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Sir George Reid, Australia's commissioner in London, is quoted as saying that Canada should have started the building of three ships immediately and decide during their construction what policy to adopt. Our Conservative friends, no doubt, will say that the senate would not let them vote the money. Truth is that the old naval bill of the Laurier government was still in existence and under that act money can be appropriated for building ships. The Borden government will now have to back down and say they don't want to assist the empire even after all this flag-waving.

The recent despatches tell us that A. C. Ross, one of the leading eastern manufacturers, has passed over to the Conservative ranks. That in itself is not significant, for all the weak-kneed men all over the country will only support a government for what they get out of it. No one objects to a man changing his politics providing he is sincere in it. When a man changes sides, however, when the government is upset it leaves a rather ugly impression and is likely to create contempt for him in both parties.

A. C. Ross, however, has a

deeper motive. He of course pretends that the change is because he prefers the present government's railway policy, but since that is not a live issue in Canada, a deeper motive must be sought. It is not far to find. The Liberals have declared themselves in favor of reduced tariffs and bounties on steel, and this hits directly at the pocket of Mr. Ross. Self preservation is the first law of nature, so Mr. Ross seeks protection among his kind.

The question his actions bring up, however, is a serious one. It begins to look as if there were a coalition between the big interests and the Borden government. These were the very conditions that nurtured the trusts in the United States. These are the men who make the big contributions to the party funds and as a result demand a big voice in the government. The people should act immediately on such an important question. Sir Wilfrid has been paid the biggest compliment of his career when the big interests have shown their hand. The time is opportune for Canada to declare on so important a question, and if the country is to be saved from the trusts Sir Wilfrid Laurier should be placed in power next election.



MME. CAILLAUX IN HER OWN HOME

A recent picture of the wife of the ex-Minister of Finance for France, who shot M. Calmette, the editor of Figaro, on account of the appearance in his journal of some articles in criticism of her husband. The preliminary trial is now proceeding.

RIVAL ARMIES IN ULSTER SITTING OVER MAGAZINE

A SPARK WOULD SET IT ABLAZE AND WELL-DRILLED CORPS AT EACH OTHER'S THROATS

Londonderry, April 17.—Derry and he will entertain 60 post riders over Easter. The post despatch riders' organization is one of the wonders of the Unionist preparation. I talked today with one who recently covered 90 miles from Londonderry to Belfast on motorcycles. There are 1500 signallers and despatch carriers, who cover every place in Ulster on Saturdays, using motorcycles almost entirely.

They Have the Guns, Too

They have dummy guns for drill; huge, accurate air guns with which target practice is quietly carried on; carbines, rifles, revolvers for actual service. When the secret chamber was opened I saw a great store of cartridge belts and accoutrements.

Nationalists Also

But the Nationalists are drilling as well. On Sunday 500 were under instruction in Celtic park, observed by the Protestants in the cathedral tower.

Each Saturday the Protestants drill in private grounds watched by the police at a distance. So far have preparations for hostilities gone that the Ulsterites have two buildings here for hospitals. Four hundred Derry ladies are qualifying for ambulance service, and a large number of beds are pledged.

Donegal Mobilization

Experimental mobilizations are held at frequent intervals. At the given near here 42 out of 46 countrymen left the plow and mobilized on two hours' notice. Some went six miles to do so.

A great Donegal mobilization took place Saturday, when Lord Leitrim inspected the troops,

Girls on Motorcycles

Three of them are girls, one a clergyman's daughter, who rides a motorcycle. Frequently they are thrown by gates or trees placed on the roads.

The tension of the situation is demonstrated by the effect of a rumor that the Protestants of two villages, St. Johnston and Carrigans, were to attack Londonderry Nationalists on Friday. The latter got a cannon on a stretcher in The Bogside, near a Derry slaughter house, when it exploded, breaking windows. Two children were nearly hit by fragments.

Spark Might Set War Ablaze

A church lads' procession was mistaken for an Ulster demonstration and was attacked in the Nationalist quarters of the city and a drum ruined.

These are a few of the incidents of the situation, which requires only a spark to light fires that would not be easily put out. As for the soldiery, Unionists openly boast that the men are even more friendly to Ulster than the officers proved. "If regulars were sent against us," said an ex-officer, instructing the Derry volunteers, "they and we would sit down and picnic together."

Both Prepare for Struggle

But Nationalists have no intention of leaving their cause in the regulars' keeping. And so,

despite the apparent quiet within historic Derry, behind the scenes two hostile forces are getting ready for the fray. The danger is real, the situation serious.

Will Prohibit Orientals

At the regular monthly meeting of St. Andrew's society it was decided to hold an excursion on May 24 to Port Simpson and a committee was appointed to make arrangements for a boat.

A resolution was also passed forbidding the entrance into the hall of Orientals. Any society engaging the hall hereafter will be prevented from employing Oriental labor in decorating or cleaning.

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