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Naval Forces Are Urged For All The British Dominions  
BIG FOR BRITAIN IN PROVINCE

ADMIRALTY ENDORSES NAVY PLAN

Lord Chelmsford Has Definitely Put Responsibility on Dominions.  
CANADA RAPPED  
Statement Made Dominion is Not Paying Full Share of Burden.

BY HARRY N. MOORE.  
(British United Press.)  
London, March 14.—Lord Chelmsford has definitely placed responsibility for the naval defence of the Overseas Dominions on the Dominions themselves. Explaining the naval estimates in the House of Commons last night, he made the significant statement that "The naval defence of the Empire must depend ultimately on the active support of public opinion throughout the Empire."

"The only system of naval defence which can meet with general approval is one in which each Dominion possesses naval forces of its own. The British Admiralty heartily endorses this principle and will do everything in its power to assist in the development of seagoing Dominion navies."

Lord Chelmsford also made reference to the resolutions of the Imperial Conference, stating that the Admiralty at that time had pointed out that the upkeep of the fleet imposed a heavy burden on the British taxpayers which they were called upon to pay unaided, and moreover that the necessary naval strength of the Empire could only be secured and maintained by the co-operation of all the peoples of the Empire through their respective parliaments.

Not Bearing Share  
There is a general feeling that Canada is not bearing her share of the burden and in this connection the Times pointed out that the naval expenditure of New Zealand is greater than that of Canada while Australia leads all other dominions in the amount which it devotes to naval defence amounting to approximately ten shillings of about two and a half dollars per head per annum.

BULLET VS. WATER  
Harmless Halfwit With Water Pistol Causes Revolver Fusillade

Dublin, March 14.—Dublin streets recently re-echoed the crackle of rifles and revolvers as the result of an extraordinary incident. Seeing a man on the sidewalk with a handkerchief over his face, an officer moved towards him, whereupon the stranger ran away. Drawing his revolver, the officer opened fire. The man sought refuge in a doorway and produced what appeared to be a pistol. Other soldiers arrived, attracted by the firing, and from positions in the windows and on the roofs of houses opposite blazed away at the cowering stranger.

New York, March 14.—Five of the seven members of the crew of the Royal Mail steamer Orduna, which has been seized by the U. S. government, pleaded guilty to a smuggling charge today and were remanded for sentence until next Wednesday.

Radio Calls Son Across Continent

Winsted, Conn., March 14.—Called home from California by a radio message informing him that his mother, Mrs. William L. Parsons, was seriously ill, Frederick Parsons of Maybrook, N. Y., a conductor on the Central New England Railroad, and his wife, Mrs. Parsons, were touring the West and as their exact whereabouts were unknown news of his mother's illness was broadcast in the Western States.

TO VISIT CANADA DURING THIS YEAR

Delegate From Overseas Commission Will Look Into Child Migration

London, March 14.—Lady Terrington, Liberal member of the House of Commons, asked in the House yesterday whether the overseas trade department exercised any supervision over emigrants from Barnardo's homes in the Dominions to which they went, and, if so, how long had there been supervision, and what was the nature of it.

RIVER OPENING WILL BE RECORD

Steamer Plans to Sail Down St. Lawrence Early Next Week

Quebec, March 14.—The Bras D'Or Navigation Co. announced yesterday that the S. S. Guide would leave from port on Monday for the North Shore. This will be a record for an early spring sailing, last year the first steamer leaving on the 17th of April, and the earliest date for such a journey was said to have been the 20th of March, according to Captain Fournier of the Guide.

CHURCH UNION BILL IS PASSED

Only Three Manitoba Members Are Opposed to Principle of Measure

Winnipeg, March 14.—The church union bill was passed by the Manitoba Legislature last night without division. Only three members expressed themselves in opposition to the bill, namely Queen, leader of the Labor group, and Doane, Moderation League representative, and Daokynsky, Independent.

Wire Briefs

Quebec, March 14.—Unless something unforeseen occurs, the legislature will prorogue on Saturday, it is reliably stated.

Montreal, March 14.—Manager Dandurand of the Canadiens or President Calder of the N. H. L. had nothing to say today with regard to the Stanley Cup series controversy.

Moscow, March 14.—(British United Press.)—The Soviet authorities have informed the postmaster general that the name of Petrograd is henceforth officially Leningrad.

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New York, March 14.—The appellate division of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn today unanimously upheld the decision of Referee Gleason in favor of Mrs. Anne U. Stillman, wife of James A. Stillman.

DISHONESTY CHARGED IN B. C. PROBE

Contractor Says \$54,000 Paid Irregularly by the Oliver Government.

OLIVER TO TESTIFY

Intimated He Will Attempt Refutation of Rossiter Testimony.

Victoria, B. C., March 14.—The inquiry before Mr. Justice Gallinger into the provincial party charges against the Oliver Government of corruption and misadministration of the affairs of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway entered a new phase with the evidence of P. G. Finerty, a sub-contractor of the Northern Construction Company, who charged that the Government dishonestly paid the company \$54,000 for cribbing work done by himself and the Murdoch Company.

NEW WAR HORSE

British Army Tries Out Iron Charger to Carry Guns

London, March 14.—One day lately a strange monster pushed its nose outside the works of a British armament firm, and to the amazement of passers-by, began to make its way to a hill close by.

Wilbur Is Offered U. S. Naval Office

San Francisco, March 14.—Curtis D. Wilbur, Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court, announced last night that he had received a telegram from President Coolidge tendering him the office of Secretary of the Navy, made vacant by the resignation of Edwin Denby, and that he had accepted.

Crop Failure May Cause Repudiation

Winnipeg, March 14.—That while debtors to the Home Bank had, in Alberta, practically paid up in full and in Saskatchewan in Manitoba, due to the poor harvest of last year, was so bad that liabilities would have to be carried until next fall at least, was the statement made last night by Robert Burland, who is visiting the western branch of the bank at the request of the liquidators.

Admiralty Endorses Dominion Navies

London, March 14.—The Admiralty statement dealing with Dominions operations in Empire naval matters says: "Naval defence of the Empire must depend ultimately on the active support of public opinion throughout the Empire, and the only system of naval defence which can meet with general approval is one in which each Dominion possesses naval forces of its own. The Admiralty endorses this principle and will do all in its power to assist the development of sea-going Dominion navies."

Fall of Franc Is Cause of Suicide

Paris, March 14.—It is reported from Switzerland that a Rumanian who had been preparing plans, lithographs and parchment to make counterfeit French 1,000-franc notes (about \$40), committed suicide because the French currency is so depreciated it did not pay to make the bogus money.

SAYS FAVORITISM SHOWN WEALTHY

Congressman Charges Discrimination by Atlanta Prison Officials

Washington, March 14.—Before leaving last night for Atlanta, Representative Uphaw, Georgia, said he would ask the Senate Daugherty Committee to investigate his charges that federal prison authorities in Atlanta had discriminated in favor of "millionaire prisoners."

CREW HAS FIGHT WITH BIG SHARK

Big Fish Is Pulled on Deck and Battle Is Resumed

West Palm Beach, Fla., March 14.—Details of a thrilling fight between four men and a 600-pound shark in the cockpit of a fifty-foot fishing boat Thursday became known today.

INQUIRY IS ASKED

Chicago Trustees Want Investigation of Alleged "Lake Water Piracy"

Chicago, March 14.—Congressional investigation of alleged "lake water piracy" at Niagara Falls by Canadian power interests and Sir Adam Beck, was asked today in a resolution passed by the sanitary district of Chicago trustees.

Car Ferries Planned For L. Temiskaming

Cobalt, Ont., March 14.—The C. P. R. is perfecting its plans to capture a substantial part of the new mining business being developed in Ontario by placing car ferries on Lake Temiskaming. These ferries will play between South Lorrain and Ville Marie and between New Liskeard, Haileybury and other Ontario points and the Quebec side.

BELIEVE 13 DROWNED IN WRECK

Fate of Men on Cruiser in North Sea Causes Anxiety.

HELP IS REFUSED.

Fog and Rough Weather Baffle Searchers—May be Swamped.

(By Canadian Press.)

London, March 14.—The fate of 13 men aboard the dismantled 12,000-ton cruiser Suttie, which has been drifting in the North Sea for a fortnight, is causing anxiety, and news of the rescue by one of the tugs now engaged in hunting for the vessel is eagerly awaited.

The Suttie was towed out of the naval station at Rosyth, in the Firth of Forth, for Belfast where she was to be broken up, but on Feb. 29 she broke away from her tugs in a gale. The tugs reached Peterhead and reported the loss, then returned in search of the wrecked vessel.

Meanwhile the cruiser was sighted by several fishermen, and on March 8 she received some stores from a trawler, whose officer of further help was refused, as the crew expected every day to be picked up by the sea tugs.

The crew has no means of raising steam and possess no signaling apparatus. It is feared the cruiser will be swamped or dashed ashore if the gale increases.

Election of Quebec Mayor Protested

Quebec, March 14.—Chief Justice Sir Francois Levesque, sitting in chambers, has granted the preliminary writ of asking for the issuance of a writ of quo warranto against Mayor Sampson, who was returned for a third term to the mayorality on Feb. 18, but whose election is being protested.

Man Murdered as "Offering" To Lord

Tampa, Fla., March 14.—Eva Winchester, 18, told Sheriff Spencer yesterday that she had "stamped to death" with her feet, her father, J. C. Winchester, 65, as a religious offering.

CRUCIAL DAY IN FRENCH POLITICS

Paris, March 14.—The French Senate is to decide today whether the Poincare Government shall be granted authority to make laws governing immediate economies and fiscal measures by simple decrees without ratification by Parliament, or is to be removed from power, leaving to another cabinet the task of balancing the budget.

Gibbons-Carpentier Match Reported

Winnipeg, March 14.—"It's news to me," declared Tom Gibbons when shown a Paris dispatch stating that he was to meet Georges Carpentier at Chicago on July 4. He added: "Though I am anxious to meet Carpentier, my aim is for a return bout with Dempsey this summer. If, however, the match with the champion falls through, I will go after Carpentier and Firpo."

Weather Report

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Maritime—Strong winds and gales from northwest, fair and cold today and on Saturday, snow flurries.  
Gulf and North Shore—Strong north and northwest winds, cold today and on Saturday, snow flurries.  
New England—Fair tonight and Saturday; no change in temperature, fresh and strong northwest winds.  
Toronto, March 14—Temperatures:  
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Table with weather data for various cities: Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, St. John, Halifax, New York.

Orchid Named For Mary



This photo shows "Our Mary" and the "Cymbidium Mary Pickford," the prize-winning orchid of the International Flower Show, New York City, which has been named after her. She thus joins the ranks of such city, which has been named after her. She thus joins the ranks of such other notable who have had flowers named after them, among them being Mrs. Florence Kling Harding, Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, General Pershing, Queen Elizabeth of Belgium and Princess Mary of England.

Page Boy In Canadian Parliament Steps Into Breach; Saves Situation

Ottawa, March 14.—The Canadian constitution was saved by a page boy in the House of Commons last evening. The debate on the address came to an end for the day with unexpected suddenness. According to anecdote, the sergeant-at-arms or his deputy, bearing the mace, last night, when Mr. Deputy Speaker started to bring the sitting to an end, he looked in vain for the bearer of the symbol of authority. There was an awful pause during which the custom of ages trembled in the balance, and then a 15-year old page stepped into the breach.

Harvester Dead

Scotsman Fatally Hurt After Being Two Days on Toronto Job

Toronto, March 14.—John Barr, aged 27, a Scotsman and one of the band of harvesters who came to Canada last summer, was injured last night so badly at the Toronto Iron Works, where he was employed, that he died in a short time. He had been out of work since last fall and secured the position only on Wednesday. Last night a 600-pound boiler plate fell on him. An inquest will be held. He was unmarried.

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St. John ... 24 26 20  
Halifax ... 28 30 24  
New York ... 26 30 24

TRAINS ARE DELAYED BY DRIFTS

Moncton Reports a Heavy Snowfall Along the Railway Lines Today.

FERRY RETURNS

Snow is Heaviest in Districts Near Hampton and Campbellton.

(By Canadian Press.)

Moncton, March 14.—The snowstorm continues here today. There has been practically no cessation since early Wednesday morning. Passenger trains, preceded by snow plows, are running on the C. N. R., but there is no movement of freight except stock and perishables.

The storm has been heavy on the northern division between Moncton and Campbellton, and on the Halifax-St. John division between Springhill and Hampton.

Trains held up by drifts on the P. E. I. line were released early this morning. The Prince Edward Island ferry left Borden this morning for the mainland, but finding the storm too heavy to cross the Straits, returned to Borden. Between Tignish and Charlottetown the storm is reported very heavy.

Maritime Is Late  
The Maritime Express from Montreal was reported here at 11 a.m. over an hour late. S. J. Hunsford, left from the north 40 minutes late. The morning trains between Moncton and St. John were running on time. The Ocean Limited from Halifax was reported on time.

On the branch lines the service was being maintained today as well as possible. The train from Borden for Moncton and was reported making progress, although the snow was very heavy. The Salisbury-Albert line was open about an hour and 20 minutes late. The train left Albert on time today.

L. S. Brown, general manager of the C. N. R. Atlantic division, at 11 a.m. today advised S. J. Hunsford, vice-president, Montreal, as follows:  
Fine at Halifax.  
"Weather fine on Halifax and New Glasgow divisions. Storm quite heavy between Springhill, Hampton and Campbellton. Not moving freight except stock and perishables. All passenger trains proceeded by plows. Train No. 2 this morning one hour and 15 minutes late; No. 4, 40 minutes late. Boat made trip yesterday with late No. 88 connecting with Maritime, and left Borden 10:25 this morning with train No. 89. Trains stalled on Island division yesterday released 4 a.m. today. Storm light on Souris and Murray Harbor subs. Between Tignish, Summerside and Charlottetown storm very heavy, and has not let up since Wednesday morning. Storm still continues heavy, but not cold."

At 11:40 a.m. Mr. Brown announced that the Island ferry, which left Borden about an hour and 20 minutes late, had found the weather so heavy that it was necessary to return to the island, remaining at Borden until the storm lets up.

HELD WIFE WITH FEET IN THE AIR

Charge Made in Suit For Divorce By Massachusetts Woman

Boston, March 14.—One of the pastimes of Herbert C. Ogden of Stoughton, from whom his wife, Anna M. Ogden, obtained a divorce in Norfolk Probate Court, was standing his wife on her head before strangers.

Mrs. Ogden said her husband gave her a black eye the first time he struck her, some time in 1920, and she said she threw a bouquet at him. She said he would take delight in standing her upside down in the presence of strangers, which she said she objected to very much and caused her much embarrassment.

Mrs. Ogden also told the court that her husband was familiar with other women in her presence and had received letters from other women. She told of her husband wanting her to go out with other men.