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## CONDUCT INQUESTS, SAYS COMMISSION

Many Changes Recommended in the Office of Coroner.

BETTER JURIES NEEDED

The Ontario public service commiss.on, appointed to consider methods of improving the office of coroner, has That, except in the counties of York and Wentworth, the preliminary pears that it may be advisable to hold cfficial to be known as an associate

coroner, who should be a medical crown attorney, who, if he is of opin-ion that an inquest should be held, shall notify the district magistrate, or if there is not a district magistrate then a police magistrate having jur-isdiction in the county or dstrict, whose duty it shall then be to proceed forthwith to hold an inquest. That in the county of York (including the city of Toronto) and in the county of Wentworth (including the city of Hamilton) there shall be a chief associate coroner with, say, six cr eight associate coroners in county of York and four or less in the county of Wentworth, and that in each county the inquiry shall be con-

#### (Continued on Page 4, Column 3.) **BONAR LAW RESIGNS SEAT IN THE CABINET**

Heavy and Breakdown Imminent.

London, March 17.-Andrew Bonar Law. lord of the privy seal, today restatute books. Ontario ranked high signed from the cabinet. Ill health among the nations of the world in

commons.

The announcement of Mr. Bonar Law's retirement was made in the house of commons by Mr. Lloyd George, who was so deeply affected that he could hardly finish his statement. The prime minister said he had received a letter from Mr. Bonar Law's retirement was made in the fits would be taxed. The Cobalt camp not be far distant when it would have (Continued on Page 3, Column 2.) had received a letter from Mr. Bonar Law this morning stating he had been WOUNDED BY BOMB, warned by his physicians that if he continued he would run the danger

Mr. Bonar Law had been absent from the house of commons the whole of this week, but he was reported to be improving in health and his resignation of the leadership of the house came as a complete surprise.

Letter to Premier. The letter of Mr. Bonar Law expressed regret that he was unable to continue his political work. "The strain of the last few years has pressed most heavily on me, and as you know well, for more than three medical advisers have warned me that to arrest Gordon. my physical condition is such that unless I have an immediate and long and used two revolvers he had in his powers of the Winnipeg River that

unless I have an immediate and long rest an early and complete break-down is inevitable."

"In these circumstances, I have no choice, and I assure you it always will be a pleasure to me to think that I have been able to help you in the great work which, since you became prime minister, you have done. It is necessity which compels me to abandon any hope of giving you any assistance in the difficult task which now confronts you."

Former Premier Herbert H. Asquith (Liberal) and John Robert Clynes (Laborite) expressed, on behalf of their parties, regret at the retirement of Mr. Bonar Law and hope for his speedy recovery.

Gordon barricaded himself in a room and used two revolvers he had in his powers of the Winnipeg River that are within Manitoba's domain. If a conflict with the Backus interests is conflict with the Backus interests is to come it will be interesting to watch how the prime minister handles the situation.

The town meanwhile was in an uproar, Finally a bomb was thrown by the besiegers, but no damage was done. Later another bomb was hurled and Gordon was injured in the explosion and surrendered.

During the siege Constable Boyd was taken to a hospital in a dying for the collection by the French government of 50 per cent. of the purcovery.

COST OF LIVING TAKES

The Right Hon. Andrew Bonar Law has long been prominent in British politics, and since 1916 has been the government leader in the house of commons. He became lord of the privy seal in January 1919

He became lord of the privy seal in January, 1919.

Mr. Bonar Law was first elected to the commons in 1900. He was a member of Mr. Lloyd George's war cabinet as chancellor of the exchequer from December 1916, to December, 1918, and was one of the British delegates to the peace conference in Paris in 1919.

Born in New Brunswick in 1858, the son of the Rev. James Law and Eliza A. K. Law, Mr. Bonar Law received his education in Canada and in the Glasgow high school. He married Annie Pitcairn Robley of Glasgow in 1891. She died in 1909.

BRITISH WAIFS FOR CANADA. London, March 17 .- The Canadian Pacific Ocean Services liner Scandinavian, which sailed from Southampton yesterday for St. John where she is scheduled to arrive March 17. carries 180 Barnardo boys and girls

CHILD BURNS TO DEATH.

skatoon, Sask., March 17.-One urned to death and a woman yed the home of Martin them in line. C.N.R. track foreman at

### MAGISTRATES SHOULD INCREASED MINE TAX WILL BE IMPOSED, **INSISTS GOVERNMENT**

Minister, Despite Protests, Presses His Bill in Legislature - Says the Province "Needs the Money," Hence the Increase.

Hon. Harry Mills, provincial minister of mines, has declined to withdraw his much discussed bill increasing the tax on mines, and in the reported to the attorney-general with legislature yesterday, after a lengthy the following recommendations:

adjourn the debate. For one reason or another, it was general gossip around the corridors an inquest, shall be conducted by an that the bill would be held over for from the north country that the pre-That the associate coroner shall re-port the result of his inquiry to the any increased taxes on the mining industry. The minister of mines, however, who is fathering the bill, fought for its passage this session, because, in short, he "needs the money." The main provisions of

> sure are: In the case of a mine, other than a nickel or nickel-copper minefi four per cent. on the excess of annual profits of such above \$10,000 and up to \$1,000,000, and seven per cent. on the excess over \$1,000,000.

nickel-copper mine, five per cent. on the excess of annual profits of said mine above \$10,000, and up to \$1,000,000, and seven per cent. on the excess over \$1,000,000.

For Revenue Purposes. The minister of mines said the object of the bill was simply to raise revenue. He had been asked to atagainst the tax, but refused. Pro- Opponents of Lake of Woods Says Strain Has Been Too against the tax, but refused. Fronew things. Proposals along this line were made during the late Hon. A. S. Hardy's time and subsequently dur-ing the late Hon. Frank Cochrane's, time. It was the latter gentleman SURMISE OVER THE DELAY who resisted all demands and placed

was given as the reason for his resignation. He also retired from the government leadership in the house of
commons.

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commons.

# **BURGLAR CAUGHT**

Later Besieged in Irish House.

Belfast, March 17.—Considerable excitement occurred today when Con-when any who so desired could be stable Boyd was shot by a burglar heard. He would make no statement years I have had the greatest difficulty in doing my work," Mr. Bonar Law declared, "now I am worn out and my medical advisers have warned me that to arrest Gordon at Newtownards, The province of Manitoba is interested in this measure, and it is understood is most anxious to have it

COST OF LIVING TAKES **BIG DROP IN BRITAIN** 

#### WILL BE EFFECTED IN BRITISH NAVY Admiralty Says Four Ships of Hood Class Will Be Started Within Year.

HIS BRAVERY RECOGNIZED.

Control Measure to Be

Heard Monday.

who put the bill thru that body, an identical measure was to be intro-

January 17 of last year.

This smiling youth is Russell E. Sweet

FUEL ALLOWANCE CUT London, March 17 .- The house of commons tonight passed the naval

£82,479,000 net. Four capital warships of the Hood class will be laid down within a year, Sir James Craig, parliamentary and financial secretary to the admiralty,

the secretary to the admiralty emphasized the economies effected, which, he said, was not a matter for the admiralty, but a policy which the government had deliberately adopted. ord Lee, first lord of the admiralty, in his speech of yesterday, had done his utmost, the secretary declared, not exactly to hold out the olive branch to the United States, but at all events to show that "in our policy we are confining ourselves entirely to the maintenance of the one-power employed in the baggage room at the Parkdale railway station. Mayor Church standard, and that standard a highly efficient one, such as would maintain the old traditions of the British last night presented him with a Royal Humane Society diploma for saving a child from death under a locomotive on

In order to effect further sco said Sir James, arrangements have been made to restrict to the greatest possible extent, consistent with e: ficiency, the steaming of the various squadrons, and, if political conditions did not make such calls upon the navy as to prevent this, it was in-tended to reduce fuel allowances to a degree which would enable the adinds sterling.

Closing of Dockyards.

Referring to the closing of the dockyards at Pembroke and Paul Bowline, he said the decision (Continued on Page 2, Column 2)

#### AGRICULTURE ITEMS Ottawa, March 17.—What is delaying the Lake of the Woods control **AGAIN UNDER FIRE** bill? It is well known that this bill has been agreed upon between the Ontario government and the Dominion

government, and, according to Sir James Lougheed, leader of the senate, Dr. Tolmie in House Emphasizes Value of His Department's Work.

duced by the Ontario government in their legislature. If this has been done at Toronto it does not seem to have made any progress. At Ottawa Ottawa, March 7.—(By Canadian Press.)—Agriculture estimates were the bill passed the senate all right, but the government has not gone on with it in the house of commons. Inagain under fire in the house today. terest has lately been aroused as to Hon. Dr. Tolmie, minister of agriculwhat is the cause of delay. E. W. ture, in outlining the work of his de-Backus is said to be strongly opposed partment, spoke or what had been to the legislation, and the question is is he trying to hold up the measure? Premier Meighen was asked today done in the campaign against both whether the bill was to be gone on with. He stated there was no change year \$17,000,000 was saved to the farmers of Manitoba. Vast acreages of policy so far as he was concerned, but that he had been asked to agree in Saskatchewan and Alberta had been protected. In lighter vein, Dr. Tolmie described to an amused house how anti-pest corps, using molasses as bait, had destroyed grasshopper with bran. sawdust and arsenic. And Dr. Tolmie emphasized the value to farmers of the department's work in

Col. J. A. Currie (North Simcoe) had a word on the farms of Ontario and Quebec. These farms, so he declared to the house, would be worth 100 per cent, more if it were not for the "weeping Willies" who went around knockin gthem. He was critical, too, of farmers who devoted more time to politics than farming. Later in the evening there was some criticism of the way in which fruit inspectors were appointed. Willian Duff (Lunenburg, N.S.) thought that instead of being made by the civil service commission, they should

ernment of 50 per cent. of the pur-be made by the minister or his chase price of all German goods sold deputy. in France, was introduced in the chamber of deputies by M. Doumer, minister of finance. The bill follows Mr. Duff complained, in that they ing in Great Britain has dropped ten mons. It does not apply to purchases points in February, it is announced made before March 8 and does not also urged the necessity of today. fruit inspection on the prairies.

The inspectors, Mr. Duff argued, should be better distributed thruout the province, and thus traveling expenses saved. Dorald Sutherland (South Oxford) also doubted if some of the department's hog inspectors were properly qualified.

#### **DEFICIT OF RAILWAYS** HAS TOUCHED BOTTOM, IS OPINION OF DR. REID

Apparent Loss for Past Year About Seventy Million Dollars, Including More Than Ten Millions on Government Deputy Says Germany Mak-Loans of Bygone Days-Reid Hopeful of Effecting Material Economies With Co-operation of the Railway Employes.

BY TOM KING. | however, are totaled and show an ap-Ottawa, March 17.—(Special).—In parent deficit for the calendar year he house of commons this afternoon 1920 of seventy million dollars, the house of commons this afternoon Hon. J. D. Reid, minister of railways and canals, delivered his annual stateestimates for 1921-22. The estimates ment respecting the operation and finamounted to £91,186,869 gross and ancial position of the National Railway system. The statement was made by unanimous consent of the house, it being understood that no discussion would be permitted until a later date.

ways are treated as three systems, viz.: The Canadian Northern, the Government Railways (National, Trans-continental and Intercolonial), and the Grand Trunk Pacific. The results,

Burden of Interest. This huge deficit is in part arrived at by charging up against the year's

operations the vast sums due the government by way of interest on loans made by the government in bygone days to the Canadian Northern and Under the rule the house goes into the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway under the rule the house goes into Companies. It will be remembered supply on Thursdays and Fridays that during the war annual handouts The statement was scarcely more than a bald presentation of statistics. The minister read a carefully prepared statement which placed in more underthan a bald presentation of statistics. The minister read a carefully prepared statement which placed in more understandable form the substance of the memorandum given out at the time the main estimates were laid upon the table of the house. For the purpose of the statement the National Railways are treated as three systems,

That Disorder Can Be

Held in Check.

preside, that the executive officers

will be on the platform and that the

unemployment committee, which held

the mass meeting at the Labor Tem-

Doggett's Proposal.

The proposal of having the Trades and Labor Council hire Massey Hall (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

WHOLESALE LIQUOR HOUSE

Washington, March 17 .- The whole-

sale liquor establishment, brother of

under sentence pronounced today by

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Revolutionary General and Trades Council Confident Committee Have Arrived in Finland.

BLEW UP A WARSHIP WORKLESS TO RALLY

Helsingfors, March 17.-Kronstadt This announcement is made by the gathering of several thousand unemrevolutionary committee of Kron- ployed in front of the city hall next accompanied by 800 soldiers.

Before retreating from Kronstadt, the revolutionists blew up the war-ships Petropavlovsk and Sebastopol.

General Kostovski landscappol.

Would undertake to him Massey Hall the revolutionists blew up the warships Petropavlovsk and Sebastopol.
General Kostovski, leader of the
revolutionists, has also arrived in
Finland.

The smugglers escaped.

The smugglers escaped. revolutionists, has also arrived in

The Bolshevik launched a general attack against Kronstadt at five o'clock this morning and, despite the heavy fire of the revolutionaries, succeeded in penetrating Kronstadt, according to refugees in Tericki, Finanimal and vegetable parasites. Last and, says a despatch from the latter year \$17,000,000 was saved to the city timed at noon today. Fighting Was Furious. Stockholm, March 17 .- Since the re-

ple yesterday afternoon, will co-operate with the council in the conduct volt began there has been no such heavy cannonade as Kronstadt launched today against Krasnoya Gorka, according to advices received here. Thruout Wednesday night and Thursday fires burned furiously for miles around. They broke out in th entre of Kronstadt, flared up at

#### (Continued on Page 2, Column 7.) **MAKE REPRISALS** FOR EXECUTIONS

One Constable Shot Dead in Galway and Another Wounded.

Dublin, March 17 .- As a reprisal for the execution Monday of Thomas Whelan in Mountjoy prison, Constable County Galway, last night, and another constable was wounded. Crown forces made searches to discover the authors of the shootings and shot to death John McDonald, who attempted to evade arrest.

Three bombs were thrown at a military lorry Tuesday night in Camden street. The soldiers returned the fire and some civilians were wounded.

The railway station at Rich Hill,

was looted.

W. M. Kennedy, amercha nt, was shot and killed, and his solicitor wounded last night. They had taken a case involving land ownership to the Carlow assizes.
For the first time since disorders broke out in Ireland identification discs were given to the troops last night.

DELALANDE AT MONTREAL. Montreal, March 17.-Jean Delalande, French vice-consul, reported at the French consulate today, having just arrived here from Paris.

## **LONDON DECISIONS** BY FRENCH CHAMBE

ing New Lightning Machine Gun.

TREATY IS VIOLATED

Paris, March 17 .- The decisions of the London reparations conference, the occupation of Dusseldorf and other German cities and the application of the allied economic penalties on Germany were approved by the a vote that was practically unanimous except for the Socialists and

Another large part of the deficit is League of Nations against the allied represented by interest payments on occupation on the ground that it was League of Nations against the allied 4 violation of the treaty. the attention of the chamber to the fact that at the same time this pro-test was sent, Germany had refused, on the summons of the reparations commission, to execute the clause of the treaty calling for the payment of

20,000,000,000 gold marks.
"Germany," he said, "has violated the treaty in three essential clauses disarmament, reparations and the trial of accused officers. Thus the sanctions as provided for in treaty are applicable and just, as we have applied them."

The allied commission of control, he declared, was werking under the

(Continued on Page 8, Column 5.)

FIGHT WITH RUM-RUNNERS **NEAR CANADIAN BORDER** 

Ogdensburg, N.Y., March 17. -During a running gun fight between United States government officers In order to avoid the danger of vio- | and Mquor smugglers in the vicinity has surrendered to the Soviet forces, lence which might result from the of Rouses Point today, Deputy Collector Harry Goodrow was shot thru both legs. He was driving an automobile containing several government stadt, which has arrived in Finland Wednesday morning to demand that officers, which was pursuing the party the board of control grant them the of smugglers. In an exchange of shots Goodrow was wounded. His use of Massey Hall, the Toronto

# HELD FOR FRAUD

Conspiracy to Conceal Assets of Rochester Company Is Charged.

Rochester, March 17 .- Rochester officers of the Flower City Grocery Company and a Toronto woman, Mrs. Celia Helpert, were arrested by federal authorities here today on charges of conspiring to conceal assets of the

company, which is bankrupt, amountthe bar, will be put to death May 15 ing to about \$10,000.
under sentence pronounced today by The officers are charged with turn-Prohibition Commissioner Kramer.

Altho an opinion rendered by Attorney-General Palmer last December said the wholesaler had no legal right a majority of stock in the stores. Arto continue in business, internal re-venue and prohibition officials decided president of both companies; his wife to grant some time in which they Sarah Arent; Jacob Solomon, treascould unload stocks without too heavy urer of both companies; Jens Nielson, monetary loss. But Mr. Kramer's anvice-president of both companies; nouncement today made it clear there Abraham Isaacson, a director of the would be no further extension of time, grocery company; Mrs. Helpert and and that execution of the sentence Miss Anna Relin, clerk for both com-would be carried out.

## Whelan in Mountjoy prison, Constable O'Kane was shot dead in Clifden, County Galway, last night and and County Galway, last night and night and county Galway Inspires Underhand Campaign

HE Montreal Gazette and The Montreal Star are not the only opponents of the National Railways. As we pointed out the other day, Sir John Willison of the Reconstruction Association of Canada committed himself when that organization was formed to opposition of public ownership of railways, and he was associated with Lord Shaughnessy in that organization to that end. And altho he County Armagh, an Orange centre, and twelve loaded cars were destroyed by fire this morning. They had first whole proposition, as shown by the following extract from an article written by been soaked with petrol. A train pro-ceeding from Portadown for Armagh hm in The Canadian Magazine for March. Here is the substance of his position:

Sir John Willison, in Canadian Magazine of March, 1921: Sir John Willison, in Canadian Magazine of March, 1921:

In Canada the government took over the railways not so much from choice as from apparent necessity and it is too soon to pronounce judgment upon the advantages or disadvantages of public operation in this country. A deficit in 1919 of \$50,000,000 was followed in 1920 by a deficit of \$55,000,000 or \$60,000,000. If the accounts of the public railways were kept as are those of private corporations the deficit would be at least \$80,000,000. Thus all our revenue from income and excess profits taxes goes to meet railway losses. Whether the final decision of the country will be for or against public ownership has to be determined, but it is certain that increasing deficits will compel a very close and severe examination into the whole railway problem in Canada.

So that Sir John Willison, the Canadian Pacific Rallway Company, The Montre Gazette and some papers down in Quebec-not forgetting The Toronto Mail to Toronto-are to be against public ownership if they all dread what will he

## Bonar Law's Resignation Means General Election Police Made Record

from the government means dissolu- mentioned as the successor of Mr. future. The belief is based on the theory that Mr. Bonar Law is the only netism to really lead the party. Conservative able to hold the party together behind the leadership of Mr. is most talked of, unless Mr. Lloyd

Lloyd George. some of Mr. Lloyd George's policies would be likely to make a strong

There has been much objection to self with the Conservatives, when he among the "old guard" Conservatives, fight. and many think that only Mr. Bonar

London, March 17.—The prediction commons. They and the Laborites ants. Austen Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer, who has been mentioned as the special control of the exchequer. ion and a general election in the near Law, is rated as lacking the neces-Lord Derby, ambassador at Paris George should definitely align him-

Some rearrangement of the cabinet were seriously injured when Law's personality and diplomacy held is considered necessary, but it will The Conservatives have the largest Unionists meet next week and elect

Bask, Wednesday night. ... number of any party in the house of a new leader.

W. S. Dingman, deputy chair-

## Seizure of Liquor

Four hundred and fifty bottles of liquor and 61 gallons of alcohol comprised the amount of liquor held by the provincial authorities as the result of Thursday morning's raid at 887 West Dundas street.

man of the provincial license board, stated last night that the raid was one of the largest and most successful carried out in Toronto during the past twelve