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Montreal, March 28. - (By Canadian Press.) — The Dominion Great War Veterans' Association convention

AT OTTAWA TODAY

Disastrous Tornado Sweeps Middle and Southern States French Officials Say Germany Evades Peace Obligations

FIVE OF THE LEADERS OF WINNIPEG STRIKE ARE FOUND GUILTY

Convict Queen, Ivens, Pritchard, Johns and Armstrong -Acquit Heaps.

TROUBLE OVER VERDICT

By Canadian Press Winnipeg, March 27. - Ald. John Queen, William Ivens, W. A. Pritchard, R. J. Johns and George Armstrong, leaders in Winnipeg's general strike of last summer, this afternoon were convicted by the assize court jury of editious conspiracy, on account their actions in connection with the They also were convicted of having committed a common nuisance. R. E. Bray was found not guilty of conspiracy, but guilty of committing a nuisance. Alderman A. A. Heaps was found not guilty on all

Recommend Mercy. This was the verdict returned by the jury Saturday afternoon in the famous state trial which has lasted from January 20. It was accompanied by a strong recommendation for marcus.

Sentence was deferred until April Sentence was deferred until April 6, in consequence of notification by R. A. Bonnar, leading counsel for the defence, for a reserve case. Mr. Bonnar asked for the release of the accused on bail till April 6, but this was refused, Mr. Justice Metcalfe stating it could not be granted in view of the conviction of exact the reserved. of the conviction of six of the men, and the prisoners were removed to the provincial jail. Alderman Heaps left the court a free man.

"Scenes of disorder marked the receipt of the verdict by the crowd in

to mouth that the accused were not guilty. A wild cheer arose. Mr. Justice Metcalf in the court, annoyed by the noise, promptly ordered the crowd to be cleared. A squad of constables, their head, started to clear the room. Then the actual verdict swept thru (Continued on Page 5, Column 2).

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN ARMY CHEQUES STOLEN

Winnipeg, March 28 .- Two men are under arrest, another is being held as a material witness and warrants have been found by the inter-allied combeen issued for the arrest of two others in connection with the theft of a large number of army pension checks from soldiers' civil re-establishment offices have thus far been discovered thru-

MANITOBA ELECTION IN LATE SUMMER

Announcement in Legislature Before Closing—Discuss Rural Credits.

Winnipeg, March 28.-That the provincial general election will be held before harvest was the announcement made by Premier Norris in the closing moments of the fifth and last session of the fifteenth legislature of Manitoba on Saturday afternoon and snortly before the official prorogation took place of the discovery of the guns, in view and the curtain was rung down on the last legislative function of the admir. last legislative function of the adminon which came into office under the Hon. T. C. Norris in 1915 and has been in control of the destinies of Manitoba for the full period of the

Royal assent was given to 136 bills, which, with the forty assented to when supply was voted, makes a total of 176 measures enacted during the session.

Prout from office of administrator of the business since the scheme was put in operation. E. A. McPherson read a statement on behalf of the government supporters declaring that, while they had the greatest appreciation of Mr. Prout's services, and had been greatly surprised at his resignation, they were heartly in accord with the government in the decision that it would not be adherent properties on 13 days, as pointed out by M. Millerand, Gerhand the legislative assembly of them up to this dime, as Premier Millerand declared viki attacked between the rivers of the strains and Beresina. The Poles counter-attacked and drove off the enemy.

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purpose of allowing a member to be placed in charge of the operations of the legislation and to receive a salary while he remained a member.

Premier Norris said he told Mr. Prout that what he had suggested was not the proper thing for the government to domake the change in the legislative assembly act—and that he did not think the members of the legislature would support the member for Kildonan in his demand. The premier added that later ne had submitted the proposal to his supporters, and he said they had endorsed the stand he had taken.

Committed to Policy.

"The definite policy to which the government is committed," concluded Premier Norris, "is continue to wholeheartedly support rural credits societies."

Following the statement of the pre-desired to unqualifiedly withdraw the suggestion that the provincial treasurer had agreed to the banks stopping cred-its to the societies, and that he also wished to withdraw the statement that the rigal credits would not be safe in



EX-WAACS LEAVE ENGLAND FOR AUSTRALIA

Thousands of girls who served Britain in war days as members of the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps are going over-seas to take up new life under new conditions. The war awoke in them the spirit of adventure which will not be satisfied with old conditions. The group photographed above are on their way to Australia, and others like them will shortly find their way to Canadian shores.

THOUSANDS OF FIELD GUNS FOUND IN GERMANY INTACT

Avoiding Carrying Out Terms of Treaty-All Submarines Not Yet Surrendered - Non-Delivery of Coal Angers France.

Paris, March 28 .- Three thousand five hundred three-inch field guns have mission in the vicinity of Berlin alone, and altogether 12,000 of these guns here. The theft may run as high as out Germany, as well as 6000 airplanes intact.

According to the terms of the treaty of Versailles, the German army should now have only 204 3-inch guns and

no airplanes whatsoever. These discoveries, and other information in possession of the French authorities, have caused considerable skepticism here as to the reason given for the request of the Berlin government, that it be permitted to send troops into the neutral and occupied

The fact that the request came betime limit has expired on some threescore of its provisions, is declared in French official circles as laving the Germans open to suspicion of making another move in efforts to avoid the March 10, said that it made no differconstitutional life of the legislative ence whether this material be delivered or destroyed, and that they pre-

ferred to destroy it. No Destruction of Material. Thus far, however, it was stated by high official here yesterday, no evi-Before the arrival of the heutenantZovernor the house reverted to a discussion of the credits system which has arisen thru the resignation of G. W. Prout from office of administrator of the business since the scheme was put in the credit of the business since the scheme was put in the credit of the business since the scheme was put in the credit of the credit of

IDENTITY UNKNOWN. A woman whose identity was not as-certained by the police or hospital au-thorities at two o'clock this morning, was admitted to the General Hospital at 11 o'clock last night, suffering from inJuries received by being struck by a Deraznia with gas and artillery. The street car. The woman got off a west-bound car at College and St. George daylight air raid Prokirov was bomb-streets, and, walking behind the car, fail-ed. The Poles, however, held fast all ed to see an approaching east-bound car. The car struck her, fracturing her skull and cutting her about the face. She was unconscious when admitted to the hospital. The street car was driven by Motorman John S. Cox of 235 Lippin-

ORTEGA'S PASSENGERS SAFE.

London, March 28 .- All the passen, gers of the British steamer Ortega zir. The Bolsheviki put down artillery were landed Sunday at Fishguard, preparation, which was followed by Wales, and later proceeded to London. (Co inued on Page 7. Column 5).

Montreal Sunday Shows Were "Open as Usual"

tion was caused among the moving picture and vaudeville theatres here by Saturday's announcement that steps were being taken by the attorney-general at Quebec to enforce the Sunday closing law. No official word had been received today by any theatre managers, and all places of entertainment were open as usual. If enforced, managers say that many of the smaller theatres would be forced to close down, as most of their receipts came from Sunday business

FURIOUS FIGHTING ON POLISH FRONT; REDS DRIVEN BACK

Failed at Almost All Points.

BATTLE ON RIVER

important fortified city of Kamenetz-Podolsk, according to a Polish headbeen using gas shells, artillery, armored trains, armored river boats, airplanes and cavalry, in his attacks on various parts of the front, but he has made no headway either in Podo lia or elsewhere, according to the statement, altho the fighting has been

furious.
On the northern front the Bolshe

announces that two of these trains were destroyed. Along the Dnieper the red forces used a flotilla in the region of Rechitsa. The fighting in this sector is extending towards Kalthe recapture of Mozir and its important railway connections recently To the north and northeast of Kameneiz-Podolsk the reds attacked Deraznia with gas and artillery. The

along the line, it is declared.
Armored Trains and Monitors. Warsaw, March 28.—Polish armored to transmit official information. trains fought pitched battles against the Bolshevik monitors and other



WILLIAM IVENS. Former Minister, One of the Winnipeg Strike Leaders, Found Guilty of Sedi-

LIQUOR IMPORTATIONS **CEASE FROM ONTARIO**

Winnipeg, March 28.—The Winnipeg Ottawa, March 28.—Seeding prospects in the prairie provinces are very fair, as far as can be judged at this early date, it is stated in the description of all liquor ex-

A. A. Strang, of Strang Brothers, is ley seed in the west. It is fairly well authority for the statement that the distributed and in good condition. Ontario government has notified all The fact that the request came before the Germans had executed any Bolsheviks' Big Offensive Has holders of liquor export licenses in that province that their licenses will it anticipated that there will be inbe cancelled after March 31.

BRITISH MINERS TO GET THEIR ANSWER TODAY

Warsaw, March 28.—The Polish line is holding all along the front in Podolia, where the Bolsheviki have of the fact that the Germans, in a communication to the allied commission, to which their excess of war material should have been delivered by

Good Supply of Grain and Crop Conditions Are Favorable.

FAIR IN THE WEST

SEEDING OUTLOOK

ed, declared against the employment of instructors, in institutions of

from Ontario will cease after March by the cancellation of all liquor export licenses by the Ontario provincial partment of agriculture. There is a good supply of wheat, eats and bar-· Good fall rains were reported from sufficient moisture for germination. Some districts are fairly dry and de-

pend for their crops on weather conditions early in the season. In giving out these details Dr. J. H. Grisdale, deputy minister of agri-London, March 28.—Premier Lloyd culture, stated that no difficulty is

Podoisk, according to a Polish head-quarters communique. The enemy has Irish Officials Living Under Shadow of Murder

Assassination Societies Completely Organized and Public Dismayed at Failure to Realize Facts.

London, March 28.—"The gravest lunacy," and referring to Andrew of The London Times, in reiterating murderers. that the country is fast drifting into The Times also condemns the gov-anarchy.

The Times also condemns the gov-ernment's attitude towards O'Brien

of the situation.

In a on their part, are equally cognizant treatment of O'Brien. They contend bomb- of their dangers. Knowing that the that the Sinn Fein has shown itself The Poles, however, held fast all sympathies of the telegraphers in the line, it is declared.

Sympathies of the telegraphers in the to be essentially a murder society, and as O'Brien is a Sinn Feiner, they spirators, they dare not use the wires argue that he is involved in the mur-

The news columns of tse London the other leaders have ever demorning papers are dominated by the nounced.

crisis in the whole of Irish history" is Bonar Law's statement in the house the description applied to the present of commons, imputes to him the same struction by the Dublin correspondent spirit as actuated Magistrate Bell's

"The Irish public views current as calculated to inflame that body of events with profound dismay and Irish opinion, whereon, it says, the sickness of heart," he says, "and is salvation of Ireland must ultimately amazed and frightened at the govern- depend. The paper declares itself enkovitz in a drive evidently aimed at ment's failure to recognize the facts forced to believe that the situation has passed entirely beyond the gov-Public officials, it is stated, live ernment's control, and thinks that taken by the Poles in their drive an-ticipative of the Bolshevik offensive.

der conspiracy, which neither he nor

DEATH AND HAVOC IN WAKE OF TORNADOES THAT RAVAGE SEVERAL STATES OF THE U.S.

Twenty-Eight Known Dead, Hundreds Injured and Mil-Delegation From Dominion lions of Property Destroyed in Illinois, Indiana, Missouri and Wisconsin-Suburbs of Chicago Suffer -Victims in Georgia Towns.

MEET NEXT PT. ARTHUR Chicago, March 28.—At least 28 dead, hundreds of injured and a property loss of several million dellars were left in the wake of a tornado that swept northeastern Illinois and portions of Indiana, Missouri and Wisconsin today.

War Veterans' Association convention closed Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock, after a day spent' in two sessions that handled largely the passing of more or less non-contentious business.

Port Arthur, Ont., was chosen out of five cities as the convention city of next year, the date to be decided by the Dominion executive.

The convention decided on Nov. 11 to be observed as national memorial day.

The Dominion executive and a delegate from each province of the Dominion left here tonight for Ottawa, and will tomorrow morning present to the government the resolution favoring a cash bonus gratuity to every member of the Canadian forces, totaling from a maximum of \$2500 to a minimum of \$1000.

The Chicago proper, two persons in Chicago proper, two persons in the path of the principal damage, the tornado, in its freakish career, swept several findiana towns near Fort Wayne, resulting in three deaths, caused the death of one man and the injury of several persons in St. Louis, and kill-death of one man and the injury of several persons in St. Louis, and kill-death of one man and the injury of several persons in St. Louis, and kill-death of one man and the injury of several persons in St. Louis, and kill-death of one man and the injury of several persons in St. Louis Brown at East Troy.

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Reports From Country Meagre.

Reports from some of the country districts in Illinois and Indiana were and it was feared the death to be decided by and the phonic communications were larged and the principal damage, the tornado was felt chiefly at Elgin and well-death of one man and the injury of several persons in St. Louis, and kill-death of one man and the injury of several persons in St. Louis from some of the country districts in Illinois and Indiana twere all the principal damage, the tornado was felt chiefly at Elgin and well-death of one man and the injury of several persons in St. Louis from several persons in St. Louis f

Retain Open-Door Policy, In the morning there was an at-empt by the British Columbia, backed by other delegation to reconsider-the "open door" policy adopted on Friday. Most of the Ontario dele-gates had left and the move to re-scind the policy was defeated by an overwhelming majority. Another resolution which was pass-

Commissioner Bradshaw Issues Optimistic Statement-Educational Increases.

TAX RATE THIRD LOWEST

of instructors, in institutions of learning, of persons of German origin, thought or sympathies.

A resolution was passed on education in which it was arged that financial assistance should be provided for returned soldier students, of whom about "4,000 are now at Canadian universities of whom it is estimated about sixty per cent, could readily, establish;" the need for such financial assistance. It was stated in the Retain Resources.

An important resolution on natural resources was also passed, in which the Dominion and provincial governments were urged to take steps to pre(Continued on Page 4, Column 4). good is the statement made by Finance Commissioner T. Bradshaw in the draft estimates prepared by the board of control for presentation to the city council, March 31, 1920. The report states that the city's financial position s strong, and if suggested projects are judiciously considered and assumed only when justifiable, there is every to believe that they can be carried out without strain or impairment of credit, and without unduly increasing the taxpayers' burden, which is most essential.

Advance of 15 Per Cent. Regarding the 1920 tax rate, the reort gives the aggregate estimated expenditure during 1920 as \$29,890,129, which is an advance of 15 per cent. over the previous year. Towards meeting this sum there will be available miscellaneous revenue, including suring this sum there will be available miscellaneous revenue, including surplus, etc., brought forward from 1919, of \$10,608,026, leaving a balance of \$10,608,026, leaving a balance of \$19,822,103 which with the available to the flames were confined to the of \$10,608,026, leaving a balance of \$19,282,103, which, with the provision of \$188.997 for probable tax losses, etc., makes a total of \$19,471,100 to be raised by general taxation, which, on the assessment of \$637,771,320, will necessitate a 301/2-mill tax rate, com-

pared with the rate of 281/2 mills in The surplus brought forward from 1919, as a result of the year's opera-tions is \$1,756,218. This is now availtions, is \$1,756,218. This is now avail-able for appropriation, reducing the and physicians and nurses from the tax rate to the extent of 2 3-4 mills. Municipal Sanatorium were hurried to The report points out that if any the stricken towns. ncreases are made in appropriations Chief of Police as now submitted to council, a higher the work of the police in giving aid tax rate will result, as the 30 1-2 mill to the injured and in restoring normal

rate does not allow for contingencies or inforeseen expenditure. The chief saving during the past year (Continued on Page 7, Column 2.)

REV. J. HENDERSON ILL

Church Collapses in Monttreal Pulpit.

Montreat, March 28 .- While officiatodist Church tonight, Rev. Dr. James Henderson was overcome by the head and was obliged to leave the pulpit. He collapsed just as he was about to deliver the sermon. Rev. W. H. Young assisted him into the vestry and he recovered after a few minutes sufficiently to remain until the service was Rev. Dr. Pedley, who was among the congregation, took the pul-pit and preached at a few minutes' notice. Dr. Henderson was under-tood to be in a satisfactory condition later in the evening.

Dr. Henderson is a former pastor of Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, Toronto, and was for some years assistant secretary of missions for the Methodist Church.

YOUR EASTER HAT

The Dineen Company are able to announce some new additions to their already large stock of splendid English-made hats for men. These hats have been rushed through by fast express to be here for Easter. They are right to the minute, and are the styles after 8 o'clock tonight. The store worn on Regent street, Piccadilly and the Strand, London - beautiful The Post again sharply scores the browns and oxford — smart rolling fighting craft on the Priper River during the Bolshevik thrust which was designed to gain control of additional links of the railroad extending from Homel to Kalenkowicz and Mofron Homel to Britain must either grant Ireland ed with them; made by Henry Heath and Christy of London, England, which

Outside of Chicago, Wauconda, Mc-Henry, Woodstock, Algonquin and Marengo felt the full effects of the storm, but communication with them

was cut off. Edgerton, Ind., 18 miles from Fort Wayne, was reported hard hit. Three persons were reported killed at Zulu. Ind., near Fort Wayne, while several were said to have been injured at

Property loss running into hundreds of thousands of dollars was caued in Evanston, Wilmette and other north shore suburbs, while Bellwood, Maywood, Edgebrook and other villages west of Chicago, were damaged. No fatalities were reported from the control of the c fatalities were reported from the latter places, but many were injured by flying glass and timbers and

Left Path of Destruction The tornado struck Eigin at noon, coming from the southwest, and swept northeast. In the Chicago entitory the tornado first passed thru the village of Bellwood, and sweeping from there thru Maywood and Meirose Park left a path of destruction 200 yards wide and a mile and a half long. In ten minutes one hundred and seventy-five houses in the quarter were

leveled and four were damaged. The wind tore into the business quarter of Melrose Park, ripping roofs from buildings, shattering windows and piling the streets with debris.

The church of the Sacred Heart was severely damaged, the church bell weighing nearly a ton, being deposited 100 feet away.

The roof of the parish house ad-

wreckage. The State Hospital at Dunning, on the edge of Chicago, was converted

into an emergency hospital and place of refuge for the homeless. More than 200 houses were destroyed at Dunning.

Calls for Help From Suburbs. Calls for medical assistance he suburbs poured into Chicago Emergency Red Cross stations were

Chief of Police Garrity supervised the work of the police in giving aid conditions in the stricken area At Wilmette property damage was ar estimated at close to a half-million.
Among the buildings damaged were the town half and the Episcopal

Church. A score of houses in Evanston were demolished, but no fatali-Former Pastor of Eaton Memorial

ties were reported.

At Elgin and Wilmette companies of the Illinois national guard were called out to protect the storm-swept quarters from looting, and at Melrose Park, a force of 125 members of the

American Legion was organized to patrol the streets.

The Citizens State Bank, the first building at Melrose Park to be damaged by the tornado, was under guard tonight, and the mayor asked that state militia be sent to protect the building. A relief society in Melrose Park tonight obtained \$5,000 to provide food and clothing for the storm

Prof. Henry J. Cox, weather fore-caster for Chicago, regarding the tornado, said tonight:

"Tornadoes are rare in this region because of the lake air. Approaching the lake regions tornadoes generally are destroyed when they come into contact with the cooling lake air, and Methodist that probably explains why the storm caused less damage in lake shore towns than it did west of Chicago." The summary of dead follows: Elgin 8, Melrose Park 9, Dunning 4. Chicago 2, Zulu, Ind., 3; St. Louis 1, East Troy, Wis., 1.

Cyclone in Ohio. Dayton, O., March 2.8-Several persons were reported killed and a dozen or more badly injured in a storm which centred about four miles west of Greenville. Wires are down and traction service has been cut off. A number of persons are reported killed and injured in a storm of cyclonic proportions which struck Swanton and Raab's Corners, 20 miles west of To-ledo, late tonight. Two ambulances have been sent from here on a Lake Shore train. The word was brought here by a motorist, who said herew