

CHANGES AT ROSS RIFLE FACTORY

Government Has Passed
Order for Expropriation of
Ross Rifle Factory
in Force.

Special to The Standard.

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 prime minister, this evening, when asked what the situation was regarding the taking over of the factory.

"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 will necessarily take considerable time as changes in machinery and dies of all kinds will be necessary."

Will Retain Some Help.

"Such help as is requisite 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 delays and brought about the diminution of the employment had the expropriation not taken place and the former contractor under the terms of his contract had undertaken to turn out the number of rifles called for by the terms of the contract."

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

BOSTON CHIEF AFTER BOMB THROWERS

Boston, Mar. 22.—Assistance by the public in putting an end to the series of bomb incidents which have occurred recently in this city and elsewhere in the state is asked by Supt. of Police Crowley.

Internal machines which have damaged the harbor police station and the Suffolk county court house in this city were built of short pieces of iron pipe. A similar bomb was found yesterday near the Plymouth Cordage Co.'s plant at Plymouth. Pictures of some of this nature are being photographed and will be accompanied by directions as to what to do with them when found and how to extinguish a burning fuse.

Supt. Crowley also asked delivery men and others visiting houses and stores to report to the police if they observed anybody working upon short pieces of pipe.

TWO KILLED IN ALABAMA RIOT

Birmingham, Ala., Mar. 22.—At D. Overton, the former county clerk under sentence of death for the murder of Judge W. T. Lawler, was shot to death in a Birmingham suburb last night by a sheriff's posse sent out to capture him and six other prisoners who had escaped from the county jail early in the day. In a battle between the posse and the prisoners, Tony Martino, another convicted murderer, also was killed, and J. L. Latham, held on a forgery charge, was seriously wounded. The other convicts escaped.

About 50 shots were exchanged during the fight, which took place in a briar thicket near Birmingham college. The battle was scarcely more sensational or dramatic than the jail delivery to which it was the sequence. The seven men, three of them under death sentences for murder and three others held on murder charges, in a concerted revolt overpowered and disarmed the jail guards, tumbled into an automobile waiting near by and were gone before an alarm could be given.

The officials believe that Overton and Martino were the leaders in planning the jail delivery.

KAISER TO BE DROPPED FROM U. S. YACHT CLUB

New York, March 22.—The Atlantic Yacht Club, after much discussion, has found a way to oust Emperor Wilhelm of Germany and Prince Henry of Prussia, both of whom have been honorary members for several years. The club's constitution provides that before a member may be dismissed he must be given an opportunity to defend himself against charges.

The directors of the club have decided that the rule will not be broken if they notify the emperor and the prince by publication that they are to be dropped from the rolls. If neither of them replies within ten days they will be declared no longer members.

THE ENTENTE RECOVERS 653 SQUARE MILES IN FRANCE

Territory Situated in Departments of Pas De Calais, Oise, Aisne and Somme—Huns Still Hold About 7,000 Square Miles — Germans Showing More Resistance.

Paris, Mar. 22.—The total amount of French territory liberated from the German invaders by the Somme offensive up to March 21 is 653 square miles, situated in the four departments of Pas De Calais, Oise, Aisne and Somme. It includes 3666 towns and villages, the homes of 181,935 Frenchmen.

The Germans are still in possession of 7,126 square miles of France.

French Drive Continues.

The Germans made energetic resistance to the French last night between the Somme and the Aisne, but after spirited fighting northeast of Tergnier the French forced them out of several strong positions. The French occupied a number of villages. The villages are situated in the north of Soissons. They were carried in the face of determined resistance by the Germans. The statement follows:

"In the region north of Tergnier we enlarged our positions east of the St. Quentin Canal, after spirited fighting and expelled the enemy energetically from several important defensive positions. South of the Oise and north of Soissons, we also made progress during the night, occupying several villages in the face of considerable opposition on the part of the enemy in the region of Vregny."

"We made a surprise attack north of Berry-Au-Bac which enabled us to take prisoners. Several attacks on small French posts east of the St. Malre-St. Souplet road, near Pont-aime-Aux-Charmes, in the Argonne and in the vicinity of Courmes Wood were repulsed by our fire. Elsewhere the night passed in quiet."

How Nivelles Was Received.

General Nivelles' entry into Noyon was impressive. As the general and his aides alighted from an automobile, the notes of the Marseillaise were heard. The emotion of the people was great. Sobs were heard throughout the crowd and the tanned faces of the soldiers were wet with tears.

The mayor of the town surrounded by several old men, advanced toward General Nivelles. A child, with her hair done up with tri-colored ribbons, offered a bouquet to the general who took the child in his arms and kissed her. General Nivelles then visited the hospital and, amid applause, pinned a war cross on the habit of Sister Romald, who during the thirty months in which the town was occupied by the Germans, showed great devotion to the inhabitants.

Because of the precipitate disaster of the Germans, Noyon suffered less than Roye, nevertheless some buildings were destroyed, notably the cathedral. The Germans blew up the railroad station on the eve of their departure. The historic fountain is intact.

Besides the fifty young girls who are reported officially to have been taken off, the Germans are said also to have carried away as hostages twelve young men, several priests, doctors, druggists and some notabilities.

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SAYS GERMAN SUBMARINES NEAR MAINE

Lieut. Porter of United
States Navy Says Attack
May Be Made on Maine
Ports When War with Germany Starts.

Rockland, Me., Mar. 22.—A statement that German submarines are known to be not far distant from these shores and that an attack on Maine ports is by no means unlikely was made by Lieut. James O. Porter, U.S.N. He was addressing a patriotic mass meeting which had been called in connection with naval recruiting activities.

This port, according to Lieut. Porter, is to be the base of seventy patrol boats operating in "and about the mouth of the Penobscot river and bay. A canvass to locate boats in these waters available for such service was made during the day by Naval Constructor Patch and enrollment of men for the coast defense was begun by Commander Edward H. Scribner, U.S.N., and Ensign H. R. Shaw, U.S.N.

WALES SHORT OF
TIN PLATE, SAYS LONDON.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, March 22.—A cable from the Canadian high commissioner's office in London intimates that the shortage of tinned sheets is of such a nature as to preclude the possibility of Great Britain being able to supply Canadian canners with tinned sheets. Canadian firms will thus have to look to the United States for this year's supply.

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MANY CANADIAN TO ATTEND FUNERAL

Prince Edward Island
Represented at New
Auction Monday.

Special to The Standard.
New York, Mar. 22.—The
of the New York Fur Aus-
Corporation was crowded
with buyers who came
large offerings of furs and
sale of which will begin
on Monday next in
hall.

Canadians have already
from Montreal, Edmonton
Edward Island, and a large
put in its appearance
Seattle and San Francisco
was also well represented
prospective buyers. The
portion has had many
changes in order to ad-
play the goods, inasmuch
upwards of 1,200 more
than at the previous

THE HOLY SYNOD ADDRESS A

London, March 22.—A
speech from Petrograd as
Synod has resolved to ad-
dress to the "Children of
dox Church," declaring the
lution was due to the han-
as much as "He holds the
dome and peoples in His
will exhort the Orthodox
new government and fu-
dities as Christians and
sages will be read Sun-
churches and monasteries
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TEACHER DISCHARGED WEARING THE

Portland, Me., Mar.
ion has been dropped as
School list of substitute
cause she declined last F
of the patriotic demon-
city, to wear a small A
but did carry, concealed
a German flag and rema-
teachers: "It is the flag
yesterday which aroused
ers who reported to the
with the result that she
upon to continue her sul-
for one of the regular

C.C.R. TAKES OVER OF W. U. TEL.

Moncton, Mar. 22.—Pr-
being made for the trans-
ber of wires of Western
graph Company to Cana-
dian Railways, which
conduct its own telegra-
an additional depart-
ment.

The C. C. R. has in its
operating orders enor-
of other telegraphic busi-
years has been handled
Union Company, the go-
ing paid a certain am-
vice.

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Paris, Mar. 22.—Dr.
child has given 100,000
relief of the inhabitants
ed sections of Picardy.

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inst, at her late
Chesley street, after
Mrs. Amy Miller,
Thos. Miller, (a he-
ing one daughter,
sisters, and a large
to mourn.

Notice of funeral here

TITUS—At St. Martin's
Tuesday morning, 1
Caroline A. Titus,
Jacob S. Titus, pe-
peacefully, after a
funeral on Friday

McDONALD—At the
Bloor, Mrs. James
Eria street, on the
McDonald, leaving
two daughters at
mourning.

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street, today (1
o'clock. Friends

KILLAM—At Mount
county, N. B., on
William Killam, a
ing a wife and in-
their sad loss.
Funeral on Sunday
o'clock.