

## BALLANTYNE ATTACKED ON NIOBE SALE

### Warship and Subs Costing Nation \$2,300,000 Sold for \$135,000.

## GOVERNMENT MEMBER ASSAILS TRANSACTION

### Claims Ottawa Firm Offered \$100,500 for the Warship Alone.

Ottawa, May 27.—Once more the controversial Niobe sale has become a subject of discussion in the House of Commons this evening. It was nine o'clock when the House embarked on consideration of these estimates, but no time was lost in getting under way. A. E. Frigg, government member from Ottawa, immediately fired a broadside of questions at Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, minister of marine and naval service, in regard to the disposition of the Niobe.

### Niobe Deal Discussed.

The minister replying explained that the Niobe, together with two obsolete submarines had been sold to the New Brunswick Rolling Mills, Limited, for \$135,000. The company had paid \$20,000 cash down, and had then stopped payment. The vessel was still at Halifax and would not leave there until paid for. The price paid by the government for the Niobe was \$1,200,000, and for the two submarines \$1,100,000. The government had received \$87,777 cash down from the sale of the Niobe to a Seattle firm.

### Criticized the Deal.

Mr. Frigg was critical of the transaction whereby the government had disposed of the Niobe. An Ottawa firm had offered \$100,500 for the Niobe alone, but its offer had been refused. Then the minister had accepted the tender of the New Brunswick company, throwing in the two obsolete submarines. This seemed unfair, and the minister replied that the best offer had come from the successful tenderers. The justice department now had the matter in hand and was taking action to recover the amount unpaid.

### Question for Wigmore.

A. E. Copp, Westmorland, asked Hon. Rupert Wigmore, St. John, to supply any information he had regarding the New Brunswick Rolling Mills. Ernest Lapointe, Quebec East, said that there had been an election in St. John in September, 1920, and that the sale of the ship in St. John was a strange coincidence.

### Mr. Ballantyne retorted that the sale of the Niobe had nothing to do with the vote before the House. All correspondence in connection with the sale would be tabled.

### Reputable Firm.

Mr. Copp was at a loss to know why the Rolling Mill Company had defaulted. The action seriously affected the standing of the company. New Brunswick was being degraded because Mr. Wigmore would not give complete information. The minister of customs was a St. John business man and should know.

### Mr. Wigmore declared that the New Brunswick Rolling Mill was a reputable firm. This was all he knew about it.

### The Navy's Cost.

The vote under consideration was one of \$2,500,000 for maintenance of the Royal Canadian Navy, and a number of opposition members took occasion to voice criticisms of the government's naval policy. Ernest Lapointe (Quebec East), came out flat footed in opposition. Canada was a member of the League of Nations, which sought a reduction of armaments. It was inconsistent to increase naval equipment under the circumstances.

### A. R. McMaster (Brome), was of the opinion that Canada had made a great mistake in accepting the vessels now constituting the Canadian navy from Great Britain. He would like to see the black smoke of the ships as they steamed their way back home.

### Dr. Michael Clark.

Dr. Michael Clark, from the Progressive benches warned the Minister that he was placing his foot on the top end of a toboggan slide in the matter of naval expenditure.

### Mr. Ballantyne emphasized the efficiency of the vessels now constituting the Canadian Navy. The cost of maintaining the present fleet was approximately the same, but instead of obsolete ships Canada now had modern fighting craft.

### Finally on the suggestion of the Minister, consideration of the vote was postponed pending the production of more complete information in regard to the disposal of the Niobe.

### GRASSHOPPERS NUMEROUS.

Regina, Sask., May 27.—Young grasshoppers, fairly numerous, have been reported to the provincial board of agriculture from Cardiff, Oxbow, Carleton Place, and other points. The campaign against grasshoppers will not open until June 1.

### OFFICIAL BUTTER GRADER.

Montreal, May 27.—W. H. Sadler, dean of St. Alexander, Limited, has been appointed official grader of butter and cheese for the Montreal Butter and Cheese Association.

## MADNESS TO THINK OF FIGHTING FRANCE

### Germany Must Pay and Work Says General Ludendorff Re- viewing Situation in Fatherland.

Brussels, May 27.—"Germany needs evolution, not revolution," said General Ludendorff, former first quartermaster-general of the German army and once Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's chief of staff, to a correspondent of the Independence Belge.

"It is madness to think of war against France," the general continued. "We must submit and execute the Peace Treaty. After her prosperity, Germany must know poverty. It is the best remedy. Work at home is our first need. Work abroad is of secondary importance."

"Unless, at least co-operation, by all parties is needed to give new life to Germany. The press must be organized."

## GENERAL STRIKE IN NORWAY HAS BEEN ORDERED

### Troops Have Been Called Out to Preserve Order in Cities.

### PUBLIC UTILITIES ARE INVOLVED

### Bolsheviks Believed to be at Bottom of the Wide Trouble.

New York, May 27.—A general strike has been started in Norway, said an official despatch received here today. Although no serious disturbances have been reported, the government has called troops to assist the police in Christiania and other cities.

### The despatch, which stated that set- tlement negotiations had been started between employers and employees, said there was plenty of food in the cities to meet the emergency.

### Public Utilities Involved

The electric plant at the capital still is operating, but the gas plant and other municipal institutions have closed down. Steamship companies and railway had been on strike in Christiania for two weeks against a proposed wage cut of 33 per cent, and yesterday despatches from the Norwegian capital stated 129,000 union laborers had threatened also to walk out. When all but railwaymen began to cease work, the government mobilized army and navy, as it had been declared the Bolsheviks were urging a general strike for revolutionary purposes.

### Another Arrest

### Expected Soon

### Provincial Officer Palmer Fol- lowing up Biddulph Case— One Brammer Suspended.

London, May 27.—More arrests in connection with the false seizure of liquor at the home of William H. McCaffrey, Bishop's Township, are forecast by Provincial Officer A. H. Palmer. The only arrest so far is that of P. C. Roy Brammer, of the local police force, who is now on bail of \$8,000. It is said there will be at least one other man taken into custody in connection with the case before that time. Brammer has been suspended from the local police force since the seizure of the liquor. In the matter closely followed a dis-appointment he received when he went to the Biddulph farm in response to a complaint and found that "Brammer" had been there three days before it appears that the fake inspector, with a companion, raided the McCaffrey home and placed three men under arrest, releasing them after they had contributed \$115 in cash and a check for \$250. They also confiscated about eight cases of liquor.

### Officer Palmer learned the number of the "inspector's" car and this proved to be the same as that of P. C. Brammer. His arrest followed, but the local constable said that his car had been in the garage for repairs and someone must have stolen it and made the trip to Biddulph.

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### Pierreville, Que., May 27.—A joint meeting of the government candidates, A. A. Monckton, the Liberal candidate, Alme Boucher and the farmer candi- date, Jos. Lambert, was held here this afternoon in the fight for by-election to the seat of Yamaska County which will be decided tomorrow.

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### Dublin, May 27.—Fire brigades were still playing streams of water on the ruins of the custom house today. Barricades are being erected and the area is guarded by a large body of troops. Stories have been circulating of how a party of Sinn Feiners trapped in the burning building during Wednesday's conflict, made their way to the vaults from where, after mid- night, a number crept stealthily out and passed to the Spencer dock. Then, it is said, they crossed the river in ferries. Another group of the trapped men, according to the stories, left the building early this morning. One of the civilians, killed on Wed- nesday, was identified today as P. T. O'Reilly, a captain in the "Republican Army."

## LLOYD GEORGE REPEATS OFFER TO END STRIKE

### Willing to Advance Ten Mil- lion Pounds to Tide Coal Industry Over Crisis.

### BUT NO HELP TO INDEFINITE PEACE

### Whole Island Apathetic About Strike He Tells Men and Miners.

London, May 27.—The Premier invited another attempt this morning to end the coal stoppage, when he addressed deputations of mine owners, and the executive body of the miners' union urging the necessity of an early resumption of work because of the country's alarming increase in unemployment and the general slowing down of all industries.

### Repeats His Offer.

It has been eight weeks since work in the mines ceased. Mr. Lloyd George repeated the government's offer to grant ten million pounds to tide the coal industry over the period during which a permanent settlement shall be negotiated, but warned the conference that there was no chance of increasing that amount. He added: "We shall not put a single treasury note on the table until we know that the terms of a permanent peace are agreed upon."

### Mr. Lloyd George strongly urged on both sides that unless they could see an immediate prospect of agree- ing as to figures they should agree as to the machinery for settling the figures.

### Whole Island Apathetic.

He declared that the feature of the stoppage that impressed him most was the curious apathy which had affected the whole community, and the reluctance to settle the dispute.

### "I have never seen a great stoppage where less pressure was brought on the government to settle it," the Prime Minister said. The miners are reluct- ant not so much to face a reduction in wages, but to go and tell their men that they had contributed to the strike and now they are to be asked to see him at six o'clock.

### At the conclusion of Mr. Lloyd George's statement the conference ad- vised the Prime Minister inviting the miners' executive to confer with him at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon.

### After which the owners asked to see him at six o'clock.

### These figures would indicate that the Nationalist-Sinn Fein combina- tion, in view of the proportion of their supporters have about twenty members in the new parliament to the Unionists' 32, although it is considered probable the Unionist representation may reach 41.

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### Senate Rejects Government Bill By Vote of 34 to 16 National Research Institute is De- feated.

Ottawa, May 27.—By a standing non-party vote of 34 to 16, the Senate today killed the government's bill creating a national research institute. The measure, which had been unanimously adopted by the House of Commons, was rejected on an amendment moved by Senator Dandurand, the vote coming after speeches in favor of the measure had been delivered by Senators McLennan and Beaulieu, and arguments for rejection had been voiced by Senators Beique, Turziff and Dandurand.

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## World News Today

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### MOBILE TROOPS FOR BIG ROUND-UP

### Large Areas to be Swept Clear of All Sinn Feiners is Plan.

London, May 27.—The cabinet has decided to send large reinforcements to Ireland and it is rumored that new measures are to be adopted against the Republican forces in the South and West, according to an announcement by the London Times.

A large number of mobile troops, the newspaper says are to be employed in a systematic "round-up" of rebels over large areas, but it adds, the details have not yet been settled, as, owing to the continuance of a state of emergency, through the industrial troubles and the need of sending troops to Siberia, it is difficult to spare troops at present.

### SINN FEIN HEAD PROUD OF RUINS OF THE CUSTOMS

### Destruction Ordered and Car- ried Out Successfully It Admits.

### REBEL STORY OF THE OUTRAGE

### Likens Irish Army to Bel- gians Fighting Against Germans.

Dublin, May 27.—That the destruction of the Dublin custom house was a military operation ordered by the Sinn Fein, the Sinn Fein Bulletin tonight by the Irish Bulletin. It describes the operation as a "complete success."

"At one moment a misunderstanding signal caused the premature cessation of work," says the Bulletin in telling how the building was burned, "but so exact was the discipline that the men were immediately recalled and the operation was completed, although hostilities had already begun outside and there was grave risk of capture or death to the whole party."

### Patrols Were Posted

"British forces which reached the scene were engaged by Irish patrol, posted in the vicinity in fighting both at the doors of the building and outside. There were casualties on both sides, but it is impossible to ascertain the exact number as yet."

The Bulletin claims that the burning of the custom house reduced the most important branches of the British civil government in Ireland to virtual impotence. It expresses regret over the destruction of the fine building, but states that the "lives of 4,000,000 of our people are a more sacred charge than any architectural masterpiece."

### Likened to Belgium

"During the occupation of Belgium," adds the paper, "the Belgian army would, rightly, have seized the first opportunity to drive the German invader from the public buildings used by him to house the machinery of his government, and if military requirements had demanded, the army would have destroyed the buildings."

"It is not conceivable that were an invader on British soil to occupy Somerset House, a building closely resembling the Dublin custom house in its architectural style, and direct his government therefrom, that the Englishmen would refrain from attacking him in order to spare the edifice."

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## GARFIELD IS CAUGHT AFTER SHARP BATTLE

### Escaped Murderer is Discov- ered and Captured While Walking on Track.

### RECOGNIZED BY THE WOODSTOCK POLICE

### Former St. John Minister is Questioned About Affair by the Police.

Georgetown, Ont., May 27.—Norman Garfield, who escaped from Woodstock jail on Wednesday, is in Georgetown jail. He was arrested this afternoon after a fight while walking on the railway tracks. He was identified by ex-Chief of Police Killing of Woodstock.

### Story of the Fight.

Toronto, May 27.—A despatch from Georgetown to an evening paper says that when Chief of Police Melville of that town expressed his confidence that the man in custody there was Garfield, the correspondent objected that Garfield was wearing brown boots, when he broke out of Woodstock jail, while this fellow's boots were black. "Yes," said Melville, "but a store has been broken into in the meantime and this man has got a new outfit of clothing."

### Caught by Laborer.

In speaking of the capture, Chief Melville said that Garfield was walking along the railway track when he was noticed by a farm laborer named Appleby. Garfield then attempted to bolt, and Appleby, who is a strapping fellow, sprang at him and pinned him to the ground. Township Clerk Tracey then came to Appleby's assistance and the prisoner was soon lodged in the Georgetown jail.

### Excitement in Woodstock.

Woodstock, Ont., May 27.—The news of the positive identification of Norman Garfield by ex-Chief of Police Killing, who arrived in Georgetown about five o'clock created great excitement in fact far beyond the town. Garfield was first brought to stand trial for the murder of Johnson.

### Turnkey is Suspended

John Robley, turnkey of the jail, was his afternoon spent by Sheriff McGhee, as a result of the investigation carried on here yesterday into circumstances surrounding the escape of Norman Garfield.

### Garfield calls. One he slept in at night and in the day time he was in another. The window of one cell looked out into the corner, the spot where Birchall, the only per- son ever executed in the jail, was hanged. His grave is beneath the window.

### Preparations had been completed for Garfield's execution. The lumber for the scaffold had been received and carpenters were hired to erect the scaffold on Monday.

### Garfield had things pretty easy at the jail. His personality shielded him and put the jail officials at ease. Every official had great faith in Gar- field. He was treated with unusual kindness by all. The presence of his wife, nee Kitty Inch, in the city, and his mother seeing him daily created sympathy for Garfield. Kitty visited her husband daily, often twice a day, spending several hours with him. She was also seen frequently downtown with Mrs. Rob Bull, wife of Garfield's death watch. Mrs. Bull lives with her father, Turnkey Robley, in the house attached to the jail.

### The canary that was presented to Garfield and which sang merrily in his cell is still there.

### Question the Minister

Provincial Police Inspector Green and other officials are investigating the conditions at Woodstock jail, from which Norman Garfield, condemned to hang June 3, escaped last Wednesday evening.

### Heart Failure And Smoke Caused Death

George Hunter, Buctouche Farmer, Perished Stamping  
Out Flames.

Special to The Standard  
Moncton, N. B., May 27.—A coroner's inquest held by Dr. Landry at Buctouche last evening into the death of George Hunter, the aged man found burned to death at St. Francois on Wednesday afternoon, resulted in a verdict that death was due to heart failure caused by smoke suffocation. He was 73 years old and was endeavoring to stamp out a grass fire near his home when he met death.

### GOING TO OTTAWA

The City Council tonight appointed Mayor Chapman and Ald. McKinnon as delegates from the city council to accompany the Maritime delegation if Ottawa next week in connection with the railway freight and transportation problem. The representatives from the Board of Trade are: President L. McDonald, W. F. Humphrey, F. P. Sumner, J. M. Lyons and A. E. McSwaney.

### SEVERAL ON HIKE

Halifax, N. S., May 27.—Seven men left Halifax at nine o'clock tonight on a non-stop hike to Truro, N. S., sixty-nine miles away. They left under the best weather conditions and expect to arrive in Truro some time tomorrow.