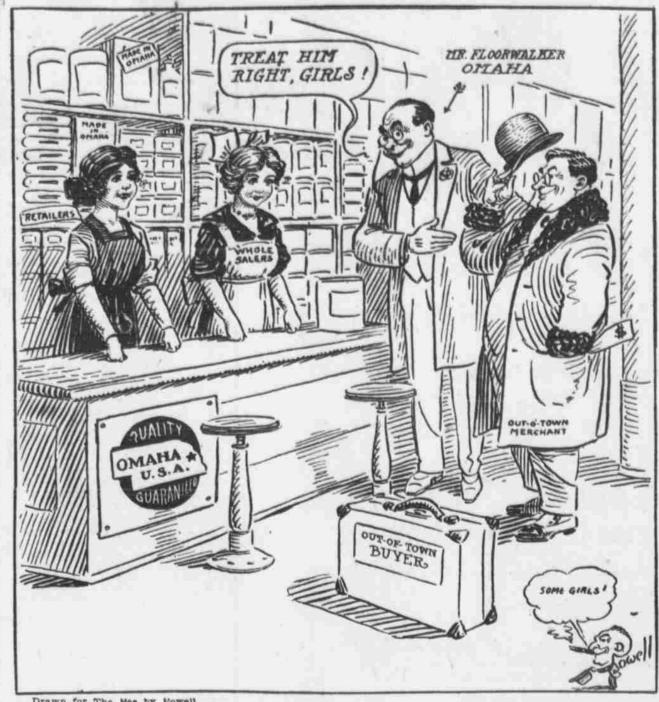
#### board in the controversy which has HUSBAND OF MADAME MODJESKA IS DEAD

SANTA ANA, Cal., Murch 33.-A tele City papers allege that the board is grams announcing the death of Count Bodominated by James H. Trewin of Cedar zants, husband of Mme. Modjeska, the Rapids, former president of the board. actress, in Krakow, Poland, was received and that he uses his influence for the here today from Ralph Modjeska. Count advancement of his personal friends and Bozanta was 76 years old. He died Friday and the telegram said would be interred tomorrow.

### LIABILITY LAW VALID IN THE TERRITORIES

WASHINGTON, March 23.-The federal employers' liability law of 1906, declared unconstitutional as to the states, was held In the will filed today small bequests valid today by the supreme court as to are made to every socialist newspaper territories. Harry S. Friday, a ratiroad and the residue to the national executive brakeman, was permitted to recover \$7,500 for loss of an arm in New Mexico.

Always in Order



Drawn for The Hee by Powell.

# MERCHANTS' MARKET WEEK Strikers Attack a

Elaborate Plans for Entertainment Are Completed,

VISITORS WILL BRING WIVES special Features Are Planned for Women Who Will Come to Omaha with Husbands

to Market.

The first day of Merchants' Marketing week in Omaha is on, and the wholesalers minutes with the little fellow, whose eyes and manufacturers are busy preparing to dreds of strikers began to pelt it with beamed with joy and who was at first take care of their customers. The mernot expected to arrive until today. The entire week is given over to Mer he turned away to his day of work and chants' Marketing week, and the 20,000 retailers from the various parts of forts to operate the factory. Omaha's trade territory will have all the week to come here and do their spring

trading.

Arrangements are now about all complated for the entertainment that is to be furnished the out-of-town visitors by the lobbers and manufacturers at the Comclub room this evening. Dancing masters have been engaged to demonstrate fancy dance steps. Vaude-Wille features have been engaged from the vaudeville shows to furnish the cabaret show. Speakers are engaged to give lectures on the problems of the retailer, such various other matters that concern the up-to-date retail merchant. Wednesday night a dinner and theate

party are planned. The jobbers anr manufacturers have subscribed liberally to s fund to handle the various entertainment revolver were fired at the judges sitting features for the week. They are determined that their customers from the trade territory of Omaha shall go back home feeling that they have had a good time while in Omaha, as well as a profitable week in selecting their supply of spring and summer goods.

### **ESCAPE SECOND TIME** AGAIN RECAPTURED

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., March 28,-Lloyd Bitzberger and Bert Adams were arrested at Atchison, twenty miles away. after they had escaped from the United States military prison today. It was their second escape within a week. They were arrested in Omaha only last Saturday and returned here, having escaped a few days ago. Today they crawled 200 yards through a sewer after sawing their way out of 'the solitary.'

# The National Capital

Monday, March 23, 1914. The Senate.

mation was passed.

Benator Thornton denounced a resolution adopted at a New Orleans St. Patrick's day celebration which attacked
him for his support of the Panama tolls exemption repeal.

The House.

Met at noon. Debate was continued on the rivers and harbor bill.

John Mitchell testified about conditions in the Michigan copper strike district before the mines committee.

District of Columbia legislation was set aside for the day.

Secretary Garrison submitted an esti-mate of \$5,510,104 for a deficiency appropristion for the army.

President Wilson's allusion to a filldelay a vote on the Panama tolls exemp-tion repeal, was followed by hurried con-sideration of the rivers bill and delay of other business.

## Load of Breakers; Several Wounded

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 23.-In a clash between strikers from the Gould coupler works at Depew and strikebreakers today, one man was probably fatally shot and several others seriously injured by being struck by bricks and stones. The strikers held up the train, which was carrying 800 men to the plant from this city by felling a tree across the tracks. When the train came to a standstill hunchants from out in the state were not liffs on the work train fired in return. A die. The train returned to Buffalo.

> Today's attack took place at a point the finest residences in the city. about half a mile from the shops. The

said to have been practically wrecked. sympathizers used bricks, stones, clubs, to the Nash home to warn the four serv- to protect the stores of government arms the story told by the men on the train, rear of the house. They, with the Nash three months and arose over the question ward, went to the Smyth home. The ognized the widespread anxiety for an of open shop. The company paid wages alarm was turned in by Miss Smyth. said to be equal to, and in some cases as advertising, window decorating and higher, than those required in the union scale. About 1,800 men are involved.

## Robber Shoots Bank Cashier, Takes Cash and Escapes in Auto

ALTOONA, Pa., March 23.-A robber oday shot the cashler of the Union bank of this city, wounded a depositor and got away in an automobile with about \$500 of the bank's money.

The thief, who was a young man drove to the bank in an automobile. pointed a revolver at the teller and vaulted over the iron screen into the cage with the oficial. The cashier, A. P. Rupert, turned toward the robber and was shot by the latter in the stomach The robber gathered into a satchel all the loose bills he found on the counters. While so engaged, M. Blackburn, a de-positor, entered the bank and as he was Irish Societies Call closing the front door the robber shot him through the thigh.

The thief walked into the street and fired in every direction, chasing everybody to cover. Jumping into the automo bile he dashed off and escaped

### CONGRESSMAN BURKE SAYS WILL WIN PRIMARY

PIERRE, S. D., March 23 .- (Special Tel-Lobby committee postponed further hearings until tomorrow.

Senator Gronna introduced a bill to create a bureau of farm loans in the Treasury department. Senator Sutherland introduced an amendment to the radium bill to permit the government to control the exportation of ores.

Senator LaFollette's resolution to have the record of the Interstate Commerce commission's investigation of increased freight tates published for public information was passed. this morning from a trip over the west- tive parliament in Ireland against the state. Mr. Burke has just been through the Rosebud country, and west into the Black Hills on the last lap of his tour of the state.

### ITALIAN SCIENTIST IS MURDERED FOR MONEY

NAPLES, March 23 -The police believ that Prof. Giuseppe Mercalli, director of his possession, is missing. It is believed thinves broke into his residence, took set fire to it to conceal the crime.

## FIRE DAMAGES NASH HOME

Paintings and Curios Destroyed by Flames in Omaha Mansion.

BLAZE KINDLED BY SUN'S RAYS

Sunbeams Focused Through Plate Glass Windows on Open Hox of Matches Believed Cause of Fire.

Fire starting in the sun room at the southeast corner of the Louis C. Nash residence at Thirty-eighth and Burt the home rule situation was displayed in estimated at \$25,000. Paintings, curios when the house was crowded to listen to numerous Monday, as most of them are foreigner was shot in the head and will and furnishings, many of which cannot a statement from Colonel Seely, secretary be replaced, were destroyed by the flames, of state for war. Officials of the Gould plant have asked which gutted the main floor of the \$40,000 for militia to protect them in their ef- mansion. The house was built scarcely a year and a half ago and was one of

It was announced that the home will mander-in-chief in Ireland, that they train consisted of eleven Lackswanna be rebuilt immediately. Most of the dampassenger coaches. Seven of these are age was covered by insurance.

The fight was ended by the running of Smyth, who resides next door, discovered join their regiment. The movement of the train back to this city. The strike the fire about 2 o'clock. She sent a maid troops, he concluded, was solely in order revolvers and a few rifles, according to ants who were in the basement at the and ammunition. The strike has been in effect about children, Betty, Ellen, Virginia and Ed-Bonar Law, leader of the opposition, rec-Mr. and Mrs. Nash Away.

> when the fire started while Mrs. Nash discuss the Irish situation. was attending a luncheon. Mr. Nash was notified of the fire a few minutes did not return until 3 o'clock.

Germany.

additional three on the second alarm. It had occurred. is believed the fire started from the rays of the sun focused through the heavy plate glass windows on a box of matches Ulster men would be dismissed from the lying open on a plle of newspapers. A year ago today the Nash home was thrown open as a refuge for the nuns of Bacred Heart convent who were driven from their building by the tornado.

# the Ulster Leader

ST. LOUIS, March 28.-The United Irish societies of St. Louist oday sent a cablegram to Sir Edward Carson, denying that Americans approved his policy in Ulster The cablegram said: "Cable quoted you as saying you re

eived letters of sympathy and encourage ment from United States. No true American will approve your unpatriotic policy of fementing armed opposition to a naexpressed wish of overwhelming major ity of her people. We challenge you to publish letters with names of writers."

### EIGHTEEN CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS IN ONE DISTRICT

PATERSON, N. J., March 23 .- Five democrats, eleven republicans, one socialist and one progressive, seeking the nomination of those parties at the primaries in Passaic county, New Jersey, for successor to Congressman Bremner, today made the final canvass for votes.

This is the first election of nations significance since the exactment of the new tariff and currency laws, and the the Vesuvian observatory, who was democrats are making every effort to burned to death on March 19, was mur- win in the hope of showing that these dered. A sum of \$1.400, which he had in policies have the approval of the people. Between tomorrow, when the four nominees will be selected, and April 7, the his money, strangled the professor, mat- date of the election, both the democrats urated the body with petroleum and then and republicans will have the aid of the national organizations.

## ULSTER GOES AHEAD WITH PREPARATIONS TO FIGHT HOME RULE

Carson, After Reading Asquith's Statement, Says Government Eas Put Itself in Ludicrous Position.

DEBATE IN THE PARLIAMENT Opposition Leader Says Army May

Be Destroyed. FOOLISH TO MOVE SOLDIERS

Amazing Instance of Paltering with House of Commons.

SEELY COMMUNICATION VAGUE

Gist of It Is Officers Had Asserted They Couldn't Serve in Ireland in Certain Eventualittes.

LONDON, March 21 -A much easier feeling was created in the British lales today by the reassuring statement given out by Premier Asquith to the effect that the troop movements in Ulster had been ordered only as a precautionary measure for the protection of government property.

The inference is generally drawn from the premier's remarks that the government's intentions toward army officers. who did not desire to serve against the Orangement, had been misinterpreted. The public in all parts of the United Kingdom awaited eagerly today the explanation of the cabinet in the House of Commons, to which the Irish controversy

has been transferred. In some quarters there was an inclination to believe that General Sir Arthur Paget, commander-in-chief in Ireland. had placed a much graver interpretation on the government's inquiries as to the feelings of army officers in the Irish garisons than was intended.

He presented an ultimatum to the offiers that they must serve or resign. Sir Arthur always has taken a serious view of the threatened refusal of officers to serve in Ulster. It is said that he followed his public warning to them by private intimation that their resignations would not be quietly accepted by the war

General Paget, Brigadier General Hubert Gough, commander of the cavalry brigade at the Curragh, and other officers attached to the Irish garrisons. reached London today and immediately went to the war office for a conference with General John Seely, secretary for war, and Field Marshal Sir John French. This conference was followed by a full meeting of the cabinet.

Seeley's Explanation Vague The interest in the disaffection in the army arising out of the newest phase of

The communication made by Colonel Seely was very brief and utterly vague The gist of it was that some officers had informed General Sir Arthur Paget, comcould not serve in certain eventualities There was, he said, a misunderstanding Miss Rose Smyth, daughter of C. J. and these officers had been ordered to re-Both Premier Asquith and Andrew

exhaustive debate on the subject by agreeing to a motion for the adjournment of the house immediately after the sec-Mr. Nash was engaged at his office retary for war had spoken in order to May Destroy British Army.

The leader of the opposition declared after it had been discovered and left that the government's procedure was a mmediately for the house, but Mrs. Nash most amazing instance of paltering with the House of Commons. The danger of The Nash family will make their home the British army being destroyed before temporarily in the residence of Mrs. E. the country's eyes had, he said, come on W. Nash across the street, who is in the government like a bolt from the blue He had, he declared, received proof from The first alarm brought out three com- other quarters spart from the cavalry panies of firemen, who were aided by an regiments that resignations of officers Mr. Law then read a letter stating that

officers who would not fight against the service.

The action of the government in moving troops, Mr. Law declared, was foolish, as There was no new situation in Ulster nor any threatened outbreak. The opposition leader read a letter in

(Continued on Page Two.)

## Signs of the times

Straws show which way the wind is blowing - newspaper advertising shows which way the trade is going.

This is more than a mere juggling of words.

Note the pages of advertising in today's Bee and you will see at a glance that the list of merchants, manufacturers, and other advertisers comprise the most progressive and the most successful business and profes-

sional men in our community. Advertising and success go hand in hand. You don't see a concern constantly advertising in the newspapers unless it is successful.

Also, the houses that make the biggest success nowadays do so by satisfying and pleasing the public on whom their success is based. And in order to reach the public the most successful business and professonal men use newspaper advertising.

Each depends upon the other. Good business-men and good newspapers, working together, spell success.