

ORANGEMEN APPROVE
STAND OF LLOYD GEORGE

Eastern Grand Lodge Would Instruct Sir Robert.

Belleville, March 22.—At today's session of the Grand Orange Lodge of Eastern Ontario, a resolution was passed approving of the firm stand of Premier Lloyd George in refusing to coerce Ulster at the dictation of the Nationalist party, and another requesting Sir Robert Borden to use his influence with the British Government to prevent any laws being passed during the war which would tend to create further dissension or lead to the oppression of any portion of the population of Ireland.

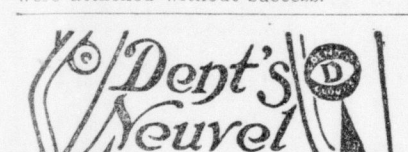
The past grand president of the triennial council of the world delivered an address, and was accorded an ovation. Reports showed a net gain of about three hundred members of this jurisdiction in the last year in spite of heavy emigration from among the membership of the order. The value of Orange property has grown by \$150,000 this year.

TWELVE FRENCH VESSELS
SUNK WEEK OF MARCH 18

Paris, March 22.—The ministry of marine this evening issued the following statement of arrivals and departures in and from French ports during the week ending March 18 and of vessels sunk by submarines or mines:

"During the week ending March 18 at midnight, 320 merchantmen of all nations, above 100 tons net, excluding fishing boats, entered French ports; 914 departed.

"Six French merchantmen of over 1,000 tons gross each and six under 1,000 tons, and 15 fishing boats were sunk by submarines or mines. Three vessels were attacked without success."

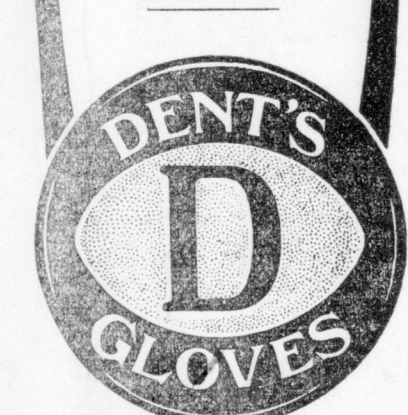


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POPE IMPARTIAL;
BLESSES FLAGS OF
ENTENTE NATIONS

Vatican Has Done Much To Help Refugees.

PRAYS FOR SPEEDY PEACE

Believes That He May Be Called Upon To Mediate.

Rome, March 22.—Via Paris, March 22.—For the first time since the world war began Pope Benedict, in addressing the private consistory today, made no reference to international affairs. Cardinal Bona, archbishop of Westminster, who left for France immediately after the consistory, said: "The Vatican continues its attitude of absolute impartiality toward all belligerents, but I must frankly confess that I have seen no sign of lack of interest on the part of the pope for the Allies. He has always displayed the greatest desire to lessen the horrors of war and ameliorate the conditions of prisoners as well as to obtain favorable treatment for Belgium."

Helped Refugees.
"The pope conducted negotiations for the provisioning of Belgium, obtaining German guarantees not to torpedo steamers taking supplies there, as England required. He obtained the return of prisoners of war from the hands of the Germans, and the exchange of prisoners of war between England, France and Turkey. Latest reports state that he has obtained the release of 100,000 prisoners of war, and that the Vatican is arranging to supply Syria and Lebanon, where the population is dying of starvation, with provisions conveyed in neutral steamers, mostly Spanish."

"The pope has taken a great interest in the flags of the Allies, which are being sent to the famous shrine of the Sacred Heart at Paray, Lemoine, in France on Sunday. I myself am taking the British flag. We go to pray for our victory, bearing the pope's blessing and his prayers for a speedy, just and stable peace, which is his constant wish. The pontiff must remain impartial, thus rendering it easier for him, if the circumstances arise, to act as mediator between the nations."

"The Russian revolution was greeted with satisfaction by the Vatican, as Catholicism was among the greatest sufferers from lack of liberty in the Muscovite empire. Cardinal Consolani, the great papal secretary of state in Napoleonic time, said that no chance was possible for the Catholic church in Russia as long as the czar was there."

AUSTRALIA STANDS FOR
"TON FOR TON" PLAY

Adelaide, Australia, March 22.—Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.—The Australian Chambers of Commerce at a meeting here today resolved to support a demand to exact ton for ton of all shipping destroyed by the Germans contrary to the usages of war. It was also resolved to resist any proposal to hand back the German islands in the Pacific, on the ground that such a step was opposed to the interests and safety of the Commonwealth and New Zealand.

CZAR'S COURTIER
AND POLICE SPIES
HELD AT TSARSKOE

Russian Officers With German Names Also Detained.

PUTIATIN IS A PRISONER

Manifesto Issued Granting the Fullest Liberty to Finland.

Tsarskoe Selo, Russia, March 22.—Via London, March 22.—Two hundred adherents and courtiers of the former emperor are under arrest here. A correspondent of the Associated Press discovered them in the Nicholas gymnasium, a big building next to the city hall, where the commission of officers and soldiers who are now administering Tsarskoe Selo has its headquarters.

In a big room on the first floor were 70 persons in civilian dress, formerly palace spies and provocative agents. Here were also four Russian officers with German names, who had been arrested by old soldiers on suspicion of having sent communications from the former emperor to Berlin by way of Stockholm. In a neighboring room sat the director of the Tsarskoe Lyceum School, who was a general in the army, and a close friend of Rasputin as well as a reactionary member of the district court.

Putiatin a Prisoner.
On the second floor, in a separate room, Prince Putiatin is held prisoner. Putiatin was one of the most powerful men in the Russian empire. He was formerly private secretary to the emperor and in recent years director of the palace. Putiatin is famous for his presence during the interview in 1915 between reform members of the Zemstvos and the emperor. The Zemstvos delegation warned the monarch that a revolution was impending and, before rejecting their advice, Nicholas listened to the whispered counsel of Putiatin. Dmitriyev, president of the Zemstvos Council, subsequently reported that the emperor was under the control of the prince.

Outside of the civil militia armed with bayonets, are or guard. The prisoners are well treated, and the corners are crowded with children, waiting to see their parents.

FREEDOM FOR FINLAND.
Petrograd, March 22.—Via London, March 22.—Granting the fullest liberty to Finland, the foreign office explains that the aim of the present Government was to abolish completely all the restrictions which stripped the grand duchy of the historic rights conferred upon it in 1809. In that year Finland became part of the Russian Empire. All laws illegally imposed upon Finland during the reigns of Alexander III. and Nicholas II. are declared void.

Russian members of the Finnish Senate who, contrary to the constitutional rights of the country, had been appointed by the imperial government instead of being elected by the Finnish Parliament, have been removed and will be replaced by Finns chosen according to law. Full self-government, including the right to initiate legislation, determine the revenues and expenditures of the country and assess taxation will rest exclusively in the control of the Finnish legislative bodies.

TROUBLE WITH WORKERS.
London, March 22.—A dispatch to the Times from Petrograd says: "Everybody is relieved to learn that the original plan for burying the victims of the revolution in the Winter Palace Square has been abandoned, as it would have been unsanitary."

"Work of manufacturing munitions is proceeding well, but there are still difficulties with the workers, especially women, because of a dispute over the number of hours constituting a day's work."

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Bright, serviceable goods in every line, with the full vigor of youth and style. No old-timer shelf warmers, no "re-organized" rubbish, no war time prices. We have without doubt the largest and finest selected stock for spring, 1917, shown by any clothing and furnishing house in Western Ontario, at 10 to 20 per cent of a clear saving. People from outside cities, from Guelph to Sarnia and from Stratford to Chatham, can readily save big margins by making their selection at Dowler Stores, London, St. Thomas and Windsor, of Easter outfits. Our Windsor store will be open for Easter Trade.

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A serviceable Swagger Coat for showery weather of spring. We have a big selection of cloths in all sizes, from boys' to the big men; exceedingly good values . . . \$8, \$10, \$12, \$14

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Tailored Suits for Men

This spring for tailoring of good taste; choice of selection and cloths of quality, are without a peer. We are showing the highest class cloths of England. Suits . . . \$18.00, \$22.00, \$24.00, \$26.00, \$28.00 to \$35.00

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Delivered from old contracts. Prices are in almost every case less than present-day manufacturers' cost. Waists, 28 to 50 inches; leg lengths, 29 to 36 inches.

Canada's Best \$3.00
Trousers . . . \$1.89
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Trousers . . . \$2.40
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Young Men's Slip-On Tweed Raincoats . . . \$8.00, \$10.00, \$12.00 and \$14.00

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Kentucky Worsteds, two-seam legs, trouser make. Very special \$1.25

Peabody's \$2.00 Kentucky Worsteds Trousers . . . \$1.50

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Dowler Special Cravats . . . \$1.00 to \$1.50
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Silk and Silkline Shirts, very choice patterns, in good taste for the particular young men, \$2.75 to \$5

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R. H. & J. DOWLER, Limited

IRISH MUDDLE TO BE
TACKLED BY GOVT.,
STATES BONAR LAW

Another Attempt Toward Settlement Decided Upon.

ASQUITH GIVES SUPPORT

Assures the Co-operation of Whole House—Better Try, Even if Failing.

LONDON, March 22.—In the course of a debate in the House of Commons tonight, on a resolution offered by Sir James Henry Dalsiel, Liberal, urging the Government to make another attempt to settle the Irish question, Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the Exchequer, announced that the Government already had decided to make such an attempt. The Dalsiel motion accordingly was voted down.

The Nationalists, considering that they had already stated their position, did not participate in the debate, which manifested a strong desire for a settlement on the part of all the Unionist and Liberal speakers with one exception. The exception was Lord Hugh Cecil, who declined to believe that war time was favorable to such an attempt.

Ireland One Weak Spot.
The Dalsiel resolution urged the Government to take immediate steps to bring about a settlement of the Irish question. Sir James argued that Ireland was a weak spot in the great task before the country, and said he thought the Government ought to ap-

point a commission to endeavor to reach a settlement of the home rule controversy. Great Britain had entered the war for a scrap of paper, he added, but he was unable to see the existence of an Irish scrap of paper, which was endorsed by the will of the British people.

It would be impossible for the Government to persevere with its mission to extend the life of the present Parliament, Sir James continued, if there was a solid body of opinion in the House of Commons against the settlement of the Irish question. The Government every day's delay was recruiting a supporter to the physical force party in Ireland.

Dominions Would Keep Off.
Ronald McNeill, Unionist member for Kent, on behalf of Ulster, entered a strong protest against the suggestion of John Dillon, one of the Nationalist leaders, in the House Tuesday night, that there had been negotiations between the Ulster leaders and Baron Krumpholtz. He declared this was a trumped-up charge and that it would prove a disaster to the Government of the home rule question. He further expressed the belief that the statesmen of the dominions were less anxious to touch this Irish commission with a barge pole.

Bonar Law welcomed the tone of the debate. He declared that he far from desiring a general election on the Irish question, as had been suggested, he would detest such an idea.

Blemish on Statesmanship.
The present situation, however, was a blemish on British statesmanship, besides being a handicap in carrying on the war. All parties agreed that it was impossible to impose a settlement on Ulster by force. The Government, the chancellor continued, was anxious for a settlement, but sacrifice must be made on all sides. He hoped Ulster would prove less adamant, and if the Nationalists would openly avow their readiness to act with the same spirit of the British parties their task would prove a much easier one.

"If we make another attempt and fail," said Bonar Law, "the position will be worse. But we have decided, in spite of the risk, that it is worth while for us who are responsible to make the attempt."

Announcement is Cheered.
Mr. Bonar Law's announcement was received with loud cheering.

"The House knows the difficulties and knows that the same difficulties for particulars, but will give us time for consideration."

Former Premier Asquith having expressed profound gratification at the announcement of the chancellor, said: "I think it better to make the attempt and fail than not make it at all. And I am certain the Government will have not only sympathy, but the active co-operation of the whole House."

In the lobbies Bonar Law's announcement was warmly welcomed. The general idea was that the Government would appoint a commission, on which the colonial representatives now in England would sit.

GOVT. EXPROPRIATES
ROSS RIFLE FACTORY
TO MAKE "ENFIELDS"

OTTAWA, March 22.—"The Government has passed an order for the expropriation of the Ross rifle factory and all machinery, equipment and appurtenances," said Sir George Foster, the acting premier, this evening.

The Ross Rifle Company has recourse to the exchequer court for valuation of the property. "The Government will not manufacture any more Ross rifles, but will make arrangements as quickly as possible for the manufacture of Lee-Enfield rifles and other subsidiary necessities for the war. The preparations necessary for the manufacture of the new Lee-Enfield rifles will necessarily take considerable time, as changes in machinery and tools will be required for these purposes will be retained, but for the present and until the factory is in a position to turn out the new rifle, the

help required will be small as compared with the number of hands heretofore employed.

"The transition from the manufacture of the Ross rifle to the Lee-Enfield would have caused the same difficulties and brought about the same diminution of employment had the expropriation not taken place."

"It was inevitable in any case that there would be a temporary diminution of employment," he explained, "however, it is hoped will be easily absorbed into other employment called for under the present condition of scarcity of labor."

INJURIES FATAL TO
WINDSOR BOOKKEEPER

Dies in Detroit Hospital After Being Struck by Auto.

Windsor, March 22.—Miss Helene Hughes, 28 years old, died this morning in Detroit Receiving Hospital from injuries suffered a few hours earlier when she was struck by an automobile driven by Fred Lehman. Miss Hughes, who was a bookkeeper for D. M. Perry & Co., Windsor, was walking on Grand avenue, Detroit, when she was injured.

According to Lehman's statement, he was driving at a moderate speed when the three young women became confused by the simultaneous approach of his machine and a street car. Miss Hughes, he said, stepped in the path of the automobile, and he was unable to set the brakes in time to save her. Miss Hughes is well known here. She had no relatives in this country. Her home was in Ireland.

PRAISES STRATFORD SCHOOL.

STRAFORD, March 22.—In a letter to Secretary Davidson of the public school board, A. A. Colquhoun, deputy minister of education, pays the subjoined tribute to the schools of the city: "This is one of the best cared-for and equipped school centres in the province. The citizens of Stratford have just reason to be proud of their splendid school system."

MORE STRINGENCY IN
RATIONING IS NEEDED
ON THE BRITISH ISLES

London, March 22.—The food question is pressing daily with increasing stringency on the British public, and according to authoritative reports a few days will see new and drastic steps on the part of the food controller, Lord Devonport, to meet the situation and prevent exploitation of the public by traders.

The controller announced in the House of Lords today that although voluntary rationing had brought about excellent results, much more in this direction was required; otherwise it might be necessary to resort to compulsory rationing, which would be a national calamity. He was desirous of avoiding this, and it is hoped will be easily absorbed into other employment called for under the present condition of scarcity of labor.

ARRESTED AGAIN

Only Two Hours of Freedom From Jail Windsor Youth's Lot.

Windsor, March 22.—Two hours after he had been released from Sandwich Jail today, after serving a 30-day term for theft, Ralph Vaughan, 20 years old, was rearrested on a charge of having stolen a diamond ring from a caretaker at one of the Windsor public schools. He was arraigned this afternoon, pleaded guilty, and was remanded for sentence. The diamond was recovered in a Detroit pawn shop.