

BRITISH GOVERNMENT MAY PROHIBIT THE SALE OF LIQUOR IN ENGLAND UNTIL WAR ENDS

DRINK EVIL GREATEST FOE OF ALL, LLOYD GEORGE SAYS

Root and Branch Methods Needed to Remedy Conditions—Must First Settle With Drink Evil if German Militarism is to be Checked

London, Mar. 29.—"We are fighting Germany, Austria and drink, and so far as I can see the greatest of these three deadly foes is drink," said David Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, replying today to a deputation of the Shipbuilding Employers' Federation, the members of which were unanimous in urging that, in order to meet the national requirements at the present time, there should be a total prohibition during the period of war of the sale of intoxicating liquors. This should apply not only to public houses but also to private clubs, so as to operate equally with all classes of the community.

It was stated that despite the fact that work was being carried on night and day, seven days in the week, the total working time on the average in nearly all the British shipyards was actually less than before the war, and the average productivity had decreased. There were many men doing splendid and strenuous work, probably as good as the men in the trenches, but many did not even approximate full time, thus disastrously reducing the average.

Notwithstanding the curtailment of the hours they are allowed to keep open, the receipts of the public houses in the neighborhood of the shipyards had greatly increased, in some cases forty per cent. An instance of one of many similar cases, that of a battleship coming in for immediate repairs was cited. She was delayed a whole day through the absence of riveters, who were drinking and carousing.

Mr. Lloyd George intimated that Lord Kitchener, the Secretary for War, and Field Marshal French, in command of the British expeditionary forces on the continent, were of the same opinion, and he promised to lay the statements of the deputation before the cabinet. He said in conclusion: "I had the privilege of an audience with His Majesty this morning, and I am permitted by him to say that he is very deeply concerned on this question—very deeply concerned—and the concern which is felt by him I am certain is shared by all his subjects in this country."

Hon. Mr. Hazen Gives A Resume of Naval Defence Operations

Public Interests and Fair Name of Dominion Safeguarded by Government in Dealing With War Matters—Canada in the War to See it Through and Ready to Fill any Needs Empire May Find.

Ottawa, March 29.—As the curtain is being slowly lowered upon the parliamentary stage the outstanding impression left upon the unbiased observer's mind is that in its conduct of the war the government has been unerringly guided by patriotic and national desires. In the various parliamentary committees, while a score of witnesses were refuting the advance verdicts of guilt, rendered by prejudiced and interested judges, the Commons heard from the lips of Sir George Foster the story of the efforts put forward by Sir Robert Borden to safeguard the public interest and the fair name of the Dominion.

Mr. Hazen, in his speech, referred to the purchase of supplies in the United States for the governments of Great Britain and her allies. He said that it was stated in New York that, owing to the operations of Mr. Allison, the price of ammunition had been advanced from \$25 to \$33 per thousand rounds, that this was made possible by credentials Mr. Allison had in his possession from the Minister of Militia describing him as the agent of the British and Canadian governments, and that things had occurred in this connection which made Canadians in New York blush for their country.

General Hughes replied to Mr. Pugsley in characteristic style. He maintained that it was impossible for the British or any other government to obtain ammunition in the United States at the price quoted by Mr. Pugsley. "I challenge contradiction from the world, and all the detective agencies in the universe," snapped the general. "The member for St. John talks of scandal. Such a reference from him makes one laugh. I challenge him to name one reputable person who will substantiate the charges he has made here today. He has based his statements on rumors. That has ever been characteristic of him, it will be characteristic of him till he dies."

"If they did not represent a mill," added the minister, "I had no further dealings with them." For my own self, and I think I can speak for every member of the government, I am jealous of any one ten cent piece which goes to any other objective than that which is authorized by this parliament for the prosecution of this war.

The veteran parliamentarian's words, spoken with studied emphasis, drew sympathetic cheers from all sides of the House. Only a few minutes later, Sir George, who was leading the House in the absence of the Prime Minister, earned loud applause from ministerial benches, when he declared, in answer to Mr. Oliver, that "Canada is in this war to see it through."

"If we need more money or more men, the government stands ready to fill that need, knowing that in doing so it would have the support of the people and parliament of Canada." (General cheers.) The day did not pass without the angry rattle of verbal musketry. The militant member for St. John had some serious criticism to offer in re-

WHAT CAUSED PAT KILLEN TO LEAVE FORCE?

Ex-Detective Patrick Killen, who resigned from the police force on Friday morning, is still walking about the city taking in the shows and enjoying what he calls a well earned vacation. The big good-natured ex-officer is not very talkative about the reasons why he resigned from the force any more than he had put in twenty-four years of hard duty, that he has a clean sheet having never had a black mark, and that he has become tired of the position and is taking a vacation by leaving the force. Chief of Police Simpson states he does not know what caused Killen had for resigning and that he did not wish to accept the resignation.

On the other hand, it is well known that Patrick Killen is not a rich man and although he has been a most prudent man during his long term on the force the wage he has been receiving would not permit him to have an extensive bank account to his credit, and those who know him thoroughly are satisfied that if matters had been going along smoothly for him at police headquarters he would never have quit the position which he has so faithfully held for many years. In fact, Killen has been enticed with police work, he loved the work and took a great pride in every case that was given him and his retirement is not by any means to be placed in any inferior position, when he feels that he is quite capable of looking after the work for which he is employed. Killen has hosts of friends in all walks of life, not only in the city but throughout the province and the one question being constantly asked is, "What is the reason that 'Pat' Killen left the force?"

While the ex-detective has not been talking for publication, it is generally believed that the reason that he resigned is because he believed that he was not being used properly by the chief of police. Perhaps Killen has not given reason to the head of the department and only made known that he was through by sending in his resignation, asking that it go into effect immediately. He is indeed too modest to make complaints publicly, but the fact remains that he has not been used as a chief detective should have been since Chief of Police Clark resigned from the force.

When the alterations were made at headquarters, a private room was assigned for the use of Detective Killen and from all appearances he was to have control of all cases in which the work of a detective was needed. This has not been carried out, and on numerous occasions work that should have been placed in his hands to work on was never given him, and the first intimation that he was being used was some very recently appointed special officers who never had any education in the police work had been on them. Every time that such would happen it would naturally cause the detective to feel humiliated and cause him to believe that he was being much undervalued and made to play "second fiddle" to some new men on the force. He of course did not stand idly to take place without taking action. To complain to the chief of police would perhaps not have made the conditions better, and he might have been put down as one who was jealous of others that the most serious complaints have come. After the war broke out he again tendered at \$3.85, out of which he received a commission of fifty cents. This evidence was brought out by the firm stand taken by the Conser-

SIR JOHN FRENCH PRAISES WORK OF THE SOLDIERS FROM CANADA

Ottawa, Mar. 29.—His Royal Highness the Governor-General today received a message from Field Marshal General, commending highly the work of the Canadian division. It reads as follows: "Headquarters, British Army, March 3rd.

"Sir—The Canadian troops having arrived at the front, I am anxious to tell Your Royal Highness that they have made the best impression on all of us. "I made a careful inspection of the division a week after they came to the country, and I was very much struck by the excellent physique which was apparent throughout the ranks. The soldierly bearing and the steadiness with which the men stood in the ranks (on a bleak, cold, snowy day) was most remarkable.

"After two or three weeks preliminary education in the trenches, attached by unit to the Third Corps, they have now taken over their own line on the right of that corps—as a complete division—and I have the utmost confidence in their capability to do valuable and efficient service.

"The Princess Patricia's regiment arrived with the 27th Division a month earlier, and since then they have performed splendidly in the trenches. "When I inspected them—also in pouring rain—it seemed to me I had never seen a more magnificent looking battalion—guards or otherwise.

"Two or three days ago they captured a German trench with great dash and energy, and excellent results. "I am writing these few lines because I know how deeply we are all indebted to the untiring and devoted efforts Your Royal Highness has personally made to insure the despatch in the most efficient condition of this valuable contingent.

"I have the honor to be, Sir, "Your Royal Highness' devoted servant, (Signed) J. D. P. FRENCH."

RECEIVED FIFTY CENTS A PAIR PROFIT ON SHOES SUPPLIED TO MILITIA DEPARTMENT

Trail of the Corruption Which Flourished in Days of Laurier Regime Uncovered at Hearing of Public Account Committee—Former Member of Slater Shoe Company Reluctantly Admits He Made Good Thing Out of Boots Contract.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, March 29.—Again there has been uncovered the trail of the corruption of the days of Laurier regime. It is a system which was so rampant in the days of the Liberal administration that despite all that the Borden government has been able to do it has still more or less flourished. Evidence came out today in the public accounts committee, when a witness swore an official appointed by Sir Frederick Borden was to get \$2 a binocular. Tonight Mr. Chas. E. Slater, who designed the war boot in use in the department, admitted to having received fifty cents a pair profit on seventeen thousand pairs supplied by the Gauthier Company to the Militia Department. He was formerly a member of the Slater Shoe Co., who made militia boots for the Liberal government at \$4 a pair. He admitted, that practically no tenders were asked for in those days. When the present government called for tenders for the present army boots, Mr. Slater who had in the meantime left the Slater Company, had the Gauthier tender at \$3.75 and secured the contract.

This was before the war broke out. Officials here received a commission, he admitted of ten per cent. These shoes which were in stock were issued to the militia at the outbreak of the war and it is from among these that the most serious complaints have come. After the war broke out he again tendered at \$3.85, out of which he received a commission of fifty cents. This evidence was brought out by the firm stand taken by the Conser-

vative members of the committee. Mr. Slater at first refused to answer, and only answered when ordered by the chairman and threatened with the fate of R. C. Miller. In answer to a direct question put him by R. A. Pringle, Mr. Slater appealed to the chair for protection. After consultation with other members of the committee Mr. Middlebro replied, "this is a wide-open question. As long as a reasonable commission is put it should be answered. Every manufacturer who has come here has disclosed what profit he made on the transaction. While you are not a manufacturer you are apparently the means of making a contract for the department with the Gauthier people."

Mr. Slater protested that the department did not know the Gauthier people. He pringle again put his question, saying that the chairman had ruled that it was a fit and proper question. "Suppose I won't answer," asked the witness of the chairman. "We had a precedent created here two years ago," replied the chairman, referring to the R. C. Miller case which Mr. Middlebro had himself handled in the House. "My ruling is that you answer the question, how much commission you got."

PREMIER BORDEN'S MOTHER PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY

Grand Pre, March 28.—Mrs. Borden died at 3.10 this morning. Her sons, Sir Robert, J. W., and her daughter, Julia, were at the bedside. Mrs. Borden would have been ninety-one had she lived to next December. Her father was John Laird, a man who left his mark for good on his generation. He was farmer, teacher, classical scholar, mathematician, and his daughter inherited in a marked degree his strong mental qualities, sterling character and courteous disposition. She was born in Grand Pre as her father also was, and she will be laid to rest in the old churchyard, mourned by the whole countryside. Her distinguished and bereaved family will have the sympathy of the whole Dominion.

Mrs. Borden was in her ninety-first year, and all through her life had enjoyed remarkable health, no serious illness having been suffered by her till the present time.

Would Favor Civic Grant On Sunday in Centenary church, Rev. W. H. Barracough announced Violet Day for April 3 and he said that a generous response might give the city commissioners the idea that the people were in favor of the Playgrounds Association being supported by subscriptions from the public when in reality a generous contribution would mean that the people appreciated the work of the Playgrounds Association and would favor civic grants for its maintenance.

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Although the members of the 26th Battalion were recently given a few hours hard march out in the early morning as a sort of punishment for the actions of a few individual soldiers, the fact remains that good men in the battalion are being made to suffer for the bad actions of others, and all because the guilty persons cannot be located by the officers and punished, and accordingly a whole company is obliged to suffer so that the officers are satisfied that the wrongdoers are among them. From all accounts there has been a big bottle trade to a number of the soldiers, and the unruly soldiers who procure the bottles, after drinking the contents got clear of the bottles by throwing them about the barracks. On a number of occasions these bottles have been thrown from the balcony to the main floor and smashed. Last evening a soldier who was out on a pass states that yesterday evening early some soldier threw a couple of bottles from the balcony and smashed them on the floor. The officer of the day immediately set out on an investigation with the intention of finding the guilty persons and punishing them. The guilty persons could not be found, however, and the result was that the entire company who are in quarters from where the bottles were thrown, were confined in barracks last night, and once more it worked out that the innocent had to suffer for the actions of the guilty.

WORK OF THE BAPPER A PERILOUS TASK.

Paris, March 29.—Sapping and mining preparations are the sole means of gaining ground in the Argonne, according to an official note given out in Paris today. Night and day the sappers work hard, and perilous is their task. The man who loses himself to use the pick and shovel. Between Four De Paris and Aire engineer corps in the Argonne already has constructed 3,000 yards of sapping lines and exploded fifty-two mines, the latter necessitating about 10,000 pounds of explosives. Incidents such as the sudden meeting of French and German troops under ground, and a race to a mine to explode it, are not infrequent.

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TONIGHT—Young-Adams Co. "EAST LYNNE" Wed. Mat. "Fatal Wedding" Choclates at Mat.—Souvenir Photo of MARGUERITE at both Performances Thur.—"St. Elmo" Souvenir Photo of Miss Stevenson FRI. MAT. "A BUTTERFLY ON THE WHEEL" Souvenir Photo of Miss Adams

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