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LOOKS FOR LOWERED COST OF OPERATING RAILWAYS

Soviet Army Captures Kronstadt After Terrific Fight With Rebels

Protests Against Tax on Mining Do Not Move Drury Government

MAGISTRATES SHOULD CONDUCT INQUESTS, SAYS COMMISSION

That the associate coroner shall report the result of his inquiry to the crown attorney, who, if he is of opinion that an inquest should be held, shall notify the district magistrate, or if there is not a district magistrate then a police magistrate having jurisdiction in the county or district, whose duty it shall then be to proceed forthwith to hold an inquest.

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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 legislature yesterday, after a lengthy discussion, Premier Drury moved to adjourn the debate.



HIS BRAVERY RECOGNIZED.
This smiling youth is Russell E. Sweet, employed in the baggage room at the Parkdale railway station. Mayor Church last night presented him with a Royal Humane Society diploma for saving a child from death under a locomotive on January 17 of last year.

MORE ECONOMIES WILL BE EFFECTED IN BRITISH NAVY

Admiralty Says Four Ships of Hood Class Will Be Started Within Year.

FUEL ALLOWANCE CUT

London, March 17.—The house of commons tonight passed the naval estimates for 1921-22. The estimates amounted to £261,188,889 gross and £22,478,000 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, announced.

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 Material Economies With Co-operation of the Railway Employees.

Ottawa, March 17.—(Special).—In the house of commons this afternoon Hon. J. D. Reid, minister of railways and canals, delivered his annual statement respecting the operation and financial 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.

LONDON DECISIONS WARMLY APPROVED BY FRENCH CHAMBER

Deputy Says Germany Making 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 chamber of deputies this afternoon by a vote that was practically unanimous except for the Socialists and Communists.

BONAR LAW RESIGNS SEAT IN THE CABINET

Says Strain Has Been Too Heavy and Breakdown Imminent.

London, March 17.—Andrew Bonar Law, lord of the privy seal, today resigned from the cabinet. His health was given as the reason for his resignation. He also retired from the government leadership in the house of commons.

WOUNDED BY BOMB, BURGLAR CAUGHT

Had Shot Policeman and Was Later Besieged in Irish House.

Belfast, March 17.—Considerable excitement occurred today when Constable Boyd was shot by a burglar named Gordon at Newtownards, County Down. The constable at the time of the shooting was endeavoring to arrest Gordon.

BACKUS INTERESTS STILL FIGHT BILL

Opponents of Lake of Woods Control Measure to Be Heard Monday.

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AGRICULTURE ITEMS AGAIN UNDER FIRE

Dr. Tolmie in House Emphasizes Value of His Department's Work.

Ottawa, March 17.—(By Canadian Press).—Agriculture estimates were again under fire in the house today. Hon. Dr. Tolmie, minister of agriculture, in outlining the work of his department, spoke of what had been done in the campaign against north animal and vegetable parasites.

KRONSTADT REVOLT ENDS BY SURRENDER OF TOWN TO REDS

Revolutionary General and Committee Have Arrived in Finland.

Heisingfors, March 17.—Kronstadt has surrendered to the Soviet forces. This announcement is made by the revolutionary committee of Kronstadt, which has arrived in Finland accompanied by 800 soldiers.

LABOR WILL RENT MASSEY HALL FOR PROTEST MEETING

Trades Council Confident That Disorder Can Be Held in Check.

In order to avoid the danger of violence which might result from the gathering of several thousand unemployed in front of the city hall next Wednesday morning to demand that the board of control grant them the use of Massey Hall, the Toronto Trades and Labor Council decided at the Labor Temple last night that they would undertake to hire Massey Hall through the regular channels and hold the unemployment mass meeting under its own auspices.

COST OF LIVING TAKES BIG DROP IN BRITAIN

London, March 17.—The cost of living in Great Britain has dropped ten points in February, it is announced today.

Bonar Law's Resignation Means General Election

London, March 17.—The prediction is freely made by politicians tonight that Mr. Bonar Law's resignation from the government means dissolution and a general election in the near future. The belief is based on the theory that Mr. Bonar Law is the only Conservative able to hold the party together behind the leadership of Mr. Lloyd George.

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CHILD BURNS TO DEATH

St. Catharines, March 17.—One year old child, a woman, were seriously injured when the home of Martin C.N.R. track foreman at St. Catharines, Wednesday night.

BRITISH WAIFS FOR CANADA

London, March 17.—The Canadian Pacific Ocean Services Line Scandinavian, which sailed from Southampton yesterday for St. John where it is scheduled to arrive March 17, carries 148 "Bernardo" boys and girls for Canada.

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